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SECTION 1

AUG 7 1947

SAN FRANCISCO

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FROM "THE OREGONIAN" - Thursday, July 3, 1947

PILOT RECALLS SIGHTING DISCS.

Pilot Tells Of Odd Aircraft

More reports of "flying flapjacks" turned up Wednesday, one from no less than Dick Rankin, brother of the late Tex Rankin, and himself an experienced pilot of more than 7000 hours' flying time.

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TWO DESCRIPTIONS CHECK.

Rankin's description of the mysterious aerial objects agrees with that of Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, business man, who first reported them over the State of Washington, (except that Arnold clocked them at an estimated 1200 miles an hour.

Other reports came Wednesday from Astoria. Jack Hayes, patient in St. Mary's hospital there, said he saw two of the discs Monday flying southwest at a rapid speed and that they vanished behind the hills.

Mrs. Karl Beado, Fort Stevens, said she saw a disc traveling north over Fort Stevens Tuesday noon, and that other observers saw the same object.

The army at Fort Stevens and the coast guard at nearby Point Adams did not see the discs.

The report of a Centralia, Wash., man Wednesday coincided in water time with the original report made by Arnold. Sidney S. Hallagher of Centralia said he saw nine aluminum-hued objects flying north at 2 P.M. June 24. He was working 11 miles southwest of Mineral, Wash., at the time.

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Washington I realized that the articles that I saw were probably the same thing. I was still reluctant to mention this to anyone thinking that they would probably say that I was crazy. After some time I mentioned the incident to the editor of the "Oregonian", a Portland, Oregon newspaper. At this time I was in Portland for the remainder of the summer. The results of the conversation with the editor of the paper is put forth in the accompanying newspaper article.

I fully realize that this is a broad statement in view of the fact that there has been so much publicity broadcast put forth in various newspapers of the country. I am of sound mind in every respect, and I am firmly convinced that the articles I saw are actually some sort of flying machines. Although I cannot say from where they came or to where they were going, I say what I have said with no idea of publicity or personal gain.



by

30 July 1947

at 30 July 1947

Portland, Oregon was interviewed by this agent and stated as follows:

My name is [redacted] I am 7 years old and have flown since I was thirteen years old. I first soloed in an air craft in 1919. I have flown over all the western parts of the United States many times and have mapped all of the western part of the United States during the years before the late war for the US Forest Service. I am familiar with almost every part of the western United States. During a great part of my life I have done stunt flying for air shows and various other types of aeronautical exhibitions. My brother was [redacted] who was quite well known in both civilian and military flying circles for many years before his death and during the late war ran thousands of Flying Cadets through primary training schools owned and operated by him. To date I have accomplished 7000 hours in the air as pilot of both civil and military aircraft. I am well acquainted with most articles that one would see in the air and I feel that I am well qualified to say when I see articles flying through the air, although I would not attempt to say that I am infallible and state that I could definitely identify every object that might be flying through the air. The following is an account of what I saw on the 31 June 1947 from the yard of my home at Redwoodfield, California.

At approximately 1200 noon on the 31 of June I was lying in the front yard of my home. There was a lad mowing the lawn at the time. I looked up into the sky and saw ten articles flying from the South to the North at what I would judge to be 8500 ft. The objects were flying at approximately what I would judge to be 350 miles per hour. As I have stated before, I have done quite a lot of work for the US Forest Service. I distinctly remember that at the time I saw the articles I mentioned it to the lad who was mowing the lawn at the time. I told the lad that the objects were in all probability some sort of Army or Navy test planes from the nearby test centers in the deserts of Southern California. Having quite a knowledge of aircraft in general I attempted to explain to the lad mowing the lawn that the objects were probably on some sort of training mission for either the Army or Navy. At that time I did not give the slightest thought to anything but that the objects were some sort of test ship for the Government service. The objects resembled the pictures that I have seen of the W54-1, the so called Flying Saucer or after that the Navy is testing. After the objects disappeared I proceeded into the house and had my noon meal. At approximately 1:15 I went back into the yard to sit and lie in the shade. At this time the objects reappeared going from North to South, although this time there were only seven of the articles. When I first saw the original ten objects they were flying in a "V" formation with one object seemingly straggling in the rear of the formation. When the objects appeared the second time they were still in the "V" formation. Although there was only seven of the objects at this time, I remember at this time that I told the lad, who was still working on the lawn, that probably three of the objects had proceeded back to their base on a different course. I actually thought that this was the case, that the other four objects had probably gone back to their base on the other side of the mountains from Redwoodfield. A week or so later when I read of [redacted] that he had seen articles flying through the air over the [redacted] mountains.

AUG 27 1947

SAN FRANCISCO

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA

4 August 1947

SSS.5 ID

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept of Justice, Suite 426,
411 Sutter Street, San Francisco 4, California.

Inclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC and newspaper
clipping re subject.

- 2 Incls.
1. MOIC Sorensen 7 Jul 47.
2. Newspaper clipping dtd
15 Jul 47.

WILLIAM R. GRANAM
Major, Air Corps
Deputy AG of S, A-2

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
AUG 7 1947
SAN FRANCISCO
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

From the Oregon Journal - continued.

MORE SEEN LATER

Several late flights of objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon. A. A. Evans, 5435 SE Macadam avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette river near the Ross Island bridge about 2 p.m. The objects did not appear high, he said, and were traveling so fast that, depending on the west, they were out of sight in the east in two to four seconds. He said they resembled metallic disks glinting in the sunlight. He, his wife, Ed and neighbors saw a single disk-like object flying north far away and very high.

At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayward, 3124 NE 21st Avenue, reported sighting a disk "like a new disc flipping around" in the air over the Sandy district. She said it seemed to be moving slowly.

PAPER RECOVERED

Thomas H. Dyer, 1232 NE 59th Avenue, said he sighted two white or silver objects flying southeast high over Portland a few minutes before 5 p.m. He reported another headed northeast over his home at 5:30 p.m.

C. J. Kagle, Tigard, reported that four disks flew past Mount Jefferson about 11 a.m. while he was driving near Redmond.

Sherman Cook, 2300 NE 25th Avenue, recovered from Rose City golf course a piece of paper he said had fallen from a great height in the sky. One of its flaps included with some of the reports of flying disks. The paper, of one quality, measured 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches.

SILVER DISKS, DROPPED BY PLANE

PHOENIX, July 5. (AP) - A Eugene railroad cashier said Friday he saw silvered disks being dropped out of a light airplane flying over this city. S. E. Smith, 74 1/2 Eugene, an assistant cashier for the Southern Pacific Railroad, said he was driving on a Eugene street when

AIRLINE'S CREW CONFIRMS REPORTS OF FLYING DISKS; FIVE SPOTTED

Circumstantial reports of flying disks in the sky Friday came from the crew of a United Airlines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guard man near Seattle, as well as from Portland area police, and citizens.

J. Smith, captain of the airliner, told United Press that he sighted five "somethings" which were "thin and smooth on the bottom and rough appearing on top." The objects appeared against the sunset shortly after the plane took off at 8:04 p.m., he said.

"We saw them clearly," he reported. "We followed them in a north-westerly direction for about 45 miles. Finally the objects disappeared. We were unable to tell whether they outsped us or disintegrated."

NOT AIRCRAFT

"We can't say whether they were saucer-like, oval or anything else," the captain said, "but whatever they were, they were not another aircraft, nor were they smoke or clouds."

In Seattle, Coast Guardsman Frank Ryan, 27, reported to United Press that he snapped a picture from the front porch of his home which showed a "white saucer" flying over the north end of Lake Washington.

James Bawa, Pictures, New York City, said a 7x9 inch print of the photograph showed two tiny dots, one of which was a flaw in the print.

Don Metcalfe, 19, Lake Amusement park employe, reported that he saw several objects "like spinning disks" in the sky Friday. He said several picnickers, including a woman pilot, noticed them.

In Vancouver, Wash., Sheriff's Deputy John Sullivan, Clarence McKay and Fred Krives heard the Portland police radio broadcast and ran out of the sheriff's office to look at the sky. Over Portland, some 15 miles away, Sullivan said, they saw 20 to 30 objects "like a flight of geese." They heard a low humming sound.

OTHERS DOUBTFUL

Col. E. R. Dodson, commander of the Oregon national guard, made an inspection of this area from the air after the disks were reported here. He said he saw nothing "suspicious."

Only known military airplanes in the air at the time of the reports were 23 B-29 bombers near Astoria.

Despite all the reports, at least two persons remained unconvinced of the existence of the disks. Al P. Sanford, Holgate moorage, gave his opinion that the objects were cottonwood blossoms.

Burl Hollsch, 34, of 6504 N. Burrage avenue, telephoned the Journal to berate the newspaper for "perpetuating a hoax." He said he saw objects in the sky about a minute after an airplane passed over his house. To him the objects looked like bits of aluminum foil, perhaps cigarette wrappers.

UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS

7 July 1947

5. This agent interviewed W. A. Lissy and D. A. Ellis, both Patrolmen, Portland City Police Department, and both possess private pilots licenses. Both officers advised that upon hearing the radio alert, they saw three flat round discs, having a white color to them. These discs were, according to these officers, flying at a terrific speed in a southerly direction away from Portland. They described them as flying in a straight line formation, the last disc fluttering very rapidly in a side way arc. They further advised the discs were equally spaced and kept in formation. Both officers estimated the discs altitude at 40,000 feet. They saw no evidence of any rotating powers and vapor trails or smoke trails. Both officers stated these discs were traveling so fast, they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made, or any sound could be heard.

AGENT'S NOTE: All informants mentioned herein are known to this agent as very dependable and trustworthy officers, not being afflicted with hallucinations. The weather in the Portland area at this time was clear with little or no cloud formations being visible from the ground. Ground temperature at this time was 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

Keith A. Sorenson, S/A OIC, Sixth Army

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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335.5 ID

August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite 426,
711 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded herewith is information copy of statement and newspaper
clipping re subject.

- Incls:
1. Statement of [redacted] dtd 30 Jul 47.
 2. Newspaper clipping, dtd 3 Jul 47.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
Deputy IAC of 3, A-2

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
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SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Suite 420
111 Sutter Street, San Francisco 4, California

RE: Attached EOIC is forwarded for your information.

William R. Graub

Encl: [unclear]
EOIC Attach [unclear]

WILLIAM R. GRAUB
Major, Air Corps
Deputy AC of Staff

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 3 1947

FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL - 6 July 1947, Portland, Ore.

PROWL CARS SPOT DISKS IN SKY HERE

Whatever they are, there are some disk-like objects flying around in the sky.

Or else right Portland area policemen and deputy sheriffs who sighted the objects Friday, numerous private citizens, the crew of a United Air Lines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coastguardman who claims to have photographed one near Seattle, are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was sounded over police radio at 11:06 p.m. Friday, after the East Side station received a score of calls that the disks were overhead. Within seconds, two prowler cars reported spotting the mystery craft.

FLASHES SEEN, NOISE LACKING.

First to report in were patrolmen Walter Hissy and Robert Ellis in car No. 82, who stopped near Oaks Park. Both World War II veterans and civilian pilots, they sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds traveling at great height and speed over the park. They reported they heard no engine noises but saw flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The patrolmen agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed or altitude.

Patrolman Earl Patterson in car No. 13 stopped at SE 82d Avenue and Foster road to look eastward from where the disks were reported. Telephone calls located them pointing out of the sun. He saw nothing, but a few seconds later observed one coming out of the west and heading southwest. The craft seemed to be a ball or egg, 100 miles and didn't flash or reflect light, he said.

OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED.

A former Air Corps veteran, he said the object was unlike any plane he'd ever seen. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disk could change direction at a 90-degree angle without difficulty.

Members of the harbor patrol at the foot of NW Irving street stopped out when they heard the all-car alert. Capt. E. J. Prahm, Harbor Pilot A. T. Austed and Patrolman K. H. Hoff all saw the objects and said they appeared to be going south high over the Globe mills at terrific speed. Capt. Prahm said the flashes kept them from ascertaining whether there were three or six.

The disks would oscillate and sometimes they would see a full disk, then a half-moon shape, then nothing at all, he reported. The objects looked more like a shiny chromium hub cap off a car which wobbled, disappeared and reappeared.

There was a plane in the sky at the time, but all were emphatic that the disks were not planes.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUG 7 1947

SAN FRANCISCO

ROUTED TO

UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER
ARIZONA.

11 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. William Rhoads, 4333 N. 14th St., Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The subject objects flew at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. Rhoads' home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. Rhoads, and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. Rhoads. The height of the object was estimated at 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.

Lynn G. Aldrich, Special Agent, EIC - AAF, WTRC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 18 1947

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UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS

7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. At 1305 on July 1947, a radio alert was issued via the Portland City Police Radio, advising all cars and listeners that some fast flying objects were in the air over Portland and vicinity. Upon contacting the radio dispatcher, this agent was advised that Kenneth A. McDowell, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, residing at 918 S. E. Bush Street, Portland, Oregon, on duty at Precinct #1, Portland City Police, Southeast Morrison at 10th Avenue, had called in advising the dispatcher of the flying objects.

2. This agent interviewed Officer McDowell who stated at approximately 1305, 4 July 1947, he was on duty at Precinct #1, and was in the parking lot back of the Police Station, feeding the pigeons. At this time the pigeons became very excited over something and fluttered in the air all at once. Officer McDowell stated in looking around to see what had disturbed them, he saw five large discs in the air to the East of Portland two discs flying South and three flying in an Easterly direction. Officer McDowell 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 a great speed. He was unable to give an estimate of the speed or altitude of these discs as they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made. Officer McDowell advised he notified the Police Radio who immediately broadcast an alert. Officer McDowell advised he saw no indication of any motivating force or heard any sound coming from these discs and could give no description other than round.

3. This agent interviewed Sergeant Claude Cross, Oregon State Police Officer on duty at District Number 1 Station, Milwaukie, Oregon. Cross stated upon hearing the radio alert he went outside and upon looking in an easterly direction he saw three discs following each other at an undetermined altitude and at a terrific speed, traveling in a northeasterly direction. Cross advised he noticed a white brown glint to these objects as the sun reflected from them. Cross was unable to give any other description nor could he judge the objects speed or altitude. No sound was made by the objects.

4. This agent interviewed Earl W. Patterson, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, and residing at 124 Southeast 13th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Patterson advised he was a former Air Corps pilot during the war. He stated that the time the radio alert sounded, he was at Southeast 32nd and Foster Road, Portland, and upon getting out of his car he saw one disc flying in a Southwesterly direction over Portland. Patterson advised this disc was aluminum in color, left no vapor trail or smoke trail and was traveling at a terrific speed, faster than he has ever seen any flying object before. Patterson further advised, although not knowing the exact size of the object it is difficult to determine the altitude, he estimates its altitude to be 30,000 feet.

Patterson further advised the flying disc was definitely some type of aircraft but he could not give any further description as any exact observation difficult. He heard no sound emitted by the flying object.

Keith A. Sorenson, S/A CID, Sixth Army

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
SAN FRANCISCO
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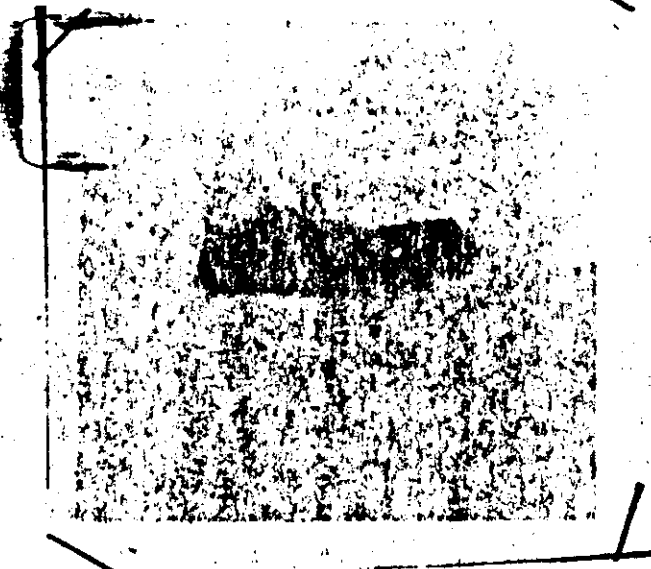


EXHIBIT I



EXHIBIT II

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EXHIBIT # 117

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"THE OREGONIAN" Portland, Oregon
3 July 1947

August 5, 1947

[Redacted] b7c
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear [Redacted] b7c

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter post-marked July 10, 1947, together with its enclosure.

Inasmuch as the information which you furnished is of interest to the War Department I have taken the liberty of furnishing it to that agency for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SABOTAGE

DATE: August 12, 1947

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, Section (B), which advises that all reports concerning flying discs should be investigated by field offices.

Prior to the receipt of these instructions, two instances were called to the attention of this office concerning flying discs. One report was received July 7, 1947, the details of which are set forth in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated July 8, 1947, entitled, "Flying Discs or Saucers, Miscellaneous, Telephone Call from Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau at 8:30 a.m., 7-7-47." No investigation was conducted concerning this report.

The second report was received by this office at 1:20 p.m. July 11, 1947, from [REDACTED] who is in charge of the Civil Air Patrol of Wisconsin, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. On that occasion [REDACTED] calling from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, telephonically advised this office that an object in the shape of a disc, nineteen inches in diameter had been found July 10, 1947, by one [REDACTED] city electrician on the Jackson County fairgrounds, near Black River Falls, Wisconsin, about 3:30 p.m. The disc might be made of a substance such as cardboard covered by a silver airplane dope material. The contraption has a small wooden tail like a rudder in the back and inside of the disc is what appears to be an RCA photo-electric cell or tube. Also inside the disc is a little electric motor with a shaft running to the center of the disc. At one end of the shaft is a very small propeller. In [REDACTED] opinion that contraption might possibly have been made by some juvenile. [REDACTED] stated that he desired to return the contraption to Milwaukee and eventually turn it over to the Army Air Forces, but that the finder, [REDACTED], apparently wanted to get some publicity on his find and wanted it returned to him. b7c

This information was telephonically called to the attention of Assistant Director D. M. LADD of the Bureau on July 11, 1947.

Subsequently, SAC H. K. JOHNSON telephoned Colonel [REDACTED] in charge of Counter Intelligence, Fifth Army, Chicago AC of S G-2 Headquarters Fifth Army, East Hyde Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who stated he would contact [REDACTED] of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. b7c

No further investigation was conducted in this matter.

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The above constitutes the only two instances in which this office was contacted concerning flying discs. Unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau, this office does not contemplate taking any further action in connection with the above two cases, but will fully investigate all future reports concerning flying discs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS. SECURITY MATTER DASH X. ONE [REDACTED] FOREIGN NAVY

PILOT AND PRESENTLY [REDACTED] MYRTLE CREEK, OREGON, REPORTS
SEEING A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT ON TWO OCASIONS THE EVENING OF AUGUST SIXTH
WHILE FLYING AT ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE MYRTLE CREEK. HATFIELD TO
BE INTERVIEWED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: MRS. [REDACTED] b7c
INFORMANT

There is attached hereto a letter received from the captioned individual postmarked July 12, 1947, concerning "flying saucers."

There is also attached a letter of acknowledgement to [REDACTED] together with a letter to the War Department for approval. b7c

It is recommended that the letter to the War Department be forwarded to the Liaison Section for transmittal to that agency. Done
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Attachments

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- Mr. Hendon _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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WASH FROM SFRAN S2 8-9-47 2-50 PM KC

DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND URGENT

FLYING DISKS, SECURITY MATTER-X. LT. COL. [REDACTED] OF G2, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED TODAY HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AND THAT OUR SEATTLE OFFICE IS IN POSSESSION OF ALL INFORMATION KNOWN BY HIM AND IS HANDLING THE MATTER AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

KIMBALL

RECEIVED 8-9-47
SACS SEATTLE AND PORTLAND ADVISED

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

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THE ROUND ROBIN

THE FLYING ROLL

San Diego, California. July 8, 1947 -

(For your information) - A MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANCE -

THIS MEMORANDUM is respectfully addressed to certain scientists of distinction to important aeronautical and military authorities, to a number of public officials and to a few publications.

The writer has little expectation that anything of import will be accomplished by this gesture. The more fact that the data herein were obtained by so-called supernormal means is probably sufficient to insure its disregard by nearly all the persons addressed; nevertheless it seems a public duty to make it available. (The present writer has several university degrees and was formerly a university department head).

A very serious situation may develop at any time with regard to the "flying saucers." If one of these should be attacked, the attacking plane will almost certainly be destroyed. In the public mind this might create near panic and international suspicion. The principal data concerning these craft is now at hand and must be offered, no matter how fantastic and unintelligible it may seem to minds not previously instructed in thinking of this type.

1. Part of the disks carry crews, others are under remote control.
2. Their mission is peaceful. The visitors contemplate settling on this plane.
3. These visitors are human-like but much larger in size.
4. They are NOT incarnate earth people, but come from their own world.
5. They do NOT come from any "planet" as we use the word, but from an etheric planet which interpenetrates with our own and is not perceptible to us.
6. The bodies of the visitors, and the craft also, automatically "materialize on entering the vibratory rate of our dense matter." (Cp. "apports.")
7. The disks possess a type of radiant energy, or a ray, which will easily disintegrate any attacking ship. They reenter the etheric at will, and so simply disappear from our vision, without trace.
8. -The region from which they come is NOT the "astral plane", but corresponds to the Lokas or Talas. Students of esoteric matters will understand these terms.
9. They probably cannot be reached by radio, but probably can be by radar, if a signal system can be devised for that apparatus.

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We give information and warning, and can do no more. Let the newcomers be treated with every kindness. Unless the disks are withdrawn, a heavy responsibility rests upon the few in authority who are able to understand this matter.

Addendum: The Lokas are oval shape, fluted lengthwise, oval with a heat-resisting metal or alloy not yet known. The front edge contains the controls; the middle portion is a laboratory; the rear contains armament, which consists essentially of a powerful ray energy apparatus, perhaps a ray apparatus.

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San Diego, California.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Norfolk
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 8, 1947

Re Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947, Series 1947, wherein information is set forth pertaining to flying discs.

There is enclosed with this letter a newspaper clipping from the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch", dated July 9, 1947. The photograph appearing on this clipping is alleged to represent a flying disc which was observed by BILLY-TURRENTINE, a Norfolk school boy, who was successful in photographing the object with his small camera.

BILLY was interviewed on August 8, 1947 by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] at which time BILLY informed that the original negative was given by him to a Mr. BROWN of the Photo Craftsman Service, who in turn furnished the negative to the International News Service. BILLY advised that he has an agreement with Mr. BROWN whereby the latter will share equally in any profits derived from the use of the negative by commercial firms or newspapers. As of August 8, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative. b7c

He informed that he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment which is located on the third floor at 410 West 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia, around noontime on July 8, 1947. He had read numerous newspaper articles pertaining to flying discs and decided to sit on his front porch in the hopes of seeing one and attempting to photograph it. On July 8, 1947 BILLY observed a large, black object moving rapidly through space proceeding from the southwest to a northeast direction. He said the black object was followed by two smaller objects which also proceeded in the same direction. BILLY explained that the objects were moving at a very fast speed which appeared to him to be much faster than the speed of an airplane, and further, that the objects appeared to be extremely high. He said that they were much higher than the average plane travels in the City of Norfolk and appeared to be above the clouds, and that a white mist followed each of the three objects. BILLY was unable to state what the black objects represented, but admitted that they could have been large balloons. He indicated that he has observed small, toy balloons flying through the air, but that definitely these were not the toy type balloons. He said that when he first observed the objects they were at such a great distance from him that it was not necessary that he raise his head in order to see them from his porch on the third floor of the apartment building. He immediately turned around to obtain

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his camera and estimated it took him approximately twenty to thirty seconds, at which time the discs were almost directly over his apartment and it was necessary that he stoop and look up almost perpendicular in order to obtain the photograph, which accounts for the porch railing being shown in the newspaper clipping. BILLY pointed out that the day on which he took the picture, the weather was hazy and somewhat cloudy and there was a slight breeze blowing from the southwest in the general direction of the northeast, which is the same direction traveled by the black image which he photographed.

Inasmuch as the Army authorities in the Tidewater Area of Virginia are cognizant of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted by this office in this matter.

Enclosure.

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Flying Disc 'Bigger Than Automobile' Photographed By Youth Who Is Amazed Because No One Else Saw It

By GEORGE HERBERT

The flying disc "was lots bigger than an automobile" and 15-year-old Bill Turrentine of 410 West Fourteenth Street, doesn't understand why almost everybody in Norfolk didn't see it.

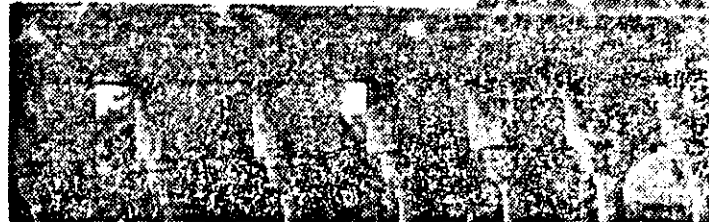
In fact, when he came to the Ledger-Dispatch with a photograph he had taken of the object, he wanted to know why the newspapers hadn't already taken a picture of it. "I thought your photographers were fast," he told a reporter.

few seconds later didn't look anything like saucers."

Looked Like Football

The boy stuck to his football comparison, explaining that the object was sort of rounded, more oval than disc-like, and that though it wobbled in its northeastward flight it was traveling very rapidly, about 600 miles an hour.

He guessed that the altitude of the thing was about 5,000 feet, just below the clouds. In color it was "gray, almost black," and looked like a "burned crisp," or



NORFOLK BOY AND PHOTO OF DISC—Bill Turrentine, 15, (right) tells Ledger-Dispatch reporter George Herbert (left) of the "lucky" circumstances which enabled him to take the photograph at the right of a flying disc. However, the boy said the object pictured here looked and moved more like a football, being rounded and oval, rather than disc-like. Bill took this picture from the porch of his home at 410 West Fourteenth Street between 11 o'clock and noon Tuesday using an old camera, with the shutter set at 1/100th of a second. He said the "flying football" shown here was followed by two smaller ones, all moving at about 600 miles an hour and he guessed they were about 5,000 feet high, just below the clouds. The photograph reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen. In the foreground of young Turrentine's picture is the porch rail of his home.

(Editor's Note: Although the Ledger-Dispatch has had many reports of flying discs and saucers in recent days, no other person reported seeing the object which Turrentine photographed.)

However, Bill said he had done some fast moving himself shortly before noon Tuesday, when he stood on his front porch and saw the large gray object, "rocking and spinning like a football" and coming from the southwest.

He had just returned from Summer school classes at Maury, he said, and with all the talk about "flying saucers," had gone out with his camera to see if he could see anything.

"I don't see why they call them flying saucers," he said. "The big one I took a picture of and the two little ones that came behind it a

maybe a rock or stone. The edges glittered, he said, and seemed to be trailing dust. Neither it nor the two which followed made any sound.

Bill said he wasn't very surprised when he saw the object, but "almost killed myself" getting shots of it with his camera, set at 1/100th of a second.

He called his 18-year-old sister, Josephine, to come and look, but apparently she didn't believe him.

As the "flying football" passed over, Bill said he took three shots of it, but when he hurriedly developed the film, after legging it to Olney Road for a vial of developer, only one negative came out well enough for reproduction.

He showed a reporter a contact print he had made himself, and the picture reproduced here is an

enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen.

Photo experts of this firm are convinced that the boy did a fine job with the old camera he was using. Having closely examined the negative, they said the only flaw was in the kind of film, which perhaps didn't bring out enough detail. They pointed out, however, that this wasn't really a flaw, in view of the fact that Bill's photograph, with the comparison afforded by the front porch rail and the trees, was certainly the best one taken since the mysterious discs were first reported.

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

FLYING DISC REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, MISC. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE TWENTY, [REDACTED] HACKENSACK AND [REDACTED] FT. DIX, NJ ON LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST THIRD LAST SIGHTED FROM GROUND OBJECT DESCRIBED AS FLYING DISC. [REDACTED] CLAIMED IT WAS TWO HUNDRED [REDACTED] YDS, IN AIR, REVOLVING SLOWLY, MOVING RAPIDLY, AND NEITHER A KITE NOR A BALLOON. [REDACTED] TELEPHONED INFORMATION TO HACKENSACK PD. INQUIRY BEING MADE, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T
FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM
TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF
RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE
OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS.

THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN
WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS
SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED
AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN
LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERS-
FIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED
FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED
SEEING DISCS -

TO ASCERTAIN THE
PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING
OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO
WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN
DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH

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WERE KILLED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCREENED BY AAF INTELLIGENCE FROM MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THE^M THE UNITED PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY HAROLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN , TACOMA, WN.

b7c [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT TODAY'S ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN CARRIES A UP STORY STATING THAT DAHL DENIES SAYING THE METAL FRAGMENTS HE FURNISHED WERE FROM A DISC, AND ANALYSIS OF THE FRAGMENTS SHOWS THEM TO BE FROM A TACOMA SLAG MILL. NO AAF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE PORTLAND. NO RECENT SUBSTANTIVE REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS IN THE PORTLAND AREA. SEATTLE VERIFY AT MCCHORD FIELD AND SAN FRANCISCO VERIFY AT AAF HDQRTS. SF, SUBMITTING TELETYPE SUMMARIES TO THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND.

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cc Mr Ladd.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*

DATE: August 6, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section contacted Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED], Army Air Forces Intelligence, inquiring about an article which appeared in the West Coast newspapers recently stating in substance that an airplane carrying recovered flying saucers *b7c* crashed in route from Portland, Oregon, to Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the only information that has been received by Headquarters of the Army Air Forces is that a CIC Agent of the 4th Air Force Headquarters, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that he was on a top secret mission. [REDACTED] indicated that he was under the impression that the CIC Agent was either on route to or from an interview with [REDACTED] who is one of the individuals who first saw one of the flying saucers. *b7c*

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[REDACTED] stated that the Air Forces have no additional information and will receive none until the report is received from the 4th Air Force. [REDACTED] suggested that the San Francisco Field Office contact Colonel [REDACTED] Headquarters 4th Air Force, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, who undoubtedly would be able to furnish the details regarding this matter which are at this time unknown by the Headquarters of the Air Forces. [REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED], however, that it was his belief that no flying saucers have been recovered but that it was merely an attempt to reinterview an individual who previously had reported seeing one of the flying saucers. *b7c*

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To: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel [redacted] b7c

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] b7c

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying discs."

[redacted] letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration. b7c

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Consigned to [REDACTED] b7c
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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DETROIT "URGENT"

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Attention: [REDACTED]

From : John Edgar Hoover, Director -- Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject : [REDACTED] b7C

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[REDACTED] letter has been acknowledged and she has been advised that copies of her letter have been furnished to you for your consideration. b7C

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECT
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA.

7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 1 July 1947, Lt William G. McGinty, USN, 195803, P-80 Student, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent, and stated in substance: That on 30 June 1947, at about 0910, MST, he was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in a P-80 type aircraft. He stated that he was heading south towards Williams Field, Arizona, when he saw two round objects going at inconceivable speeds, straight down. He further stated that his reactions were to turn away from the objects. He further stated that one of the unidentified objects followed the other seconds apart. He further stated that due to the speed of the objects, he could only see that they were circular, and that they were possible light gray in color. He further stated that it was his opinion that the objects were approximately eight feet in diameter. In conclusion, he stated that the objects would have probably hit the ground approximately twenty-five miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.

AGENT'S NOTES: Lt McGinty gave his permanent address as: W.A.M.T.C., Point Hugu, Fort Huachuca, Calif.

2. On 1 July 1947, Captain Malcolm G. Armstrong, O-734168, Instructor, Single Engine, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent and stated in substance: That his brother, 1st Lt E. B. Armstrong, stationed at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks AFB, Texas had related to him that he saw a formation of unexplainable objects in the vicinity of Lake Mead, Nev. Captain Armstrong, further stated that his brother stated the objects were heading south, and were at approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

AGENT'S NOTES: Captain Armstrong could not give too much information on the objects that his brother had seen. Lt. E. B. Armstrong can be contacted at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks Field, Texas for further information.

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Lynn C. Aldrich, Special Agent, CIC-AAF, FOTRC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D.M. LADD

DATE: July 7, 1947
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FROM :

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
Miscellaneous

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SAC Weeks called from New Orleans on the matter discussed in the attached teletype. He wanted to know what policy the Bureau was following in connection with reports concerning these "flying discs" which were being received.

I told Mr. Weeks that, unless advised to the contrary, he should, in the particular case at hand, allow G-2 to handle and not take any jurisdiction for the FBI. He was told the Bureau would be interested in being kept advised of developments, and in copies of the photographs he said G-2 would make of the object found, but that he should not allow himself to be jockeyed into a position where investigative responsibility, if any were entailed, would fall on us. Mr. Weeks said he would so handle unless I called him back immediately with instructions for specific action.

As you will recall, I called you concerning the foregoing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, EL PASO

DATE: July 22, 1947

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c
 FLYING OBJECTS IN AIR

[REDACTED] has come to the resident agency at Santa Fe, New Mexico on several occasions to report that she has received information concerning flying objects passing through the air. Some of the reports that she has received concern light objects seen at night which have allegedly been followed by explosions. She advised that one of such objects was reported by [REDACTED] who works near Canjilon, New Mexico. She claims that others were seen near Park View and Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. b7c

[REDACTED] called attention to clippings from various newspapers concerning "disc-like" objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country. b7c

[REDACTED] claims to be a student of radio waves and ray forms, and contends that the above mentioned objects may be missiles similar to those appearing over Sweden some time ago. b7c

[REDACTED] has discussed the above with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, and has written the Secretary of War and other government officials concerning her theories. b7c

[REDACTED] for the A.E.C., has advised that officials at Los Alamos consider [REDACTED] unreliable and possibly not well balanced mentally. She has mentioned to agents of this office that she was struck by lightning when a child.

On July 15, [REDACTED] came to the Santa Fe resident agency and advised that she had written to WALTER WINCHELL, promising him a story in connection with the "flying discs." b7c

b7c The foregoing information is being submitted to the Bureau, inasmuch as [REDACTED] has written to several government officials and Mr. WINCHELL.

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TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: 7/24/47

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George F. Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above captioned matter. The Director noted on the referenced memorandum, "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the Ia. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] has recontacted General Schulgen and advised him in connection with the Director's notation. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he desired to assure Mr. Hoover of complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue instructions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by the FBI Agents. General Schulgen pointed out to [redacted] that he will from time to time make the results of the studies of his scientists available to the Bureau for the assistance of the FBI Field Offices. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that there has been a decrease in the reported sightings of the discs which might be because of the fact that it has lost much of its publicity value. He indicated, however, that he believed it necessary to follow this matter through to determine as near as possible if discs were in fact seen and to determine their origin. b7c

General Schulgen inquired of [redacted] the method by which the Bureau would make the information obtained from the Bureau's inquiries, known to the Air Corps, in the Field as well as at the War Department level. Mr. [redacted] pointed out to General Schulgen that the best procedure appeared to be through the regular established channels. It was pointed out to General Schulgen that the Bureau Field Offices maintain close liaison with the Intelligence Divisions of the various Armies as well as close liaison with the Intelligence Division of the War Department. General Schulgen indicated that he would be satisfied to receive information through this means. b7c

General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he believed that there was a possibility that this entire matter might have been started by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria. He suggested that the Bureau keep this in mind in any interviews conducted regarding reported sightings. General Schulgen stated to [redacted] that he would make available to the Bureau all information in the possession of the Air Corps regarding the sightings which were first reported so that the Bureau could conduct some investigation regarding these individuals to ascertain their motives for reporting that they had observed flying discs. When General Schulgen makes the information available regarding these individuals, it will be promptly brought to your attention. b7c

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MEMORANDUM FOR D. M. IADD

7/23/47

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached a Bureau Bulletin to the Field for their assistance in handling this matter.

Attachment

July 30, 1947

Brooklyn 27, New York

Dear [redacted]:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1947, and to express my appreciation to you for bringing this matter to my attention.

The information set forth in your letter has been carefully reviewed and is being maintained in this Bureau as a matter of record.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: [redacted] has been a previous correspondent with the Bu file [redacted]. No record could be located in the Crime Records Section indication that the correspondent might be a mental case.

