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Project 1947 - Foo-Fighters

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Some excerpts from a letter from Jeff Lindell:

"I wish I had more time to include the work I've done with Project X-148....I hope this will spark some interesting responses...."

"The B-29 units and time periods that will prove fruitful in a search at Maxwell AFB are:

58th Bomb Wing (BW) June-August 1944, April-May 1945
40th Bomb Group (BG) " "
444th BG " "
462nd BG " "
468th BG " "
1st Photo-reconnaissance (Temp. Detachment from McDill)
June-August 1944

73rd BW All BG April-May 1945
497th BG
498th BG
499th BG
500th BG

313th BG All BGs April-May 1945
6th BG
9th BG
504th BG
505th BG

314th BW All BGs April-May 1945
19th BG
29th BG
39th BG
330th BG

315th Bomb Wing All BGs April-May 1945
16th BG
331th BG
501st BG
502nd BG

"The Wing and Bomb Group levels should have reports of Baka bombs, Robombs, Foo fighters, Balls of light (fire), Kamikazes and possibly the Mitsubishi J8M1 "Swinging sword." There is really no way for me to predict by what names these things may be called in units that I have no access to records. You will probably find some new names. The 20th Air Force and the 21st Bomber Command should also have intelligence records on the phenomena. Also, Venus reports will probably be found in the last May or early June records for these Groups...."

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We have 20th Bomber Command's 1945 records. There are several reports of "Balls of fire," but as to be expected they are not as detailed as reports in subordinate units records.

Project X-148 was a Navy project that deal with the preception of lights seen from aircraft in the night. In the beginning they collected all types of reports. However, they quickly narrowed down to ground lights mistaken for flying lights or vice verse. The immediate goal was to try to prevent night crashes involving possible disorientation. Lindell's research shows that X-148 went on for years after the war. The Navy has no records of it. Results were published in small scientific journals like the Hawaiian Academy of Science Review. There are no "foo-fighters" here just some probably explanations for some cases.

Jan Aldrich

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