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CONCLUSIVE OPINION

In addition to the investigation, besides the individual analyses of separate incidents, key brief studies were conducted. Certain breakdowns of the subject reports were made, for the purpose of determining whether they include any prevalent characteristics; for example, incidents were grouped according to the date of occurrence, the hour, the pressure or lack of noise, presence or lack of trail or exhaust, number of observers, general qualifications of observers (whether with appropriate training for accurate observation of aerial phenomena -- witnesses, weather and service, etc.) or signals. Although these classifications were helpful in spotting unusual or similar incidents, they revealed no pertinent trends.

As a matter of general interest, the highly dubious works of Charles Fort (which, as has been stated in a previous report, are entirely reprehensible in standpoint, but which do contain accounts of supposed aerial sightings over a period of many years) were examined, to check whether any of the supposedly authenticated incidents are similar to those recent reports. It was found, however, that Mr. Fort's accounts do not include sufficient specific evidence to reveal positive similarities, and the most that can be said of the works is that they indicate that strange objects in the sky have been reported long before this post-World War II period.

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