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"Silver Balls" over Budapest, Hungary, 10 July 1947

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In the Project Blue Book microfilms Case #5, 10 June 1947, Hungary is listed as missing. However, here is an example a case that had additional information in other places. The earlier Project Sign microfilms did have some of the missing documents for this case.

PROJECT BLUE BOOK Microfilm documents for Case #5:

PROJECT 10073 RECORD (FTD Form 0-329 (TDE), SEP 63 [not shown in format on card]

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 June 1947
2. LOCATION Hungary
3. SOURCE Civilian
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Not Reported
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (Assumed)
7. COURSE Not Reported
8. PHOTOS Yes XX No
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE Yes XX No
10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
Rumors were drifting into Budapest of "silver balls" flashing across the sky. Report to [sic] brief for a firm evaluation.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Rumors were that the object was sphere shaped and silver in color, traveling at high speed.

[Next page is what appears to be an

excerpt for the PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT]

"Incident #38 -- Hungary -- around 10 June 1947

It is extremely unlikely that the objects observed in Hungary were meteorites, unless the meager description given here is quite inaccurate. Without knowledge of the speed and trajectory of the objects, nothing definite can be said"

[There is a copy of an excerpt of the 16 July 1947 WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, ATC [AIR TECHNICAL CENTER] which mentions this case filed at several places on the microfilm.]

PROJECT SIGN Microfilm documents for Incident #38 on Roll #1:

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CHECK LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date N/S around June 10 47 Incident # 38
2. Time daytime
3. Location Hungary
4. Name of observer N/S Extracted from Weekly Intel Summary, ATC 16 Jul 47
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation rural areas in Hungary
8. Number of object N/S
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color silver
18. Shape ball-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effects on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: On 10 Jun 47 rumors were drifting into Budapest from the rural areas in Hungary that "silver balls" were flashing across the sky in in [sic] daytime. No accurate description or confirmation of rpt obtained

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Excerpt from Semi-Monthly Intelligence Summary, Hq, AACS

10 July 1947

HUNGARY

MILITARY

I. More "Strange Object" Rumors:

Rumors drifting in form rural areas of Hungary mention "silver balls flashing across the sky in daytime". No accurate description or confirmation of this phenomena has yet been obtained, but it does recall the flashing objects over the Scandinavian countries thru late 1946 and early 1947, and the current riddle of similar metallic objects report seem over most the United States since the 1st of July.

(Evaluation: B-6, RESTRICTED)

[An extract of an extract]

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 16 Jul 47

"FLYING OBJECTS REPORTS SUMMARY": The following is a digest of the only current reports that have been received through the Intelligence system of this Command concerning unidentified flying object. On 10 June 1947, rumors were drifting into Budapest from rural areas in Hungary to the effect that "silver balls were flashing across the sky in daytime." No accurate description or confirmation of this report was obtained....

[Later in the summary it is pointed out the Hungarian reports are before Arnold's report.]

I do not know what AACS stands for. We should attempt to obtain the Intel Summaries above for other dates.

Discussion:

1. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES: Project Blue Book Case #5, See also Gross, Loren, UFOs: A HISTORY: 1947.

2 SIGHTINGS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1947: In the US Army Intelligence Command (USAINSCOM) release of the 1947 material is a UFO incident in Budapest on 10 May 1947 which comes from the Air Officer of the US Delegation. His source was Hungarian newspapers. Although in the east, the lid was not necessarily down on 1947 newspapers in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. For Bulgaria over 100 periodicals have been checked by a scientist there. He found only one reference which was a wire service story about sightings in Chile. I recommend that some limited checking might prove fruitful.

3. MISSING CASES: The USAF personnel who constructed the Project Blue Book UFO Case Index made a number of mistakes. For example: Project Sign Incident #55, 23 July 1947, Harmon Field, Stephenville, Newfoundland, (Project Sign Microfilm Roll #1) is not indexed in the Project Blue Book index, but it is contained on the Project Blue Book microfilm. (Although the documents are incomplete and the case is out of chronological order.) The Project Blue Book Case File index leaves much to be desired.

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