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discriminate in the choice have been found and the photographer is being reinterviewed by the O.S.I.

One school of thought of the people in the Lakewood area is that the objects were some type of military birds reflecting light from the city. Several people reported that they definitely saw the objects were ducks because they could see wings flapping. It is very possible that some of the people who were looking for the object did not know as there were "duck flights" passing over during the period. It is significant that those people who saw ducks were definitely able to identify the objects as ducks, or some type of bird, because they could see the wings or heard them make a noise, however, other people were just as determined that they were not birds. The possible conclusion is that some people did see birds, but others saw some other objects.

The college professors do not believe the theory that the objects were birds, but they are giving the possibility more thought. If they were birds, they would have to be relatively low to give the illusion of high speed. An occasional flight of birds might pass low over a city on a clear night but it is highly doubtful if they would continue to do this for several nights. Migratory birds usually try to keep away from cities.

The Federal Wildlife Game Warden was visited and although he was not familiar with the incident he doubted if the objects were birds. He stated that they could have been, however. The most likely suspect, if it is a bird, is a member of the Plover family which has a pure white breast, but unless there was a massive influx of the birds into the Lakewood area, the warden doubted if there would be enough of these birds to cause as many flights as were observed.

If the photos are authentic, the objects very probably are not ducks because an experienced photographer from the Lakewood Avalanche Newsroom attempted to get photos of ducks using both natural light and flash, but failed.

The investigation of this incident is continuing. It is probably the most unique incident in the history of Project Grudge in that it was observed so many times by a scientifically trained group of observers. These people are continuing to attempt to arrive at a solution for the phenomena. They had previously lost interest after several weeks of observations because they believed that the object was some new Air Force aircraft or missile.

The photographs are now at the Photographic Development Laboratory at Wright Air Development Center for analysis.