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Here is some data from USAF Incident #5 on USAF CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. This form was originally classified confidential.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 4 July 1947 Incident #5
2. Time 1305
3. Location Portland, Oregon
4. Name of Observer Kenneth A. McDowell
5. Occupation of observer Patrolman, Portland City Police
6. Address of observer Portland City Police Dept., Portland, Oregon
7. Place of observation Parking lot back of police station
8. Number of objects 5
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Great Speed
13. Direction of flight 2 discs flying south, 3 in easterly direction
14. Tactics Dipped up and down in oscillating motion at great speed
15. Sound None
16. Size Large
17. Color Could not be determined
18. Shape Round - disc-shaped
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S - no visible means of propulsion observed
22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Quickly - before any detailed observation could be made
26. Remarks (over)

Officer McDowell stated that at approximately 1305, 4 July 1947 while he was on duty at Precinct #1 and feeding the pigeons in the parking lot back of the station he noticed tht the pigeons became quite excited over something and sluttered in the air. Officer McDowell in looking around to see what had disturbed them saw 5 large discs in the air east of Portland: two discs flying south and three discs in an easterly direction. He stated he could determine no color to the discs but advised they were dipping in an up and down oscillating motion and were traveling at grat speed. He was unable to give an estimate of the speed or altitude of the discs as they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made. Officer McDowell advised that he notified the Police Radio who immediately broadcast an alert. He saw no indication of any motivating force nor heard any sound coming form the discs and could give no ddescription other than round.

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Bloecher lists this as Case 231. The Air Force conclusion is the incident was caused by "chaff," also called "windows" which were aluminum strips used to confuse radar. The incident is found in Keyhoe, Ruppelt, Herald and Sidney Shallett's two part 1949 article in the Saturday Evening Post. The main source listed by Bloecher is Air Force files. In the HQ AF Public Relations File on UFOs it stated that Shallett was cleared to go to Wright Field and look at a book (notebook?) in which summaries of incident were kept. On Shallett's first trip he looked at one book. He requested to look at others. The request was approved, and he was allowed to look at the other(s). The PIO office cautioned Wright Field not to allow Shallett to see any TOP SECRET material. Until a short time ago I thought this might be just a standard warning and did not necessarily indicate any TOP SECRET UFO documents. Recently, we have found that there were indeed TOP SECRET documents on UFOs at Wright Field at that time. The PIO office was disappointed at Shallett's conclusion in the Saturday Evening Post and put in writing that Shallett was allowed to see the USAF files, but his conclusions were his own. The Incident files included items up to the classification SECRET.

(BTW Please note that Project Sign used the term Unidentified Flying Objects. It appears that the first use of the term may be by the Canadians in early July 1947.)

My theory is that these Incident Summaries are on the microfilm entitled Project Sign which Dr. Herbert Strentz received form LTC Quintanilla (sp?) when Strentz visited Project Blue Book. (I thank Barry Greenwood and Ed Stewart for the effort they went to make these microfilms available to me for research.)

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