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Brooklyn 27, 1947
Jul: 0h, 1947.,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Please forgive me for taking up your time, with this item. It really is necessary. Yet, although everybodys tongue was wagging from the East and to the West coast, I couldn't resist putting my oar in.

Flying Saucers in the Sky. Heading for the Milky Way. Funny? I don't know.

We read and read and read. "Sky Disc Derby Open to All" - "Calls 'Saucers' 'Tr: of Vision'" - "Believe it or not, 27 States see those flying saucers" - "Who saw the Saucers? 40 States in the Game" - "Celestial Dishes sought between the Raindrops" - "Find 'Disk' is weather kite" - "Disks called chunks of Mirage" - "Report new Red Planes resemble 'Flying Saucers'" - "Air-liner crew reports seeing 9 flying disks for 12 minutes". That's the way it went on, for days and days.

Please, don't remind me that this is a military problem. Soldiers fight the enemy out in the open and away from home if possible. The Federal Agents (the un-heroes) fight the enemy under cover and in their home grounds. So. Here I am.

These so-called saucers may be kites, but according to reports, these things didn't flutter or float, they sailed and kites don't sail, the strange part is they all sailed in the same direction, from West to East.

Rewards were offered, no collectors. Planes chased them, none captured. They had no land, no finders. So. As long as the Military, Scientist and Civilians deny, be responsible for this. Were does it lead to? An enemy. A little while back, it was mentioned somewhere that Russia had or has a contraption for their next war, emitting sound (like a silent whistle for dogs) what it's ~~sk~~ to do, th their enemy, I don't know. If a country was experimenting such a weapon, the brave people of the U.S. were not scared. They only informed the so-called enemy how successful the ~~air~~ were.

It could be an optical illusion, or; supposing some unwelcomed persons, plant a few well chosen words, here and there and left the rest to a confused mind. These innocent people reporting the phenomena.

What confuses me is, that when we became too curious and determined to find out what they really are, those things disappeared and we found substitutes, called kites. These things resembling description as near as possible to the real thing. Why couldn't these things have been directed back home again like a homing pigeon?

To make sport of this thing, is bad taste. It sort of reminds me of the boy who cried WOLF. When the wolf really came. 'Twas sad. He, was a nice boy. There should be a law, against such jokes or experiments in the future. They should be conducted in a proper manner, should be tried for treason, even; if the so-called joke seems to be a mess or rādicules. We can't take any chances. At this age, Time is slow. Man, is fast. This POOH POOH business, is no joke.

I had in mind that the floods were responsible for these disks (mirages) the rushing waters of the Mississippi, Missouri, Platte, Columbia and Ohio Rivers. The sun going from East to West, plus the Catskill in the Easterly North, The Blue Ridge in the East and the Rocky Mountains in the West. Reflections, or whatever it is, went from West to East. Hence the Disks? I hope.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

Reading about Kenneth Arnold seeing
these flying saucers. I got a brain-
storm, maybe there is someone that is
manufacturing a contraption that could
be sent up by Remote Control, and
could be used against us.

Yours Truly

[REDACTED]

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Washington, D.C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 7/10/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS

At request of [redacted] Major General George F. Schulgen, Chief of the Requirements Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence, Special Agent [redacted] discussed the above captioned matter with him on July 9, 1947. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilizing all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the thought that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled. b7c

General Schulgen also indicated to [redacted] that all Air Corps installations have been alerted to run out each reported sighting to obtain all possible data to assist in this research project. In passing, General Schulgen stated that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was thoroughly interrogated by General Schulgen and scientists, as well as a psychologist, and the pilot was adamant in his claim that he saw a flying disk. b7c

General Schulgen advised [redacted] that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called flying disks were fallacious and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon. b7c

General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he is desirous of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports of his scientists and findings of the various Air Corps installations will be available in his office. He advised that to complete the picture he desired the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks, or whether their statements were prompted by personal desire for publicity or political reasons. b7c

General Schulgen assured [redacted] that there are no War Department or Navy Department research projects presently being conducted which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that if the Bureau would cooperate with him in this matter, he would offer all the facilities of his office as to results obtained in the effort to identify and run down this matter. b7c

[redacted] advised General Schulgen that his request would be made known to the Bureau and an answer made available to him as soon as possible. b7c

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[redacted] also discussed this matter with [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request. b7c

SWR:AJB

ADDENDUM

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

DML

[Handwritten signature] *[Handwritten signature]*

I think we should do this

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I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the case the Army grabbed it & would not let us have it for cursory examination

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FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED], TACOMA

WASHINGTON, SM X. REURTEL INSTANT DATE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] DID NOT ADMIT TO [REDACTED] THAT HIS STORY WAS A HOAX BUT ONLY STATED THAT IF QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES HE WAS GOING TO SAY IT WAS A HOAX BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER TROUBLE OVER THE MATTER. COMPLETE REPORT NOW EN ROUTE TO BUREAU AMSD, WHICH INDICATES PROBABLY [REDACTED] MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL IN THE HOPE OF BUILDING UP THEIR STORY THROUGH PUBLICITY TO A POINT WHERE THEY COULD MAKE A PROFITABLE DEAL WITH FANTASY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS. [REDACTED] WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED UNLESS ADVISED TO THE ~~CONTARI~~ CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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(B) FLYING DISCS -- The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Forces Intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigation of flying discs. The Air Forces have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would descend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria.

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You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it is a bona fide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria, or playing a prank.

The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have assured the Bureau complete cooperating in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Any information you develop in connection with these discs should be promptly brought to the attention of the Army through your usual liaison channels.

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[Redacted]
Darlington, South Carolina

Dear *[Redacted]*

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 6, 1947. Your interest in bringing this information to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of turning this information over to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Savannah

NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying discs"

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[Handwritten signatures and initials: J. Edgar Hoover, JPC/b, EAG]

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July 10, 1947

[Redacted] b7c
San Marcos, Texas

Dear [Redacted] b7c

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 7, 1947. Your interest in making this information available to me is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of making the information furnished by you available to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - San Antonio

NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying discs."

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[Redacted] b7c
Westport, Connecticut

Dear [Redacted] b7c

Your letter dated July 17, 1947,
together with enclosures, has been received
and I want to thank you for submitting the
letter you mentioned to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
 [Redacted]
 Washington, D.C.

July 17, 1947

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed came to my husband yesterday. After reading it aloud to the family, as a good example of crack-pot-ism, advertising or what have you, he threw it into the wastebasket. I retrieved it, thinking it might better go into your wastebasket than ours, examined by your department en route thither, as of possible value. I presume several thousand have been mailed, and you may receive numberless duplicates. I will risk that. [Redacted] as an economist at Columbia University receives many strange missives. This is as strange a one as has come for some time, and very appropriate to the present moment.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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July 17, 1947

Home address: [Redacted] Westport, Conn.

Dr. J. Edgar Hoover

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July 11, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?

What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifestations are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary advance is coming?

Will it make your life brighter, happier, more useful?

We believe one of these startling discs is on its way to you. Then the secret will be out.

The Combined and Amalgamated Committee
of Sky-Scanners, Disc Decipherers and
New-Product Introducing.

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METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FORTYSEVEN, SECURITY MATTER-X. [REDACTED], SECURITY OFFICER, M.I.T., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT TODAY HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE [REDACTED] OF WEST RINDGE, N.H., A RETIRED [REDACTED] OF THE NEW ENGLAND TEL. AND TEL.CO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM ON JULY SEVEN LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE SITTING ON A PORCH OBSERVED ON THE LAWN OF [REDACTED] ROUTE [REDACTED] WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CLOUDS OF SMOKE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED SPOTS ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE GREEN LAWN. ALSO IN THE LONG GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET IN DIAMETER SEVERAL LITTLE BLAZES HAD STARTED AND THE FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED. FIRES WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY METALLIC FRAGMENTATION WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO [REDACTED] OF MIT, BY A [REDACTED] OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT THEIR GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LIVING OF V DASH TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. PROFESSOR [REDACTED] AN OXFORD METALLURGIST AT MIT, STATED THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY THE REMAINS FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT TIME HE IS IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING TWO OF THESE PIECES. THESE SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCTING THE METALLIC OBJECT STATE IT WAS

APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE

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SIXTEENTHS OF AN INCH THICK, AND MACHINE TOOLED, AND SOME FRAGMENTS INDICATED THEY WERE BURNED AND [REDACTED] APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC HEAT. THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TREATING THIS MATTER AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT WEST RINDGE, N.H. IS ALSO ENDEAVORING TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL FRAGMENTS AND HAS STATED **b7c** THAT THE FIRE CHIEF AT WEST RINDGE HAS ALSO SEVERAL FRAGMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE IS SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED FEET EAST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS. [REDACTED] STATED WE WILL MAKE THE RESULTS OF M I T RESEARCH AVAILABLE IF SIGNIFICANT. OPINIONS OF SCIENTISTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE SUGGEST POSSIBLE MILITARY INTEREST. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT BOSTON HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED.

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*Info to attention
Mr. S.C. Jacobs m.d.
8/11/47 [Signature]*

cc - Mr. Ladd

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 18, 1947

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS"
EDWIN M. BAILEY, JR.
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

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For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, appeared at the Stamford Resident Agent's office and furnished the following information:-

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[redacted] prefaced his remarks by stating that he is a scientist by occupation and is currently employed at the American Cyanamid Research Laboratories on West Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut, in the Physics Division. [redacted] further indicated that during the war he was employed at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Radiation Laboratory which Laboratory is connected with the Manhattan Project. [redacted] advised that he is thirty years of age and is a graduate of the University of Arizona.

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[redacted] stated that the topic of "flying saucers" had caused considerable comment and concern to the present day scientists and indicated that he himself had a personal theory concerning the "flying saucers". Prior to advancing his own theory, [redacted] remarked that immediately after the conclusion of World War II, a friend of his, [redacted] allegedly observed the "flying saucers" from an observatory in Milan and Bologna, Italy. He stated that apparently at that time the "flying saucers" had caused a little comment in Italy but that after some little publicity they immediately died out as public interest. [redacted] stated that it is quite possible that actually the "flying saucers" could be radio controlled germ bombs or atom bombs which are circling the orbit of the earth and which could be controlled by radio and directed to land on any designated target at the specific desire of the agency or country operating the bombs. He stated that one of the items of interest which he personally has observed is the fact that the saucers have been observed in Mexico City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Halifax, Newfoundland, Paris, Milan, Bologna and Yugoslavia as well as Albania. By placing a string around the globe of the earth it

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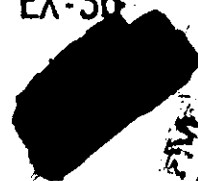
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Re: "FLYING SAUCERS"

July 18, 1947

[REDACTED] b7c
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

would be noticed that all of the above-mentioned cities form a direct orbit or circle around the earth and would be more or less in line of any path in which the saucers could be circling.

[REDACTED] further stated that he had recently talked with [REDACTED], one of the owners of [REDACTED] in Glenbrook, Connecticut, and had been informed by [REDACTED] that his company is making a large powerful telescope to be used in searching the stratosphere for atom bombs. b7c

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RE FLYING DISKS. MRS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], SEATTLE, REPORTED FLYING DISK HAD LANDED ON [REDACTED] ABOUT NINE FORTY TWO PM LAST NIGHT, THAT IT WAS BURNING AT [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED. SHE ALSO ADVISED ONI, AND DISK FELL SHORT DISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICES. AGENTS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO SCENE AND RECOVERED DISK TAKEN ONI OFFICES AND EXAMINED BY NAVY CORP AND ELECTRONICS [REDACTED] EXPERTS AND AGENTS. DISK DESCRIBED AS ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT INCH [REDACTED] CIRCULAR PIECE THREE SIXTEENTH INCH PLYWOOD CUPTED UP ON TWO SIDES AND HELD THIS POSITION BY WIRE ACROSS ITS CENTER. DISK NEELY PAINTED LIGHT GRAY OUTSIDE AND RED INSIDE, AND INSIDE OF DISK PRINTED LETTERS IN WHITE PAINT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE U S S A UNQUOTE, ALSO QUOTE E Y R UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE RYE PRINTED BACKWARD AND A HAMMER AND SICKLE. MOUNTED ON PIECES OF BAKELITE IN THE CENTER OF THE INSIDE OF THE DISK WERE TWO RADIO TUBES, WHICH WERE WIRED UP AND ALSO SO MOUNTED WAS ABOUT A QUART TYPE CYLINDRICAL SHAPED OIL CAN TO WHICH WAS FITTED A SHORT PIECE OF RUBBER TUBING RUNNING FROM CAN TO ENTRANCE TO A PIECE OF ONE INCH PIPE ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES LONG. THE PIPE EXTENDED THROUGH THE DISK AND AT THE OUTER END OF THE PIPE WAS ABOUT A SIX INCH PIECE OF CLOTH, WHICH WAS WOUND ABOUT AND STUCK INTO THE END OF THE PIPE. THE ENDS OF THIS CLOTH WERE CHARRED BY BURNING. THE CLOTH WAS SATURATED WITH SOME SUBSTANCE

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cc: Mr. Tolson

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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- Mr. Nease
- Mr. [REDACTED]

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BELIEVED TO BE TURPENTINE. CONSENSUS OF ALL PRESENT PRESENT THAT
DISK COULD NOT FLY. DISK PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF ONI SEATTLE
AND NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. NO PUBLICITY THUS FAR AND
NO COMMENT BEING MADE IN EVENT PRESS INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED.

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*Info brought to attention
I see S.C. Jones mjd
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 3, 1947

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FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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[Redacted]

Mr. [Redacted], of the Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho, telephonically contacted the Butte Office and asked if the FBI was checking on the flying discs reported to have been seen by many citizens. He advised that so many had reported having seen them that it undoubtedly was not a figment of the imagination. He said that these discs had been seen on July 1, 1947, in the vicinity of Trail Creek near Sun Valley, Idaho, by reputable citizens.

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The writer informed [Redacted] that this office was not making an investigation and inquired as to whether he had contacted Army and Navy officials. He said that he was inquiring of these agencies.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: July 17, 1947

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 9, 1947

On the evening of July 9, 1947, a report was received at the Los Angeles Office that a so-called "flying disc" had landed in the vicinity of Radford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood, California, the contraption being briefly described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc shaped, and having a radio antenna. It was reported to have burst into flames upon landing. At the time of the report the disc was being held at the Valley Fire Department in Van Nuys, California.

SA [redacted] went to the fire department immediately at which time it was found that a number of people had gathered including newspaper reporters and photographers who were taking pictures of the disc. Battalion Fire Chief [redacted] advised Agent that at approximately 10:30 P.M., an unknown woman called on the telephone and excitedly reported that the disc had dropped into her garden where it began to flame, her residence being located at 11858 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood. A fire department truck was sent there and put out the flaming object with the fire hose, after which the object was taken to the fire station. SA [redacted] thereafter arranged to transport the disc to the office. b7c

The device is briefly described as consisting of two convex steel discs approximately 2 feet in diameter, fused together at the outer edge and fastened together in the center by a hollow cylindrical connection. A vertical galvanized iron fin was screwed to the top of the disc, and a short length of pipe closed at one end ran from the outer circumference into the interior of the contraption. What appeared to be a radio tube was installed in the center of the top side. The contraption had a total weight of approximately 20 pounds.

At the Bureau Office a series of photographs were taken of the device from various positions, and a set of these photographs are being forwarded herewith for the Bureau's inspection and information.

b7c The "flying disc" was thereafter turned over to Major [redacted] A.C., G-2, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, who subsequently reported that the object was definitely a hoax and under no circumstances could have flown under its own power.

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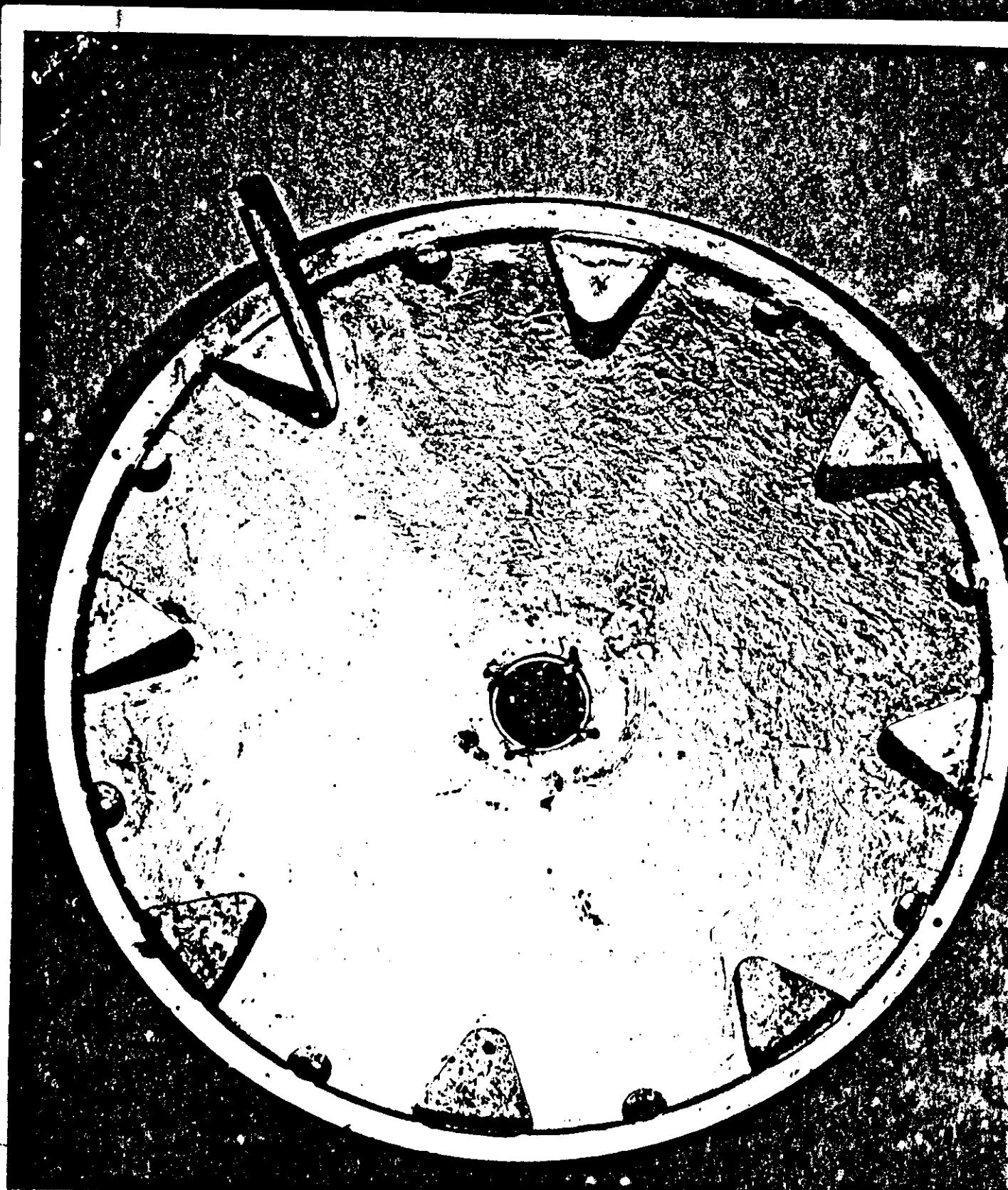
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Re: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 9, 1947

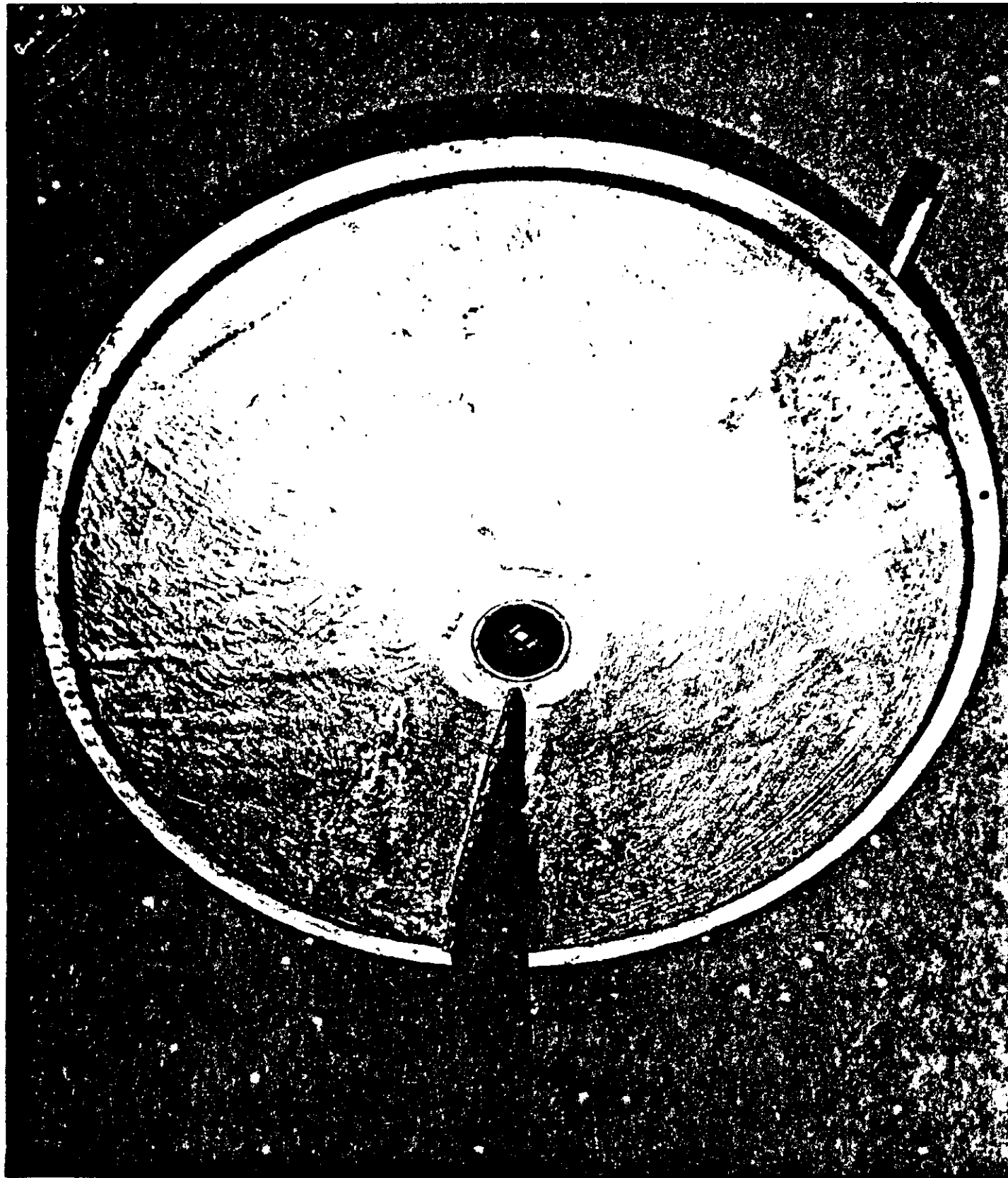
On the following day, July 10, 1947, one [REDACTED] North Hollywood, reported that on this morning he was at the North Hollywood Service Station eating at which time there was considerable talk about the flying disc having been found in the vicinity. A number of what appeared to be young high school students were present and were having quite a laugh about the excitement caused by the finding of the disc. [REDACTED] stated that he received a definite impression that these young students either had themselves or knew of someone who had been working for the past two weeks making this "flying disc". [REDACTED] was unable to furnish the names of any of these young men but identified one of them who was making the statements as being employed in a Chevron Service Station at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Whitsett Street. He described the youngster as about sixteen years of age. b7c

The above information was also furnished to the G-2 Office at San Pedro, California.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *DL*

DATE: July 10, 1947

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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~~ALBERT SAUCERS (DISCS)~~
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[Redacted]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

At 5:45 AM this date, SAC Hood telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised at approximately 11:30 PM, July 9, 1947, the office in Los Angeles had received information from the Resident Agent at Burbank, California, that a "flying disc" had landed in or near Burbank and had been seen to burst into flame when it landed. Further, that it had been the cause of a fire in some woods, this fire either in Burbank or possibly in the city limits of Los Angeles, which Mr. Hood could not be certain. The fire chief at Burbank had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him. *b7c*

Coincident with the information received from Burbank, the Los Angeles Office received calls from the newspapers requesting information. The newspapers stating they had called the Army Air Force Intelligence who had stated "we are not interested". According to Mr. Hood, this comment had aroused the newspapers and they stated they intended to publish this quotation and belabor same in their first issues. Mr. Hood stated that he had refrained from making any statement to the press other than to admit possession of an object and that it was being turned over to military authorities in the morning (this AM), it being Mr. Hood's opinion that he did not want any quotes in the press and certainly not one to the effect that we were not interested.

As described to him, Mr. Hood stated that the object was an aluminum disc about 2' in diameter weighing about ten pounds, painted with aluminum paint and having some sort of a radio tube in the center of the disc. This object was in possession of the resident agent at Burbank and would be turned over to military authorities (G-2) in Los Angeles this morning.

Mr. Hood's purpose in calling was to place the Bureau on notice regarding the above described object and any further information would be transmitted to the Bureau at once.

Action: None indicated.

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Chicago, Illinois

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Dear [Redacted] b7c 22

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 7, 1947. The information contained therein has been carefully reviewed and is being made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau. Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

In the future should you have information which you feel might be of interest to this Bureau you might find it convenient to contact the Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office, which is located at 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago 3, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Chicago (with incoming. There is no identifiable information in the Bureau's files concerning the writer of this letter. Despite the fact that this letter refers to "flying discs", it is not believed that the information furnished is sufficiently important to refer to Army authorities.)

WVC:WML

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Wash. D.C.


Doesn't it seem wisest for you to forbid papers - (No not forbid - but ask the co-operation of all papers) to keep all news of those discs out of the news untill you are sure just what they are & where from.

Seems to us with all the enemies we have, even within our borders, it could be something far more important than may seem at first. I had 2 sons in this war & another who over-did for his America - & we do want it really protected ~~from~~ danger from now on. Enough are dead & maimed - with-out losing out now as it easily could be. Why have the papers carried that story if reporters were made to see how much more sensible not to report - it except to the F.B.I.

There is too much of danger ahead anyway --

Hastily

/s/


Chicago -

b7c

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Mr J Edgar Hoover
Wash. D. C.

Doesn't it seem wisest
for you to forbid papers

(we not forbid - but ask)

The co-operation of all
papers to keep all news of those
cases out - of the news

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cc Chicago
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There is too much of
danger ahead anyway

Hastily

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *sh*

DATE:

FROM :

July 11, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS *b7c*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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SAC *b7c* [redacted] of the Butte Office called at noon today and stated that a [redacted] Twin Falls, Idaho, at 2:45 a.m. Mountain Time today heard a noise in the back of her home. She thought a collision had occurred and investigated and found in the back yard of the home next door an object described as follows:

A disc 30½" in diameter, circular in shape, it is dished like a saucer and actually there is a saucer within a saucer in the manner of cymbals. On one surface there is attached a plastic dome described as about 14" in diameter and affixed by 8 bolts in a rather rough manner. The bolts can best be described as similar to stove bolts. On the other surface is another dome of metal which is gold in color on one side and on the inside is silver in color, which looks like tin. Through the plastic dome can be observed three tubes similar to radio tubes and there is some wiring. The disc generally is 10" thick and at the point where the domes are located about 14" in thickness. There is an object on it similar to electric coil which has some type of an arm on it and bears the words "Inspected TS". Some of the wiring has been burned off and it looks as though something might be missing.

[redacted] stated that if this were the work of some prankster he went to quite a bit of trouble. He stated the press is aware of this incident. He stated that the disc had been picked up and was now at the Police Department, Twin Falls, Idaho. He was instructed to notify the local Army authorities of the existence of this disc. *b7c*

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[Redacted] b7c
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear [Redacted] b7c

Your letter dated July 6, 1947, has been received and I do want to thank you for making this information available to me. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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Asbury Park, New Jersey

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7/6/47

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

For your information & for what ever value it may be I should like to report seeing one of these "flying discs" on July 4. It appeared to have started from the dance hall here at Asbury Park & momentarily I thought it was a balloon but it went in a definite direction at an apparently constant speed & gradually ascending following a path similar to the trajectory of a bullet but more pronounced. It disappeared in the distance going north along the ^{RECORDED} ^{INDEXED} ~~main~~ line. William Miller & Ted ¹⁹⁴⁷ ~~Remick~~ ^{presently} at the dance hall.

I hope this may be of some help to you.

Yours very truly b7c

[Redacted Signature]

Jersey City, N.J.

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DIRECTOR FBI VERY URGENT

FLYING DISCS, MISCELLANEOUS.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA ADVISES HE OBSERVED A CIRCULAR DISC AT SIX FIVE PM THIS DATE COMING FROM NW DIRECTION. DISC LANDED IN FIFTEEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF TEXAS AVENUE. [REDACTED] PICKED UP DISC AT FIFTEEN FIFTY FOUR TEXAS AVENUE. DISC WHIRLING WHEN SEEN IN AIR AND FIRE SEEN SPOUTING FROM SIDES. FIRE WENT OUT ON LANDING AND SMOKE ISSUED FEW SECONDS AFTER FIRE WENT OUT. DISC PICKED UP AND NOT HOT.

NOTIFIED G-2 BARKSDALE IMMEDIATELY AND THEY TOOK DISC BEFORE SA ARRIVED.

DISC DESCRIPTION-- THIN ALUMINUM DISC SIXTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER. HAS SMALL COILS TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER AND FOUR INCHES LONG AT THE ENDS OF THE DIAMETER. COILS CONNECTED BY TWO COPPER WIRES TO TWO TERMINALS ON EACH COIL AND THESE WIRES ARE CONNECTED AT THE CROSSING IN THE CENTER OF THE DISC TO AN OBJECT ONE INCH IN DIAMETER BY TWO INCHES LONG, SIMILAR TO STARTER ON FLOURESCENT LIGHT. CENTER OBJECT HAS ON UPPER END -

--MADE IN USA--MADE SOUND LIKE A POLICEMAN-S WHISTLE AND SMOOTH SIDE TOWARD EARTH IN FLIGHT. BARKSDALE FIELD AGREED IF NOT HARMFUL WOULD TURN OVER TO FBI IF WE WANT IT SUBJECT TO SUPERIOR

INSTRUCTIONS. NAMES OF ALL PERSON WHO HANDLED DISC BEFORE ARRIVAL OF AGENT SECURED. [REDACTED] BARKSDALE FIELD MAKING PHOTOS. WILL SECURE AND FORWARD PHOTOS TO BUREAU.

BELIEVED PRESS AWARE OF INCIDENT

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FLYING DISC, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

HEADQUARTERS

EIGHTH AIR FORCE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT AN OBJECT PURPORTING TO BE A FLYING DISC WAS RECOVERED NEAR ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, THIS DATE. THE DISC IS HEXAGONAL IN SHAPE AND WAS SUSPENDED FROM A BALLON BY CABLE, WHICH BALLON WAS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FEET IN DIAMETER. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE OBJECT FOUND RESEMBLES A HIGH ALTITUDE WEATHER BALLOON WITH A RADAR REFLECTOR, BUT THAT TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEIR OFFICE AND WRIGHT FIELD HAD NOT Borne out this belief. DISC AND BALLOON BEING TRANSPORTED TO WRIGHT FIELD BY SPECIAL PLANE FOR EXAMINATION. INFORMATION PROVIDED THIS OFFICE BECAUSE OF NATIONAL INTEREST IN CASE AND FACT THAT NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, ASSOCIATED PRESS, AND OTHERS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK STORY OF LOCATION OF DISC TODAY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED WOULD REQUEST WRIGHT FIELD TO ADVISE CINCINNATI OFFICE RESULTS OF EXAMINATION. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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cc: Mr. [Handwritten name]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: July 12, 1947

FROM :

[REDACTED]

b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to [REDACTED] memorandum to you dated July 11, in the above-captioned matter.

b7c

At 11:55 P.M., July 11, I took a phone call from [REDACTED] of the Laurel, Maryland, Police Department. Sergeant [REDACTED] said that he had examined the "flying disc." He said that it had been made from a Gulf Oil sign and the top of a garbage can and had been painted with aluminum paint. It had been recently painted because the paint was still wet. Attached to it were a dry cell battery, a flashlight bulb, some wires and a buzzer. He asked if the Bureau was sending anyone out to look at it. I told him that we were not, that we had referred the matter to the Army, and suggested that he call them.

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I subsequently telephoned Captain [REDACTED] the Duty Officer at G-2, and passed on to him the information furnished by Sergeant Lonis.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *ial*

FROM : D. M. LADD *DL*

SUBJECT: *[Redacted]*

DATE: July 11, 1947

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office called to advise he had just received a telephone call from Colonel [Redacted] Reserve Officer with the Civilian Air Patrol, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Colonel [Redacted] reported that at 3:30 p.m., July 10, one [Redacted] at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, had found a large 17" disc which appeared to have been possibly made out of cardboard painted with silver airplane dope. In the center was a tube and a small motor with a propellor attached to the side. Colonel [Redacted] expressed the opinion that this disc would not be able to fly by itself. He advised it would be taken to the Air Corps Headquarters. Colonel [Redacted] advised, however, that [Redacted] did not want to release the disc without FBI approval.

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I instructed Mr. Johnson to advise the Air Corps officer to get in touch with Colonel [Redacted] and tell him he saw no reason for the Bureau to attempt to secure the release of the material since it was not in our custody and we had no control. He stated the press was also calling concerning this matter. I instructed him to make no comment to the press.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: July 11, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: Flying Disc -

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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- Miss Gandy

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At 10:45 PM on the evening of July 11, 1947, Clerk [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office called and stated that at the instruction Mr. Henrich he wanted to pass on to the Bureau information he had just received from one [REDACTED] Laurel, Maryland, to the effect that a "flying disc" had just landed in [REDACTED] yard "and the machinery is still buzzing." [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was apparently so excited he had a difficult time even getting his name out, and no further detail could be obtained from him.

b7c

At 10:50 PM I passed the above information on to [REDACTED] duty office at G-2 who indicated he had also received the same data from another source, and would pass our information along to appropriate army quarters.

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[REDACTED] of the AP called at about 10:55 PM and asked whether the Bureau had received any report on a "flying disc" in Laurel Maryland. After checking with Mr. Nichols I told him we had received such a report and had passed it on to army authorities.

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HOTEL WOODSTOCK
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

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COMMUNICATIONS
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Dear Mr Hoover: Flying Saucers
On today's paper, I see more
news concerning the flying saucers.
Now there are without a doubt from Russia.
See they are likely checking how completely they
can cover the U.S. in photos. - I feel it
is wrong for us to report areas in which
they are seen.

In traveling I sat by a spiritist
I wasn't sure what she was - I talked to obtain
much information as I could - I became interested
when she said - Russia has a poison which she will
place in an atom bomb that will destroy not
one city but dozens of cities - So when ready
the flying saucers under in Russia have
perfected a device which might destroy a whole
country in one shot. See the flying saucers were
reported in mil. Lt. New Orleans. These hoaxes
have been sent out to determine what area
they cover - We are foolish to give

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Now this woman may only be
guessing but it should not be passed
up - The name she gave me -

[redacted] [redacted] b7c
Milwaukee, Wis. [redacted]

Why do we wait till we are destroyed or
nearly so before we act -

If we aren't ready in 3 seconds the
next war will end all - I want to see it
ready in these latest events -

Let our war dept. take notice - It's no time
to sleep - We should secretly drill men - have
all our guns set for a moment's notice -
We must be ready. But can we afford

to wait if Russia plans destroying
us in one shot? Why not let her
have it and have it in big doses
final - That's the only way I can
see us coming out of it at all -

Sincerely
[redacted]



Mr. Ely Tower.
P. O.
Washington, D. C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 8, 1947

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS OR SAUCERS
MISCELLANEOUS
TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. FLETCHER
AT THE BUREAU AT 8:30 AM, 7/7/47

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

b7c

Attached are newspaper clippings from the Milwaukee Sentinel and Milwaukee Journal of July 7, 1947.

