

ATTIC NO.	DATE OF INFO	July 1948
AP NO.	LOCATION	Chapel Hill, N. C.
REPORT NO.	SOURCE	Univ. of N.C., Math Instructor
DATE OF REPORT	DATE IN TO ATTIC	
TIME OF THE SIGHTING	COLOR	
SHAPE	SPEED	
SIZE	ALTITUDE	
COULD	LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED	
NO. IN GROUP	TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
COULD	HANDWRITING	
PHOTOS	SKETCHES	

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Incident #137, 137a -- Chapel Hill, North Carolina -- 7 July 1948

This report refers solely to a sound phenomenon. Statements of the witnesses indicate specifically that no object was seen. The summary sheet given here seems to confuse the description of this incident with that of incident #138.

Fireballs and bright meteors are often known to emit sounds similar to the rolling or thunder. The information given in this report is so meager, however, that, while the sound referred to could have been meteoric, no decision can be made.

It seems more probable that actual aircraft were heard.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 7 Jul 48 Incident # 137a
2. Time 2114 and 2115
3. Location Chapel Hill, N. C.
4. Name of observer [REDACTED]
5. Occupation of observer Capt., Infantry, Reserves
6. Address of observer Box [REDACTED] Chapel Hill
7. Place of observation Chapel Hill, N. C.
8. Number of objects three (3)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight Approximately one (1) minute
11. Altitude Extreme
12. Speed High
13. Direction of flight East Northeast
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Jet
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape N/S
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Not Visible
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks:

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PRIORITY	X
ROUTINE	X
MULTIPLE ADDRESS	

## TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

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DATE: 9 Jul 48

FROM: AMC

TO: Director of Intelligence  
General Staff, USA  
Washington 25, D. C.  
CLASS: RESTRICTED

W. R. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief of Intelligence

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

TELETYPE NO MCIA-7-1

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM HQ, THIRD ARMY, FT McPHERSON, GA.

ON 8 JULY 1948: "THREE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER CHAPEL HILL NC  
 BETWEEN 2114 AND 2115 CMA SEVEN JULY CMA AT AN EXTREME ALTITUDE AND AT A HIGH  
 RATE OF SPEED CMA BEARING EAST NORTH EAST PD CRAFT WERE NOT SIGHTED BY OBSERVERS  
 CMA EXHAUST TRAIL NOT VISIBLE CMA CHARACTERISTIC JET SOUND CMA WEATHER CLEAR PD  
 WITNESSES CLN JAMES MCKEE LT US NAVEL RESERVE CHAPEL HILL CMA MATHEMATICS  
 INSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SMCLN AND JOHN MCKEE CAPTAIN INFANTRY  
 RESERVE CMA BOX 138 CHAPEL HILL PD NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE PD EVALUATION  
 FO PD". SIMILAR INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AT A LATER DATE. SIGNED,  
 TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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COORDINATION

C. G. OR C. O.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P. G. T.	SUPPLY	BUDGET & FISCAL	OTHERS

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Project "SICU" - Unidentified Aircraft

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U. S. Infantry Reserve

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1. Clarification is requested as to your sighting of unconventional aircraft on 7 July 1948.
2. Teletype received at this Headquarters from Hq, Third Army, Ft McPherson, Ga., reads in part:

"THREE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER CHAPEL HILL PD BETWEEN 2114 AND 2115 CMA SEVEN JULY CMA AT AN EXTREME ALTITUDE AND AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED CMA BEARING EAST NORTH EAST PD CRAFT WERE NOT SIGHTED (?) BY OBSERVERS CMA TRAIL NOT VISIBLE CMA CHARACTERISTIC JET SOUND CMA WEATHER CLEAR PD..."

3. It is requested that you furnish this Headquarters with a signed statement regarding the above sighting. This information should be directed to the attention of MCIAKO-3, as indicated in the upper left-hand corner of this letter.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. R. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief of Intelligence  
Intelligence Department

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Math Dept., Univ. N. C.  
Chapel Hill, N. C.  
8 Aug 48

To The Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command

Attn: MCIAWQ-3  
Wright-Patterson AF Base  
Dayton, Ohio

From: ██████████, USNR  
Math Dept UNC - Chapel Hill N. C.

Subject: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft on 7 July 48

1. I know nothing more than is listed by teletype - letter attached
2. I heard & did not see what I believed to be jet planes as reported by Capt Harvey Daniel, A.U.S.

Respectfully submitted

██████████  
Lt, USNR

Dwight  
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DR HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,  
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,  
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,  
219, 233.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,  
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 163, 166, 167, 175, 192,  
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,  
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,  
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,  
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,  
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):  
#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanations:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,  
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,  
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,  
76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,  
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,  
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245.