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Over the past half century there have been a number of incidents of qualified observers reporting unusual aerial objects. The March 1904 edition of the *Monthly Weather Review* indicates that Lt. F. H. Schofield, Cdr., USS *Supply*, reported observation of three large luminous objects moving in formation across the sky at 2300 hrs. This observation took place in mid-Atlantic. The largest of the objects was estimated to have a diameter six times that of the sun. Their size was not known as distance/altitude could not be computed.

The March 1913 issue of the *Journal* of the Royal Astronomical Society carried a report by Canadian astronomer R. Chant indicating that numerous objects consisting of "three or four parts with a tail to each part" passed across the sky. Thirty-two objects were observed over the course of an hour, moving in formations of various kinds.

An analysis of reports indicates that large luminous objects have been recorded in the night skies by qualified professional observers at a rate of two to ten per annum since immediately before the turn of the century.

The first official investigation of such

objects began on 28 December 1933, when the 4th Swedish Flying Corps commenced a study of "ghost aeroplanes" which had been observed flying in impossible weather conditions and often shining powerful lights on the ground. The investigation concluded on 30 April 1934 with a statement by Major General Lars Reuterswaerd, Commanding General, Upper Norrland Aerial Sector. General Reuterswaerd stated, "There can be no doubt about illegal air traffic over our secret military areas. . . . The question is, who and what are they?"

Ghost aircraft continued to be sighted over Finland, Sweden and Norway, and caused extensive local forces recce, to no firm result. It is now known that no nation then had aircraft capable of operating in the areas and manner in which the ghost craft were observed to operate. Interestingly, 35% of Scandinavian sightings took place during severe weather conditions.

25 February 1942 saw unidentified aircraft appearing over Los Angeles. 1,430 rounds of anti-aircraft were expended in an attempt to bring down these apparent Japanese planes. Shelling commenced at 0316 and continued until 0414 by 37th Coast Arty Bgde using 12.8 lb HE shells. Three persons were killed by the barrage. A large oval-shaped object was targeted in lights and struck by at least fifty rounds over a period of twelve minutes. The object then proceeded southward at a slow rate of

speed. Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall informed the President of the incident on 26 February 1942. GHQ officially denied that the incident had occurred.

In recent years so-called "foo-fighters" were observed by both Allied and Axis airmen during aerial maneuvers. These objects often appeared to maneuver in context with aircraft and were sometimes fired upon, but never with any visible effect. The British set up the Massy Project under Lt. Gen. Hugh R. S. Massy, ret., which studied the phenomenon in 1943, to no result. Similarly the Luftwaffe created Sonderbüro 13 under Prof. Georg Kamper. U.S. 8th Army investigated similarly, also with no outcome.

During 1946 numerous apparent rockets were observed over northern and central Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark. A total of 2,000 sightings were officially logged. Our own intelligence indicates that these were not Soviet-generated, and their source remains a mystery. 11 July 1946 U.S. embassy Stockholm cabled "one landed on beach near Stockholm without causing any damage and according to press fragments are now being studied by military authorities." 12 October 1946 the Swedish government announced that 200 objects had been detected by radar and could not be attributed to known celestial phenomena, hallucinations or airplanes. Subsequently the Greek government investigated many reports of such objects in their territory,

but once again there were no conclusive results regarding nature and origin. The objects were not Soviet missiles, because they were observed to outrange any Soviet device.

The objects observed may be controlled by some intelligent agency, whether it is a human government, a clandestine private group in possession of powerful technology, or another as yet unknown source.

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