For the Bureau's information, United Press and Associated Press telephoned me at my residence about three or four times between 1:00 A.M. and 2:30 A.M., July 7, 1947. The United Press representative informed me that Father JOSEPH BRASKY had stated on interview by a Milwaukee Sentinel reporter, one BILL WEEKS, (Phonetic) that he, Father BRASKY, was going to call the FBI concerning the contraption, which apparently was identical with one of the flying discs recently publicized throughout the country. The United Press representative desired to know if we had any statement to make on the matter. I informed him that I had no official comment, other than "No Comment."

Since I have contacted the United Press representative on various occasions, I asked him what the actual details were, and he stated he did not know except that the interview of the priest reflected that a circular saw had been found with some devices attached to it.

The Associated Press called me shortly after the United Press representative did, and on being advised that I had no comment to make concerning the story, I asked the Associated Press representative what the actual facts were, and he informed me that as far as the Associated Press was concerned, the facts were that a circular saw had been found and a story had been obtained from a priest who had been drinking quite heavily. The Associated Press representative informed me that apparently the United Press desired to get a statement from me denying or affirming that the FBI was investigating the matter. I informed the Associated Press representative that apparently someone was suffering under a misinterpretation of any comment I had made, and possibly some reporter was in an embarrassing position if a story had gone out over the wire services.

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I then telephoned the United Press representative, who apparently in the meantime had been called by the Associated Press in an effort to straighten out the United Press. No reference was made to the FBI in the Milwaukee Sentinel article appearing July 7, 1947, but the Milwaukee Journal article, which is attached, referred to an alleged statement by Father BRASKY that he attempted to get in touch with an FBI Agent whom he knows. Father BRASKY has never contacted the Milwaukee FBI Office or any Agent concerning his find. In my opinion, this is just another hoax story, since a photograph of Father BRASKY with the saw indicates no basis for any investigation by any authority.

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'Saucer' Stories Disk Found Is

Priest Hears a 'Bang,' Discovers a Circular Blade With Teeth; Other Disks 'Seen'

Picture on Picture Page

The "what is it?" which Father Joseph Brasky said he found early Sunday on the lawn of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Grafton may be just another gadget to add to Father Brasky's already sizable collection.

Those who saw it Sunday said "what is it?" was a circular saw blade with a few wires attached. Father Brasky, who said he knew of no sawmills in the area, would not claim it was a "flying saucer" when he called newspapermen to his home.

"It may or may not be one of those flying disks that have been reported all over the country," he said. "Let's just call it a 'what is it?'"

Meanwhile, in Milwaukee and other points in Wisconsin, several persons reported seeing the "flying saucers." Father Brasky's disk, however, was the only case here in which the "landing" of a "saucer" was reported.

Hears "Bang," Finds Disk

Father Brasky gave the following account of how he found the object, a steel plate 19 inches in diameter, about an eighth of an inch thick and with saw teeth.

"I usually get up about 5 a.m. on Sundays. I was at the front door of my house, about to take my dog out for a walk, when I heard a 'bang' like a big firecracker. I stepped outside and found this disk on the church lawn.

"Although the grass was still wet from the night rain, the disk was too hot to pick up. I noticed the glass ball had been knocked off one of the lightning rods on the church, so I suppose it struck that in landing"

Tries to Call FBI Man

Father Brasky said he did not bother to show the disk to any of his parishioners Sunday. He tried to telephone an FBI agent whom he knows, but was unable to reach him Sunday, he added. Asked whether it could have been the work of a practical joker, Father Brasky replied: "Could be. I don't know."

The disk, apparently of steel, had a one and three-eighth inch hole in the center. Through it ran a few wires. To each end of the cluster of wires was attached what looked like a small condenser about three inches long. The condenserlike objects were wrapped in black tape which still was sticky. The disk was greasy and somewhat dirty. Stamped on it was: "Approved, Dunlap."

Father Brasky declined to part with the disk. He showed a number of items in his trinket collection. All of them had something to do with fishing, Father Brasky's favorite sport. They included his "beer bottles," beer bottles with the head of a fish — and a fish pole from Manila which folds up into a cane. When opened, it extends to 12 feet. "I use it in reaching folks who can't be touched with a 10 foot pole," Father Brasky quipped.

Others Report "Saucers"

Father Brasky also passed out copies of his recent publication, "Fish Tales."

"I'm going to revise this thing," he explained. "I've got some new and better tales to put in it."

There were other reports around Milwaukee and Wisconsin of "flying saucers." Mrs. Anthony Hoffman, 3410 W. Layton av., said she and her husband saw one at 3:25 p.m. Sunday flying toward Billy Mitchell field from the northwest. When it neared the field, it veered

toward the south and disappeared, she said. It was flying high and appeared illuminated, according to Mrs. Hoffman.

"It looked like a small meat platter," Mrs. Hoffman asserted.

Glenn Rowden of Detroit claimed he saw a "saucer," about 50 inches in diameter, over Billy Mitchell field at 10:05 p.m. when he alighted from an airplane. He said it was in sight for 90 seconds.

William Humphrey, who lives with his wife in a quonset hut at 3148 S. 20th st., telephoned police at 9 p.m. Sunday that he and Mrs. Humphrey had seen a slightly illuminated disk which appeared to fall to earth near Pulaski high school. Mrs. Humphrey said Monday that her husband tried unsuccessfully to photograph the disk.

Changed Colors, He Says

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th st., claimed he saw three of them flying through the air in a northwesterly direction at 6 p.m. Sunday. They turned from orange to gold to silver before disappearing, he said.

Reports came also from Janesville, where Mr. and Mrs. Alva Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth reported seeing a flying disk about 11:35 p.m. Saturday. The Roths were leaving the Sievert home when Sievert saw it, according to Roth. It appeared to be several thousand feet up and about 10 miles away. Roth said. He described it as vaguely resembling the moon and as having a regular motion in a counter-clockwise, elongated orbit. It appeared to Roth to be moving faster than an airplane. He said it was yellow on its face, but when it turned it looked silver.

Roth said that the four of them viewed the disk for 10 minutes.

Stopped in Sky, Claim

"It fluttered around, faded out and came back again, and once it just stopped and hung there for about two minutes," Roth said. "The last time we saw it, it had a very

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'Saucer' Tales Buzz in State

Disk Found by a Priest Is Circular Saw; Others Seen by Milwaukeeans

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noticeable tail. When it disappeared entirely, it just popped out."

Janesville police reported a telephone call from a Dick Thompson, who said he saw flying disks about 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

At Oshkosh, Mrs. L. A. Davis reported that she and her husband had sighted one of the mysterious disks whizzing over the city at 6:45 p.m. Sunday.

She said they were driving on a town road six miles west of Oshkosh, headed east toward the city, when they first sighted the object "flying very fast and very high."

At first, she said, it looked like an airplane and then loomed larger and larger until it "appeared as big as the sun."

Stops Car, Disk Vanishes

Her husband stopped the car so that they could get a better look at the disk, which appeared round and silvery, but by the time they got out of the car the object had disappeared, she said.

At Green Bay, Eugene Le Plant reported that he and his 12 year old son, Duane, had seen a rapidly moving silver ball or disk about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday while working in his garden on the western edge of the city. Le Plant said he saw the object silhouetted against a dark cloud to the north and that he and his son watched it for three or four minutes while it moved away to the northwest. Le Plant said he could not estimate the altitude or distance, but that it "definitely was not an airplane."

Laws of Eyesight Clarify Reports of Flying Saucers

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

Associated Press Science Editor

New York, N. Y.—The flying saucers may be explained by certain laws of eyesight.

All objects appear round or nearly so at any distance close to the limit of how far a person can see.

If the objects are seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, they are almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections.

Descriptions of virtually all the saucers as round and flat fit exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island sound, not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast. But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight and back into sight again, resembles what can be seen while watching distant airplanes.

Whether planes are guided, pilotless or jet, they all would look the same at great distances.

Mirages, Traveler Says

Philadelphia, Pa. (AP)—Dr. Aurel Aczel, editor of a Hungarian language newspaper, expressed belief that the flying saucers were mirages—possibly circularly distorted reflections of real airplanes many miles away. A world-wide traveler, Dr. Aczel said:

"Years ago I have seen similar things on the Egyptian desert and on the Buszta (Hungarian plain). At sea I have also seen mirages of ships known to be a great distance away.

"In July and August, and sometimes even in June, atmospheric conditions are especially adaptable to the creation of mirages."



Sharp-Eyed Sight Disks, but Only a Saw Blade Is Found



Who, what, where, why are flying disks? The year's biggest mystery produced these Sunday photos while reports came from everywhere and everyone that the saucers were everywhere. Top left, a movie camera is fitted to a P-51 fighter plane at Portland, Ore., as Oregon national guard planes are made ready to chase the disks. Lower, Mrs. Walter Johnson (right) of Spokane, Wash., and her children pose and tell how they saw the saucers land on a mountainside in Idaho and

disappear. Right, is Father Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Grafton, Wis., with the disk he reported struck his church early Sunday. It turned out that the disk was a prankster made projectile, featuring a Dunlop circular saw blade. Note that something apparently took a glass ball off one of the lightning rods. A whole lot of Milwaukeeans reported that they saw the saucers traveling past Sunday night.

—AP Wirephotos and Journal Staff

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Seen in 36 States; Jet Fighters Alerted

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6—

Military aircraft hunted the skies over Pacific Coast states today for sight of the mysterious "flying saucers" that for 12 days have puzzled the entire country.

Early reports of results were negative.

Five P-51s of the Oregon National Guard cruised over the Cascade Mountains of Washington—the area where the strange objects first were reported sighted. A sixth circled over Portland, in constant radio contact with the other five. All carried photographic equipment.

Col. G. R. Dodson, commanding, described their flight as a "routine patrol," but said they had been instructed to watch for the flying discs.

At Manhattan Beach, Calif., A. W. McKelvey took a Mustang fighter plane up above Van Nuys for two hours he cruised at 35,000 feet, but "didn't see a thing."

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commandant of the Army Air Forces, was on a Pacific Northwest fishing trip. He denied knowing anything about the flying discs — or of plans to use AAF planes to look for them.

JET FIGHTER SET

"I've been out of touch with things for four or five days," he said.

Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, yesterday in Columbus, O., said he understood Spaatz had a "group out right now" looking for discs.

At Muroc Army Air Field in California a P-80 jet fighter stood ready to take off the moment any flying saucers are sighted in that area.

A cautious attitude marked both official and scientific comments, but Capt. Tom Brown of the Air Forces Public Relations staff in Washington acknowledged the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking up on it for 12 days.

SEEN IN 36 STATES

First sighted June 25 and greeted generally with scornful laughs, the objects have been reported every day since by observers in 36 states. Most of the objects were reported seen July 4. A few were reported yesterday.

Such competent observers as airline pilots said they had seen the totally unexplained discs or saucers, larger than aircraft and

moving in "loose formation" at high speed.

David Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said they had nothing to do with atomic experiments, and Army and Navy officials also entered positive disclaimers.

Newspaper stories quoting an unidentified California Institute of Technology scientist as saying the phenomena might have something to do with experiments in "transmutation of atomic energy" caused a brief sensation late yesterday. The institute quickly denied the report.

Reports generally agreed that the flying objects were round or oval. Estimates of their speed ranged from about 300 to 1,200 miles an hour. They were described as flying with an undulating motion at heights of 10,000 feet and less. Some described them as glowing, or luminous.

'PROPELLER IN CENTER'

Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the strange objects near Pattonville yesterday. It was flying at 300 feet, he said.

He described it as circular, with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. Hart said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

First, published reports of the phenomena occurred June 25. Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., businessman pilot, told of seeing nine of the discs flying in formation at 1,200 miles an hour over the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

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Arnold's account was taken lightly. Various explanations were offered—"reflections," "persistent vision," "snow blindness."

Soon afterward other individuals—in New Mexico, Missouri, California and other states—reported they also had seen the flying objects.

Then on Independence Day 200 persons in one group and 60 in another saw them in Idaho. Hundreds of others in Oregon, Washington and other western states reported seeing them.

July 4 also brought first reports of the flying discs from east of the Mississippi. Since then they have been reported seen in widely separated sections of the country—in 33 states in all.

'Must Be Insane'

LONDON, July 6—(AP)—Don't mention those flying saucers on this side of the Atlantic unless you're prepared for an argument about your sanity.

Maybe they have been seen by sober citizens over a vast area of the United States, but Europe won't believe in them until somebody lassoes one and has it photographed by Frank Sinatra, the British ambassador and five Supreme Court justices.

"America's reply to the Loch Ness monster," chortled today's Sunday dispatch, referring to Britain's hoariest tall story—the serpent that is "seen" romping in Scotland's Loch Ness every time the tourist trade needs a shot in the arm.

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Planes Chasing Disks Find Only Empty Sky

Jokesters Add Some Comedy to Air Mystery

East St. Louis Objects Prove to Be Washers; Chicago Woman Spots One With Legs

By the United Press
Army pilots were ready Monday for another air search for the mysterious "flying saucers" now reported seen in 39 states and parts of Canada as practical jokesters added to the confusion.

Equipped with telescopic cameras, 11 army planes searched the Pacific northwest Sunday without finding any trace of the flying disks which had been reported over scores of communities the preceding two days. At Sioux Falls, S. D., a national guard plane already in the air was ordered to investigate a silvery disk with a short tail which Gregory Zimmer said he saw shoot across the heavens. The pilot found nothing but empty sky.

The army "camera patrol" over the Cascade mountains Sunday included eight P-51 pursuit ships and three A-26 bombers.

Illusions Or Jokes

There was growing belief that the concentrated aerial search would show the saucers to be optical illusions or the work of practical jokesters magnified by aroused imaginations.

A number of "disks" whirled over rooftops in East St. Louis, Ill., Sunday. J. T. Hartley, a locomotive engineer, gathered some of them up and found they were made of pressed white paper, 11 inches in diameter and with a two inch hole in the center. Railroad workers said they looked like locomotive packing washers.

radio announcement that disks were flying over Lewiston, Idaho, Sunday sent hundreds into their yards for a look. Weatherman Louis Krezak said the objects were moving eastward with the prevailing wind and probably were weed seeds. Three air transport pilots agreed.

Searchlights on Clouds

A Birmingham radio station was deluged with more than 400 calls in one hour by persons who said they saw fluorescent balls circling over the city and clearly outlined against near-by mountains. A carnival at Alabaster, Ala., was playing searchlights on cloud wisps.

An argument raged at Lodi, Calif., over the cause of a spectacular glow in the sky and a roar shortly before electrical power went off. Mrs. W. C. Smith said she heard a noise "like

Give 'Em Room

Newport News, Va.—Peninsula airport here is taking no chances with flying saucers. Pilots reporting Monday to take out planes found this notice on the bulletin board: "Two thousand feet vertical and horizontal clearance required between aircraft operating from this field and any flying saucers."

a four motored bomber" just before the lights went off at dawn. Erving Newcomb of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. offered the explanation that a low flying crop dusting plane probably had struck a power line and burned out a transformer. However, no planes were reported damaged and no one could explain

what a crop dusting plane was doing in the air at dawn on Sunday. It was the first time any noise had been attributed to flying saucers.

J. U. Watts, jr., Darlington (S. C.) attorney, said he saw an army pursuit plane chasing a V-formation of flying saucers at 250 miles an hour 3,000 feet high. However, no pilot reported such a chase.

Saw One With Legs

Meantime, authorities were plagued with reports that bordered on the fantastic. An excited Chicago woman reported that she had seen a flying saucer with legs. "I was standing on my porch and I thought for sure it was coming right down and slap me in the face," she said.

George Kuger of Denver said he saw a flying disk with an American flag on it.

Francis Howell, Tempe, Ariz., claimed he saw a saucer two feet in diameter disappear behind a row of trees near his home. When he rushed to inspect it, he said, the flat, thin, aluminumlike disk took off at a "high rate of speed" toward Phoenix, nine miles away.

Mrs. Walter Johnson returned to Spokane, Wash., after a vacation near St. Maries, Idaho, and after reading newspaper reports of the flying saucers said she and several others had seen speeding shiny objects "as big as a four or five room house" disappear into the forest covered mountains.

The first of the saucers over New York State was reported by Mrs. Kenneth Wohley of Rochester, N. Y., who said she and her husband saw an object "about the size of an ordinary saucer" flying above her back yard at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

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New Jersey residents said they "thought" they saw flying disks over Pallasades Park and near-by Bergenfield Sunday night.

Skeptical scientists recalled the mysterious "rockets" seen over Sweden last year. Eighty per cent of the "ghost rockets" proved to be meteors, and Swedish officials said the others could be discounted as pure imagination.

Scientists asserted that the objects in order to be seen clearly at 10,000 feet—the level at which most of the saucers have been reported—would have to be 20 feet in diameter, would require a large mass of metal, would be more conspicuous at night and would be seen by a far greater number of persons.

Dr. J. S. Nassau, director of the Warner & Swasey observatory at

the Case Institute of Technology at Cleveland, said he was inclined to "think the reports are fancies."

Capt. Tom Brown, army air force spokesman at Washington, said the army was trying to run the reports to earth.

"We're not dismissing the possibility that there's something to it," he said, "and we're not dismissing the possibility that it's all a hoax."

U. S. Planes Hunting Discs, Russ Tells of 'Atom Saucers'

FBI Probes Story of Soviet Ship Officer

LOS ANGELES, July 6—(Special)—Federal agents today investigated a letter to the Examiner describing Russian supersonic atom-powered planes resembling the "flying saucers."

A top flight atomic scientist to whom the Examiner referred the letter said it was "not all nonsense," and suggested the matter be turned over to the FBI.

The letter writer said he got the information from an officer aboard a Russian tanker recently in Los Angeles harbor.

KILLED EVEN WORMS

The Russian, he said, also described experiments with controlled radioactive clouds in the Arctic, where birds, animals and even worms were killed.

The planes, as described by the Russian to the writer, are only 8 inches thick, with a kidney-naped outline and no propellers.

The pilot lies on his stomach and is artificially cooled against the heat developed by air friction.

"The outer surface is highly polished," the Russian said. Both upper and lower surfaces are convex, like a giant lens. The lifting force is an entirely different principle found about 10 years ago among unpublished papers of a Russian chemist.

"Energy is required only for climbing, but no energy is needed for support when the airplane goes along the earth's gravitational contour lines."

The writer of the strange letter said he met the Russian officer in Wilmington and, because he wanted to hear about Russia, invited him to dinner.

The Russian first asked where he could sell 18 polar bear pelts which he received "for very dangerous work."

He said he had been assigned to go over the route of the radioactive cloud near Lake Bakal (or Baykal) and pick up dead animals.

ALL LIFE DESTROYED

"They loaded a few small ships with all kinds of animals and directed the cloud over them," the writer said.

"During this experiment, a violent storm blew the cloud far north into the tundra, but before it dissipated it destroyed all life on its way.

"The cloud may be controlled from land, from a plane or from a robot-piloted 'leader.' As I understand it, the control is based on electro-magnetic waves and the cloud has two components: The carrier and the killer."

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Quirks of Eyesight May Explain Disc Mystery

By HOWARD BLAKESLEE
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK, July 6—(AP)—Certain laws of human eyesight will explain much of what has been described about the flying saucers reported from nearly all parts of the United States.

At any distance which is close to the limit of how far a person can see, all objects appear round or nearly so. This law of sight covers both small things seen nearby and large ones at great distances.

Regardless of shape, the object near the limit of sight looks round. If the thing is silhouetted against a bright sky, as some of the flying saucers have been reported, then it is more likely to reveal its true shape.

HAVE 'NO STRUCTURE'

If the thing is seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, it is almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight, then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections.

The one outstanding fact about virtually all the saucers is that they had no structure—they seemed merely round and flat. That description fits exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island Sound near his home, not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast.

NOT A MYSTERY

But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Last week this writer also saw one oval flying form which for a moment looked exactly like the

photograph of the oval object taken by Yeoman Frank Ryman north of Seattle, Wash. The Long Island oval came closer and turned into an airplane.

Planes at great distances tend to look round when light is reflected from their sides. Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups.

They fit also with what birds look like, flying at a considerable distance. However the bird illusion is not very common. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight and back into sight again resembles what can be seen while watching distance airplanes.

SPEED MYSTERY

There is no explanation for reported speeds of 1,000 or more miles an hour. Meteors, although they go much faster than that, do not explain it because the saucers mostly appear in daytime and there are not enough daylight meteors.

Ice crystals forming little round clouds have been suggested. But these fail to fit in most cases because the ice crystals form at altitudes which are higher than most of the saucers reported.

Nothing published in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft.

One scientist today said that at least a lot of saucers are explained by the force of suggestion which causes a person to say to himself:

"Oh, gee, I see it too."

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'Saucers' Fly Here; Grafton Disc Joke



What was reported as a "flying disc" which struck a church in Grafton early yesterday turned out to be a circular saw with two small tubes and several wires attached to it. Father Joseph Brasky, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, holds the "disc" and points to the lightning rod on the church (arrow), which he said was struck by the disc. Sentinel Photo by Ernest Anheuser.

The mystery of the "flying saucers," strange luminous objects seen speeding across the sky in many states, turned to Wisconsin yesterday when several persons reported them at Milwaukee and Janesville.

Mystery was added to mystery when Father Joseph Brasky, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Grafton, Wis., reported a missile hurtled through the air early yesterday, knocked the ball off the church lightning rod, and landed on the front lawn.

WIRES AND TUBES

It was a large circular saw—about 16 inches in diameter—and very hot when Father Brasky picked it from the lawn.

There were wires and two tubes attached to it. The tubes were an inch in diameter and three inches long.

One theory was that pranksters or belated Fourth of July celebrants had attached explosives to the saw, and sent it skimming through the air.

Father Brasky said he heard a swishing noise and a sizzling at 5 a. m., followed a second later with a thud and an explosion.

An excited resident telephoned to Billy Mitchell Field, and said he saw 15 flying saucers, in U formation, heading north over Granville, at 10:05 p. m. He hung up before his name could be procured.

A passenger aboard a New York-Detroit-Milwaukee plane, which landed at Billy Mitchell Field at 10:05 p. m., told employees in the office of Northwest Airlines, Inc., he saw a flying saucer bobbing up and down over the airfield just after he had alighted from the plane.

Other passengers with him also saw it, he said. He gave the name of J. W. Rowden of Detroit. Despite its bobbing, the saucer was going at great speed, and was out of sight in a few seconds, he said. Rowden is stopping at the Plaza Hotel.

DISCS HAD TAILS

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th St., said he saw three of them, with tails, flying northwest to southeast, as he stood at N. 18th and W. Vliet Sts. They turned from gold to another color and then to silver, he said.

Frank Phifer, stopping at the Maryland Hotel, said he saw three balls of fire shoot across Lake Michigan at 8:20 last night, about a mile from shore, and

"going at terrific speed."

What he described as an illuminated saucer was seen last night by William Humphrey, 3148 S. 20th St., he said. It was zig-zagging directly over the Hell Co. plant, said Humphrey, and seemed to land in a wooded area nearby.

REPORTED IN JANESVILLE

Four Janesville residents reported they had seen a flying disc Saturday night. They are Mr. and Mrs. Al Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth.

They saw the disc flying in a northwesterly direction from Janesville at a "terrific speed." They viewed it for 20 minutes. It was yellow-golden, and seemed to turn at times to a silvery color, they stated. An oval flight pattern was followed. Then, they said, tails appeared on the disc and shortly afterwards it disappeared.

John Bosch, 4377 S. Adams St., Milwaukee, a machinist, insisted he saw two flashing saucer-shaped objects pass over Billy Mitchell Field shortly after midnight yesterday. They were close enough so he could definitely state they were not shooting stars, nor airplanes, he said. Bosch's home is near the airport.

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Waco, Texas, July 12, 1947

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Gen. Lemmon:

XELKING FIVE

I do send to you something new from Texas.

Flying of fire ar-
led around the Pa-
lestine and the peo-
ple are afraid of it.
And around Cairo,
not far away from
Waco, Texas, fell down and
smoked light from
a plane.

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Anyway get in
that Nazi's enemy
or Nazi mob and
want ruin the
Texas.

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They did start in
Texas City demach
the factory.

In the Private part
of Noapurn airport
and R. road cad line
Station are such a
my like that, We do
not know how are
them. Now got in
airplanes here, just
hangars and Broad
casting tower with
light, or rolling tower
and light are like
needles to our
eyes

And got the light
around the whole air-
port and from the
light is running

the electricity and
make us sick.

And the air is full
of electricity by lightning
and is run like
ball from telephone
box in the store, far
away above half mile.

The airport is con-
nected with Alarm
Register in San An-
tonio and people are
talking with us.

The people are Arbi-
shop Robert Lucien
leaving in new residen-
ce and is talking with
us.

In the Broadcast-
ing Station and
Alarm Register press.

and with the Old
 Archbishop's residence,
 and with the Cath-
 edral priests.

The Alamy Broad
 casting is a grate with
 by two German old
 men, and the men
 are now sick, and blind
 from the electric
 and they talk with us
 And there are two men
 more and they are fi-
 ting and passing together
 and we can hear them.

The Archbishop is bad
 man and unmanly
 and working nothing.
 All work is done by
 the Cathedral Board.

In the old arbi-
shop's residence are
some priests,
one is named Morikou-
sky, he is bad man
to!

He was in car wreck
with arbishop's car and
his mother is killed
and from that time he
is here in the old re-
sidence, and talking
with us.

His brother is priest
in Fallsville and
talking with us too.

All the people look
somewhat like fresh,
are no citizen United
States, do speak Eng-
lish, they say they are
coming from Czechoslo-
vakia.

The Cathedral
Board are mess w
priests, German and
they all are workin
for German

I see such fresh people
we got in Texas and
naming the Alamo, Galena
that is saint, to Tex
has people, fighting
against the Mexicans
Santa Ana.

And I am ending with
warriors
Remember Alamo
and Texas City.

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] b7c

...ing Co. ...
... Dennis, who, in 1946, won
... with an essay
... Sears-Roebuck con-
... Again, in February 1947, he
... a calf in the Hallettsville
... Club Show, and out of 12
... awarded he took fifth

... Brenek is Sweet Home's
... mistress.

Growing Amateurs' Display Excellent Form

...akum softball teams showed
... of good playing in the games
... at the Bulldog Stadium
... week.

... teams, organized by var-
... merchants and concerns in
... are composed of members
... amateur standing who have
... some previous experience with
... lot or school ball playing.
... over, some of the players
... shown such expert ball-
... lling and sportsmanship that
... hard to believe they are not
... seasonal part of place. The
... who organized these
... are certainly doing their
... best to provide recreation
... for the town people of
... and it is to be
... anticipated as these fine work-
... ing merchants or concerns who
... to organize a team may
... in all the particulars from
... h McMaster of the Firestone
... e on Lott Street, or from
... R. C. McClendon at Lack's
... ociate Store on West Grand.
... boys or men wishing to play
... one of the teams may make
... lication at the Firestone Store,
... k's, Rohan's Service Station,
... Hamilton's Jewelry Store, de-

District Attorney Joseph W. Cash.
... If the present practice of fly-
... ing disks are combined with ra-
... dar or guided missile experiments,
... the law might apply, he said.
... The law applies whether the
... information is released accident-
... ally, "through gross negligence,"
... or "with intent to injure the U-
... nited States or aid some foreign
... nation," according to the act.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1946
provides even stricter penalties
for revealing information, Mr.
Cash said. Public Law 585 of the
Seventy-Ninth Congress provides
death or life imprisonment, after
due process of law, for disclosing
atomic information with intent to
injure the United States.

For accidental disclosures a
fine of up to \$20,000 and im-
prisonment up to 20 years are
provided, Mr. Cash pointed out.

Gas Truck Hits Local Station

A gasoline trailer truck of the
Texas Consolidated Transport Co.
ran into a heavy pipe upright in
front of Rohan's Service Station
Monday, doing some damage to
the station and more to the
truck.

The truck was coming from
town, along West Grand, and
turned into the station. As the
driver cut the cab back to swing
the trailer into position, the cab
slid into the steel pipe roof
support on the right of the truck,
bending it considerably. The
truck itself suffered a bent bum-
per and a smashed fender. A
gasoline pump directly behind the
upright was not damaged by the
crash.

Lions To Make Common Award

Mrs. Valentine said neigh-
ing negro families thought
world was coming to an
and began praying as the
of fire gamboled overhead.
Mrs. Lorens Shrader.
Springs reported she saw a
red ball streaking overhead
night.

Mrs. Marian Reed, farm-
found what she believed was
of a flying disk. It landed in
back yard while she was hr-
out the clothes yesterday
noon. She admitted she
frightened. She described it
round piece of tinfoil eight
es wide, scorched or burned
round the edges. Both sides
shiny, but one side was r-
with black, stenciled lines a
ter-inch apart. She said th
foil dropped straight down
the sky.

She lifted it with a stic
it in a tin can, and drove
miles to Gunter, 20 miles
west of Sherman. Scores c
about to see it.

At Melissa, Collin County
Marie Killian and Mrs. Kay
reported seeing a strange
at 8:40 p. m. yesterday.

Charles Calhoun, and his
er, W. J. Calhoun, pron
Grayson County farmers
they saw a diak yesterda
Sherman.

Cuero Resident See Flying Dis.

Cuero has finally produ-
first flying disc.

It was reported by Mrs
Haak of 410 Stockdale str-
both she and her husband

However, Mrs. Haak's
disc is no particular mys-
her. She thinks she kno-
what cause it.

It was simply a reflectio-
an airplane, she said.

Sitting on the porch v

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Sweet Home Boy Winner In

Essay Contest

The second time in the past few months a Sweet Home boy has brought honor to his community by winning literary accolades.

to achieve himself was a Anthony Matusek, Yoc-High School graduate who a scholarship to A. and M. Co. Now word reaches us Dennis Brenek, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. of Sweet Home has been awarded a prize of a \$25 Savings in the KTRH Farm Essay st.

his won sixth place with his on the subject "How Radio Best Serve the Farm and Farm Home" In commenting s essay. George Roesner, Farm and Ranch Director t "Your essay contained collant ideas which ve

FIRST ITS FLYING DISKS — NOW ITS "FIRE BALLS" PEOPLE SEE

A lot of persons are dis- ed with the flying saucers, but others are just plain disk-turbed. Flying balls of fire circled a wide area around Palestine, and some negroes, believing the end of the world was near, began praying. A white man grabbed a rifle and shot at the mysterious objects.

Sheriff Paul Stanford of Anderson County described them as orange basketballs of fire.

Revealing Flying Disk Data May Bring Prosecution

Anyone willfully communicat- ing information bearing on the defense or security of the nation

It was the first time the aerial objects were reported in that area. Residents of the Brushy Creek community, 15 miles north-east of Palestine, called Sheriff Stanford about 8:30 last night, saying 12 balls were flying in a straight line over the community. Then, they reported, the balls formed a circle which began moving toward Palestine.

By 9 p. m. hundreds of Palestine spectators reported seeing as many as three balls in the sky at once, moving in a circle. Sheriff Stanford discounted any suggestion that the balls originated from a spotlight.

Bud Everett, druggist, chased them for a better view. He said they finally disappeared about 11 p. m.

Mrs. Horace Valentine said she saw two perfectly round balls that "nearly scared me to death" when they appeared over her home. She said they

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: July 7, 1947

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: _____

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

At 10:45 a.m., July 7, 1947, I talked to SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office concerning the United Press item appearing in the Washington Post for Monday, July 7, with reference to a flying disc or flying saucer allegedly reported to the Milwaukee Office by Reverend Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, Wisconsin.

SAC Johnson advised that the Associated Press and the United Press between the hours 1:00 and 6:00 a.m. today had made inquiry of him as to whether anything had been reported to the Milwaukee Office. He declined to comment. He stated as a matter of fact the priest had not made any contact with him, and he learned from the Associated Press that the priest was intoxicated and as far as the Associated Press was concerned they were not releasing the story because all that was involved was a circular saw. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel apparently sent the report out and that they handled United Press service. He stated a photograph of the priest was in this morning's paper holding a circular saw which apparently covers the body of the priest from arm pit to arm pit. Attached to the saw are several wires and two small tubes described as about three inches long and one inch in diameter. The news item in the Milwaukee Sentinel indicates it was believed some prankster had thrown it into the yard, perhaps with a firecracker attached. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel had stated the priest would make a report of this matter today to the Milwaukee Office. I instructed SAC Johnson in the event the priest made a report to furnish details of the report immediately, but in view of the nature of the information in his possession, no inquiry should be conducted at the present.

HBF:cmw

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Boston Mass.

July 14, '47

G.I.R.-5

Dear Sir:

May I call your kind attention to the

heartless criticism

in some papers,

and people who re-

ported the "Living

Lawyers," especially

an article in the

Western Globe, 34

by a writer called

Winden. Also, an

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G.I.R.-5

Feb 11 1954
This criticism
of people who make
these reports is very
unfair. Everyone
from sculists to
psychiatrists slammed
them, publicly, in
articles. It is a
poor way to shame
people for their
actions. Someday, when some-
thing will happen when
they are needed, these people
probably will not bother
Miss [redacted]

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July 11, 1947.

- Dear Sir:

Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?
What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifesta-
tions are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary
advance is coming?

Will it make your life brighter, happier, more
useful?

We believe one of these startling discs is on its
way to you. Then the secret will be out.

The Combined and Amalgamated Committee
of Sky-Scanners, Disc Decipherers and
New-Product Introducers.

G.I.R.

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KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED -

I have also seen a flying saucer -
the evening of July 4 - about 10³⁰ PM - only
it was in the air at the same level as
two obvious portions of light in the
search light beams from the air field
near Lake St. Clair. I was sitting on my
porch at the time. A few trucks could
with proper equipment create the
same illusion. There were two clearly
outlined beams - one partly faded out to the level.

The saucer appeared when the
third beam faded out from the ground
to the saucer. Recently I mentioned the
distressed ship in the Pacific FBI not
being due entirely to natural phenomena.
and co-ordinating that ship, the bomb

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disaster soon; I had again mentu
the atak murder case - the recent Manila
story — are the "flying saucers" —
army or vigilante?

I am still American only! believe
that our age is predestined - but that we
must all play our parts in this age, and
maybe it was my work to glance up
from my perch July 4th - to an
illusion - not delusion — saucer!

Again this will be unsigned
the actress (President Truman's ^{guest} attend
(Get her Post by Kelly to show)
Should "fallacious" have glasses
with accident reducing frames which are
specially designed for her environment
to reduce the danger of eye injury?
Her memory is not really as impaired as
it seems - she is still afraid for obvious
reasons - but "illusions" do not help her.



CENTRAL
STATION



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D. C.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D.C.

Personal attention.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: August 5, 1947

To: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney, Chief, Security Group

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED] b7c

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual, together with copies of a newspaper clipping enclosure, concerning "flying discs."

[REDACTED] b7c letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

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Mr. Tolson	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On July 7th 1947, 10:30 P.M.

[redacted] my mother in law
and I witnessed a flaming object
which dropped in street in front
of our house at [redacted]
Omaha Neb.

b7c

Upon examination, the object
was solid and had form of round
circular disc, approximately the
size of a silver dollar and $\frac{1}{4}$ "
thick, burning with extreme
heat.

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The World Herald newspaper
was notified and reporter was
sent out.

In the mean time, a boy picked

the object, I said it fell in 3
pieces.

When the reporter arrived he
scooped up the fragments and
said he would have them analyzed.

Your attention is directed to
attached analysis.

There were six people who
actually saw the object and
can testify to the extreme heat
at which it was burning.

We did not claim it was
one of the so called "flying saucers"
or any such phenomena but we
did want some kind of a reasonable
explanation because if this object
had dropped on a roof top, it
would have certainly set fire.

We can definitely identify it

was not tobacco ashes as
inferred by [REDACTED] b7c

It burns with such extreme
heat as to scorch papers on and
near payments where it lit

Possibly this could have
been a late Fourth of July
firework or something similar
but at any rate we are calling
it to your attention as the
answer the "learned" [REDACTED] b7c
gave as being pipe ashes is full
of ridicule an entirely unsatisfactory

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] b7c

Emma Nevada

**'Flying Saucer' Just
Someone's Pipe Dream**

The "flying saucer" that fell near 2319 Himebaugh Avenue Monday evening was nothing but "ashes from somebody's pipe dream."

So says Dr. C. L. Kenny, head of the chemistry department at the Creighton College of Dentistry. He had two students analyze the ashes. They found sodium, potassium, iron, aluminum, carbonate, sulphate and unburnt carbon, he said.

