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Incident 1205 -- Sarcoxie, Missouri -- 31 October (?) 1963

The vague nature of the information reported in this incident and the inferred unreliability of the observer makes it difficult to take the incident seriously, especially since the observer has obviously jumped to conclusions on the basis of insufficient evidence.

However, if credence is given to the observations, either they must be labeled with the group of "aluminum-colored objects," or, if liberal allowance is made for subjective impressions, one could stretch a point to say that a slow-moving fireball was seen. The hypothesis is far fetched, but the speed of the object and the sky favor it. The fact that the observer stated that the object was all than colored actually means little, since he initially identified it as a flying saucer, which he knew from newspaper reports to be such a color.

It is very difficult to deal with reports of untrained and unreliable observers, because they invariably see in an incident what they wish to be there.

From a purely physical basis, this investigator would prefer the meteoric hypothesis, even though the evidence is definitely insufficient to establish it.

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