

Incident No. 46 -- 21 June 1947, Captain, Cascade Mountains, Washington. A prospector reported sighting five or six round objects with tails, 2000 ft above head, heading S.W., and bobbing in the sun. The objects were in sight about seconds and alleged to be thirty feet in diameter. They made no noise. While the objects were within sight, the observer's camera functioned wildly. He states that he read of a former sighting (Incident No. 37) also occurring on 21 June 1947, and submitted this report solely to add credence to the person who provided that story. While there appears to be an attempt on the part of the observer to infer that these objects were possibly the same as those reported in Incident No. 37, there are several major differences, notably as Dr. Hsueh points out (app. 2), that these objects had tails, and that the indicated time, as determined from the estimated distance, is quite different. Dr. Hilkey (app. 2) was pointed out and Dr. Hsueh observed that it is difficult to take seriously the previous action of the subject for this would imply fantastically large magnetic fields.

AME Opinion. From the limited evidence submitted, it is impossible to reach a definite conclusion. However, two possible psychological factors are readily apparent; one, the observer stated he submitted this report solely because he had read several days earlier his observation of another sighting. Therefore, he very likely either consciously or inadvertently may have attempted to confirm his report by first recounting in the newspaper; and two, he colored his report with inference of huge magnetic fields, as to the implications of which he was obviously unaware.

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