"This is the same analysis you would get from ordinary pipe tobacco," Dr. Kenny said.

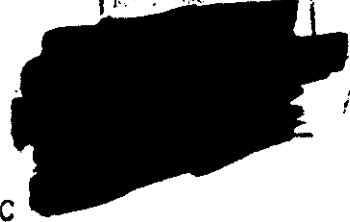
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Over
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~~7-8-47~~

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~~DIRECTOR ROUTE IN~~

RE FLYING DISCS, MISCELLANEOUS.

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Flying Saucers

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Dear U. B. I.:

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KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

It is my opinion about
those "flying discs" reported
seen over, Kentucky, New Mexico,
California, Oregon, Washington,
Idaho, Colorado, South Carolina
and Eastern Canada that some Europe-
-an country is using them by filling
them up with germs or highly
explosives, and after a couple thousand
miles they drop their contents and
disappear.

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lots of disinfectant on hand.
Or else something might happen
to us in the United States.

From

a friend



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B.A.



Mr. Livingston

Director of Columbia

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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

About Saucers
Priest Finds 'Whirring' Disc
In Yard and Holds It for FBI

Chicago, July 6 (U.P.).—A Catholic priest at Grafton, Wis., said tonight that a round, metal disc, which might be one of the mysterious flying saucers, had crashed into his parish yard and that he is holding it for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Rev. Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Church at Grafton, 45 miles north of Milwaukee, said he heard a swishing and whirring noise this morning. A second later, he said, he heard a thud and a mild explosion.

He investigated and found a sheet metal disc about 18 inches in diameter, resembling a circular saw blade.

"The object still was warm, weighed about four or five pounds and was about one eighth of an inch thick," he said.

There was a hole about one inch in diameter in the middle of the disc, he said, and in the opening were "gadgets and some wires."

The priest said he did not know if his discovery were important, whether it might be an elaborate practical joke. He said he had notified the FBI of his find.

H. K. Johnson of the Milwaukee

FBI office said he hadn't heard yet about the disc but that an official report might be at his office.

The flying discs have been reported "seen" by persons in 30 States, but Brasky's disc was the first one that actually had been found—if that is what was found.

His report came a few hours after a military plane made an unsuccessful speed dash in an attempt to track down one of the discs and the Army and scientists sought to ascertain whether coast-to-coast reports about the discs zooming through the sky were fact or fancy.

Army planes scoured the northwest Pacific skies for them without success today and one "eyewitness" even reported having seen one of the discs take off in Arizona. A St. Louis railroad man exhibited some paper "discs" he said he had seen floating over St. Louis.

The flying saucers which have been reported skimming through America's skies at speeds up to 1200 miles have eluded the usually keen eye of radar.

Capt. Tom Brown of the Army Air Forces public relations staff

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Priest Finds In Yard and Ho

said the Army Airways Communications Service had reported late yesterday that so far its radar scopes throughout the country have been unable to pick up any strange objects in flight.

And in the Pacific Northwest—where most of the fly-happy platters have been reported—the Army has radar equipment which can pierce fog and darkness and pick up objects in the sky 200 miles away.

Even so, Brown acknowledged that the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking it for 10 days.

"And we still haven't the slightest idea what they could be," he added.

And a new wrinkle—the reported landing of a fleet of eight skimming platters—was reported from Idaho in full view of 10 persons. A. Dishman, Idaho housewife, said she and others in her party had seen the saucers land on a mountain inside near St. Maries, Idaho.

She said they came into view at an extreme speed, suddenly slowed, and then "fluttered like leaves to the ground."

"The mysterious part was that we couldn't see them after they landed," she said. "We could see them flutter down into the timber, yet we couldn't see that they did anything to the trees."

She said she hoped to hike into the timber tomorrow and search for the objects which she said were saucer-shaped but resembled wash-tubs more than disks and were "about the size of a five-room house."

Locally, Hazen Kennedy of 2615 4th st. ne. reported he had seen one passing over the Northeast section of the city at about 8:40 p. m.

This would be the first one reported over the District, although others have been reported over nearby Maryland.

Kennedy, who has 125 hours flying time as a student pilot in the Army Air Forces to his credit, said he believed the saucer he had seen was traveling at "well over" 1000 miles an hour at an altitude of between 1200 and 1500 feet.

"The best way I can describe it," said Kennedy, "was that it looked like an orange lamp bulb without the socket. It was going faster than any jet plane I've ever seen."

In Hagerstown, Md., Mrs. Madelyn Ganoe, 30, said she had seen five of the discs, racing in 2-1-2 formation at "terrific speed," from her backporch. "They sounded like a faraway train," she said.

In the wake of these new eye-witness accounts came a new series of comments, and explanations, but most of them were tinged with a slight tendency to laugh off the whole thing.

Dr. Winfred Overholser, nationally known psychiatrist and superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital here, said it "has some of the earmarks of being national hysteria."

"Everytime someone comes up with a sea-serpent story," said Dr. Overholser, "others with vivid imaginations are sure they have seen the same thing."

"The critical faculty in man, the last one he received, is still not very well developed. Scratch the surface and you find the same mass hysteria which predominated during the witchcraft scare. Some persons are quite ready to see things and follow beliefs."

Dr. Overholser said that when he made his rounds of the mental patients yesterday at St. Elizabeths not a one commented on the flying saucers story.

"I think they may be a little skeptical," he added.

However, Dr. Overholser said he wasn't trying to dismiss the matter as a joke "because there are so many strange things going on today that one can't be sure."

Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, noted aircraft designer, told The Post by telephone from New York that until he sees a flying saucer he "wouldn't like to pass judgment."

He agreed with Dr. Overholser that much if not all of the story may be because of hysteria.

"After all," he said, "we are more or less an hysterical Nation." Major de Seversky said it was possible that the persons who claim to have seen the aerial discs have instead glimpsed the exhaust of jet-propelled planes.

He conceded, too, that they might be guided missiles let loose as part of an experiment, but added:

"I don't think the Government would fire them so promiscuously. They would test them in one spot, in an isolated area, like they did the atomic bomb."

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who as Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research and Development would know if the saucers involved experiments with guided missiles, commented:

"Whatever these people have seen it hasn't been anything resulting from experiments by the Army Air Forces. As far as I'm concerned there's nothing to it at all. The whole thing is un-

There's a... said about guided... "new," he said.

Howard W. ... Associate Press science editor, said the whole business may be an optical illusion.

"At any distance which is close to the limit of how far a person can see," he wrote, "all objects appear round or nearly so. This law of sight covers both small

things seen nearby and large ones at great distances.

"The one outstanding fact about virtually all the saucers is that they had no structure—they seemed merely round and flat. That description fits exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting."

However, Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, yesterday offered a minute description of one of the flying patterns which he claimed he saw flying at an altitude of about 300 feet.

Reporter Sees One

He described it as circular with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. He said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and that it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

Although many explanations have been offered, none has been convincing. A Los Angeles newspaper quoted an unnamed nuclear physicist as saying the silvery disc resulted from experiments in the "transmutation of atomic energy."

This report was rapidly herded into the hoax column by David Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and several prominent atomic scientists.

Starr Expects Word

Louis E. Starr, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced Saturday at Columbus, Ohio, that he was expecting "momentarily" information from Washington which would explain the dashing discs. But the message never arrived.

The Air Forces said that Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Forces chief, was in the Pacific Northwest where most of the saucers have been reported, but added that his trip there was planned two months ago, long before the saucers scare. General Spaatz is expected back in Washington late tomorrow.

Muroc Army Air Field in California had a P-80 jet fighter standing by, and the National Guard in Oregon had prepared six regular fighters to give chase should saucers be reported nearby.

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SECTION 2

Director, FBI
Baltimore

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
MISCELLANEOUS

The attached newspaper clipping appeared in the "Morning News" of Wilmington Delaware, July 8, 1947. It reports that a FORREST WENYON, 123 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, an aircraft pilot, had disclosed that in the past ten months he had twice seen flying discs which he was reported to have described as "flying mayonnaise jars." He was reported to have seen the first flying disc during September, 1946, and to have noted another such object on June 2, 1947.

Mr. WENYON was quoted as having called the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised that the Bureau was not interested, whereupon he notified the Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aeronautic Authority of the objects he had seen. Both agencies are reported to have accepted the information stating they would investigate. The clipping further stated that Mr. WENYON had received no answer to date from either agency.

This clipping was submitted to me by the resident agents' office at Wilmington together with the advice that no agent in Wilmington had been contacted by Mr. WENYON. I directed Mr. WENYON be interviewed to determine the full facts.

Mr. WENYON was interviewed and it was determined that his correct name is HORACE P. WENYON. Mr. WENYON advised that he had been an airplane pilot approximately thirty years. He stated that in September of 1946, while flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, two or three miles south of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he noticed a projectile approximately fifteen inches in diameter which crossed his course at right angles and was moving in a west-to-east direction. According to Mr. WENYON, several jets of flame were spurting from the object and it was traveling at a very high rate of speed, 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour. He stated that in October of 1946, he observed a similar projectile while flying over Rehoboth Beach at 1,400 feet. This was also traveling from west to east.

Mr. WENYON stated that there is little question in his mind but that what he saw was some sort of rocket being tested. He stated that he wished to call the matter to the attention of the appropriate authority inasmuch as he thought that the series of airplane crashes that have occurred recently might in part be explained by what he had observed. He stated that he had reported the information to the Civil Aeronautics Authority and had been telephonically interviewed by a reporter from the Wilmington "Morning News".

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Mayonnaise Jars' by Rehoboth Pilot

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pilot, Forrest Wenyon of 123 Rehoboth Avenue, ed last night that in the past 10 months he has being loosely described as "flying saucers" but mayonnaise jars."

ference between the mysterious objects of Mr. those which have now been observed in some 40 states in that the former, according to the pilot, held a true course until they disappeared from sight.

This would indicate a guided or at least an aimed missile while the course of the "saucers" has been described by observers as erratic.

Mr. Wenyon said last night that he first saw what loosely resembled a "flying mayonnaise jar" one afternoon last September while flying at about 1,000 feet. It was late in the afternoon and the pilot was flying north.

Suddenly, at an estimated distance of 2,000 feet in front of his plane and traveling from west to east, Mr. Wenyon saw the "jar." It was going at tremendous speed but the pilot was able to note several things.

The most important of these observations, insofar as an explanation is possible, is that the "jar" appeared to have some sort of rocket combustion. Mr. Wenyon said that spurts of silver flame from the tail seemed to provide the propulsion.

Carrying out the description of the "flying mayonnaise jar," Mr. Wenyon said that the tail appeared to be a lid which had been perforated and that from these perforations the flames escaped.

In a matter of two, at the most three, seconds the object had disappeared over and past Fort Miles. The pilot did not see it land and doesn't know whether it did or not.

Then on June 2 while flying at 1,400 feet in a Stinson four-passenger ship Mr. Wenyon, pilot of 30

Mystery Discs—

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eraged from the theory that they were radio controlled flying missiles sent aloft by U. S. military scientists to the suggestion that they might be merely sun light reflected on wing tanks of jet-propelled planes.

A. B. Cross of Chattanooga, Tenn., a 34-year-old watchmaker, announced he invented the "flying saucer" and submitted it to the War Department in 1943 but his idea was rejected as not practical "at the present time."

Later, he said, he became convinced that the department elaborated on his plan. His model was powdered with a rubber band. Cross said, but he believed atomic power now is being used.

A Spokane, Wash., woman insisted the objects she saw were of such size that together they would take up the space of a five-room house if they landed, but a Clearwater, Fla., woman said the disks she observed resembled "pie pans."

A Rutland, Vt., woman reported she and her husband witnessed a brilliant object in the night sky which she assumed to be a "flying saucer" although it was stationary.

But at Cambridge, Mass., a housewife said she saw "a group of white, flying saucers whirling around and going at a tremendous speed."

The Massachusetts and Vermont reports brought to 40 the number of states in which the objects have been observed.

With New England getting into the game, the Harvard University astronomical observatory took note of the reports but said it had had no luck so far in photographing one of the discs.

The mysterious saucers first were reported June 25 in the State of Washington, but Charlie T. Hamlet, superintendent of the Kingsport, Tenn., Times News composing room, said yesterday he had seen the discs two years ago.

They were "of a bright, aluminum color" and "were going at terrific speed," Hamlet said, explaining he kept quiet about them because of

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Mr. WENYON stated that what he had seen traveled at such a high rate of speed that it was very difficult to describe it, but the description "flying mayonnaise jars" was concocted by the newspaper reporter.

This information has not been brought to the attention of any Army sources in view of the fact that only a preliminary inquiry was conducted on the basis of a news article which sets forth essentially the facts obtained from Mr. WENYON.

No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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Attachment

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. L. LADD

Colonel [redacted], Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] of the San Francisco Office at 10:40 AM on August 27, 1947, that a personal letter had been received by his organization from [redacted], city editor of the Seattle Times, which stated in effect that because there were so many stories going around relative to flying discs and related matters, and that his staff of reporters had been attempting to get reliable information concerning such stories, he was writing to inquire whether any governmental agency was going to make an official statement relative to the situation pertaining to the flying discs; that [redacted] also asked whether it would be permissible for his reporters to interview [redacted] relative to this situation.

Colonel [redacted] stated that the above-mentioned letter was answered personally by General [redacted] on August 25, 1947, and advised Mr. [redacted] that as far as the Army Air Force was concerned, they had no information which would definitely clear up the situation; that as far as interviewing persons, Mr. [redacted] could feel free to interview whomever he desired, in that there was no censorship at the present time; that in the interest of economy, the Fourth Air Force headquarters would not run out every lead or report of flying discs, but that if well-founded and apparently reliable information were received, that such information could be given attention.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Seattle Field Division for any action deemed advisable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 27, 1947

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Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Reference is made to my letter of August 8, 1947, with which there were transmitted photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947, entitled, "Investigation of Flying Discs".

In order to keep the Bureau fully informed concerning this matter, I am enclosing a letter dated July 23, 1947, entitled, "Unidentified Objects" furnished to me by Lt. Colonel [redacted] WSC, A C of S A-2. Enclosed with this letter was a memorandum for the officer in charge written by [redacted], Jr., Special Agent CIC 430 dated July 18, 1947.

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Lt. Colonel [redacted] furnished me in person with a memorandum entitled, "Incident for AF 1298-I" dated August 8, 1947, and prepared by [redacted] Special Agent CIC 44F.

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The Bureau will be kept currently advised of any future information obtained in this matter.

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Incident
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August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 5 August 1947, this agent interviewed _____ the assistant operations officer in the 415th AAF SC, Building 35, Hamilton Field, California, regarding flying objects in the air. _____ stated in substance: He is an _____ in the 415th Training Unit. On 29 July at 1400, _____ and a student, _____ Berkeley, California, landed and parked an P-51 near the Barrer building 39 of the 415th AAF SC. While walking from the aircraft toward reserve operations, and looking westward just over the hangar, _____ saw a P-51 flying southward toward Oakland. Above this P-51 at approximately 3,000 to 10,000 feet in altitude, _____ saw two flying objects traveling the same direction as the P-51. He judged the solid, white, somewhat shiny objects were approximately 15 to 25 feet in diameter. _____ stated that he didn't call them discs due to the publicity these objects have been given but in shape they were circular, like a ball on the bottom, but not completely round, and _____ specifically stated that these objects were not airplanes.

The first flying object was traveling straight and level, whereas the second was close behind the first, same altitude, only it seemed to be going from left to right and right to left, more or less like a guard in an aircraft formation. _____ further stated that the speed of these two objects made a P-51 look as if it was motionless in the air.

The sky was clear, consequently _____ watched the two objects until they disappeared in flight, supposedly over Oakland, headed toward the ocean.

Due to the noise of the P-51, no sound of any kind could be heard from these flying objects.

These objects did not leave any vapor, smoke, or any visible trails along their flight path.

_____ informed this agent he had never told anyone about these flying objects, fearing that people would think he was crazy.

AGENT'S NOTES: _____ showed extreme sincerity throughout the interview, answering all questions with caution and assurance.

JAMES A. NELSON, Spec. Agt., CIC 4AF

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

28 July 1947

4AFDO-1
4AF-1208-1

SUBJECT: "Unidentifiable Objects"

TO: Special Agent In Charge, FBI, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco,
California

Inclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC, subject as above,
dated 15 July 1947.

1-Info by MOIC,
dtd 15 Jul 47.

DONALD L. SPRINGER
1st Col, CSC
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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.
15 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

1. On 11 July 1947, [redacted] 170th
AAF Base Unit, Perry Division, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas was
interviewed and the following information was obtained:
Departed Williams Field, Arizona at 1400 CST on 28 June 1947 in a P-51
for Portland, Oregon, by the way of Medford, Oregon. At approximately
1515 CST on a course of 300 degrees and ground speed of 285, altitude
10,000 feet, approximately thirty miles northwest of Lake Meade, Nevada
sighted five or six white, circular objects at four o'clock,
altitude approximately 8,000 feet, course approximately 120 degrees and
an estimated speed of 285 MPH. [redacted] said the objects were flying
very smoothly and in a loose formation. The estimated size of the white
objects were approximately 36 inches in diameter. [redacted] stated
that he is sure the white objects were not birds, since the rate of
closure was very fast. Lt. Armstrong was certain that the white objects
were not jets or conventional type aircraft since he has flown both types.

AGENT'S NOTES

[redacted] was very sincere in the explanation and was not the
exaggerating type. He merely stated what he saw and has drawn no con-
clusions as to what the white objects were.

Handwritten initials

Lawrence R. King, Jr., Special Agent, CIO, AOC

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R. D. STEPHENS
Major, Air Corps

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

DATE: September 4, 1947

AIRMAIL
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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1947, from Lt. Col. [redacted] of A-2, Hamilton Field, Calif., with an attachment referring to the sighting of a flying object by Captain [redacted] and his co-pilot, [redacted], near Bethel, Alaska. b7c

Photostatic copies of this letter and attachment are being forwarded to the Anchorage Field Office. In accordance with Bureau Bulletin #42, dated July 30, 1947, Anchorage is requested to interview Captain [redacted] and his co-pilot, [redacted], preferably separately, in order to obtain all details of their reported sighting of a flying object on August 4, 1947. The San Francisco Field Office should be furnished two copies of the results of these interviews for distribution to the Sixth Army Intelligence. b7c

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ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, SIGNAL CORPS
Seattle 4, Washington
19 August 1947

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Subject: Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
San Francisco, California

The attached letter has been received from the NCOIC of
the Alaska Communication System station at Bethel, Alaska.
It is submitted for your information.

For the Commanding Officers:

/s/ Svond C. Hansen
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Captain, Signal Corps
Acting Executive

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HQ FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton Field, California, 23 August 1947.

To: Special Agent In Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 422,
Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded for your information.

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DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC
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WASILLA, Alaska

8 August 1947

Subject: Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding Officer, Alaska Communication System
550 Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington

1. Per Adair's 819.1 the following report is submitted on a matter which may be of National Interest. [redacted] and his CoPilot have stated that on August 6, 1947 they sighted and followed a flying saucer Northwest of Bethel Alaska. This object was bigger than the Douglas DC-3 they were flying, crossed their course at right angles to them. It was flying at an altitude of one thousand feet. They swung in behind it and followed it at an air speed of one hundred seventy miles per hour but it was out of sight in four minutes. They state the object was smooth surfaced and streamlined with no visible means of propulsion whatever.

2. It is realized that the Fourth Air Force claims there are no such things but [redacted] for Al Jones flying service and is not a man given to exaggerations. In view of the excellent reputation of [redacted] and the fact that he has never doubted in the least but that he actually saw this object, this report is turned in for any action deemed necessary by your office.

1/ Harold D. Johnston
1/4 Signal Corps
Operator in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director FBI
FROM : SAC Butte
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: September 2, 1947

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Remytel August 20, 1947.

With reference to the above-described teletype, Mr. [REDACTED] Twin Falls, Idaho, was the principal source of information. Mr. [REDACTED] who is the Executive Director of the [REDACTED] explained that he and his wife and Mrs. [REDACTED] a neighbor, were sitting on their front porch at approximately 9:30 P. M., August 19, 1947. He said that Mrs. [REDACTED] suddenly shouted and pointed to the sky and thereafter stated that she had seen an object traveling at a terrific rate of speed in a northeasterly direction. The object was out of sight before Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] could see anything.

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While they were discussing what Mrs. [REDACTED] had seen, approximately ten minutes later all three saw ten similar objects proceeding rapidly in the same direction in the form of a triangle. As the group of objects was disappearing, three of the objects on the left flank peeled off and proceeded in a more northerly direction. The remaining objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded in a northeasterly direction.

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From three to five minutes later these same individuals saw another group of three objects proceeding in the same direction, and again in the shape of a triangle. From three to five minutes later all three observed another group in a triangular formation consisting of five or six objects. They were proceeding in the same direction.

A few minutes later the three persons saw a large group of objects estimated at from thirty-five to fifty flying in a triangular formation in the same direction. Approximately twenty or twenty-five minutes after the large group of objects was observed, similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a southwesterly direction. These objects were generally in groups of three, five and seven and followed each other at approximately five minute intervals.

Mrs. [REDACTED] called Detective [REDACTED] of the Twin Falls Police Department, a next door neighbor, who was then accompanied by [REDACTED] also members of the Twin Falls Police Department. The three officers watched for a few minutes and observed a group of about twelve objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction. The members of the Police Department did not continue watching, although Mr. [REDACTED] later saw other groups, which were also seen by the [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] had also called her husband, who saw some of the objects.

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MIR [unclear]*

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On the night in question the sky was overcast and the objects could not be seen closely; however, they were distinct enough so that all persons could observe what they described as a glow going through the air. They said that the objects appeared to be lighted from the inside and were of a color similar to regular electric lights.

Detective [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] both stated that they could not be meteors or comets, that they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. They flew at a terrific rate of speed and were visible for only a few minutes at a time. Both persons interviewed said that the objects could not have been geese or ducks and that the lights were not a reflection of the city lights on some object or objects. b7c

None of the persons interviewed noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights. None of the persons who claimed to have seen these objects were drinking at the time. No other persons in Twin Falls reported seeing the objects mentioned herein; however, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that it was purely by accident that they had seen the objects and that they would not have seen them unless they were looking for them, because of the speed at which they traveled. On account of the overcast sky they were unable to estimate the size of the objects or the height at which they flew. b7c

No further investigation is being conducted by the Butte Office, and the case is being closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant DATE: July 28, 1947
 FROM : *Kerr* SAC, San Francisco Director D. M. LADD
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

There is transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau *b7c*
 a report received from Lieutenant [REDACTED], A-2, Hamilton Field,
 California, containing the results of an investigation by his office concerning
 the reported sighting of flying discs.

In addition to containing the detailed descriptions of what was
 allegedly seen by several persons, the Bureau's attention is particularly called
 to the first memorandum setting forth the notes of Agent [REDACTED] CIC,
 Fourth Air Force, concerning an interview he had with Mr. [REDACTED], Box *b7c*
 387, Boise, Idaho, who reported that on July 12, 1947 he had seen nine strange
 objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State. It will be
 noted that CIC Agent [REDACTED] reports that "Mr. [REDACTED] is very outspoken and somewhat
 bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the United States Army Air Forces and the
 FBI for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner."

The thought has occurred to me that the Bureau might desire to have
 an agent of the Butte Office contact Mr. [REDACTED] and explain to him our lack of *b7c*
 jurisdiction in such matters.

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, 2

Hamilton Field, California

File Flying Discs.

INVESTIGATION MADE AT Palm Springs, Calif., Boise, Idaho, and Hamilton Field, California.

FILE No. D333.5 ID (4AF-1208-1)

CONTROLLING OFFICE Air Defense Command

DATE 18 July 1947

PERIOD COVERED From 10 Jul 47 to 18 Jul 47

CASE CLASSIFICATION Incident

STATUS OF CASE Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Investigation initiated at the request of Headquarters Air Defense Command reference letter Headquarters Air Defense Command, dated 7 July 47, File D333.5 ID, subject: Investigation of Flying Discs.

SYNOPSIS:

Flying Discs first reported in this area 24 June 1947 near Mt. Rainier, Wash., by [redacted] (Incl 1, Exhibit A) b6

Unidentified object reported 2 July 1947 at approximately 1277 near Boise, Idaho, by [redacted] Idaho Daily Statesman. (Incl 2, Exhibit B) b6

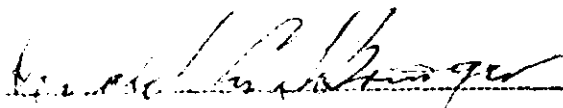
Unidentified objects reported by [redacted] United Air Lines Pilot, 4 July 1947, eight minutes out of Boise, Idaho. (Incl 3 MOIC, Incl 7 News Clippings dated 5 July 1947)

Record check of law enforcement agencies, public utilities, and local residences revealed no record of [redacted] in Palm Springs. (Incl 4) b6

Unidentified objects reported 8 July 1947 at 1245, traveling northeast over Hamilton Field by [redacted] (Incl 5, Exhibit I) b6

Unidentified objects reported over Grand Canyon, Arizona, 0910 MST by [redacted] USAF (Incl 6) and in vicinity of Lake Mead by [redacted] Hq Tenth Air Force, Brooks Field, Texas. (Incl 6) b6

Extent of publicity in local area indicated by press clippings. (Incl 7)

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Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, [redacted], Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by [redacted] that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of [redacted] is attached to this report as Exhibit A, b6

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. [redacted] has recently purchased a [redacted] recently purchased a [redacted] in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [redacted] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if [redacted] can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. [redacted] is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by [redacted] in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which [redacted] claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by [redacted] in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by [redacted] in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although [redacted] has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. [redacted] stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. [redacted] stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote [redacted] directly, "if I saw a ten story building b6

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flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

1 Incl: Exhibit "A"

FRANK H. BROWN, S/A, CIC 4th AF

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GOV LIFE DATA

I was born [redacted]. My father's name was [redacted]. My mother's name was [redacted]. I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family moved to Scobey, Montana, where they homesteaded. My grandfather, [redacted] also homesteaded in Scobey, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles along with [redacted], the famous [redacted].

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I went to grade school and high school at Minot, North Dakota. I entered scouting at twelve years of age and achieved the rank of Eagle scout before I was fourteen. My former scout executive was [redacted] now a [redacted] for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was [redacted]. I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in [redacted]. I taught swimming and diving at scout camps and the municipal pool in Minot, North Dakota. I went to the University of Minnesota, where I swam and did fancy diving under [redacted] and also played football under [redacted] but upon entering college I was unable to continue my football career because of an injured knee. My high school football coach was [redacted], who is now the [redacted]. I had little or no finances, and my ambition in furthering my education in college was through my athletics. As a boy in Minot, North Dakota, I did a good deal of dog sled racing, [redacted].

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In 1938 I went to work for [redacted] a manufacturer of automatic fire fighting apparatus. In 1939 I was made [redacted] for them over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I established my own [redacted]. I have been working as an [redacted].

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My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from [redacted] who was originally from Great Falls, Montana. Due to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by [redacted] senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the last [redacted] covering my entire territory with some and flying from forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a [redacted] airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field use.

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In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed in 823 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

[redacted]

The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidentally being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensitivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the [REDACTED] at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left and the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet plane. I was determined to clock their speed, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed

[REDACTED]

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airplanes flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air forces had planes that went very fast.

What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or corking tool I had in my pocket with - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furthest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, what I had just observed kept going through my mind. I became more disturbed, so after taking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yakima.

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I might add that complete observation of these objects, which I could even follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two and one-half or three minutes -- although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am making a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier.

When these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western Air Lines employees, the pilot from Cedar City, Utah, and the locomotive engineer in Illinois, plus [redacted] and Co-Pilot [redacted] of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these saucer-like disks were at quite a great height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed peculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did; but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision. b6

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world, principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one -- but, to continue further with my story. When I landed at the Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote [redacted] a former Army Air Forces pilot who is now [redacted], "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government. b6

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole ordeal as not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did

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observe something that at least Mr. John Doe on the street corner or Pete Andrews on the ranch has never heard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from those two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different occasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military Intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

My pilot's license is [redacted] I fly a [redacted] it is a three-place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured at Afton, Wyoming as an extremely high performance, high altitude airplane that was made for mountain work. The national certificate of my plane is [redacted]

b6

/s/

[redacted signature]

9/20/57



They seemed longer than wide, their thickness was about 1/20th of their width

irror Bright

They did not appear to be to whirl or spin but seemed in fixed position, traveling as I have made drawing.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, a call was made at the newspaper office of the "Idaho Daily Statesman", Boise, Idaho. The [redacted] of the paper, [redacted], was interviewed in regard to how well he knew [redacted] of Boise, Idaho, and as to the credibility of any statement made by [redacted]. The purpose of this interview was an attempt to verify statements made by [redacted] on 26 June 1947, to various national news services to the effect that he, [redacted], had seen 9 objects flying in the air above the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington. These objects were subsequently referred to as flying saucers or flying disks and will here-in-after be referred to as such in this report. [redacted] stated that he had known [redacted] for quite a period of time, having had relations with [redacted] on various occasions, due to the fact that both he, [redacted] and [redacted] were private fliers and frequently got together to talk shop. [redacted] stated that as far as he was concerned anything [redacted] said could be taken very seriously and that he, [redacted] actually believed that Mr. Arnold had seen the aforementioned flying disks. [redacted] stated that after [redacted] reported having seen the flying disks, that the editor of the paper had assigned him, [redacted] the assignment of taking the airplane belonging to the newspaper and exhausting all efforts to prove or disprove the probability of flying disks having been seen in the northwest area. The results of this assignment to [redacted] and what he subsequently saw is put forth in a sworn statement signed by [redacted] attached to this report as Exhibit "B".

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of approximately 33 to 35 years of age. On all appearances he is a very reserved type of person. [redacted] has logged 2300 hours of flying time in various types of airplanes up to and including multi-engine aircraft. During part of the war years, [redacted] was the [redacted] being assigned to the Twentieth USAAF and stationed on Tinian Island, in the Pacific. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he states that he saw in the attached report. It is also the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] would have much more to lose than gain and would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw something before he would report such an incident and open himself for the ridicule that would accompany such a report.

1 Incl: Exhibit "B"

WALTER M. WICK, S/A, CIO 4th AF

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During this search, which lasted approximately two and one-half hours, I flew under and around rapidly forming cumulus clouds over that area known as the Canas Prairie, east of Boise. The clouds were near the village of Fairfield in that valley, and Fairfield is 75 miles airline distance east of Boise. At that time I saw nothing in the vicinity of these clouds.

At the time I reached the point between Boise and Meridian, I was flying at an altitude of 14,000 feet mean sea level, which would be a mean average of 11,000 feet above the earth in this area, not considering errors in the altimeter induced either by barometric changes since my takeoff, or by the temperature at that altitude.

I turned the aircraft on an easterly heading, pointing toward Gowen Field, and had flown on that course for perhaps a minute when there suddenly appeared in the left hand portion of my field of vision an object which was black and round.

I immediately centered my gaze on the object. At that time, due to its erratic movement, I thought I was seeing a weather balloon. I called the CAA's communication station at Boise, and asked if the weather station had recently released a balloon. The reply from communicator Albertson was that the bureau had not. I do not remember his exact words; I am under the impression he said "not for several hours" or gave me the exact time of the previous release, which was around 03:30 that day.

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Upon hearing this response, I turned the aircraft broadside to the object, pulled back the plexiglass covering to avoid any distortion, took my camera from the map case, and exposed about 10 seconds' duration of eight millimeter motion picture film. During the time the camera was at eye level, I could not see the object because of minuteness of scope introduced by the optical view finder with which the camera, an f.1.9 Eastman, was equipped.

Taking the camera away and once again centering my gaze on the object, I observed it to roll so that its edge was presented to me. At this time it flashed once in the sunlight. It then appeared as a thin black line. It then performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll, or a barrel roll, which instead of being completed, was broken off at about the 150-degree point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point, and I lost sight of it.

This entire performance was observed against the background of clouds previously forming over the Camas Prairie. The object appeared to me, relatively, as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. I do not know how far away it was. I do not know, nor can I truthfully estimate its speed. I can only say it was not an airplane, and if it was at a very great distance from me, its speed was great, taking into consideration that apparent speed is reduced to the viewer if an object is a very great distance away.

I forgot to look at my clock to determine the exact time I saw the object. The CAA's log of radio contacts shows my first contact to have been made at 12:17 hours. But a few seconds elapsed between the time I first saw the object, and the time I called the CAA's station.

I subsequently related over the radio a description of what I saw, and communicator [REDACTED] may remember it. The control tower may have a recording of the conversation. I have not checked to determine.

The purpose of my relating over the air that I saw was to enable rapid transmission of the report to the newspaper, for at that time I was on assignment and my energies thenceforth were devoted to (1) transmitting the information and (2) conducting a further search, which I did after landing for fuel and to make some telephone calls.

The next search, begun within half an hour after landing from the first one, consumed another two hours, but was negative. I explored thoroughly the region where I saw the object.

Immediately after sighting the object, I asked if there were other aircraft in the area. There was a P-51 of the 100th squadron practicing maneuvers in the vicinity of Luna, but that was behind me. A C-10 passed over Boise, but I saw that aircraft go beneath me by some 2,000 feet. The P-51 in the vicinity of Luna proceeded to the area where I saw the object, at my request, and conducted a search. It was negative. During the afternoon, flights of P-51s were sent out to cover the area, and some of them flew high altitude missions on oxygen. These searches were negative.

I was subsequently informed that personnel on both the United Air Lines side of Gowen field, and on the national guard side, observed a black object maneuvering in front of the same cloud formation, which by now had grown so that the clouds reached a probable height of 19,000 or 20,000 feet from a mean base of 12,500 or 14,000 feet, mean sea level. Three of these men were national guard personnel and I talked to them,

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asking them to describe what they saw, before telling them my story, in order to avoid suggestion or inference of a leading nature. They saw the object (from the ground) while I was on my second search. They believed the time to have been 14:00 hours. The object performed in the same erratic manner, they said, as I observed.

The above is the extent of the story, and information concerning myself is now in order.

I have approximately 2600 hours of flying time in equipment ranging from primary trainers to F-29s. Of course, that does not increase my powers of observation except as to those practiced daily by an airman. It does not make my eyesight any sharper except again as to the incidental demands upon the eyes of a pilot.

At the time of the experience related above, I had flown fourteen and one-half hours on an assignment to find a disc and if possible, to photograph it. In all frankness, I was tired. I may have been suffering, although slightly, from want of oxygen.

Prior to sighting the object, I had concluded there was no point in pressing the search, that I probably would never see the disc-like objects referred to by [redacted] and by [redacted] of United Air Lines.

At all times during the search, both on that day and the two preceding days (particularly when I was with [redacted] I had literally talked to myself to keep boating into my head that I would not fall victim to the power of suggestion or self-hypnosis arising from a naturally very intent desire to find a disc and bring success to the assignment given me. bl

I therefore do not believe that I was the victim of suggestion or hypnosis. I am familiar with the optical illusion of a fixed object beginning to move after it is watched a sufficient length of time. I know what tricks the eyes will play as to moving-bodies, and have learned of this particularly during night formation flying.

I saw the object appear suddenly. If it had moved in a jerky fashion (as it did at first) for the full length of time I observed it, I would not be so strong in saying that I saw something not an aircraft, not a balloon, and not a corpuscle moving across the retina of either eye. The maneuver described by the object when its edge was presented to me convinces me that I saw an object actually performing in an erratic flight path. bl

The question remains, of course, whether I saw it. The motion picture film, developed and processed by [redacted] in the Eastman laboratories at 241 Battery Street, San Francisco, showed no trace of any object. [redacted] says that if it was more than a mile distant from me at the size I described, the object would not have registered sufficiently on the film to be shown. He said it probably was too far away to be apparent even through great enlargement of the negative, and enlargement in that case is limited because of the size of the film and the fact I did not have any telescopic equipment on the lens. The exposure was f.16, stop set at infinity, at a speed of 16 frames per second. bl

I have worried over this matter a great deal since seeing it. I "took myself aside" and said, "come now, [redacted] don't be stupid." But I cannot bring myself to the point of thinking I did not see anything. The impression of the moment was too vivid, too realistic, and I knew in the air when I saw that partial slow roll or barrel roll, that I was not a victim of illusion.

