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Incident #42 - Memphis, Arkansas - 7 July 1947

No astronomical explanation seems possible for the unusual object shown in this picture.

This case is especially important because of the photographic evidence and because of the similarity of these photographs to the drawings by Rosetta/Robb (Incident 137). The two photographs are separated by slightly more than two years, and, of course, they occurred in different localities. In it, however, present here the coincidence that these two optically-aided, entirely independent cases should agree so closely concerning the shape of the object and its characteristics.

The present investigation would like to suggest that this incident, also, being one of the most critical in the history of lunar objects, be reported for investigation. The actual photos used by Mr. Rhodes should be retained, and the original negatives preserved. Also, from the size of the image on the photograph, we can have an accurate estimate of the angle subtended by the object, this in conjunction with what appears to be a fairly reliable estimate of the distance, can give us an estimate of the forces and accelerations involved in the trajectory described by Mr. Rhodes. [It is unfortunate that a suspected investigator was not dispatched at once to "request the rifle" with Mr. Rhodes and to obtain sketches of the trajectory, etc., please details (taken from his memory). It would be important to know at what

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