

SUMMARY

While there are approximately 375 incidents on record, only incidents Nos. 1 thru 224 are encompassed in this report. Of the later incidents, many have not yet been investigated, few have been completely tabulated, and none have been submitted to the consulting agencies. It is certain that better all-around results will be obtained in the analysis of the later reports, as these incidents generally have been more completely investigated.

Since 5 December 1946, a series of recurring phenomena described as "green fireballs" have been reported in the general vicinity of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Lincoln La Paz, noted meteoritic expert, has been directly, though unofficially, associated with the investigation of these sightings and has himself observed the phenomena. Dr. La Paz states he is convinced the green fireballs are not ordinary meteors. This group of incidents has 1946 as its origin in common with other incidents on file with Project "Grudge", therefore, these incidents are not considered in this report. The Scientific Advisory Committee was asked to investigate this matter and had advised that an independent investigation be conducted in the field of atmospheric research.

Upon eliminating several additional incidents due to ingenuities and duplication, there remain 225 incidents which are considered in this report. Thirty of these could not be explained, because there was found to be insufficient evidence upon which to base a conclusion.

Consulting agencies provided plausible solutions for 204 incidents, along with the following comments was furnished:

Head Inc. - (170 incidents considered) "We have found nothing which would seriously controvert simple rational explanations of the various phenomena in terms of balloons, conventional aircraft, planets, meteors, bits of paper, optical illusions, practical jokes, psychopathological reporters, and the like."

Ohio State University (Dr. Spunk - 24 incidents considered) "Insufficient evidence of observers and investigators to be correct. Dr. Spunk concluded that 224 could be explained astronomically, 204 could be attributed to balloons, aircraft, rockets, birds, etc., and 334 either lacked necessary evidence or a suitable explanation was not apparent. When the allowance was made for inaccuracies in observing and reporting, 334 might be explained astronomically."

Air Weather Service (233 incidents considered)

12.25 apparently were weather balloons.