I trust this matter will be of help to those investigating the Flying Disc phenomena which have been reported.

A chart is attached depicting the movements of the object as I

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saw it.

This statement is made voluntarily and freely, in response to the request of Mr. Brown and Captain Davidson, who called on me this morning.

/s/ [REDACTED] b6

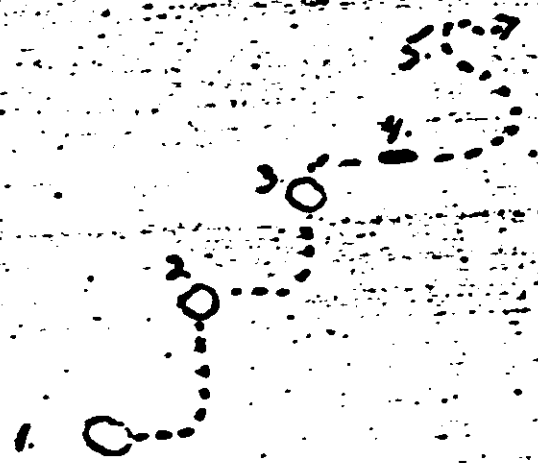
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 12th day of July, 1947.

/ [REDACTED] b6

[REDACTED]

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Chart to which reference is
made on page six, statement
of [REDACTED]



This design portrays the movements of the object to which reference is made in the attached statement. At all times the object appeared as black. Positions (1), (2) and (3) show the jerky, rising motion. Position (4) is where the object rolled, presenting its edge to me. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).

[REDACTED]

Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, ██████████ of the United Airlines, was interviewed at the Boise Municipal Airport, Boise, Idaho. ██████████ was passing through Boise on a schedule flight at the time and had a 20 minute stop-over. ██████████ reiterated the statements originally made by him to the press as to what he had seen in the late evening of July 4th, when 8 minutes out of Boise on the route to Seattle, Washington. It is the opinion of the interviewer that due to the position ██████████ occupies, that he, ██████████ would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw flying disks before he would open himself for the ridicule attached to a report of this type. b6

FRANK J. TERRY, S/A, CIC 4th AF

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Incident
4AF 1208 I
14 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 10 July 1947, a check was made at the following locations in Palm Springs, California for the purpose of trying to locate [REDACTED] Palm Springs Police Department, Palm Springs Newspaper, "The Desert Sun", Palm Springs Water Company, Southern California Gas Company, Palm Springs Telephone Company, Palm Springs Employment Office, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, Royal Palms Hotel, 5 Palm Springs real estate offices, and the City Offices of Palm Springs including waste disposal, water rights, tax records and etc. No record of [REDACTED] existed in any of the above mentioned offices. b6

2. On 11 July 1947, [REDACTED] of Palm Springs, California for the past 14 years was interviewed. [REDACTED] stated that he had lived in Palm Springs for the past 24 years and that he was unaware if a person named [REDACTED] had ever lived in Palm Springs. [REDACTED] stated that due to the fact that Palm Springs is a resort area and due to the fact that in the summer months only 3 to 5 thousand people resided in Palm Springs, whereas in the winter months 10 to 12 thousand resided in Palm Springs, it was very possible that [REDACTED] could have lived in Palm Springs more or less on a non-permanent status and he, [REDACTED] not being aware of it. b6

A check of General Delivery records revealed a letter addressed to [REDACTED] Palm Springs, mailed from Cicero, Indiana, postmarked at Cicero, Indiana, July 1947, at 5 P.M. The return address on the envelope was listed as the [REDACTED] Cicero, Indiana. [REDACTED] permitted the contents of the envelope to be examined inasmuch as the contents was 3rd Class material and the envelope not sealed. The records were of a religious nature concerning the sad plight of American non-church goers, the second coming of Christ and etc. [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] and stated that there was a [REDACTED] who had received mail through the general delivery office of the Palm Springs Post Office, but that the last mail, other than the letter mentioned above, came through the Post Office approximately two years ago. The [REDACTED] seemed to have a very uncanmy memory and recalled where the [REDACTED] had been addressed to. This mail was addressed to [REDACTED] in care of a trailer camp located in Palm Springs. In calling the trailer camp office, it was found that [REDACTED] had lived in the camp but departed approximately two years ago and left no forwarding address. Investigation is continuing in an effort to locate [REDACTED] and obtain a statement from him. b6

MARK H. [REDACTED], S/A, CIC 4th AF

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FLYING DISCS
4AP-1208-I
15 July 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 15 July 1947, [REDACTED] 467th [REDACTED] b6
AAF BU (ORD), Squadron A, Hamilton Field, California, was interviewed
and stated as follows: [REDACTED] has been in the Army ten years and
two months, twenty-six months overseas duty in the EPO, and has been in
the Air Corps for about ten months. [REDACTED] stated that on 8 July
1947, he was going to Base Cleaners from his office and was passing
along the sidewalk near the barracks of the ORD when he saw five or six
men pointing toward the sky, but as he was use to this around an Army
Air Base, he paid no further attention to it until a lieutenant and a
captain ahead of him stopped and pointed in the same direction. He
stated that on glancing up he saw three objects traveling northeast
across the sky. Two seemed to be traveling faster than an ordinary
flight of P-80s and he estimated the altitude between 8-10,000 feet b6
and approximately 7-10 miles away. [REDACTED] stated that the two
objects in the lead appeared to be round and of a very light gray color
while the object in the rear seemed to be either rotating or rolling
behind the other two. [REDACTED] stated that from a distance he could
not tell exactly the shape of the one which was rolling as it appeared
to be turning over and he couldn't tell whether the object was flat.
The only means he had of identifying it was the fact that it seemed to
get brighter and darker as it appeared to roll. The objects were in
sight approximately four seconds. As he was in a hurry, he did not sto
to talk to the other men but he heard one of them remark that the one i
the rear was certainly rolling fast. [REDACTED] was unable to identif
any of the other men in the group who were reported to have seen the
object. [REDACTED] stated that it was unlike anything he had ever seen and b6
that he has been trying to convince himself that it was an optical
illusion, and yet at the same time he is certain that he saw the object
as described. (See Exhibit I).

NOTE: [REDACTED] appears to be intelligent and is a reserved sort of
person. He was very reluctant to discuss the subject at first and
appeared hesitant prompted by the possibility that he might be ridiculed.
He seemed to be honest and sincere in what he stated he saw, and said
frankly he was puzzled over the matter. A signed statement by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is attached.

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Exhibit I. b6

WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON, Capt, AC, OIC CI, 4AP

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

September 4, 1947

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: Mrs. [REDACTED] Informant **b7c**

Dear Sir:

b7c Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 21, 1947, addressed to Mrs. [REDACTED] Hicksville, Long Island, New York, a copy of which was sent to the New York Office.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 12, 1947, at which time she advised that this coded message had appeared in "Newsday," the local newspaper of Nassau and Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. She stated that the message had appeared in the "County Irritant," a feature of this paper, and had been signed "Radio Ham."

b7c Mr. [REDACTED] of "Newsday," Hempstead, New York, was interviewed and advised that this article had been sent to the newspaper by letter which was signed "Radio Ham," and explained that he had no way of determining the identity of the writer. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that it was his opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been affected by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given at that time to the story about flying discs.

There is enclosed an article appearing in the July 12th issue of "Newsday" concerning this coded message, which might be of interest in this matter.

Unless advised to the contrary, no further effort is being made to establish the identity of the person who signed himself "Radio Ham."

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] ²⁰

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: Mrs. [REDACTED]
Informant

DATE: 9/17/47

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Gandy _____

You will recall that a letter was received from the above captioned individual dated July 10, 1947, in which she inclosed a newspaper clipping signed "Radio Ham." This newspaper clipping contained a coded message which Mrs. [REDACTED] decoded. The FBI Laboratory checked Mrs. [REDACTED] decoding of this message and advised that it was substantially correct. The Laboratory's decoding of the message is being set forth below:

"TIRED OF HUMAN NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR
DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING
DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER MARTIANS
LATE THIS YEAR."

The New York Office was asked to interview Mrs. [REDACTED] to determine from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. They were further instructed to contact this newspaper in an effort to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message, in order that the person might be interviewed for information concerning the alleged receipt of the coded message. b7c

By letter dated September 4, 1947, the New York Office advised that they had ascertained from Mrs. [REDACTED] that the coded message had appeared in "Newsday," the local newspaper of Nassau and Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. The City Editor of this newspaper stated that the original had been signed only "Radio Ham" and knew of no way of determining the identity of the writer. It was the City Editor's opinion that the code had been made up by some local "screwball" who had been affected by all of the newspaper publicity that had been given to stories concerning "flying discs." b7c

The FBI Laboratory has now advised that the FCC maintains their amateur records by a geographical breakdown as well as by call letters and that the Laboratory could possibly get the names of all amateurs in the Bellmore, Long Island, New York Section in the event it is desired that another attempt be made to identify the person who sent this coded message to the "Newsday."

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that no further action be taken in connection with this matter in view of the opinion expressed by the City Editor of the "Newsday" that the letter received by him signed "Radio Ham" was from some local "screwball."

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[REDACTED]

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7/12/47 *Thursday*
**COUNTY
IRRITANT**

from our Mail Box

Coming His Way

Merrick—Out all day yesterday looking for a house to rent, but no luck. I got so disgusted I ended up in a tavern and got lit. When I got home and went in the house I SAW FLYING SAUCERS IN AIR!

—No Foolin.

Garbles

Westbury—Bellmore Radio Ham's message seems to be from some gentleman occupying an Olympian height. As with many of these erudite souls, the sender cannot resist including a few "garbles" in his code. Or is our Ham guilty? Here is your message: TIRED OF H-U M A N NONSENSE WONT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISTURBING SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD UNDER MARTIANS LATE THIS YEAR.

—Simple transposition. Hope all your readers are appropriately warned.

—Stephen M. Schuster.

(Other ungarblers got "outlaw" (ATLAW) instead of "await," "disrupting" instead of "disturbing." Miss Rita Flood of Port Washington expects the world order to be set up under "minter." Is Radio Ham satisfied?—Ed.)

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FBI SALT LAKE CITY

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9-10-47

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FLYING DISCS. NEWS ITEM IN SALT LAKE TRIBUNE OF TENTH INSTANT
 REFLECTS THAT EIGHT DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT LOGAN, UTAH REPORTED
 SEEING THREE DIFFERENT FLIGHTS OF FLYING DISCS BETWEEN TEN FORTY
 AND ELEVEN TEN PM MONDAY, EIGHTH INSTANT. INVESTIGATION BEING
 CONDUCTED AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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Mr. G. C. [unclear]	

[REDACTED]

WASHINGTON FROM SFRAN S5

8-6-47

12-09 PM

RN. G.

DIRECTOR URGENT

b7c [REDACTED]

FLYING DISCS, SM - X. RE PORTLAND TELETYPE REFERENCING PHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD AT BUREAU ONE PM AUGUST FIFTH LAST. A-TWO SAN FRANCISCO UNABLE TO VERIFY. LT. COL. [REDACTED] A-TWO HAMILTON FIELD, IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION BY A-TWO IS THOUGHT BY A-TWO TO BE RETURNING FROM KELSO, WASHINGTON AREA HAVING GONE TO KELSO UPON LEARNING OF DEATHS OF AAF INVESTIGATORS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE. HE PLANNED, UPON DEPARTURE, TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF AAF INVESTIGATORS OR REINTERVIEW PERSONS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. SPRINGER WILL BE CONTACTED UPON HIS RETURN AND BUREAU ADVISED.

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FBI SEATTLE

8-12-47

8-05 PM PST

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DIRECTOR AND SACS CHICAGO AND BUTTE URGENT

FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], TACOMA, WASH. SM DASH X. REMYTEL AUGUST SEVEN LAST. [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES

PILOT, INTERVIEWED RE ASSOCIATIONS WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN TACOMA, WN., FROM JULY THIRTYONE TO AUGUST THIRD LAST. [REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED PREVIOUS PUBLICITY FOR HAVING SEEN FLYING DISCS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS ON JULY FOURTH LAST IN COMPANY WITH HIS CO-PILOT, [REDACTED], DURING ROUTINE UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT OUT OF BOISE, IDAHO. [REDACTED] RELATES THAT HE WENT TO TACOMA, WN., FROM SEATTLE ON THURSDAY, JULY THIRTYONE LAST IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] AT TACOMA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MET ARNOLD ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE FIRST TIME ON JULY FIFTH LAST IN OFFICES OF SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER WHERE BOTH WERE INTERVIEWED RE FLYING DISCS THEY HAD SEEN, AND ON SECOND OCCASION IN BOISE, IDAHO, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO WHILE HE, [REDACTED] WAS PASSING THROUGH ON ROUTINE FLIGHT. ON THIS LATTER OCCASION, [REDACTED] WAS IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHICAGO AND BUTTE URGENT

FLYING DISKS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], TACOMA, SM DASH X. RMYTEL AUGUST SIX, LAST CAPTIONED FLYING DISKS.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], TACOMA, IN SIGNED STATEMENT INSTANT DATE STATE THAT IN EARLY PART OF JUNE, LAST, THEY PICKED UP SOME STRANGE ROCK FORMATIONS FROM A GRAVEL PIT, MAURI ISLAND, WASHINGTON. THEY STATE A CIGAR BOX OF THESE ROCK FORMATIONS THEY SENT TO [REDACTED] EDITOR OF [REDACTED] IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS. THEY STATE [REDACTED] IS ALSO EDITOR OF [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THEY STATE THEY REQUESTED [REDACTED] ONLY TO MAKE A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ROCK FORMATION.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] LATER WROTE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL SAMPLES STATING HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ANALYZE THE MATERIAL. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS AFTER THE FLYING DISK STORIES STARTED THE LATTER PART OF JUNE, LAST, CONTACTED THEM BY PHONE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, SAYING HE WOULD PAY FOR AN EXCLUSIVE STORY IF THE MATERIAL WHICH THEY HAD SENT HIM WAS FRAGMENTS OF A FLYING DISK. [REDACTED] STATES HE WROTE [REDACTED] A LETTER IN WHICH HE STATED THE MATERIAL WAS PART OF A FLYING DISK.

AND [REDACTED] ADMIT THIS STATEMENT WAS ENTIRELY FALSE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE THEY WERE CALLED BY [REDACTED] SUBURSE IDAHO TO MEET WITH HIM AT THE WHITHROP HOTEL, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, [REDACTED] JULY THIRTYFIRST, LAST. THEY STATE [REDACTED] CALLED IN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM

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██████████ RELATES THAT HE AND ██████████ MADE SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO GO OUT TO MAURI ISLAND WITH ██████████ ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, BUT WERE PUT OFF BY ██████████ FOR VARIOUS REASONS, ██████████ STATES THAT REPORTER ██████████ OF TACOMA TIMES AND ██████████ OF UNITED PRESS OFFICE TACOMA INFORMED HIM AND ██████████ OF THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS, AND FROM ACCURACY OF THE INFO TRANSMITTED BY THESE ANONYMOUS CALLS, ██████████ BELIEVES THEY WERE MADE BY EITHER ██████████. ██████████ ADMITS CALLING HIS PERSONAL FRIEND ██████████ AVIATION EDITOR OF CHICAGO TIMES, ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST LAST, TO INFORM HIM OF THE TACOMA INCIDENT AS PER A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM THAT SMITH WOULD LET ██████████ IN ON ANY FLYING DISC STORIES WHICH HE MIGHT RUN INTO. ██████████ ALSO ADMITS THAT HE TOLD REPORTER ██████████ OF IDAHO STATESMAN IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST SECOND LAST, THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN WERE CARRYING FRAGMENTS WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. ██████████ SAYS THAT ██████████ TOLD HIM ON SATURDAY NITE AUGUST SECOND LAST THAT HE, ██████████, IF CONTACTED BY THE ARMY OR OTHER AUTHORITIES WAS GOING TO SAY THAT THE ENTIRE STORY WAS A HOAX. ██████████ STATES THAT HE TOLD HIS COMPLETE STORY TO MAJOR ██████████ OF MCCORD FIELD, TACOMA, ON SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST THIRD LAST, AND THAT ██████████ LEFT TACOMA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, ██████████ WHO ARE BOTH TACOMA NEWSPAPERMEN MENTIONED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE CONTACTED FOR VERIFICATION

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HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] OF UNITED AIR LINES, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON TO ATTEND THE MEETING. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CLAIM THEY TOLD THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN, AS WELL AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] EXACTLY HOW THEY GOT THE ROCK FORMATIONS AND THAT THEY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH ANY FLYING DISK. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE THEY FURNISHED SOME OF THE ROCK FORMATION TO THE INTELLIGENT OFFICERS AS SAMPLES. CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTEANT BROWN LEFT TACOMA, WASHINGTON IN A B TWENTY FIVE TO RETURN TO HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA ABOUT TWO THIRTY A. M. AUGUST ONE, LAST, AND WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANE CRASHED AT KELSO, WASHINGTON, AFTER THE LEFT ENGINE BURNED OUT AN EXHAUST STACK WHICH IN TURN CAUGHT THE LEFT WING ON FIRE AND IT BROKE OFF. THE CREW CHIEF AND EACH OFFICER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY. [REDACTED], ASSOCIATED PRESS WIREMAN, TACOMA, ADVISED THAT TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE FLYING DISK STORIES STARTED, HE CONTACTED [REDACTED] TO CHECK A STORY THE SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER HAD GOTTEN FROM THE FIRE CHIEF AT [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] HAD SOME FLYING DISK FRAGMENTS. AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] ADMITTED TO [REDACTED] THE ENTIRE STORE WAS FALSE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] WAS PAID BY [REDACTED] OF THE [REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY THE BOISE STATEMAN [REDACTED] NEWSPAER, TO COME TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON AND OBTAIN A STORY FROM THEM REGARDING THE FLYING DISK-FRAGMENTS. THEY FURTHER STATE THAT [REDACTED] HAD A

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FRIEND ON THE CHICAGO TIMES AND WAS POSSIBLY SELLING THE STORY TO THE CHICAGO TIMES THROUGH THIS FRIEND. A CHECK OF THE RECORDS AT THE WITHROP HOTEL, TACOMA WHERE [REDACTED] HAD HIS ROOM, REFLECT THAT ON JULY THIRTY FIRST, LAST, [REDACTED] CALLED [REDACTED] AT A. N. [REDACTED] EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, COLLECT, AND ALSO CALLED [REDACTED] AT BOISE, IDAHO, COLLECT. ON AUGUST ONE, LAST, [REDACTED] CALLED [REDACTED] AT DEARBORN [REDACTED] CHICAGO, COLLECT, AND [REDACTED] CALLED [REDACTED] AT DEARBORN TWO THREE TWO THREE. ON JULY THIRTY FIRST AND AUGUST ONE, LAST, A TOTAL OF FIVE ANONYMOUS CALLS WERE RECEIVED BY A TACOMA TIMES REPORTER AND THE UNITED PRESS WIRE MAN AT TACOMA, GIVING INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL OVER THE DISK FRAGMENTS AND STATING THAT THE B TWENTY FIVE HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OR SABOTAGED WHICH KILLED CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN INFERRING THAT THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WERE CARRYING DISK FRAGMENTS IN THEIR PLANE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE THESE CALLS COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM THEMSELVES, [REDACTED], AND DENY THAT THEY MADE THE CALLS. NO RECORD OF THE CALLS AS HAVING BEEN MADE FROM [REDACTED] ROOM IN THE WINTHROP HOTEL CAN BE LOCATED. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE EVASIVE AS TO JUST WHAT INFORMATION THEY DID FURNISH BY PHONE OR LETTER TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNITED PRESS WIRE MAN, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, STATE IT APPEARS THE BOISE STATEMAN-S PAPER AND [REDACTED] HAVE

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BEEN PUSHING THE PUBLICITY ON THE FLYING DISK STORIES. [REDACTED] STATES THAT [REDACTED] WAS EITHER THE FIRST OR ONE OF THE FIRST TO CLAIM HE HAD SEEN FLYING DISKS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE THAT [REDACTED] ADMITTED RECEIVING MONEY FROM [REDACTED] TO COME TO TACOMA TO CHECK THE DISK STORY. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, THE BUTTE OFFICE AT BOISE, IDAHO, WILL OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BOISE STATEMAN-S PAPER AND [REDACTED]. WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOISE FOR WHAT INFORMATION HE HAS AS TO THE ABOVE FACTS AND WHAT INFORMATION HE FURNISHED [REDACTED] AND THE BOISE STATEMAN REGARDING THE TACOMA MEETING AND THE SABOTAGE OF THE B TWENTYFIVE. THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS CONNECTIONS WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND WHAT INFORMATION EACH FURNISHED TO HIM. WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION [REDACTED] FURNISHED THE CHICAGO TIMES. THE SEATTLE OFFICE AT SEATTLE WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALONG THESE SAME LINES. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION THE [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] HARBOR, WASHINGTON OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

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Mr. Ladd

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October 3, 1947

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[Redacted] b7c
Bieber, California

Dear [Redacted] b7c

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 19, 1947, requesting information concerning the origin of the "Flying Saucer Mystery".

In this connection, you are advised that in view of a long established policy I am unable to furnish the results of investigations by this Bureau to other than Governmental sources. For this reason I regret that I am unable answer your question, but I appreciate your interest in writing to me in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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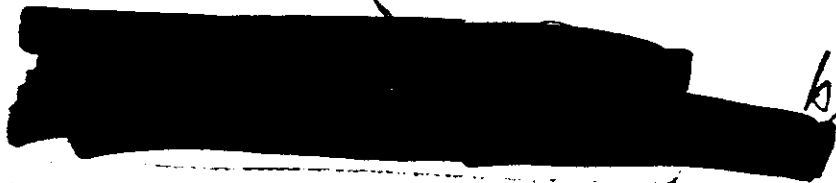
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Some are ~~theaters~~ and I like to gather things which look off color to me. Of course R.A. is a hot bed of cults etc. For this to be read by the Public is rather startling.

I just thought I would ask about this. I do not believe it myself. How could Germany and Japan do anything now they way they are policed and guarded?

Sincerely



b7c

World War Nurse Overseas for three years and member of our local Post 2. Region here.

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BIEBER, CALIFORNIA

Sept 19-1947

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The S. B. 2.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Recently a little paper was handed

~~X KINGDOM VOICE - THE MARCH~~

to me called Kingdom Voice - The March
ALL HANDS TO TIME

ahead of Some Printed in Los Angeles, Cal
Box 6450 Metropolitan Station 55

office 1204 S. Olive St. h. a. This is official
publication of the Temple of Jehovah.

Now, there is an article called The Flying
Disc
Queen mystery. It states the the discs
are sent by the Russians with the assistance
of Germany, Japan, China & others

Sent from the Navy Page They are ugly
planes flying very high the pilots are
quiet strong redatives etc etc.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : *[Redacted]* *b7c*

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS AND FLYING DISCS

DATE: 8-8-47

(K5) *[Handwritten mark]*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to the memorandum to you from the Liaison Section dated July 21, 1947, setting forth a request from Colonel *[Redacted]* of the Intelligence Division of the War Department for the Bureau to conduct investigation to determine the origin of the flying discs.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that the situation regarding these flying saucers and flying discs is very similar to the situation which was previously encountered by the Bureau during the past war in handling complaints arising out of the sighting of Japanese balloons. You will recall that at the inception of these complaints the Bureau conducted considerable investigation and located numerous balloons as a cooperative measure for the Army and that after considerable work had been done, the Army then informed that these were military weapons and that they would take over the handling of these completely. This they did and in an extremely short time issued a big press release as to the splendid work of the Army in locating these Japanese balloons. From the information available thus far, it does not appear that these discs should be treated other than as a military weapon. Certainly the Bureau has no way to determine what experiments the Army and Navy are conducting and whether such might be arising out of experiments being conducted by them nor do we have any way of determining how far the Russians have progressed in certain experiments and whether such might be the results of experiments by the Russian Army. In short, it would certainly appear that this is a military situation and should be handled strictly by military authorities.

In this connection it might be pointed out that our present Portland case arose out of the fact that two Army Intelligence officers were returning from an interview of two individuals who reportedly had seen flying discs. If the Army Intelligence officers are handling some of these interviews, it is believed that they should be handling all of these interviews, and it is not believed that the Bureau should be expending its precious manpower on these complaints which thus far have no connection with our Russian espionage program. The military authorities certainly are better equipped to know what they are looking for than we are and have more facilities for handling any material which it is necessary to examine as a result of its being reported as a remnant of a flying disc. It is believed that the Bureau is merely playing bird-dog for the Army by using our manpower to run out these complaints on flying discs.

ACTION:

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In view of the recent Bureau Bulletin #42 dated July 30, 1947, however, there is attached a letter to the Chicago Office asking that they conduct the requested investigation.

Attachment
5 SEP 29 1947 *R 34*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 19, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section, while discussing the above captioned phenomena with Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] of the Air Forces Intelligence, expressed the possibility that flying discs were, in fact, a very highly classified experiment of the Army or Navy. Mr. [REDACTED] was very much surprised when Colonel [REDACTED] not only agreed that this was a possibility, but confidentially stated it was his personal opinion that such was a probability. Colonel [REDACTED] indicated confidentially that a Mr. [REDACTED], who is a scientist attached to the Air Forces Intelligence, was of the same opinion.

Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he based his assumption on the following: He pointed out that when flying objects were reported seen over Sweden, the "high brass" of the War Department exerted tremendous pressure on the Air Forces Intelligence to conduct research and collect information in an effort to identify these sightings. Colonel [REDACTED] stated that, in contrast to this, we have reported sightings of unknown objects over the United States, and the "high brass" appeared to be totally unconcerned. He indicated this led him to believe that they knew enough about these objects to express no concern. Colonel [REDACTED] pointed out further that the objects in question have been seen by many individuals who are what he terms "trained observers," such as airplane pilots. He indicated also that several of the individuals are reliable members of the community. He stated it is his conclusion that these individuals saw something. He stated the above has led him to come to the conclusion that there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about.

Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out to Colonel [REDACTED] that if it is a fact experimentations are being conducted by the United States Government, then it does not appear reasonable to request the FBI to spend money and precious time conducting inquiries with respect to this matter. Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he agreed with Mr. [REDACTED] in this regard and indicated that it would be extremely embarrassing to the Air Forces Intelligence if it later is learned that these flying discs are, in fact, an experiment of the United States Government.

Mr. [REDACTED] subsequently discussed this matter with Colonel [REDACTED] of the Intelligence Division of the War Department. Colonel [REDACTED] stated that he had discussed the matter previously with General Chamberlin. Colonel [REDACTED] indicated to Mr. [REDACTED] that he has the assurance of General [REDACTED]

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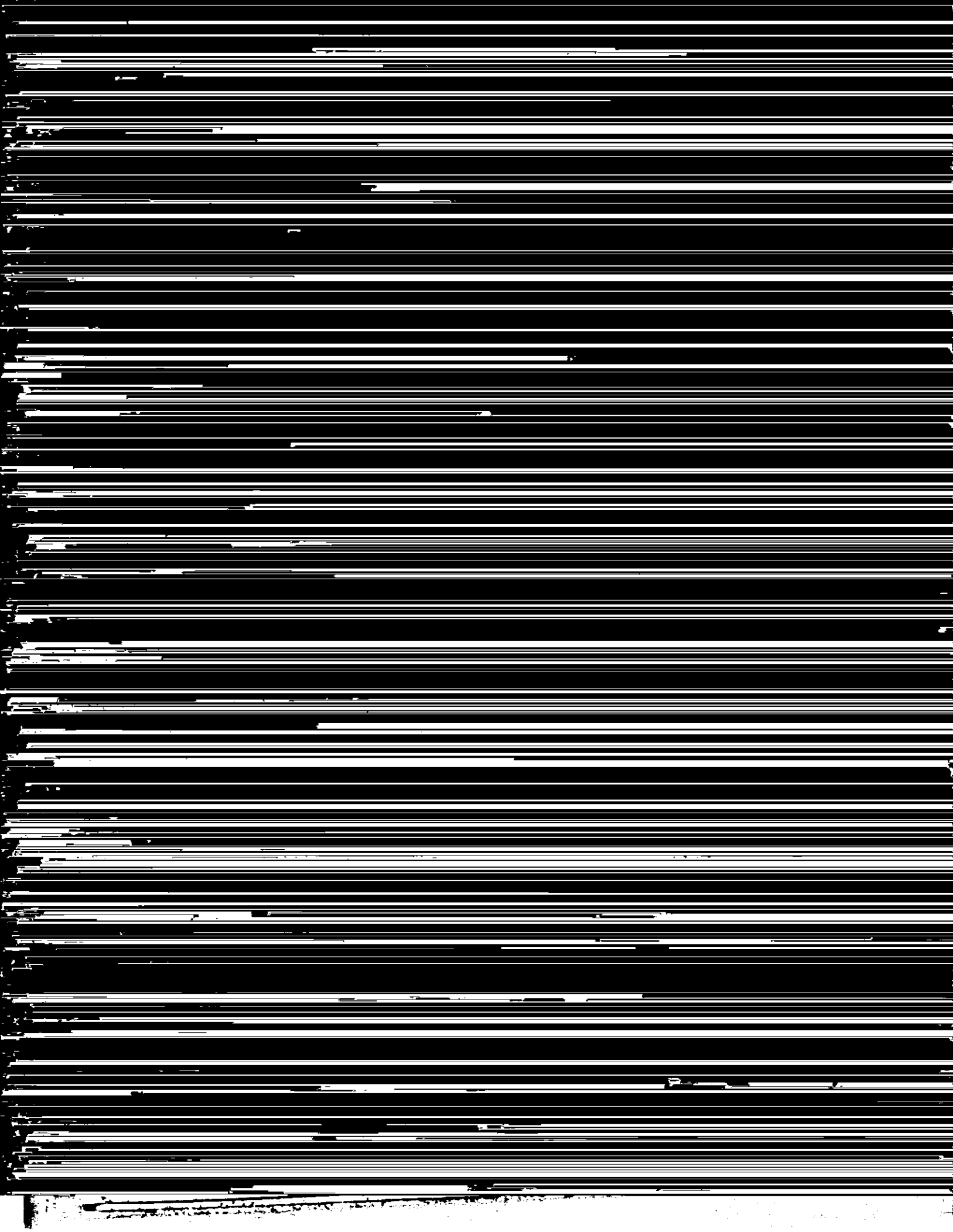
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

FROM: SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

Refer San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1947.

[REDACTED], Portland, reported without consulting any records that on June 24, 1947, while prospecting at a point in the Cascade Mountains approximately five thousand feet from sea level, during the afternoon he noticed a reflection, looked up, and saw a disc proceeding in a southeasterly direction. Immediately upon sighting this object he placed his telescope to his eye and observed the disc for approximately forty-five to sixty seconds. He remarked that it is possible for him to pick up an object at a distance of ten miles with his telescope. At the time the disc was sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] it was banking in the sun, and he observed five or six similar objects but only concentrated on one. He related that they did not fly in any particular formation and that he would estimate their height to be about one thousand feet from where he was standing. He said the object was about thirty feet in diameter and appeared to have a tail. It made no noise. b7c

According to [REDACTED] he remained in the vicinity of the Cascades for several days and then returned to Portland and noted an article in the local paper which stated in effect that a man in Boise, Idaho, had sighted a similar object but that authorities had disclaimed any knowledge of such an object. He said he communicated with the Army for the sole purpose of attempting to add credence to the story furnished by the man in Boise. b7c

[REDACTED] also related that on the occasion of his sighting the objects on June 24, 1947 he had in his possession a combination compass and watch. He noted particularly that immediately before he sighted the disc the compass acted very peculiar, the hand waving from one side to the other, but that this condition corrected itself immediately after the discs had passed out of sight. b7c

Informant appeared to be a very reliable individual who advised that he had been a prospector in the states of Montana, Washington, and Oregon for the past forty years.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. RADD
FROM : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: 9/16/47

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- Miss Gandy _____

Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section has discussed with Lieutenant Colonel George [REDACTED] of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces the possibility that the flying discs or saucers are in fact a project of the Army Air Forces. It should be noted that Colonel [REDACTED] agreed with this possibility. At that time Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out to Colonel [REDACTED] the possible embarrassing position of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces if it was subsequently ascertained that this was the truth, especially since they had requested the assistance of the Bureau in the captioned matter.

Colonel [REDACTED] advised Mr. [REDACTED] that he would institute a further search, and he has now advised that a letter was addressed by Major General McDonald, Director of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces, to the Research and Development Section of the Air Forces.

There is attached hereto a letter addressed to the Director, dated September 5, 1947, from Brigadier General George F. Schulgen, which states that a complete survey of research activities discloses that the Army Air Forces have no project with characteristics similar to those which have been associated with the flying discs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for their information.

Attachment

SWR:AJB

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPRIR-CC

5 SEP 1947

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Liaison Section

In answer to a verbal request of your Mr.
S. W. Reynolds, a complete survey of research activities
discloses that the Army Air Forces has no project with
the characteristic similar to those which have been
associated with the Flying Discs.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. F. SCHULGEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy, Ass't. Chief of Air Staff-2

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TELETYPE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS.

OCEAN VIEW, VA., REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING DISC AT SHOUNS, TENN., SEPTEMBER SIXTY, LAST. SON-IN-LAW, [REDACTED]

OCEAN VIEW, VA., CONFIRMS SIGHTING OF THIS OBJECT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING SHAPED LIKE FOOTBALL, MOVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AT CONSTANT ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND FEET, AND TURNING END OVER END IN THE AIR. RATE OF SPEED COMPARABLE TO CUB PLANE.

[REDACTED] STATES OBJECT VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AGAINST OVERCAST SKY. NO DETAILS DISCERNIBLE. [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE OBJECT WAS DISC BUT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LOOSE METEOROLOGICAL BALLOON. RUC.

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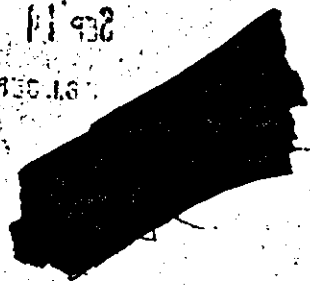
cc: Mr. Ladd

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
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- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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FBI PORTLAND 9-13-47 8-08 PM HHS
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FLYING DISCS. [REDACTED], PORTLAND, STATES
 HE OBSERVED AT ABOUT FIVE FIFTEEN PM ELEVENTH INSTANT, AN OBJECT
 SIMILAR IN SIZE TO A WEATHER BALLOON, WHICH APPEARED TO BE MADE OF
 ALUMINUM OR SOME OTHER BRIGHT METAL, TRAVELING RAPIDLY NORTHWEST TO
 SOUTHEAST OVER PORTLAND AT AN ESTIMATED TEN THOUSAND FEET. OBJECT
 VEERED TO SOUTH AND DISAPPEARED IN THE DISTANCE IN APPROXIMATELY ONE
 MINUTE. ALSO OBSERVED BY [REDACTED] DRIVER OF [REDACTED]
 CAR, AND POSSIBLY BY OTHER PORTLAND POLICE OFFICERS. SMALL ARTICLE
 APPEARED IN PORTLAND NEWSPAPER, THE OREGONIAN, CONCERNING THIS ON
 TWELFTH INSTANT. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Phoenix
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

DATE: September 4, 1947

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

Reference is made to San Francisco letter dated August 28, 1947, and to Bureau teletype to Phoenix dated August 30, 1947.

With reference to the above matter, I desire to point out that the letter of reference from San Francisco did not reach Phoenix until September 2, 1947.

On August 29, 1947, a Mr. [redacted] called at the Phoenix office and exhibited credentials reflecting that he is a representative of A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He also exhibited orders emanating from the office of Colonel [redacted] A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, instructing him to proceed to Phoenix immediately and contact the FBI office, at which time a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be designated to accompany him to interview [redacted] who had previously reported the photographing of a flying disc. The orders further indicated that the San Francisco office of the FBI was transmitting further information relating to Mr. [redacted] mission.

ASAC [redacted] telephonically communicated with SAC HARRY KIMBALL of the San Francisco office and Mr. KIMBALL verified the above information and stated that a letter had been directed to the Phoenix office suggesting that the Phoenix office assist any representative who called from A-2 in the interrogation of RHODES. SAC KIMBALL stated that in connection with flying discs, he had maintained close contact with Colonel [redacted] and that close cooperation existed. He further advised that many reports of flying discs had been received at San Francisco and that a full discussion concerning the results of inquiries had been held with Colonel [redacted].

