

The location and configuration is then plotted. Statistical graphs are brought up to date.

h. Information for locating and comparing is recorded of each file by witness, and on a regular basis for convenient study.

i. Pertinent information is collected, summarized, and compiled on an Incident Summary Sheet, which is similar to the first two pages of the file to investigation.

l. Entire incident files are microfilmed, in order that technical consultants will have access to all available information if desired.

o. Data is collated against existing blimp flight reports, airline schedules, information on ball lightning, and other known aerial objects.

Conclusions

Since, as stated above, there were indications that such sightings could be attributed to natural phenomena, meteorological aircraft and aerial vehicles, birds, lights, objects, etc., efforts were made to have all material analyzed by individuals in all national fields that might conceivably be knowledgeable. Many individuals and agencies include the following (only those agencies which provided usable results are considered):

1. Dr. J. A. Smith, Astronomer, Ohio State University was awarded a contract, effective 15 December 1946 to 30 April 1947, for the purpose of attempting to determine which reported objects might be attributed to natural celestial phenomena.

2. Professor Sir James Gordon was requested to review each incident to determine which objects may have been either balloons by comparison of release and weather data with time of sighting, description of object, and its maneuvers.

3. Dr. C. E. Waller, Scientific Advisory Board. Since many reporters collected their reports with lack of obj. standards, bias, and negative support and propagation, Dr. Waller was asked to analyze the incidents and decide whether this could possibly be the case in any instance, and to provide information on this matter.

4. Rand Corporation was requested to analyze each incident and provide any reasonable explanation that could be determined from the evidence given. Rand also provided a discussion of the possibility of visitations by beings from other planets.

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