

INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET
(To be filled out and retained in files)

Incident # 173

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1. Date of Observation .15 September 1948.
2. Time of Observation .1700 Central Standard Time
3. Where was Object(s) Sighted .3 miles SE of MARIETTA, Ga.
4. Observer's Position .ground
(i.e. ground, air, control tower, etc.)
5. Name and Address of Observer .George ABBE , 256 Columbia-Ave., MARIETTA, Ga.
6. Occupation and/or Hobbies
7. Attention Attracted to Object (s) **by while scanning sky with binoculars.**
8. Number of Object(s) Sighted .one (1).
9. Size of Object(s) .Approximately 12 feet in diameter.
10. Color of Object(s) .Aluminum
11. Shape (Sketch if Possible)
12. Nature of Luminosity
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer 2 1/2 miles laterally/.50° off horizon
14. Speed of Object(s) . . . 100-150 mph
15. Time in Sight .10-15 seconds.
16. Tactics . smooth horizontal flight
17. Sound Made by Object(s) .none
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) . South
19. Apparent Construction (Of What Material or Substance) . metallic
20. Effect of Objects on Clouds and/or Exhaust Trail . no clouds visible.
21. Weather Conditions Existing at the Time . 1/10. cumulus at 5500 ft., visibility 15 miles, winds 20 mph at 20,000 ft.
22. Peculiarities Noted . Object viewed with binoculars at an angle of 90-100° above horizon. One object estimated to be 12 ft in diameter was seen. It appeared round, aluminum in color and was drifting to the south at an estimated 20,000 feet making no sound and leaving no exhaust trail
23. Summary of Incident . Agents Peter A. Madsen's release was made from Marietta Field Ga., at 1700 Central Standard Time followed for 15 minutes and then a mission due to transmitter failure. It is possible that this was the object sighted at 1700-02Z (Marietta at 20,000 ft at 15-12 ft.)

(Attach a Separate Sheet if Additional Space is Needed)

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