In connection with flying disc investigations, Mr. [redacted] advised he had maintained close touch with the Bureau and had apparently handled these matters in accordance with Bureau policy.

In view of the above, Special Agent [redacted] of the Phoenix office was permitted to work with Mr. [redacted] in the interview of [redacted]. The results of the inquiry are set out hereunder.

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In explaining the results of photographing the ship, Mr. ██████ stated that he was surprised that the object appeared dark on a light background; that he fully expected that the object would be light on a dark background. He described the light spot which appears in the center of the object (Exhibit II) as being a green house. ██████ insisted that the ship made no noise that was audible to his ear and he was unable to detect the presence of any propeller. He also related that after the newspaper release over Radio Station KTAR, wherein statements were made that he, ██████, had stated Army officials were studying the photographs, and that it was a top secret, he attempted to determine the source of this release and the Radio station finally told him that it was a United Press release from Washington, D. C. b7c

The following description of ██████ was obtained from observation and interrogation: b7c



It should be stated that at the time of interview with ██████, Mr. ██████ identified himself as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and exhibited his credentials. However, pursuant to a request from Mr. ██████, he was introduced only as a representative of the United States government. His exact official connection was not made known to Mr. ██████. Agent ██████ advised that he felt it was a peculiar procedure, but it was not his business. However, at the conclusion of the interview, Mr. ██████ requested Mr. ██████ to furnish him with the negatives and ██████ stated he would be glad to do so, but they were not in his immediate possession, and he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning. Mr. ██████ requested that the negatives be returned to him. Agent ██████ states that to this request, Mr. ██████ made no reply. Agent ██████ states that after leaving Mr. ██████ he asked ██████ if the negatives would be returned to Mr. ██████ and ██████ stated that he doubted very much that they would be returned. Mr. ██████ then advised Mr. ██████ that before he, ██████, would accept these negatives that ██████ must be advised of Mr. ██████'s identity and also advised that the negatives, if turned over to Mr. ██████, would not be returned to him. b7c

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In view of which, on the morning on August 30, 1947, when Mr. [REDACTED] called at the Phoenix office to deliver the negatives, they were accepted only after he was advised that they were being given to Mr. [REDACTED], a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [REDACTED] turned the negatives over to this office with the full understanding that they were being given to the Army and that he would not get them back. b7c

The Phoenix office did not receive the Bureau teletype of reference instructing that no joint investigation should be conducted until after the matter had been handled.

Inasmuch as military authorities have complete knowledge of the results of the interview with Mr. [REDACTED] no copy of this report is being designated for A-2. b7c

JBB-kb

cc-San Francisco

62-213

September 11, 1947

EX-46 RECORDED

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[Redacted] b7c
Estill, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted] b7c

The material which you submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination has been identified as powdered soapstone.

The unused portion of this material is being returned to you under separate cover via Registered Mail.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

JWM:HBL:mek

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 FROM : J. P. Coyne *JPC*
 SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER

DATE: September 4, 1947

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Baughman to Mr. Harbo, dated August 28, 1947, requesting advice as to the final disposition of material submitted by Mrs. [redacted] Estill, South Carolina. It is noted that this material, which [redacted] reported to be a part of a flying saucer, has been identified as powdered soap stones.

It is recommended that the material be returned to Mrs. [redacted] along with a letter advising that such has been identified as powdered soap stones.

b7c
Harbo
J.P. Baughman
b7c

RGF:LH

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9-11-47
Tom

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 J.P. Baughman
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo *RTH*

DATE: August 28, 1947

FROM : T. F. Baughman *TFB*

SUBJECT: Letter and material received from Mrs. [redacted] Estill, South Carolina *b7c*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

FLYING SAUCER

The attached letter dated August 14, 1947 from Mrs. [redacted] together with the material which she reports to be part of a flying saucer was received in the Laboratory on August 19, 1947. The material which was submitted with Mrs. [redacted] letter has been identified as powdered soap stones. *b7c*

Inasmuch as the Investigative and Security Divisions might possibly be interested in this matter, I request that you advise me as to the final disposition of the submitted material as well as the type of reply which should be made to Mrs. [redacted] letter. *b7c*

JWM:PVH

b7c [redacted]

*Letter 8-11-47
JWM (pvh)*

*memo typed
RTH
9-4-47*

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[Redacted]

b7c

Handwritten: Ack
7/13/47

[Redacted]

b7c
New Mexico

July 13, 1947

Mr. Walter Winchell,
Postmaster,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Handwritten: Please excuse trying to
haste - airmail

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Handwritten: This
The enclosed letter deals with what are being
called "discs."

You are not to mention the contents of this
letter over the air, nor to any individual other than officials
of the War Dep't., members of the FBI, or an American whose
patriotism would rank with your own, and who might donate \$10,000
or more for the purpose of my continuing the collection of field
data concerning "discs," while time may remain in which to do so.

I have had respectful attention from the
following persons: (~~But no checks, nor expense accounts even.~~)

Col. [Redacted] b7c
Los Alamos, N.M.

Maj. [Redacted] b7c
Los Alamos, N.M.

Mr. [Redacted] b7c
Santa Fe, N.M.

Handwritten: 62-83114-46

ENCLOSURE

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 8, 1947

The attached was sent to the Director by Walter Winchell.

The notations appearing thereon read:

"Ack & F.B.I."

"Please excuse haste - Trying to make airmail west."

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Bureau files fail to reflect any record on a Mrs. [redacted] the writer of the attached letter.

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Francis Finley, Agent-in-Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, (Phone 1366)
Santa Fe, N.M.

b7c

Gen. [REDACTED]
Ass't. to [REDACTED]
AAF Materiel Command,
Washington, D.C.

b7c

[REDACTED]
Ass't to [REDACTED]
Albuquerque, N.M.

b7c

Gen. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Washington, D.C.

b7c

And through the courtesy of Gen. [REDACTED]
a letter from Sec. of War Robert Patterson, War Dep't, Washington, D.C.

All were highly interested, appreciative, with the
general trend of contacts being, "This is fine. Go right ahead."

My point in writing you is to raise some money to
proceed with. No budgets seemed to allow for the unexpected, elusive
"discs."

Sen. Carl Hatch, D-N.M., U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
has been contacted by mail for an appropriation, but even if this
only requires one more week, it may be too late.

You may contact any of the above listed persons to
verify my contacts (excuse repetition word contact) during the past
four months. In other words, I began reporting directly to
Dr. [REDACTED] Scientific Head of Los Alamos, and Colonel [REDACTED],
et al, some time ago that this type aerial "disc" was a reality.

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This material was considered confidential, and still is.

I have been asked by [REDACTED] ^{b7c} not to speak any further than material which has been published in the press. And I have chosen simply not to speak at all, except to a source which I consider might further my own work.

If you ask of the above persons, to ascertain whether or not I have made serious, materially valuable contributions, which may indicate much scientifically..... and which, if action can be continued soon enough, may a little later save our nation much.... please make inquiries quietly, and as promptly as convenient.

I must ask you not to speculate, even to yourself... but simply to act.

Do not mention in any manner, until release by the War Dep't, even the receipt of this letter, except to the above persons, or proper government officials there. Or, to one whom you know will make a donation.

Perhaps your safest bet would be simply to telephone the FBI there, and let them telephone Francis Finley here for verification.

I promise you an exclusive, behind the scenes story when, and if, the War Dep't releases the material nationally. Meantime, your action now may save your own life, and that of others who may have wondered what a "disc" is.

Rest assured I have all the proper scientific and government contacts needed..... all I need is the wherewithall. I have the proper background to discuss the subject, secure the further field

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data I now need, explain it technically, and secure proper action, provided I am given the means to do so.

I regret that I cannot be more specific now, but duty to country rests above.


I have met before with the mental reaction, "What? A woman handling this type material?" And my signature below will probably evoke the same response from you. So I assure you, yes, it is a woman who is coming in with the information which men have gone out to seek. And doing the proper thing about it.

Most respectfully,

b7c  
Mrs. 

cc/

P.S. Am a former newspaper person, and very proud of it. Am 39, but dress and feel some younger.

b7c Again, I must ask you not to mention even the town from which this letter comes, as you may be endangering lives to so so. Simply ascertain my contributions, get some money to me, and wait.  ~~himself~~ would give me a gas budget, if he were not so close himself.)

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September 25, 1947

[Redacted]

b7c

South Royalton, Vermont

Dear [Redacted]

b7c

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1947. An Agent of our Albany, New York, Office will call upon you in the near future for any additional information in your possession.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Albany (separate cover letter)

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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SAC, Albany

September 25, 1947

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS

Informant **b7c**

Attached hereto are copies of an incoming communication from **[redacted]**, South Royalton, Vermont, and copies of acknowledgment of same. **b7c**

It is requested that an Agent of your Office call on Mr. **[redacted]** to obtain any additional information in his possession concerning flying discs. **b7c**

Enclosures

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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CHELSEA
NORWICH
ROYALTON

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SHARO
STRAFF
TUNBRI

[Redacted] b7c

September 17, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

At 3:40 P.M. to-day I observed a so-called flying saucer. This occurred while I was half way up Rix Ledges north of Lebanon, N. H. As I was intently watching the honey bees circling in a patch of sky after leaving my bee box my attention was called to a floating object that appeared to be as large as a tennis ball and as white as cotton batting. This object approached rapidly and noiselessly from the East and was followed closely by another object that appeared in size and shape like a saucer which maintained a constant angle of inclination to the ball and followed it at a constant distance. The two objects made an angle with my eye of approximately five degrees. They were in my vision for more than a minute when I lost them in the glare of the sun.

If I had seen this in the night sky with my six inch telescope I would have thought that the planets Venus and Saturn had suddenly gotten together and were traveling at great speed much nearer the earth.

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Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

Superintendent of Schools

b7c

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : *[Redacted]* *b7c*

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: September 8, 1947

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____

at that time indicated to Mr. *[Redacted]* that he would check with the Army area in order to ascertain whether or not they were conducting any experiments in this vicinity at that time.

Colonel *[Redacted]* has subsequently advised Mr. *[Redacted]* that he has been advised by the Army area that no such experiments were being conducted in the area of Twin Falls, Idaho, on or about August 19, 1947, which would in any way throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype. *b7c*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. *[Redacted]* of the Internal Security Section. *b7c*

SMR:mr

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
 SECURITY MATTER - X

DATE: 9-13-47

Reference is made to my teletype dated 9-4-47, advising that Mrs. [redacted] Oswego, Oregon, was reported to have seen a number of discs on 9-3-47 above Oswego. **b7c**

[redacted] was interviewed and described the object which she has observed as follows: **b7c**

While entertaining her 7 year old son and 10 year old neighbor child on her lawn, at about noon, [redacted] and the children noticed approximately two dozen round silver objects high in the sky. [redacted] stated she believed these objects to have been platter shaped rather than spherical and to have been considerably larger than an airplane of the cub type which was flying in a different portion of the sky at the same time. She advised that these objects appeared to her to be at a great distance and constructed of some white metallic material. **b7c**

[redacted] attention was first drawn to the objects by an explanation from one of the children to the effect that the airplane was sky-writing. The objects were grouped in approximately an arc about level with the sun and to the left of the sun as viewed by [redacted]. They did not change positions during the 3 or 4 minutes which she observed them but some of the larger of the objects appeared to rotate rapidly in the manner of a wheel. One of the objects was separated by considerable distance from the main group and while she was watching [redacted] states this object began to fall and floated slowly downward until it was no longer visible because of trees on the horizon. **b7c**

[redacted] advised that she continued to observe the remaining objects until her eyes began to be affected by the brightness of the sky whereupon she went into her house and is unable to state what became of the group. **b7c**

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

b7c

FBI PORTLAND 9-4-47 3-42 PM PST KAM

DIRECTOR U R G E N T

RE FLYING DISCS. A [REDACTED] OSWEGO, OREGON, REPORTED TO HAVE SEEN TWELVE TO FIFTEEN ROUND SILVER OBJECTS AT A HIGH ALTITUDE AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, SEPT. THIRD, FORTYSEVEN, ABOVE OSWEGO, OREGON, WHILE WATCHING A LOCAL PLANE FLYING OVERHEAD. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

b7c

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EX-66

62-57614-72
31 SEP 10 1947

cc: Mr. Ladd

SAC, Springfield

September 5, 1947

Director, FBI

FLYING DISC

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With reference to your letter, dated August 20, 1947, it is desired that you contact the appropriate Army officials and in the event they are not interested in receiving this alleged flying disc, it may be destroyed.

RGF:LH

- Tolson _____
- E. A. Tamm _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Springfield
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISC

DATE: August 20, 1947

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947 re the above.

For the Bureau's information a Mrs. [redacted] of Saybrook, Illinois reported to this office the finding of a flying disc in her front yard at 6:00 A.M. on July 26, 1947. **b7c**

It appears from investigation conducted by an Agent of this office that the stability of [redacted] is questionable. However the alleged flying disc was obtained and it is apparently the concoction of some of the juveniles in the area. It is an old wooden platter, which has assembled on it a silver plate, a spark plug, a timer, and some old brass tubing. Photographs were taken of the same and there are six views enclosed herewith. **b7c**

No doubt this was someone's idea of a prank.

The disc is presently being retained by the Springfield Office and will be retained pending receipt of Bureau advice relative to its destruction. The thought in retaining it was that perhaps the Bureau might desire to have it transmitted to Washington for any novel value it might have.

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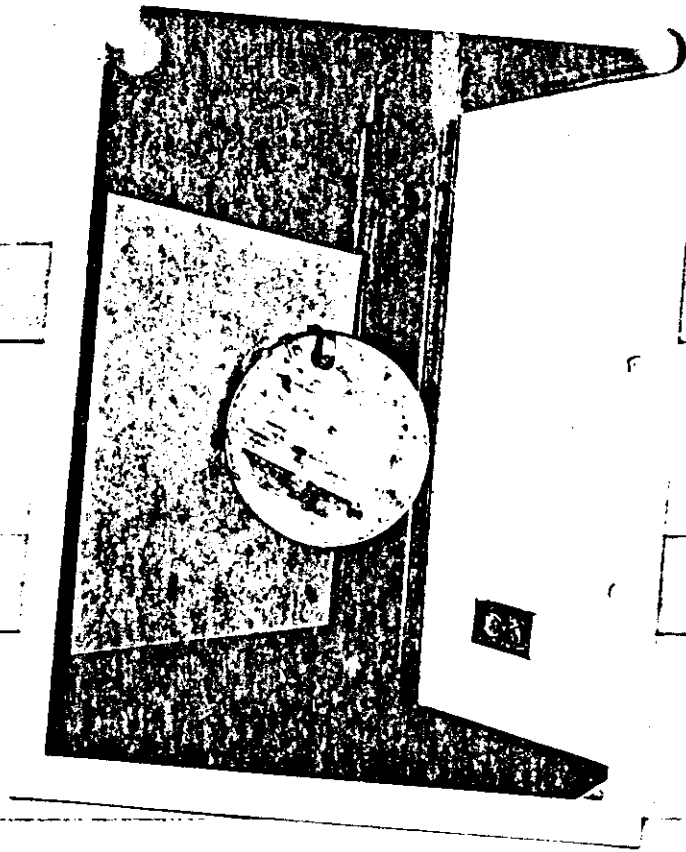
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Photographs of "Flying Disc" found
at Saybrook, Ill. 7-26-47

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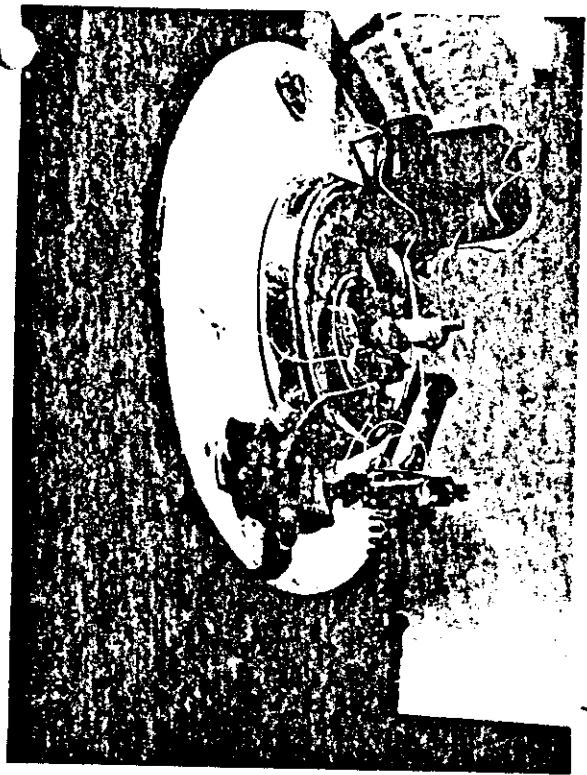












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Florence, Alabama

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of August 18, 1947, has been received, and I am most appreciative of the thoughtfulness which prompted you to communicate with me. For your information, no reward has been offered by any U. S. Government Agency for the location of "flying saucers." I regret that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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8/18, 47.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:
7. B. Washington, D. C.

(31)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hardly know how to go about trying to tell you what I want you to know. But just in my own simple way I'll do the best I can. I know you are a very busy man altho I hope you will take time to read my letter and I'll try to make a long story short.

Mr. Hoover almost five weeks ago, what we all call a "Flying Saucer" fell in my front yard a distance of five or six feet from where I was standing. I saw it coming straight down out of the skies. It came down at a terrific speed and exploded. I turned the pieces over to Chief [redacted] b7c

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Mr. Hoover of the Hoover
What the police did with
what ever we might call it
that fell in my hand
you probably know all
about it. But I did what
I thought was right. I
called the police at once and
turned it over to them.
Then in three or four days
with a neighbor and I found
more of it in some tall grass
nearby and I also carried it
to the police station.

If there is a reward Mr.
Hoover I know you are
the one to see that I
get it. Will you help
me please. Very truly yours.

[Redacted signature]

Florence, Ala.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director
FROM: SAC, Portland

DATE: September 5, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

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Reference is made to my teletype dated August 15, 1947 advising that a Mr. [redacted] of Agate Beach, Oregon had reported on August 7, 1947 that he sighted what he believed to be a disc. Mr. [redacted] instead of [redacted], now residing in Newport, Oregon was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] stated that on August 7, 1947 he was residing at Agate Beach, Oregon and that his house was very near the ocean beach; that at about 12:30 A. M. he was awakened by his son coming in and that while awake he noticed a bright glow of light across the sky out over the ocean. He stated that he immediately thought of flying discs and thought this might be one of the discs.

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Mr. [redacted] went on to say that he had no idea as to the shape or size of this object but that it appeared to be about five miles out over the ocean and that he was able to see it for about 15 to 30 seconds. He further stated that due to the darkness he could tell nothing about the speed of this object but thought it was traveling a great deal faster than any airplane he had ever seen. He informed that this glow of light was somewhat similar to "The Northern Light" which sometimes appears in the sky but of course not nearly as large and that it appeared to be going up and down, that is fluctuating in altitude as it traveled along. He stated it disappeared in the west, either falling into the ocean or disappearing over the horizon. He could give no other information concerning this object of light reported by him as possibly being a flying disc. Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] shop in Newport.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUGUST 30, 1947

URGENT

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SACS SAN FRANCISCO AND PHOENIX

REPORT OF FLYING DISCS. RE SANF MEMO AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH ██████████, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. SANF ADVISE A-TWO AIR FORCE NOT NECESSARY FOR ██████████ TO PROCEED TO PHOENIX, THAT BUREAU WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW IF DESIRED, BUT JOINT INVESTIGATION NOT DEEMED NECESSARY. IF ██████████ PROCEEDS PHOENIX IN SPITE OF ABOVE, ADVISE HIM YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT JOINT INVESTIGATION AND NOT POSSIBLE FOR ██████████ TO SIT IN ON INTERVIEW WITH ██████████

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M Per

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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AUGUST 25, 1947 - URGENT

SAC BUTTE

FLYING DISCS. EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES AT ARMY AIR FORCES REVEAL THAT NO RESEARCH OR EXPERIMENTS WERE BEING CONDUCTED BY AAF IN THE VICINITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO ON OR ABOUT AUGUST NINETEEN. IN THE EVENT YOUR SOURCES IN THE ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCES INDICATE OTHERWISE ADVISE BUREAU PROMPTLY.

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JUN 25 1947

- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. K. Ladd

DATE: August 22, 1947

FROM :

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Mumford _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made the teletype from the Butte Field Division dated August 20, 1947, in the above captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, this matter was checked with Army Air Forces. Lieutenant Colonel [Redacted], advised Special Agent [Redacted] that extensive inquiries with the Army Air Forces revealed that no research or experiments were being conducted by the AAF in the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho on or about August 19, 1947. Colonel [Redacted] stated that he had no information which would throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype.

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ACTION

It is suggested this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section to the attention of Supervisor [Redacted]

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Mr. Quinn
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FBI BUTTE 8-20-47 3-22 PM LB

DIRECTOR URGENT
FLYING DISCS. BETWEEN NINE THIRTY AND NINE FORTY FIVE PM LAST NIGHT,
AUGUST NINETEENTH, MR. AND MRS. [REDACTED]
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, WHILE SITTING ON THE FRONT PORCH WITH MRS. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED], OBSERVED AN OBJECT RESEMBLING A FLYING SAUCER TRAVELING VERY RAPIDLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST SECTION OF THIS CITY. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER, ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW TEN SIMILAR OBJECTS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE FORM OF A TRIANGLE. AS THIS GROUP OF OBJECTS WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR IN THE OVERCAST SKY, THREE OF THE OBJECTS ON THE LEFT FLANK PEELED OFF AND PROCEEDED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE REMAINING OBJECTS IN THE TRIANGULAR FORMATION APPEARED TO CLOSE RANKS AND CONTINUE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION.

THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW ANOTHER ~~GROUP~~ ^{RECORDED} GROUP OF THREE OBJECTS PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AGAIN IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE. ^{EX-30} ^{INDEXED} THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER INFORMANTS OBSERVED ANOTHER GROUP CONSISTING OF FROM FIVE TO SIX OBJECTS, AGAIN IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION; PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. A FEW MINUTES LATER A LARGE GROUP OF OBJECTS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN THIRTY FIVE AND FIFTY FLEW OVER THE CITY IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, AGAIN IN

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cc: Mr. Ladd

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TRIANGULAR FORMATION. BETWEEN TWENTY AND TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE LAST GROUP WAS OBSERVED, SIMILAR OBJECTS WERE NOTED COMING BACK OVER THE CITY VERY RAPIDLY AND PROCEEDING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. AT THIS TIME INFORMANTS STATED THE OBJECTS APPEARED IN GROUPS OF THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN. AT THIS POINT MRS. [REDACTED] CALLED DETECTIVE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THE TWIN FALLS PD, A NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, WHO ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TWIN FALLS PD, PROCEEDED TO THE [REDACTED] HOME WHERE THEY OBSERVED A GROUP OF TWELVE b7c OBJECTS FLYING IN FORMATION OVER THE CITY IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. INFORMANTS, ALL REPUTABLE CITIZENS THIS COMMUNITY, UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HEIGHT OF OBJECTS OR SPEED, BUT CLAIMED THEY RESEMBLED ILLUMINATED FLYING SAUCERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE OBJECTS OBSERVED WERE NOT THE LANDING LIGHTS OF AIRPLANES NOR SHOOTING STARS. NONE OF THESE OBJECTS WERE SEEN TO COME TO EARTH NEAR TWIN FALLS AND

CONTINUING IN LINE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED BUREAU BULLETIN NO. FORTY TWO, PARAGRAPH B, DATED JULY THIRTY LAST. IN EVENT BUREAU IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON

PAGE THREE

PART OF ARMY AIR FORCES WHICH MAY EXPLAIN THESE PHENOMENA, ADVICE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IT IS BELIEVED CONTINUED APPEARANCE OF SUCH OBJECTS WITHOUT OFFICIAL EXPLANATION MAY RESULT IN HYSTERIA OR PANIC TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.



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- The Director
 - Mr. Tolson
 - Mr. Ladd
 - Mr. Rosen
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 - Mr. Nichols
 - Mr. Tracy
 - Mr. Harbo
 - Mr. Carroll
 - Mr. Coyne
 - Mr. Fletcher
 - Mr. Laughlin
 - Mr. McCabe
 - Mr. Mohr
 - Mr. Nease
 - Mr. Pennington
 - Mr. Quinn Tamm
 - Mr. Tyler
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 - Call file
 - See Mr.
 - Call me re this
 - Note and return
 - Mr. 
 - Room 
 - Miss Gandy
 - Miss Gray
 - Miss Lyon
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*check with Army
Air Force*

Jr Edward A. Tamm
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : BUREAU
 FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 8-23-47

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
 SECURITY MATTER - X

The following investigation was conducted at Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, Oregon on August 12, 1947.

[REDACTED], Roseburg, Oregon, operator of the [REDACTED] Myrtle Creek, Oregon, advised that on 8-6-47 at approximately 6:15 PM while instructing a student in a take off at the airport, he noticed an object east of Myrtle Creek which appeared to be from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in the air. The sky was completely clear and visibility was excellent. He stated that the object glistened and appeared to be of aluminium sheeting. Upon noticing it he had immediately taken over the controls of the plane which at that time was at 400 feet, and proceeded East in an attempt to further observe the object. He advised that the object appeared to be climbing and traveling East at a high rate of speed which he estimated on a computer in his plane as 1,000 miles per hour. He believed the object to be spherical in shape and recalled noticing a darker object to the right the first time he saw it. He observed no vapor trails nor did he hear any noise from the object. After searching the area for approximately 10 minutes [REDACTED] and his student [REDACTED] returned to the airport and made another landing and take off. In practically the same position at 400 feet altitude, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw the object in approximately the same position as seen before. He estimated the sphere to be 30 feet in diameter and stated when they first observed it it appeared to be so near he could fly right to it. However, the object sighted the second time disappeared in the same manner as the first had. b7c

It is noted that [REDACTED] served as a Lieutenant JG in the U. S. Naval Air Corps for about 3½ years, flying constantly on the Atlantic submarine patrol. He is a reputable citizen in Douglas County and is reported to be a qualified pilot. b7c

[REDACTED], Myrtle Creek, Oregon, verified the above information as furnished by [REDACTED], stating that the first object sighted had been called to his attention when [REDACTED] took over the controls of the plane at about 400 feet following his take off, but that they had both sighted the object on the second take off at the same time. [REDACTED] described the object as a "silver ball or balloon" which he believed to be 8 miles east of Myrtle Creek, traveling East, and climbing very fast until it disappeared in approximately 45 seconds. [REDACTED] estimated the sphere as being 50 feet in diameter and stated in his opinion the second object appeared to climb straight up. b7c

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He advised that he did not observe any evidence of motion such as vapour or trails, etc. and could hear no noise over the noise of his own ship.

Investigation in the vicinity of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, has failed to reveal any other person sighting the objects reported by [REDACTED] No further investigation is being conducted. b7c

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 14, 1947

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Case

There are attached two copies of a blind memorandum setting forth the facts relative to the reported air crash of two AAF officers investigating flying disc complaints.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a copy of this memorandum be furnished by the Liaison Section to the Air Force Intelligence.

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: August 18, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with the Director on Wednesday of last week, at which time the Director advised that Los Angeles papers carried under a Washington date line an article indicating the Soviet espionage agents in the United States are under instruction to solve the flying discs. Such instructions were believed to be based on the assumption that the flying discs were a secret weapon of the Army or Navy. The article attributed the source of its information to a Federal investigative agency.

Pursuant to your instructions, liaison representatives have contacted the Headquarters of Military Intelligence, the Headquarters of the Air Forces Intelligence, Office of Naval Intelligence and CIG. All agencies denied any knowledge of the flying discs, as well as any knowledge of the basis for this article.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: August 15, 1947

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:
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Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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The Director advised on August 14, 1947, that the Los Angeles papers were carrying headlines indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to determine the facts relative to the flying discs. The article carried a Washington date line and indicated that Red espionage agents had been ordered to solve the question of the flying discs, the Russians being of the opinion that this might be some new form of defense perfected by the American Military. The article further recalled that during the recent war pieces of tin foil had been dropped in the air for the purpose of off setting the value of radar being used by the enemy forces and that these aluminum discs might be a new development along this line. The Director inquired as to whether the Bureau had any such information.

I informed him that I had never heard of any information indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to obtain such information.

A check with the officials at G-2, ONI and at the Air Corps Intelligence was made and it was found that they had no information relative to such a story.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, I advised Mr. Nichols that in the event any inquiries were made concerning such a story, that the story should be flatly denied in so far as the FBI was concerned.

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-67 Hicksville, Long Island, New York

Dear [Redacted]

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosure dated July 10, 1947.

I have instructed the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office to have a Special Agent call upon you for the purpose of obtaining further information in connection with this matter.

Your interest in calling this information to my attention is indeed

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York (with inclosure). There is no identifiable information in the files of the Bureau concerning the writer of this letter. The decoding of the message on the newspaper clipping was referred to the Laboratory, who subsequently advised that the writer's decoding was substantially correct. There is being set forth below the results of the Laboratory's decoding:

"TIMED OF HUMAN NONSENSE WENT AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER MARTIANS LATE THIS YEAR".

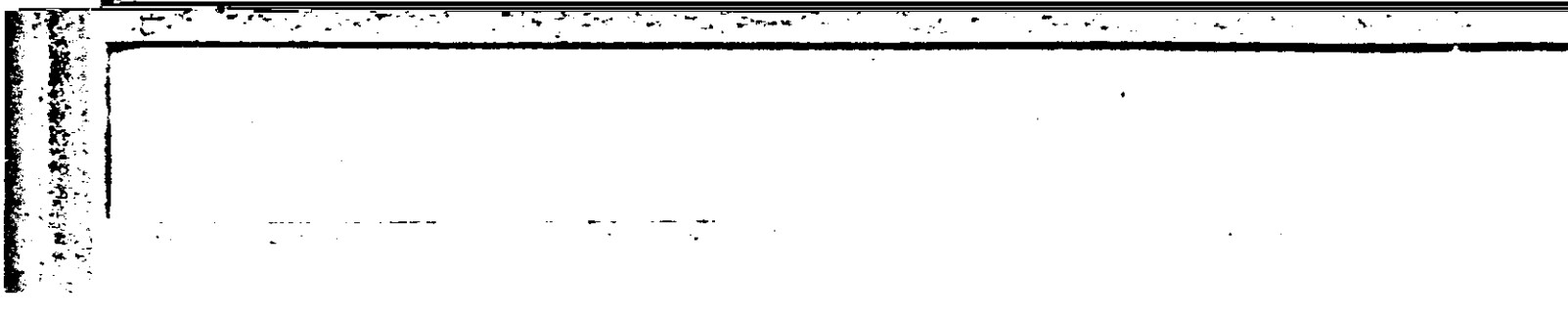
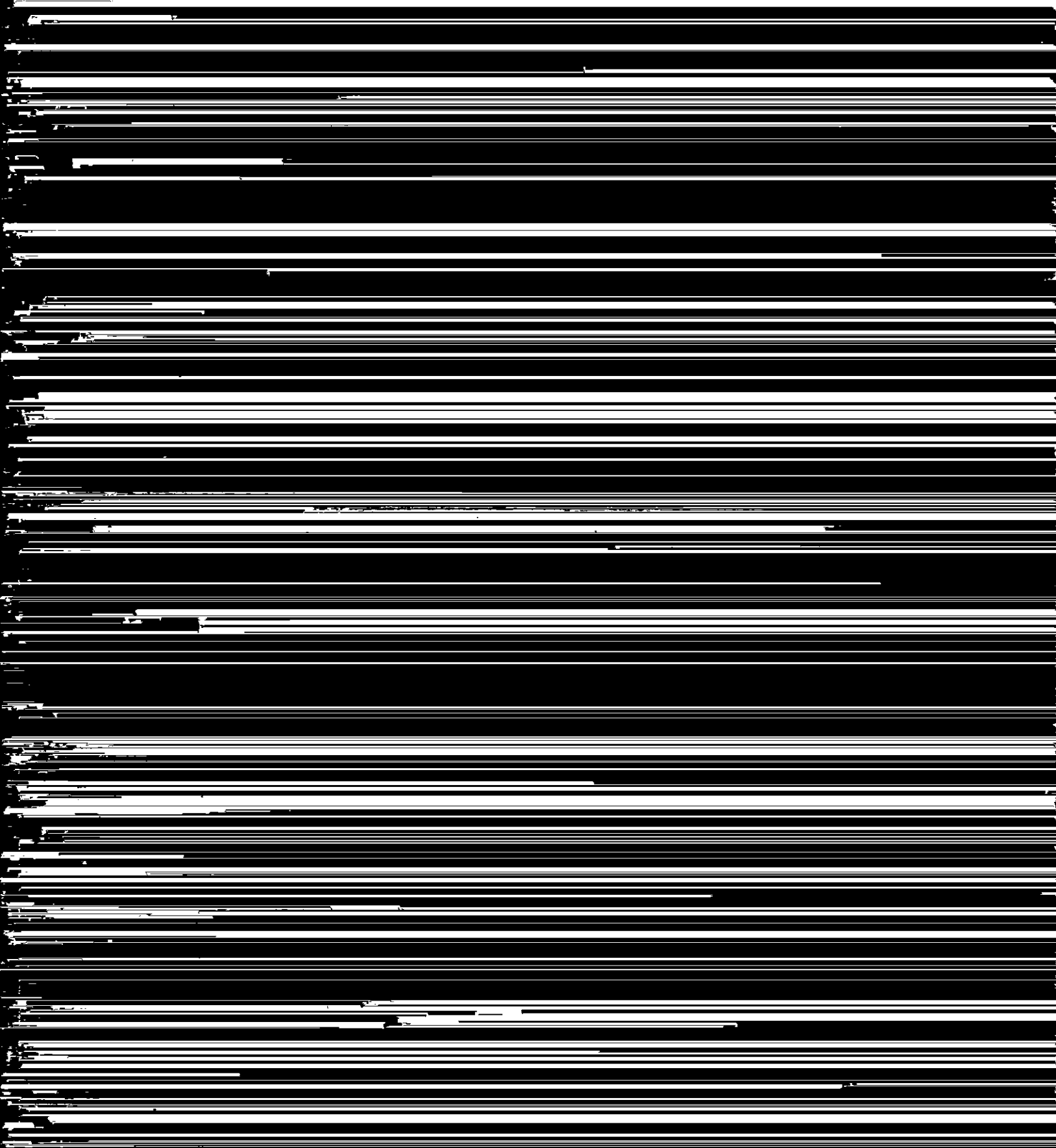
The New York Office should interview the writer of this letter to ascertain from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. Thereafter, contact should be made with this newspaper to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message. This individual must be thoroughly interrogated to obtain information surrounding the alleged receipt of the coded message. The Bureau should be promptly advised of the results (M A of these inquiries.)

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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Fixed of human nonsense
Don't await Atomic war.
Disrupting order, solve?
system & so sent flying
Hiss and will set up
World order under
— late this year.

Please advise

Very sincerely
D. K.

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HICKSVILLE, L.I. (NOT LISTED)

b7c

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*No comments. Records
is substantially as
set forth in letter.*

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SECURITY DIVISION - FBI
INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION

7/16/67

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COUNTY IRRITANT

from our Mail Box

Calling for Decoders

Bellmore—About nine at night on July 4th I received the following shortwave message in code, origin unknown. I kept listening, and about an hour later the message was repeated letter for letter. I can't figure out what it means, but here it is:

DITER FO NUHMA SOESNENN
TWN LATWA NOTCIA WRA
RUSPIDGNIT DREOR LASOR
STEYMS SO STEN YLFNIG
SKIDS DAN WLIL EST UP
WLORD DREOR NERUD TIR-
MANAS TEAL HIST ARYE.

—Radio Ham.

(Neither can we, but we hope it's legal.—Ed.)

42-83894-64

August 1, 1947

[Redacted] b7c
Springlaven, Chester, Pennsylvania

RECORDED Dear [Redacted] b7c

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1947.

After a careful review of the contents of this letter it was ascertained that the information contained therein would probably be of interest to the War Department, therefore, I have taken the liberty of furnishing this information to that agency.

Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
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 cc - Philadelphia

(There is no identifiable information in the Bureau files concerning the writer of this letter.)

This letter referred to "flying saucers."

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FBI SEATTLE

8-6-47

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DIRECTOR FBI

URGENT

FLYING DISCS, S. M. - X. RETEL PORTLAND TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SEATTLE AUGUST FIVE LAST. INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS MCCORD FIELD, WN., ADVISE THAT IN THEIR ~~OPINION~~ OPINION AND FROM THEIR INVESTIGATION THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE CRASH OF THE B- TWENTYFIVE AT KELSO, WN. ~~APPROXIMATELY~~ APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY A. M., AUGUST ONE LAST HAVING BEEN CAUSED BY ANY SABOTAGE. THEY STATE THEIR INVESTIGATION INDICATES THE LEFT ENGINE BURNED OUT AN EXHAUST STACK WHICH CAUSED THE WING TO BURN AND BREAK OFF. THE LEFT WING AS IT ~~BROKE~~ BROKE OFF TORE OFF THE TAIL AND THE PLANE CRASHED INTO THE GROUND KILLING CAPT. DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF THE FOURTH AIR FORCE WHO WERE RETURNING FROM MCCORD FIELD, WN., TO HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE CREW CHIEF AND A HITCHHIKER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY FROM THE PLANE. ONLY FOUR MEMBERS WERE ABOARD THE PLANE, DAVIDSON AND BROWN BEING PILOT AND CO- PILOT AND HAD NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE WHEN THE WING BROKE OFF. LT. COL. DONALD L. SPRINGER, A- TWO ~~AWAKEXXX~~ OFFICER FOR THE FOURTH AIR FORCE, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSSON AND BROWN WERE SENT FROM HAMILTON FIELD TO INTERVIEW ~~██████████~~ AND ~~██████████~~ AT TACOMA, WN., REGARDING THEIR REPORT OF SEEING SOME FLYING DISCS OVER MAURY ISLAND, WN., AND THAT THEY OBTAINED SOME OF THE DISC FRAGMENTS. CRISMAN AND DAHL ARE PARTNERS IN A LUMBER BUSINESS AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

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CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN ON THURSDAY, JULY ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTYFIRST
LAST INTERVIEWED [REDACTED], FROM BOISE, IDAHO, b6
WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THAT REPORTED SEENING FLYING DISCS AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-UNITED AIRLINES PILOT FROM SEATTLE, WN., WHO ALSO REPORTED
SEEING FLYING DISCS. THIS INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE AT THE ~~WINTHROP~~ WINTHROP
HOTEL ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTYFIRST LAST. CAPTAIN
DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RETURNING TO HAMILTON FIELD FOR AIRFORCE
DAY AND HAD WITH THEM SOME OF THE DISC FRAGMENTS AS REPORTED BY [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] b6

2. REPORTER PAUL LANTZ OF TACOMA TIMES, AND UNITED PRESS
WIREMAN TED MORELLO OF TACOMA, RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS JULY
THIRTYFIRST AND AUGUST FIRST LAST REGARDING THE MEETING AT THE WINTHROP
HOTEL OVER THE DISCS FRAGMENTS AND THAT THE B- TWENTYFIVE WHICH
CRASHED THE MORNING OF ~~AGST~~ AUGUST ONE WAS ~~WAS~~ SABOTAGED OR SHOT DOWN.
INFORMATION AS YET NOT VERIFIED INDICATED THE ENTIRE STORY STARTED BY
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] POSSIBLY TO PROMOTE SALE OF SLAG FOUND IN A GRAVEL
PIT ON MAURY ISLAND, WN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET AS TO THE
IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO THE
TACOMA TIMES AND THE UNITED PRESS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WILL BE INTER-
VIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. b6

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August 8, 1947

SAC, Chicago

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS

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The War Department has furnished this Bureau with the following telegram dated July 5 at New York, New York:

"FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING FLYING DISKS SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT OF ██████████ ILLINOIS WHO MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ORIGIN."

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The War Department has furnished a memorandum entitled "Report on Flying Saucers", dated July 7, 1947, addressed to Commanding General, 32d AAF Base Unit, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., from John D. Schindler, Jr., two copies of which are attached. The War Department has stated that the incidents referred to in the attached memorandum are in the general vicinity of ██████████ which was given as the address of ██████████ in the above telegram.

It is, therefore, desired that the Chicago Field Division conduct appropriate inquiries regarding ██████████ and in the event such inquiries do not reveal information indicating that he should not be interviewed, he should be interrogated for any information he might have relative to flying discs. It is desired that this matter be handled as soon as possible and the Bureau promptly advised.

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Enclosure

RGF:mae

Returned

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FBI
FROM : WDCS, US BRANCH
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 16 July 47

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1. Attached hereto:
 - a. Copy of unsigned telegram received by HQ, AAF 9 July 1947, in which it is indicated that [REDACTED] Illinois may have information concerning the origin of the "flying saucers".
 - b. Copy of a report on flying saucers which were observed by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes over southern Wisconsin.
 - c. Map with indications as to proximity of the locations where the flying saucers were reported to have been seen in relation to [REDACTED], Ill. that the time
2. In view of the fact/the observation of the flying saucers was made corresponds closely with the date of the unsigned telegram, and considering the proximity of [REDACTED] to the points where the objects were observed, it is requested that [REDACTED] be investigated to determine whether or not he has information pertaining to the origin of Flying Saucers.

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ENCLOSURE

7 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Flying Saucers.

TO: Commanding General
3rd AAF Base Unit
Bolling Field
Washington, D. C.

1. Following are statistics regarding reports by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes.

2. First report: Time 11:45 hours CST. Altitude of saucer 6000 feet.

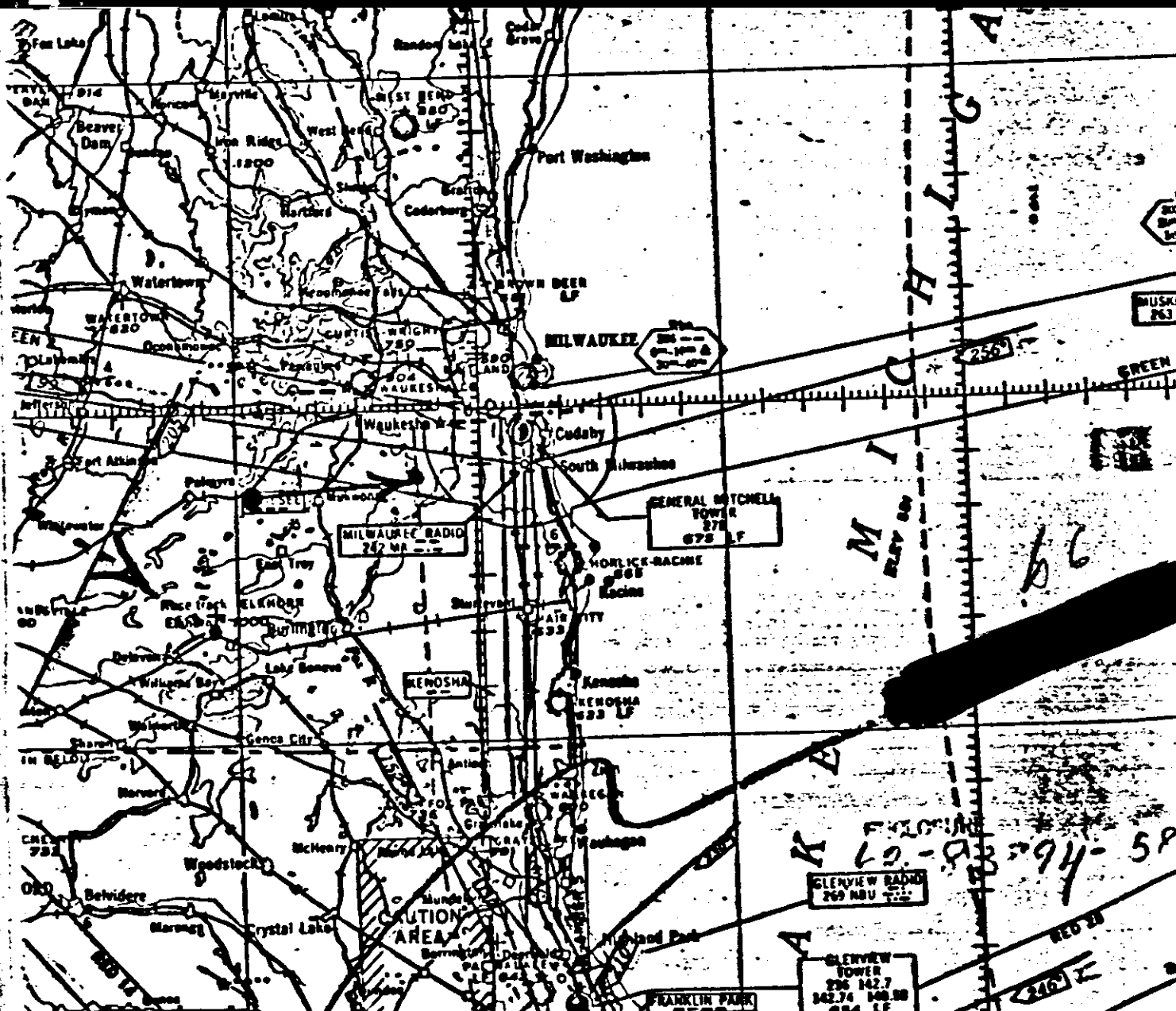
3. First report: Time 11:45 hours CST. Alt. of observers 800 feet above the ground. Altitude of saucer 4000 feet MSL. Observed period - First sighted over Koshkonong, Wisconsin. Flight was observed from town of Koshkonong to Elkhorn, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-five (25) miles in fifteen (15) seconds, which is a speed of six thousand (6000) miles per hour.

4. Second report: Time 14:30 hours CST. Altitude of observers thirty-five hundred feet (3500) MSL. Altitude of saucer twenty-five hundred feet (2500). Observation period. Observers at East Troy, Wisconsin, flight observed from Eagle, Wisconsin to Muskego, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-two (22) miles in twenty (20) seconds, which is a speed of three thousand nine hundred sixty (3960) miles per hour.

5. Flight maneuvers: First observation-saucer descended vertically edgewise through altocumulus clouds, stopped at four thousand (4000) feet and assumed horizontal position and proceeded in horizontal flight from a horizontal position for fifteen (15) seconds covering twenty-five (25) miles and again stopped and disappeared. Second observation: Observed in horizontal flight in a horizontal attitude for a period of twenty (20) seconds covering twenty-two (22) miles. By the time the pilot had removed his camera from the glove compartment of his plane, the saucer disappeared and again reappeared approximately ten (10) miles farther along its course after six (6) seconds making its final disappearance.

6. The first two observers were an instructor and a student, having just taken off from Elkhorn Airport. The second two observers, one being [redacted] and a passenger. 66

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ENCLOSURE John D. Schindler, Jr.
Maj. Air Corps, AAF-CAP Liaison Officer.



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Office Memorandum

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DATE: 7/21/47

TO : W. H. Fitch
FROM : E. G. Fitch

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

[REDACTED] b7c

Colonel Carl Golbranson of the Intelligence Division of the War Department advised Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section that the War Department has received a telegram, dated New York, New York, July 5, as follows:

"REPORTS OF THE PRESS CONCERNING FLYING DISCS SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT OF [REDACTED] ILLINOIS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN VISITED BY CONTACT CONCERNING THEIR ORIGIN."

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Colonel Golbranson furnished Mr. Reynolds with a copy of the memorandum titled "Report on Flying Saucers," dated July 7, 1947, addressed to Commanding General, 302nd Air Base Unit, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., from John D. Schindler, a copy of which is attached to this memorandum. The attached memorandum sets forth information and statistics regarding two reportings of incidents of flying disks. There is also attached hereto a map of the Illinois River area which was furnished to S. W. Reynolds by Colonel Golbranson. Colonel Golbranson stated that according to this map the incidents reported in the attached memorandum are in the general vicinity of [REDACTED] which was given as the address of [REDACTED] in the anonymous telegram received by the War Department.

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Colonel Golbranson advised that in view of the fact that the observation of the flying saucers was made on July 7th and the date of the unsigned telegram is July 5th, together with the proximity of [REDACTED] to the points where the objects were observed, he desired the Bureau conduct some investigation of Shaver to determine whether or not he has any information pertaining to the origin of the flying saucers.

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Mr. Reynolds advised Colonel Golbranson that his request would be made known to you and the results of any investigation would be brought to his attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the field be directed to make inquiries regarding [REDACTED] and, if deemed advisable, interview him regarding any information that he has relative to flying discs. The results of any investigation should be forwarded to the Liaison Section for delivery to the Intelligence Division of the War Department.

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Attachments:

Re: [REDACTED]

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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- Mr. Rosen
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR "URGENT"

FLYING DISC SIGHTED BY MRS. [REDACTED] SECURITY MATER X.

CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN TODAY REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO REPORTED SEEING A DISC THREE THIRTY AM
TODAY SAILING ABOVE LAKE MICHIGAN OFF JACKSON PARK BEACH. LITTLE
UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY. FATHER IN LAW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AVENUE, ADVISED LITTLE SIGHTED DISC OVER
A MONTH AGO AND SHE IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE. NO FURTHER INQUIRY
CONTEMPLATED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: August 8, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED] *gpw b7c*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

[REDACTED] Informants; *b7c*

FLYING DISC
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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E.A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

There is attached a memorandum setting forth the pertinent information received by the Detroit Office from [REDACTED] and *b7c* [REDACTED] relative to "flying discs."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this material be personally delivered by the Liaison Section to the appropriate contact in the War Department.

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August 8, 1947

FLYING DISCS

Information was received from the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, that on July 10, 1947, one [redacted] an employee of Dow Chemical Company since about 1922, brought some material to their Physics laboratory. He stated that about 5:15 p.m., July 9, he and his wife, Laura, were walking in a field when they heard a puff noise about one hundred feet away. They turned and saw a ball of white about the size of a bushel basket burning approximately a foot off of the ground. The fire died out immediately and later Lane scooped up a three inch area of fused sand into a can for examination at their laboratory. b7c

Upon interview by FBI Agents, [redacted] told substantially the same story, but [redacted] was reluctant to talk and very indefinite about what happened. There were marked discrepancies in their stories. b7c

Dow authorities considered the story fantastic but have examined the material and state contents are: ordinary sand, not radio active; but giving off ammonia gas; a small silver nugget almost pure except for sand mixed in it, not radio active; melted or fused sand which gives off ammonia odor and little droplets of silver melted in sand and some grayish color material which is radio active. The level of radio activity in this material is extremely low. An employee of Dow, formerly employed by the Government at Los Alamos Project, stated the fused sand has some characteristics of Los Alamos sand, but he does not believe it is the same.

[redacted] is known to have in his possession a small quantity of luminous paint, radio active, to be an amateur photographer and to have a limited knowledge of chemistry and physics. He is described as very peculiar, surly, antagonistic to plant protection officers and interested in photography and electricity. Lane is white, was born May 7, 1902, at Freesoil, Michigan. He is 5' 9 1/2", weighs 145 pounds, has dark brown hair, partly bald, served in the U.S. Army from 1918 to 1923. [redacted] b7c

Neither [redacted] will admit their story is a prank. However, neither are able to point out the exact location of this incident. b7c

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The Army Airforce Intelligence at Selfridge Field, Michigan, has been advised and the material has been turned over to them.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNSUBS, [REDACTED]

INFORMATNTS, FLYING

DISC, MISC. INFO RECEIVED FROM DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, MIDLAND,

MICHIGAN, THAT ON JULY TEN LAST [REDACTED] AN EMPLOYEE

OF DOW AND SUBSIDIARY SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTY TWO, BROUGHT SOME

MATERIAL TO THEIR PHYSICS LABORATORY STATING THAT ABOUT FIVE FEETEEN

PM JULY NINE LAST HE AND WIFE, [REDACTED] WERE WALKING IN A FIELD

OWNED BY DOW AND ABOUT A HUNDRED FEET AWAY HEARD A PUFF NOISE, TURNED

AND SAW A BALL OF WHITE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BUSHEL BAKET BURNING ABOUT

A FOOT OFF THE GROUND. THE FIRE DIED OUT IMMEDIATELY AND [REDACTED] LATE

SCOOPED UP A THREE INCH AREA OF FUSED SAND INTO A CAN AND TOOK THIS TO

THE PHYSICS LAB. BOTH COMPLAINANTS INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED] TELLING SUB-

STANTIALLY SAME STORY BUT WIFE RELUCTANT TO TALK AND VERY INDEFINITE

ON WHAT HAPPENED. THERE ARE MAKRED DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR STORY.

DOW AUTHORITIES CONSIDERED STORY FANTASTIC BUT HAVE EXAMINED MATERIAL

AND STATE CONTENTS TO BE ORDINARY SAND, NOT RADIO ACTIVE, BUT GIVING

OFF AMMONIA GAS, A SMALL SILVER NUGGET, ALMOT PURE EXCEPT FOR SAND

MISED IN IT NOT RADIO ACTIVE, MELTED [REDACTED] SAND WHICH GIVES OFF

AMMONIA ODOR, AND LITTLE DROPLETS OF SILVER MELTED IN SAND AND SOME

OTHER GRAYISH COLOR IN MATERIAL WHICH IS RADIO ACTIVE. LEVEL OF

RADIO ACTIVITY EXTREMELY LOW AND EMPLOYEE FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY GOVERN-

MET AT LOS ALAMOS PROJECT STATES FUSED SAND HAS SOME CHARACTERISIC

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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OF LOS ALAMOS SAND BUT NOT BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWN TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION SMALL QUANTITY OF LUMINOUS PAINT, RADIO ACTIVE, TO BE AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER, TO HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS FROM EMPLOYMENT AT DOW. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS VERY PECULIAR, SURFLY, ANTAGONISTIC TO PLANT PROTECTION OFFICERS, INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND ELECTRICITY. [REDACTED] IS WHITE, BORN MAY SEVEN, NINETEEN NAUGHT TWO, AT FREESOIL, MICHIGAN, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, PARTLY BALD, SERVED US ARMY NINETEEN EIGHTEEN TO NINETEEN TWENTY THREE, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] NEITHER PARTY ADMITS STORY IS A PRANK, BUT [REDACTED] HAS MENTIONED FLYING DISCS AND ROCKETS. ON INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS MATTER AND NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE MATERIAL WAS FOUND. ARMY AIR FORCES INTELLIGENCE AT SELFRIDGE FIELD, MICHIGAN, HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SUTEL IF BUREAU DESIRES MATERIAL FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

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By *M. D. [unclear]*
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cc. Mr. [unclear]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant
Director D. M. LADD

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 8, 1947

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Reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated July 28, 1947 entitled as above forwarding a copy of a report furnished to me by Lieutenant [REDACTED] Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, setting forth the results of inquiries made by his office concerning the reported sightings of flying discs. b7c

As of further interest to the Bureau in this regard, there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947 and entitled "Investigation of Flying Discs," furnished to me by [REDACTED] SAC of S, A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, who is acting in the absence of [REDACTED], enclosing copies of reports of additional reported sightings of flying discs by persons in Oregon and Arizona, together with the results of their investigations in that regard. b7c

It is noted that these investigations were conducted prior to the time Bureau instructions were issued that our own Bureau would conduct inquiries into the reported sightings of flying discs.

Copies of these reports are being forwarded to the Portland and Phoenix Offices for the completion of their files in connection with this subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC REPORTED AT
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 3, 1947 - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to the teletype from the Newark Division to the Bureau dated August 4, 1947 stating that a "Flying Disc" had been reported to have been seen at Hackensack, New Jersey on August 3 last by one [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Hackensack, upon interview by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Division, stated that on August 3 he had been standing with [REDACTED], a soldier stationed at Fort Dix, observing a "ham" radio rig atop a two-story house on Simons Avenue, Hackensack. It was approximately 7:45 p.m., and they were in this vicinity for the purpose of meeting [REDACTED] girlfriend, one [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] commented to [REDACTED] that a child had apparently lost its balloon. [REDACTED] looked and about a block or a half block away noticed a round, black object moving from south to north and east of the stop where he and [REDACTED] were standing. [REDACTED] noticed that it was moving too fast to be an ordinary balloon, but he could not discern whether it was globular in form or a disc. He said it was about thirty to forty inches in diameter moving north in a horizontal plane about two hundred yards above the top of the hill at Summit Avenue and Simons Avenue. It proceeded at a steady rate, emitted no rays, and was moving fast enough to require them to turn their heads steadily in order to follow it. [REDACTED] girlfriend came out about fifteen seconds after they first sighted it. They pointed it out to her, and she said that it looked like a bird on the horizon so small. It faded out of sight shortly thereafter. [REDACTED] said that a line drawn along its apparent course of flight would go from the vicinity of Bendix, New Jersey to a point west of Westwood, New Jersey. b7c

[REDACTED] also said that a man on the porch across the street also noticed it and pointed it out to the women. [REDACTED] said that this man seemed excited but did nothing about it. b7c

[REDACTED] said that he was positive it was no optical illusion. He was not facing into the sun and saw the object clearly. He also said that he would have thought nothing of it except for the speed at which it was traveling. b7c

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Miss [REDACTED] upon interview by Special Agent [REDACTED] stated that the event in question occurred at about 7:30 on the evening of Sunday, August 3. She said that she was in the house when [REDACTED] called to her. She went out immediately, and they pointed out the object in question. She saw it just before it disappeared over the horizon, but she declared that it was in view from that time for approximately one minute. She said it was round and silver-blue in color and appeared to be revolving. She said that she did not recall making any comment that it might have been a bird and herself had no idea of what it could be. In view of the distance from which she noticed it, she said that it could not have been more than six inches in diameter but would have been much larger if she had been near to it. [REDACTED] said that she had never seen anything like it before. b7c

She said that across the street the [REDACTED] daughter, were the only people sitting on the porch and she, herself, did not notice anyone pointing toward the object in question. The only other person around, to her knowledge, was [REDACTED] sister of [REDACTED] who remained in the house and did not see the object at all. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that she was on the porch on the evening in question with her mother but did not notice any unusual object in the sky nor had any man been present there to point out the object in question. b7c

The following information was received from [REDACTED] through interview by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Company G, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey, advised he was born April 12, 1930 at Jersey City, New Jersey and completed eight and one half years of school. He enlisted in the United States Army on May 29, 1947. His mother is Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Bergen County, New Jersey. [REDACTED] stated that on Sunday, August 3, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., he was standing outside the home of his girlfriend, [REDACTED] Hackensack, New Jersey, accompanied by [REDACTED] Hackensack, New Jersey, who is his sister's fiance. He said that he and [REDACTED] were looking at the radio antenna on a home near the [REDACTED] address when they noticed an object b7c

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about two to three feet in diameter moving rapidly about two hundred yards off the ground. ██████ said he thought at first it was a child's balloon, but when he noticed there was no wind and the object had no strings to it, he decided it was something else. He stated the object was moving in a steady, straight path, going north, and he said there was no exhaust or indication of any motive power for the object.

██████ said they observed the object for fifteen or twenty seconds. He could not give a description of the object's color or the material it was composed of but said it looked more like a large, flat child's cup than anything else he could think of, as the object was oval on the top and came to a point on the bottom side. ██████ said that ██████ stated "Maybe it's a flying saucer". He said he had never seen anything move through the air quite like this object, and he had no idea where it came from. b7c

██████ stated that neither he nor ██████ had had anything to drink, and there was sufficient light for them to observe the object very clearly. b7c

The "Flying Disc" was reported by ██████ to ██████ of the Hackensack Police Department. ██████ advised the writer that his Department had taken no further action nor had they received reports of the object in question from any other source. It may be noted that no other Police Department in the vicinity has brought to the attention of this Division any information regarding this matter. b7c

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SECTION 3

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. IADD

DATE: October 9, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E.A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

There are attached hereto photographs of various reports received by the Air Corps in connection with the above-captioned matter. These photographs were made available to Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section by Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] of the Intelligence Division of the Air Force for completion of Bureau files.

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum be made available to Supervisor [redacted] of the Internal Security Section for his information.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Classification (cancelled) (changed to
_____), effective on 21 NOV 77
under the authority of ACSI/
_____, by ACSI/ USAF

12 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
_____ b6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was received 12 August 1947 from _____
_____ New Hyde Park, Long Island, relative b6
to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947.

On 4 August 1947, _____, an _____ with Pan American
Airways, Inc., was the first pilot of a Constellation type aircraft on a
flight from Gander, Newfoundland, to La Guardia Field, New York. _____
took over the aircraft at Gander, Newfoundland and departed at approximately
1250 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time for La Guardia Field, New York. At
1600 P.M., at a position approximately midway between the Everett (Mass) Pan
Marker and the Bedford Radio Beacon (Everett is 3 miles NW of Boston, Mass.,
and Bedford is 15 miles NW of the same city) both _____ b6
_____ sighted unidentifiable flying objects. To the best
of _____, the following weather conditions existed at that
time: Visibility was good; cloud coverage was from 6-8/10ths, with tops at
10,000 feet; and the wind at the 8,000 foot level was estimated as being
270/25 miles per hour. The aircraft was at 8,000 feet; airspeed 265 mph;
and the course was 244 degrees, magnetic.

_____ who was sitting in the co-pilots seat (the right side of
the cockpit) first called _____ attention to a bright orange object,,
which was on the right side of the plane, and slightly below the level of the
aircraft. _____ was unable to see the object, as he had no visibility to
the right and down, from his position. _____ immediately glanced out his
side window and noticed, at a 45° angle to the left, and unidentified flying
object. It was about one mile away at an altitude of approximately 7,800
feet. _____ banked to obtain a better view of the object. The object b6
was under observation for approximately 30 seconds, and during this time was
viewed by _____. _____ described the object as being about the length
of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape, and having a
bright orange hue. _____ stated that the object had a definite shape, and
that there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation as there would be if the
orange color were the exhaust from a rocket, or a jet aircraft. _____
estimated the course of the object to be 200° magnetic, and that the object
was travelling at approximately 160 mph. _____ lost sight of the object,
when a cloud came between the aircraft and the object. The pursuit of the
object was not continued, inasmuch as it would have necessitated a departure
from the established airways.

AGENTS NOTES: [REDACTED] is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Flying Training Program, having graduated from Maxwell Field, Alabama, with the Class of [REDACTED]. Since graduation, [REDACTED] has flown for Pan American Airways and, at this date, has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. [REDACTED] appears to be a calm, intelligent individual, not given to flights of fancy, or easily swayed by what he has previously read in the newspapers as regards reports of this type. [REDACTED] has a fear of publicity and seemed hesitant to even tell his story lest he become the object of ridicule. [REDACTED] was questioned as to the possibility that what he sighted might have been a tow target, a pilot balloon, or a radiosonic device used for meteorological purposes. [REDACTED] stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonic devices and tow targets, while on flights; the object observed on this flight definitely was not one of them. 66

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AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

15 September 1947

Classification (cancelled) (changed to
) effective on 2 JAN 77
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by ACSI, USAP

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
[REDACTED]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947, was received 10 September 1947 from [REDACTED] Jackson Heights, New York. bl

On 4 August 1947, [REDACTED] Pan American Airways Inc., was the navigator of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Gander, Newfoundland to La Guardia Field, New York. At 1800, at a position approximately 10 miles W of Boston, Mass., [REDACTED] sighted a flying object which he was unable to identify. At this time [REDACTED] was sitting in the copilot's seat, and looking out the right side for other aircraft that might be in the vicinity. [REDACTED] stated that when he first sighted the object, it appeared to be about 3 miles away, and at least 1,000 feet below the level of the Constellation. [REDACTED] believes that he studied the object for almost 30 seconds before he called the pilot's attention to it. [REDACTED] described the object as being a deep gold in color, and that its surface reflected light. It appeared to be about 13 feet in length, and from 2-3 feet in depth; elliptical in shape and blunted at the ends. [REDACTED] estimated the speed of the object as being 175 miles per hour, and that it was travelling in an easterly direction, on a course of approximately 110° magnetic. [REDACTED] then told the aircraft commander that there was an unidentified object to the right, and again glanced out to observe the object, catching a momentary glimpse of it before the pilot banked the plane to the left. When the aircraft banked [REDACTED] lost sight of the object. At this point, [REDACTED] the aircraft Captain, exclaimed that he was able to see a similar object on his side. [REDACTED] was unable to see the object on [REDACTED] side. He stated that he does not believe that it was the same object that he had viewed inasmuch as the one he saw if it had remained on the same course would have been hidden from view by that time by the wings and tail section of the Constellation. [REDACTED] stated that the pilot then righted the plane. The entire incident transpired in less than a minute and one-half. bl

[REDACTED] describes the weather condition at the time of sighting as follows: about 5/10th scattered cumulus, with tops at 10,000 feet; visibility 10 miles; wind at flight level, West at about 15 mph. The flight level of the aircraft at this time was 8,000 feet, TAS 270, and the magnetic course was 090°. bl

AGENTS NOTES: [REDACTED] has been employed by Pan American Airways for the past [REDACTED] as a Navigator, and during the war worked with PA [REDACTED]

in conjunction with a contract flying for the AAF. [redacted] states that he has flown with [redacted] on a number of occasions, and he considers him to be a very stable person; completely reliable, and not given to "flights of fancy".

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Related Report: See Summary of Information, 12 September 1947, HQ ADC, subject, "Unidentified Flying Objects" (interview - [redacted]).

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HQ., AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, Mitchel Field, New York, 25 July 1947.

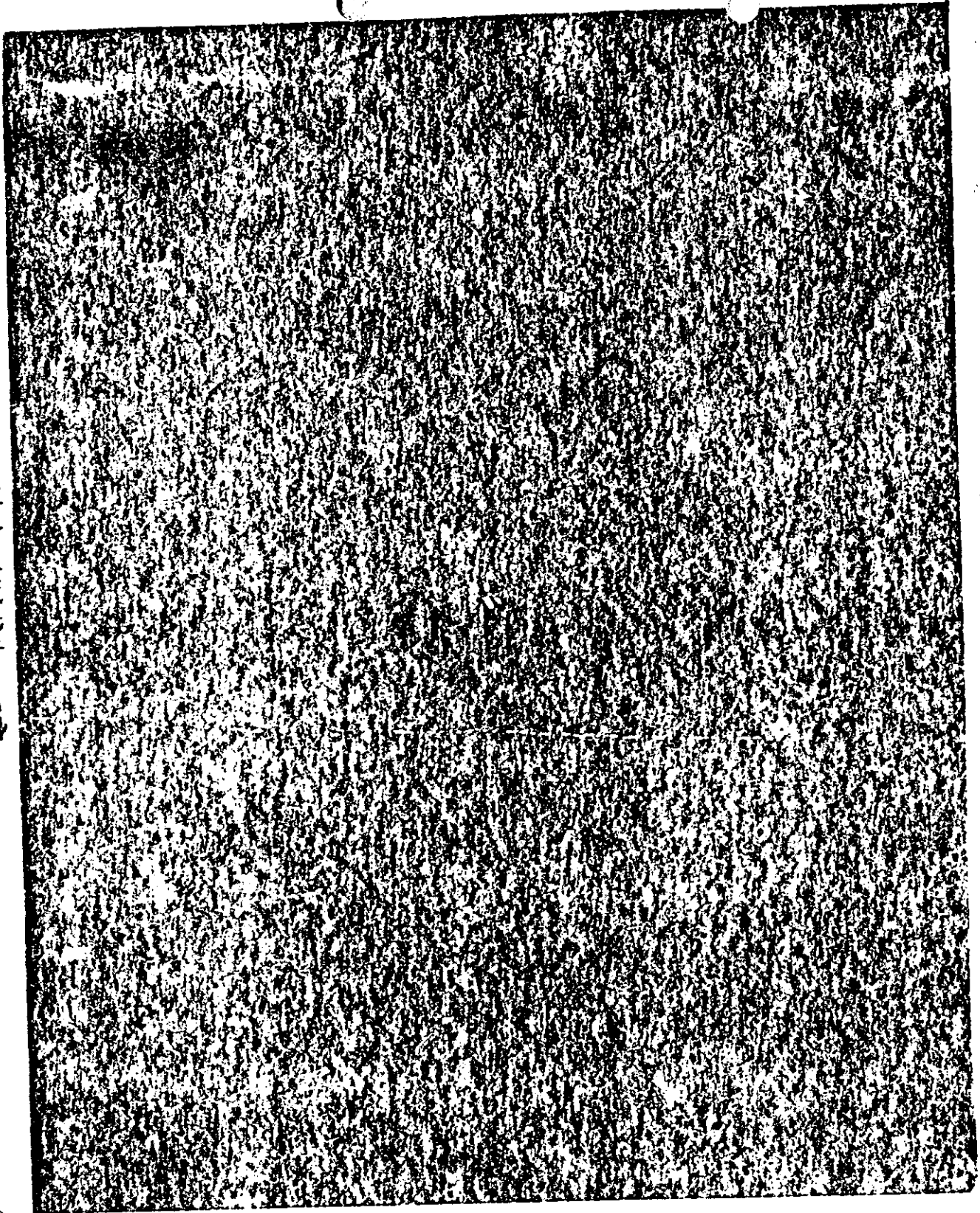
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ATTN: AC/AS-2

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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R. H. SMITH
Colonel, GSC
Asst Chief of Staff-Intell.



From detailed study of reports selected for their impression of veracity and reliability, several conclusions have been formed:

(a) This "flying saucer" situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon. Something is really flying around.

(b) Lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know.

(c) Whatever the objects are, this much can be said of their physical appearance:

1. The surface of these objects is metallic, indicating a metallic skin, at least.

2. When a trail is observed, it is lightly colored, a Blue-Brown haze, that is similar to a rocket engine's exhaust. Contrary to a rocket of the solid type, one observation indicates that the fuel may be throttled which would indicate a liquid rocket engine.

3. As to shape, all observations state that the object is circular or at least elliptical, flat on the bottom and slightly domed on the top. The size estimates place it somewhere near the size of a C-54 or a Constellation.

4. Some reports describe two tabs, located at the rear and symmetrical about the ~~line~~ axis of flight motion.

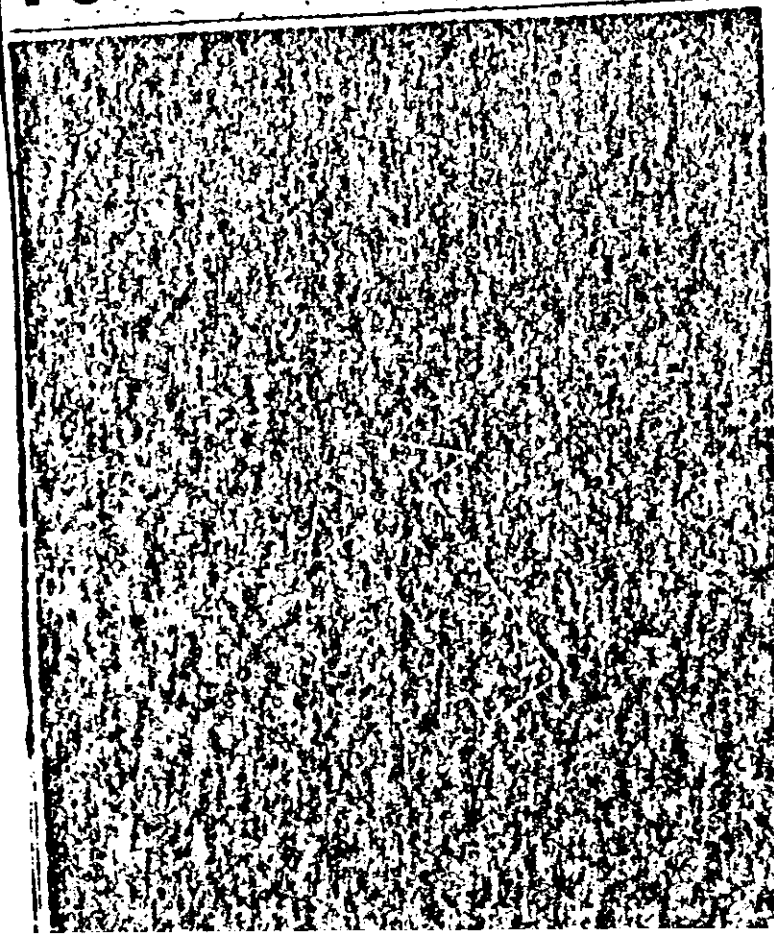
5. Flights have been reported, from three to nine of them, flying good formation on each other, with speeds always above 300 knots.

6. The discs oscillate laterally while flying along, which could be snaking.

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'Flying Saucers' Reported From 39 States, But Seem To Be Concentrated Here



City Is Baffled By Dazzling Display Of Spooky Discs

The strange things that have been in night skies since June 25, were over Birmingham last night. On one thing everyone who has seen the mysterious objects agree—they are round, saucer-like. After that, every story differs. Each of the hundreds of callers who reported witnessing the baffling sky demonstrations here last night had a different version of what they saw.

Some said the objects were large, some small. They were moving at great speed. They were suspended in the air. There was sound along with their movements. They moved noiselessly through the black sky. They were at great distance from the earth. They had fallen to the ground. They were in perfect formation. They were colliding with each other.

But whatever the things are that have set the nation agog since first reported 12 days ago by a man in Washington State, they definitely were over the Magic City last night. It seems, in fact, that more Birmingham residents saw the objects than in any other place.

REPORTS BEGAN coming into the Age-Herald city room around 8 o'clock last night. For more than an hour thereafter, the place was bedlam. The switchboard operators were swamped with calls. Report-

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 27, 1947

WGB
FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED MAY 5, 1947,
BETWEEN ELLENSBURG AND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

[REDACTED], Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge, Montana, has advised the writer that while driving between Ellensburg and Seattle, Washington, about 3:30 P.M., on May 5, 1947, he sighted a silver object streaking across the sky. This was also seen by [REDACTED], convict chauffeur, and [REDACTED]. This object went into a nose dive and they thought it would crash. However, before reaching the earth it disintegrated, leaving a long pillar of "gas" hanging in the sky. It was particularly odd because this remained in form and did not blow away. It was observed by these three people while they drove from twenty to thirty miles.

This smoky, gaseous pillar was a long ways off and remained high in the air. [REDACTED] said that this silver object was traveling at an excessively high rate of speed and when it disintegrated it was still a long way from the earth. [REDACTED] said when he first saw it he thought it was probably a jet propelled plane but that he couldn't tell except that its motions were erratic. He said he had not reported it until he had noticed so much in the papers about these discs. Although three people saw it, they decided that they must be "seeing things".

The Seattle Office is requested to advise Mr. [REDACTED] 4th Air Force, S-2, McChord Field, Washington.

No further action is being taken by the Butte Office due to the time elapsing between the sighting of this object and the report.

WGB:LB

cc - Seattle

Info furnished to [REDACTED] 10/2/47
[REDACTED]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

422 - Federal Office Building, Civic Center
San Francisco 2, California
September 19, 1947



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

RE: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

[Redacted] b7c

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a "restricted" letter dated September 3, 1947, which was furnished to me by Lieutenant Colonel [Redacted] A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, which letter is designated to certain Commanding Generals in the Army Air Forces from Colonel [Redacted] Assistant Chief of Staff - Intelligence, Headquarters Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, New York, concerning "Cooperation of FBI with AAF on Investigations of 'Flying Disc' Incidents".

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It is my understanding from recent Bureau instructions that we are to assist the Air Force Intelligence personnel in the investigation of flying disc incidents. However, it will be noted from the attached letter that it is Army interpretation that it was their intent that the Bureau would investigate those incidents of the so-called "discs" being found on the ground and apparently not those which are observed only in flight. Further, the attention of the Bureau is respectfully called to paragraph two of this letter and to the last sentence therein which states, "The services of the FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

In the first place, the instructions issued by the Army Air Forces in this letter appear to limit the type of investigations which the Bureau will be asked to handle and secondly it appears to me the wording of the last sentence in the second paragraph mentioned above is cloaked in entirely uncalled for language tending to indicate the Bureau will be asked to conduct investigations only in those cases which are not important and which are almost, in fact, ridiculous.

The thought has occurred to me the Bureau might desire to discuss this matter further with the Army Air Forces both as to the types of investigations which we will conduct and also to object to the scurrilous wordage which, to say the least, is insulting to the Bureau in the last sentence of paragraph two.

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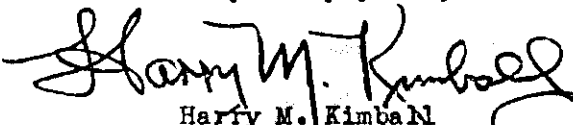
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Director, FBI
RE: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

9/19/47

In the event the Bureau decides to discuss the matter further with the Army Air Forces, it is recommended that no indication whatsoever be given indicating this letter was referred to me by Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] inasmuch as it would undoubtedly cause him serious embarrassment and would certainly cause the excellent personal relationship which exists between Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] and this office to be endangered. b7c

Very truly yours,


Harry M. Kimball
Special Agent in Charge

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(D) FLYING DISCS --Effective immediately, the Bureau has discontinued its investigative activities as outlined in Section B of Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947.

All future reports connected with flying discs should be referred to the Air Forces and no investigative action should be taken by Bureau Agents.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: Sept. 12, 1947

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS Reported by BRUCE ARMSTRONG
and M. A. NICHOLS, Seattle, Washington,
August 12, 1947
SECURITY MATTER X

The newspaper, Seattle Post Intelligencer, carried an article in the morning issue of August 13 reporting the sighting of flying disks. The article appeared on the fifth page and was headed "Blue Triangle Latest Thing Seen In Disks". Under this caption there was a short writeup which stated, in substance, that one BRUCE ARMSTRONG, an electronics technician, and a number of other engineers at the Boeing Aircraft had sighted a mysterious flying object about 2:20 p.m. on August 12. The newspaper report further stated that the object seemed to be fluttering like a leaf, and appeared to be a black or dark blue triangular substance. In this article also appeared another report of a disk supposedly sighted by one M. A. NICHOLS, 1125 S. W. 102nd Street, Seattle, and NICHOLS described it as a big ball reflecting light, giving it a purplish tinge.

Interview with BRUCE ARMSTRONG on August 12 revealed that ARMSTRONG was standing in front of Section D of the Boeing Aircraft Plant with about ten other research engineers and had noticed a small black object flying about 200 feet high, going south over Boeing Field runway. ARMSTRONG further stated, upon interview, that the object appeared triangular in shape and floated in the air like a leaf, and he estimated the speed to be about fifteen miles per hour. ARMSTRONG could not accurately determine the distance between him and the object, but it is noted that Section D is about half a mile from the opposite side of Boeing Field where he supposedly had sighted it.

The following other research engineers were also interviewed regarding this object:

[REDACTED]

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The consensus of opinion of these men was that the object resembled a black leaf in flight and looked more like a piece of tar paper than anything. When the object reached the end of the runway in Boeing Field it climbed into the sky in a south-westerly direction and disappeared.

Mr. [REDACTED] operator of the control tower for the Northwest Airlines was then contacted. [REDACTED] stated that he reviews all reports of objects seen in the vicinity of the field and makes a log of such. [REDACTED] reviewed his log but could not see any record of such an item, but upon contact with Mr. [REDACTED] who was on duty at the time the object was supposedly sighted, the following information was obtained: [REDACTED] stated that about 2 o'clock in the

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afternoon there were several pieces of burnt paper which flew over the field, and he did recall a large piece of burnt paper which the wind had blown across the runway and down the south end of the field. [REDACTED] estimated that the paper was approximately three feet in length. [REDACTED] stated that undoubtedly this was the object in question, and inasmuch as the control tower has a complete view of the area in which the engineers had sighted this object if anything further was noted it would have appeared in the log. b7c

[REDACTED], was then interviewed regarding his report of a flying object. [REDACTED] stated that about 4 p.m. on August 12 he had sighted an object which he estimated to be about 35,000 feet in the air, which was flying over his home in a southwest direction. A neighbor, [REDACTED] also saw the object and [REDACTED] examined the same with a pair of binoculars. According to [REDACTED] the object looked like a white dock moving, cylindrical in shape, and reflected the light of the sun with a sort of purplish tinge. Other witnesses who had seen the object at this time were a [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Seattle, and their version of the object corresponded with that of [REDACTED] b7c

Contact with [REDACTED], of the Seattle Weather Bureau Office at Boeing Field, revealed that weather balloons are released every six hours from his field commencing at 1:30 a.m. The balloons, according to Mr. [REDACTED] are of a white gum color and reflect the light of the sun at a high altitude. Although Mr. [REDACTED] could not understand why a balloon could have been sighted at 4 p.m., he nevertheless was certain that, from the description of the object seen by these people, it must have been either one of his balloons or one released from some other area in the vicinity. b7c

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by this office.

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September 24, 1947

[REDACTED] b7c
Inspector
Post Office Department
Chicago 7, Illinois

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Alleged violation of Section 2350, P. L. & R., by des Aro Foundation; sale of information on flying discs.

Reference is made to your letter dated September 19, 1947, requesting information regarding one **[REDACTED]** b7c

You are advised that an effective search cannot be conducted through the files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the basis of the name only. If you are able to furnish the physical description of **[REDACTED]** or other means of identification such as a registry number, a search will be conducted in an effort to furnish you with the information desired. b7c

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
Chicago 7, Illinois
September 19, 1947.

CASE NO. 56114-F

T. H. Burkow
INSPECTOR
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LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS: Alleged violation of Section 2350, P. L. & C., by Has Arc Foundation, sale of information on flying discs.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The subject involved in case of above description is [redacted] formerly of Lake Forest, Illinois, who may also have given a Chicago address at various times.

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Can you advise whether you have a record of this man and if so, will you please forward a copy of same to me.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Burkow

Post Office Inspector.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC SIGHTED
July 29, 1947, near CANYON FERRY,
MONTANA. BY [REDACTED]

SECURITY MATTER - X

[REDACTED] b7c

Enclosed herewith for information of Bureau and Butte Division are copies of the following received September 2, 1947, from [REDACTED] Air Force, S-2, McChord Field, Washington:

Letter to Military Intelligence Division, USA, McChord Field, Wash. from [REDACTED] dated 8/8/47, with enclosure of [REDACTED] "Report on a 'Flying Saucer'."

No action being taken by Seattle.

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cc: Butte

Info to [REDACTED]

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R. J. MADDEN
Division Plant Engr.
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ENCLOSURE

Report on a "Flying Saucer"

At or about 12:05 p.m., July 29, 1947, a sedan, driven by Steve Herrmann and carrying R. J. (Bob) Madden in the front seat and Karl Herrmann in the rear seat, was proceeding northwesterly along the road leading from Canyon Ferry to York, both in Montana some 25 miles N.E. of Helena.

When at a point approximately 1/4 mile N.W. of Canyon Ferry, (as shown on Forest Service Map to be in the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 10 T10N R1W) Karl suddenly shouted "See it! See it! There's a flying saucer!" Steve immediately slowed down and gradually brought the sedan to a stop, he and Bob meanwhile scanning the sky in the direction pointed by Karl in an effort to see the "flying saucer", but without success.

Approximately ten seconds elapsed between the time Karl reported seeing the "saucer", coming over the horizon at high speed from the southwest, (Karl first thought it a meteor) and travelling northeasterly, and the bringing of the car to a stop.

As the car came to a stop, Steve, Karl and Bob, simultaneously, saw the following:

Directly ahead, (N.W.) 2 to 3 miles distant and approximately 3000 ft. above the ground, a bright disc hovering and fluttering in the air. Descending and rising through a vertical distance of fifty or a hundred feet for a period of about five seconds then, while at the top of an ascent, the "disc" suddenly swooped to the Northeast at tremendous speed and disappeared into the clear air within a distance of 200 ft. That is to say it did not pass beyond an obstruction to further visibility but "melted into thin air" as if because of tremendous speed.

This disc was, from the viewpoint of the observers, apparently 3 ft. diameter, circular and of no great thickness - approximately 3 or 4 inches.

The sky was blue with scattered small clouds, the sun was shining brightly and the disc gleamed and shimmered in the bright sunlight as if covered with highly polished nickel.

After the "disc" disappeared from view, the sedan and its occupants proceeded northwesterly along the road, but could discern no evidence of the presence of the "disc" along or adjacent to that therefore.

It is to be remembered that the dimensions as stated above were as they appeared to the observers some 2 or 3 miles from the "disc" and the true dimensions must be considerably greater.

/s/ R. J. Madden,
R. J. MADDEN,
Division Plant Engr.
The Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co.

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ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS.

DATE: September 15, 1947

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On September 10, 1947 an item relative to flying saucers appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune indicating that two young couples, Mr. and Mrs. GAYLON CALDWELL and Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ANDERSON, Logan, Utah, who had been playing bridge, reported that they saw three brief flights of saucers, the first at 10:40 p.m. and two more before 11:10 p.m. the evening of September 8, 1947. This news article also contained the names of KEITH HUGHES, JOAN CROOKSTON, and Mr. and Mrs. FRED THUNELL of Logan who had likewise made separate reports of having observed these flying discs.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ANDERSON, when interviewed by an Agent of this office, advised that they, in company with Mr. and Mrs. GAYLON CALDWELL, observed approximately a dozen objects flying in group formation at about two or three thousand feet in the air. They stated that they first observed these objects on September 8, 1947 at 10:30 p.m. when their bridge game broke up and both couples went out on the porch. The ANDERSONS believed these objects to be similar in size to pigeons and stated that they seemed to be rather white and illuminated. They informed that the objects could have been birds; however, they appeared to be moving faster than birds as they circled the city in approximately one to two minutes, and then disappeared in a northern direction.

Mr. and Mrs. ANDERSON claimed to have observed no wing movement during the flight, and are unable to make up their minds as to exactly what they saw. Mr. ANDERSON informed that Mr. and Mrs. CALDWELL are presently en route to an unknown city in Nebraska.

Mr. KEITH HUGHES and JOAN CROOKSTON both advised that they were unable to state how their names appeared in the newspaper as having observed flying saucers inasmuch as neither had ever had the opportunity to view these flying objects, and the newspaper report was erroneous.

Mrs. FRED THUNELL advised that she, her husband, and five other people had observed flying objects between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m. on the evening of September 8, 1947. She stated that they saw five groups, each containing thirty-five to sixty small objects, which were rather yellowish white in color and were circling the city at a high rate of speed. Mrs. THUNELL stated that these objects were several thousand feet in the air and it was impossible for them to determine the size due to the distance, speed and cloudy conditions.

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Mrs. THUNELL informed that Mr. and Mrs. NORMAN HALT, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. ANDERSON, and Mrs. BESSIE HENDRICKS were present and observed the flying objects; however, none of them were able to determine what these objects might have been.



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Mr. and Mrs. ~~NORMAN~~ HALL, Logan, Utah, advised that they viewed flying objects traveling clockwise above the city at approximately 10:30 p.m. the evening of September 8, 1947. They informed that they first believed the objects to be lights of an airplane. However, these objects seemed to change in formation and appeared to be similar to a group of moving stars.

Mr. and Mrs. HALL believed these objects were traveling much faster than birds.

It was determined that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. ANDERSON and Mrs. BESSIE HENDRICKS were not available for interview:

, Military Intelligence Division, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah, is being advised by letter of the results of this investigation. b7c

In view of the indefinite information furnished relative to this matter, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

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From
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25 August 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer.

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2
Lt Col George Garrett

1. The specimens of an alleged "Flying Saucer" brought to this Command by Colonel H. M. McCoy, which were obtained by the FBI and given to Lt. Col Garrett, were examined to determine their connection, if any, with the so-called "Flying Saucers", or any project at Bq AEC, Wright Field. The specimens were carefully examined by both technicians of the Analysis Division (T-2) and Electronics Sub-division (T-3). The latter organization stated that these specimens definitely had no connection whatsoever with the "Mogul" project nor with any other research and development project of this Command.

2. It is also the opinion of this Command that these specimens have no connection with the so-called "Flying Saucer" or "Disc". These specimens, therefore, are considered as part of a hoax that could be perpetrated by most anyone seeking publicity or for any other reasons.

3. The specimens shown in the attached photograph include fragments of an undeterminable shape made from plaster of paris or similar ceramic and containing some electrical resistance wire for measurement or heating purposes. The condition of the ceramic indicates that the resistance wire was heated electrically at one time or another. These fragments could not be connected with any AEC project. The other articles at the top of the photograph reading from left to right are identified as follows:

a. An outdated type of magnetic speaker diaphragm made of aluminum alloy, manufactured by The Nathaniel Baldwin Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, which was first patented May 1, 1913. This article cannot be connected with any AEC project.

b. The second and third articles are bakelite coil forms

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wrapped with ordinary thin enameled copper wire. These coils indicate that they were skillfully made at one time but were crudely rewrapped by one not familiar with the art of making a coil. These coils also have no connection with any AMC project.

c. The fourth article is a metallic box which is the remains of an electronic filter condenser made by the Polymet Manufacturing Company of New York, N. Y. This article also has no connection with any AMC project.

d. The fifth article is the remains of a metallic magnetic ring that could not be identified as any part of any device used at this command.

4. This information and attached photograph may be transmitted to the FBI to inform various agencies throughout the United States as to what action to take in the event other similar specimens are found.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
1 Photo 8-1/2x11
"Flying Saucer"

H. H. MOODY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : E. G. FITCH

SUBJECT: INSTRUMENT FOUND ON FARM NEAR DANFORTH, ILLINOIS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1947

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Carson	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Reference is made to a memorandum to Mr. Harbo from Mr. Baughman on the above-captioned matter, dated September 3, 1947. The reference memorandum indicates that the instrument has been examined by the Laboratory and the Laboratory had contacted a Mrs. Whedon of the Army Engineers and she indicated that the instrument had been used by the Air Forces on tests which were classified as "Top Secret."

The memorandum indicates that Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section contacted the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces and was advised that Mrs. Whedon alluded that the instrument was used in "Operation Mogul." The instrument was loaned to the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces who in turn forwarded it to Wright Field. The report was received from Wright Field indicating the instrument had no connection with "Operation Mogul" or any other operation at Wright Field. It was classified as a hoax in view of the apparent discrepancy between information developed from Mrs. Whedon and information received from Intelligence Division of the Air Forces that the Bureau might wish to pursue this matter further.

Mr. Zimmers of the Technical Laboratory advised Mr. Reynolds of the Liaison Section that Mrs. Whedon had told him that a Major Hopkins handled the Liaison in Washington for the tests in which this instrument was used. Lieutenant Colonel George Garrett of the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces advised Special Agent Reynolds that he contacted Major Hopkins. He advised that Major Hopkins has had a great deal of experience in radio and along technical lines. Major Hopkins advised Colonel Garrett that the instrument could not have been used in the "Operation Mogul." Hopkins indicated that from the pictures and particles recovered, it appeared to him to be a part or portions of an old-type radio loud speaker.

In view of the information received from Major Hopkins, Colonel Garrett stated that he was at a loss as to how to explain the actions of Mrs. Whedon other than to say that she perhaps gave a false impression as to her knowledge of the instrument and the "Operation Mogul." Garrett pointed out that in view of the report received from Wright Field, together with the statement made by Major Hopkins, he felt that there was sufficient evidence that this instrument was not used in any War Department classified project and that in all probability it was just a hoax.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for their information.

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September 27, 1947

Major General George C. McDonald
Assistant Chief Air Staff - 2
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

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Dear General McDonald:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been requested by your office to assist in the investigation of reported sightings of flying discs.

My attention has been called to instructions disseminated by the Air Forces relative to this matter. I have been advised that these instructions indicate that the Air Forces would interview responsible observers while the FBI would investigate incidents of discs found on the ground, thereby relieving the Air Forces of running down incidents which in many cases turned out to be "ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

In view of the apparent understanding by the Air Forces of the position of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this matter, I cannot permit the personnel and time of this organization to be dissipated in this manner.

I am advising the Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to discontinue all investigative activity regarding the reported sightings of flying discs, and am instructing them to refer all complaints received to the appropriate Air Force representative in their area.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 25, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

The Bureau was requested by the Air Forces Intelligence to assist the Air Forces in attempting to arrive at an explanation of the above phenomena. The Air Forces indicated that the alleged sightings of flying discs might have been made by individuals of Communist sympathies for the purpose of causing mass hysteria in the United States over the fear of a secret Russian weapon. The Bureau agreed to assist in the investigation of the reported sightings, and the Field was advised in Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, that they should investigate each instance which was brought to their attention of the sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it was a bona fide sighting, an imaginary one, or a prank. The results of the investigation conducted by the Bureau Field Offices in this matter have failed to reveal any indication of subversive individuals being involved in any of the reported sightings.

The Bureau has received a communication in the captioned matter from the Special Agent in Charge at San Francisco, dated September 19, 1947, which attached a "restricted" letter that was furnished confidentially to the SAC at San Francisco by Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Springer, A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, a copy of which is attached hereto. It is noted that the letter, which is dated September 3, 1947, is signed "By Command of Lieutenant General Stratemeyer" by Colonel R. H. Smith, Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, New York, and is addressed to the Commanding Generals of the various Air Forces. This letter is entitled "Cooperation of FBI with AAF on Investigations of 'Flying Disc' Incidents."

This letter states in substance that it was the original intent of the AC/AS-2, Headquarters, Army Air Forces that whereas the ADC Air Forces would interview responsible observers, the FBI would investigate incidents of so-called discs being found on the ground. Further, it indicates that the services of the FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be "ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau protest vigorously to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff - 2. It is also recommended that the Bureau discontinue all activity in this field and that the Bureau Field Offices be advised to discontinue all investigations and to refer all complaints received to the Air Forces. A proposed Bulletin is attached for your approval. Attachment.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
Mitchel Field, New York

In reply
refer to:

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3 September 1947

SUBJECT: Cooperation of FBI with AAF on Investigations of "Flying
Disc" Incidents.

TO: Commanding Generals, First, Second, Fourth, Tenth, Eleventh
and Fourteenth Air Forces
ATTENTION: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2

1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has agreed to assist Air Force Intelligence personnel in the investigation of "flying disc" incidents in order to quickly and effectively rule out what are pranks and to concentrate on what appears to be a genuine incident.

2. It was the original intent of the AC/AS-2, Headquarters, Army Air Forces that whereas the ADC Air Forces would interview responsible observers whose names would be furnished by AAF, the FBI would investigate incidents of so called "discs" being found on the ground. The services of the FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot.

3. It is requested that each A-2 informally coordinate and cooperate with the FBI, generally keeping the FBI informed of any proposed calls that intelligence personnel will make on this subject. Very shortly, with the separation of the AAF from the War Department, a firm policy will be established to clarify the liaison arrangements between A-2's and FBI Special Agents. Presently, it is considered inadvisable to promulgate a formal interim policy -- only to have it replaced in a month or so by another.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STRATEMEYER:

/s/ R. H. SMITH
R. H. SMITH
Colonel, GSC
Asst Chief of Staff-Intell.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: September 18, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING OBJECT REPORTED OVER PHILADELPHIA
AUGUST 6, 1947
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[redacted] Philadelphia, who is employed by the [redacted] Philadelphia, advised as follows:

Between 10:30 and 10:45 p.m. on August 6, 1947, she was sitting on the steps of her home with [redacted]. She was facing north and observed a large white object traveling at a very fast rate of speed to the south. There was a buzzing sound, not too loud but plainly audible, just after this object passed through the air. This white object left in its trail a thin streak of smoke, which was grayish in color.

Miss [redacted] Philadelphia, who is employed by the [redacted] INC., Philadelphia, stated she was sitting on the steps of [redacted] home on the evening of August 6, 1947, around 10:45 p.m. engaging in conversation with [redacted] when [redacted] abruptly stopped in the middle of her conversation and appeared to be frightened. [redacted] at that time was sitting in a position in which she was facing south. She did not see any object in the sky after noting [redacted] change of expression, but she did hear a slight buzzing sound.

[redacted] Philadelphia, an insurance agent, who was a former pilot of B-24's in the Army Air Corps, advised as follows:

He was sitting on the steps of his home around 10:45 p.m. on August 6, 1947, with his wife; and his neighbors, the [redacted] family, were sitting on their steps next door to the residence of [redacted]. All of the above parties were facing east. [redacted] noticed at this time an object, emitting a bluish-white flame, passing quickly through the air. The object was traveling from northeast to southwest. Using his experience in the Army Air Corps as a guide, [redacted] estimated the above object was between 1000 and 3000 feet in the air and traveling at a rate of between 400 to 500 miles an hour. This object did not lose elevation as it passed through the air and left either smoke or a condensation trail in its former path, which lasted for about two seconds. A hissing sound accompanied the passing of this object. This sound was moderate and not nearly as loud as the noise accompanying the passage of a rocket ship.

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Director, FBI

September 18, 1947

[REDACTED] who is a retired police officer of the Philadelphia Police Department, advised as follows: b7c

Around 10:45 p.m. on August 6, 1947, he and his wife were sitting on the steps of their home, when [REDACTED] noticed an object, resembling to him a giant firecracker, pass quickly through the air. [REDACTED] heard no noise, but the object had completely passed from view in a southern direction within a split second. It left a fiery trail for about 100 feet. August 6, 1947, was a clear night, and no storm was brewing. [REDACTED] was sure the object he saw was no falling star, and he noted the above object did not seem to be falling but maintained the same altitude. b7c

The wives of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] verified the accounts of their husbands as to the above-mentioned object. b7c

It is to be noted that the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] live in Northeast Philadelphia near Oxford Circle, which is about ten miles removed from the residence of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] residence is located in the western part of Philadelphia. The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are not known to the above-mentioned [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It is further noted the observation of Miss [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] roughly correspond. All of the above persons seem reliable and not the type to seek publicity or to spread rumors. b7c

[REDACTED] called the "Inquirer", Philadelphia newspaper, and inquired if it could offer any explanation as to what they had seen. A representative of that paper had advised [REDACTED] that the object they saw may have been some product of an oil refinery or chemical company in their neighborhood. b7c

Both the Offices of Naval Intelligence and Army Intelligence in Philadelphia were requested by the Philadelphia Office to ascertain if either the Army or the Navy was doing any experimental work on new types of planes or equipment, in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Such was done with negative results. The Office of Naval Intelligence indicated that an explosion had occurred at the CHARLES LENNIG CHEMICAL COMPANY on August 6, 1947.

[REDACTED], Safety Department of the CHARLES LENNIG CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., 5000 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, advised as follows: b7c

The above company is a manufacturer and distributor of chemicals. A fire had occurred on a dump of the company on August 6, 1947, but was quickly gotten under control. Such fire was confined to the company's premises and could not have been observed from outside the plant. The CHARLES

Director, FBI

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LENNIG COMPANY is about two and one-half miles southeast from Oxford Circle. The account of the fire does not seem to fit into the general pattern of the above-mentioned flying object, for it is noted that the flying object was allegedly traveling from a position northeast of Oxford Circle to a south-westerly direction in Philadelphia. ██████████ pointed out that, to the best of his knowledge, there are no oil refineries and chemical companies located around Oxford Circle or north of such, but that all of the companies of this type are several miles south of Oxford Circle. b7c

All logical investigation having been conducted, no further action will be taken on the instant matter unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

FROM : SAC, Anchorage

SUBJECT: Flying Disks

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Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42 dated July 30, 1947.

This is to advise that two army officers reported to the Office of the Director of Intelligence, headquarters Alaskan Department, at Fort Richardson, Alaska, that they had witnessed an object passing through the air at a tremendous rate of speed which could not be judged as to miles per hour.

The first officer stated that his attention was attracted to this airborne object, and he in turn pointed it out to the second officer. The object appeared to be shaped like a sphere and did not give the impression of being saucer-like or comparable to a disk. The first officer stated that it would be impossible to give minute details concerning the object, but that it appeared to be approximately two or three feet in diameter and did not leave any vapor trail in the sky.

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Both officers attempted to determine the approximate altitude of the object, and from a weather group stationed nearby it was determined that cloud formations at the time the object was sighted were "scattered above 10,000 feet." The object was noted to be traveling below the cloud formation.

The first officer stated that in his opinion the object appeared to be metallic and was silver in color, much like the color of many airplanes.

The second officer stated substantially the same facts and also pointed out that the object remained within his vision for approximately 15 to 20 seconds. When sighted, the object was traveling due south at a speed considerably in excess of any plane. The second officer stated that the object appeared to him to be approximately 10 feet in diameter and compared it to half the size of a full moon on an ordinary night. The second officer based the altitude at approximately the same as the first officer except for the fact that due to the size he believed the object to be, he estimated the altitude to be only approximately 3,000 or 4,000 feet. The object appeared broadside to the second officer, and no evidence of a spinning motion or reflection was noted. As to the color, the second officer pointed out that it appeared to be a dull metal finish.

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Re: Flying Disks

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In conclusion, the second officer pointed out that one of the remarkable features of this object was that it was definitely traveling against the wind.

The exact date of the sighting of this object was not furnished this office, and inasmuch as it occurred previously to the receipt of Bureau instructions in this matter, no further investigation is being conducted by this office unless specifically requested to do so by the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: ① FLYING DISCS

[REDACTED] - Informant b7c

Reference is made to your letter dated August 11, 1947 in the above captioned matter.

[REDACTED], McHenry County, Woodstock, Illinois, advised that he had received no reports of flying discs in the community of Lily Lake, Illinois. He further stated that he had no record or knowledge of [REDACTED] of Lily Lake. b7c

[REDACTED], Lily Lake, Illinois, advised that he was personally acquainted with [REDACTED] whom he described as a successful writer of mystery stories. He said he had no information to the effect that CHAVER was mentally unsound and he believed him to be a substantial citizen. b7c

[REDACTED] advised she had sold property to [REDACTED] on two occasions and was well acquainted with [REDACTED] and his wife. She knew of no derogatory information concerning him. b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed at Lily Lake, Illinois and advised that he was the featured writer of mystery stories for [REDACTED] magazine, which magazine is edited by [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] at the outset stated that PALLET had told him the FBI would contact him regarding flying discs. b7c

[REDACTED] indicated that the telegram received by the War Department, referred to in referenced letter, was probably sent by one of his readers, unknown to him. He said that he wrote mystery stories based on his firm conviction that under the earth are various caverns formerly inhabited by a super race, who have since fled to other planets. This region of caverns he calls Lemuria. He stated he believes there is valuable machinery and other resources in these caverns. He therefore explained flying discs, which he calls "space ships", as the mode of travel of the Lemurians coming from other planets to reclaim the valuable machinery. [REDACTED] indicated that his theories had aroused a wide following among readers of [REDACTED] magazine. b7c

[REDACTED] exhibited an article from an edition of the "Chicago Times" for Sunday, August 3, 1947. The article stated that on June 24, 1947, on Murray Island, off the Washington Coast, there had occurred a mysterious explosion which was believed to have been caused by a guided missile or rocket. It further stated that the date of the explosion was the same date on which one KENNETH WOOD, a private pilot, sighted the first flying disc at Boise, Idaho. b7c

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Director, FBI
Re: FLYING DISCS

September 20, 1947

The article went on to state that it was believed at the time that there was some correlation between the flying disc and the Murray Island explosion, and that RAYMOND PALMER, Chicago magazine editor, had employed ARNOLD to investigate and "cover" the Murray Island explosion.

The article went on to state that on August 1, 1947, at Tacoma, Washington, there was a conference among officials of the Army and Navy, who discussed the possible relation between the Murray Island explosion and the appearance of flying discs. ARNOLD was supposed to have been in attendance at this conference. At the conference, authorities brought samples of a lava oxide metal, allegedly taken from the scene of the Murray Island explosion.

The article stated that following the conference, two pilots left by plane for Hamilton Field, California, carrying samples of the lava oxide metal. The article further reported that the plane crashed near Hamilton Field, California, and it was conjectured that the plane had exploded by reason of the combustion of the lava oxide metal it carried.

From the above newspaper article, it should be noted that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] s employer, was from the start "exploiting" the appearance of the flying discs, possibly to enhance the appeal of [REDACTED] stories. It is possible, therefore, that the entire flying disc theory was conceived by [REDACTED]

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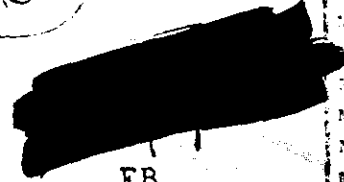
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- Mr. [redacted]

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L. R. BRUMMETT. ~~SID DECKER~~. ^o FLYING DISCS. INTERNAL SECURITY

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 PUBLISHED ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT L. R. BRUMMETT, BOX TWO FIVE FOUR RED-
 MOND, WASH, AND SIDNEY DECKER BOX TWO NINE SIX REDMOND, WASHINGTON HAD
 SIGHTED TWO DISCS AT APPROXIMATELY NINE AM AUGUST THIRTEEN NINETEEN
 FORTYSEVEN. UPON INTERVIEW DECKER STATED THAT TWO VERY BRIGHT OBJECTS
 TRAVELING AT AN EXTREME RATE OF SPEED WERE NOTICED BY HIM AS HE WAS
 STANDING NEAR THE REDMOND POST OFFICE. DECKER DESCRIBED THE OBJECTS
 AS HAVING NO WINGS, NO TAIL, AND BOTH ENDS WERE TAPERED. DECKER ADDED
 THAT THE OBJECTS RESEMBLED A BELLY TANK AND THAT THEY WERE NOISELESS.
 THE OBJECTS WERE VERY BRIGHT AND TRAVELING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION
 OVER REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ONE A BIT BEHIND AND A LITTLE ABOVE THE OTHER,
 MAINTAINING EQUAL RATES OF SPEED FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT SECONDS AT
 WHICH TIME THEY DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW. DECKER ADDED THAT THEY WERE
 HIGHER THAN A PLANE GENERALLY TRAVELS. BRUMMETT ADVISED THAT HE NOTICED
 THE OBJECTS AND CALLED DECKER'S ATTENTION TO THEM AND ALSO POINTED THEM
 OUT TO A MRS MAMIE ENGLISH. BRUMMETT STATED THAT HE SAW TWO OBJECTS
 FLYING AT A FORTYFIVE DEGREE ANGLE NORTHEASTERLY OVER REDMOND AND

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TRAVELING AT LEAST THREE TIMES FASTER THAN A PLAN. BRUMMETT ADDED THAT HE WATCHED THE OBJECTS FROM FIVE TO EIGHT SECONDS AT WHICH TIME THEY DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. ACCORDING TO BRUMMETT THE OBJECTS WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING NOISELESS, HAVING NO WINGS OR TAIL, LIGHTER THAN ALUMINUM, TAPERED AT BOTH ENDS AND ONE STAYED A LITTLE BEHIND AND A BIT ABOVE THE OTHER AND BOTH MAINTAINED EQUAL RATES OF SPEED. FROM BRUMMETT'S OBSERVATION HE WAS UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE OBJECTS WERE FLAT OR ROUND. MRS MAMIE ~~ENGLISH~~ STATED THAT WHEN BRUMMETT CALLED HER ATTENTION TO THE OBJECTS SHE TOOK A PASSING GLANCE AT THE SKY AND COULD OFFER NO DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN THEY LOOKED LIKE TWO SILVER BALLS TRAVELING AT A FAST RATE OF SPEED.

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TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 20, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT:

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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

There is attached hereto copies of two memoranda dated July 24, 1947, and July 16, 1947, concerning [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and [REDACTED]. These memoranda were made available to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section by General Schulgen of the Army Air Forces Intelligence. General Schulgen requested that the Bureau conduct a background investigation of these two individuals mentioned in the attached memoranda since they were among the first to sight the alleged flying discs. He indicated that he desired that the investigation be directed toward ascertaining whether or not either of these individuals have any subversive background and to ascertain whether or not they had any ulterior motives for reporting these sightings.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security Section.

Attachment [REDACTED] b7c

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2 advised Bureau concerning I.D.A.F. concern
any investigation. He was advised
that a review of Bureau files filled
1/13/48 reveal very derogatory information
that could be identified with these
individuals.

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24 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECURITY OFFICER, OCAMA, TINKER FIELD.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], Radio Corporation
of America, Dallas, Texas. Residence: [REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.) b6

RE: Flyind Disc. b6

On 23 July 1947, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relating to his alleged viewing of a flying disc over the vicinity of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Subject, whose age is 38, advised he is married and has one child, and is presently the holder of a Private Pilot's License, No. [REDACTED] (Single Engine, Land). Subject averred he has extensively studied electronics, sound engineering and aeronautics, and his present occupation, which is [REDACTED] for Radio Corporation of America, offices of which are located in Dallas, Texas, is that of [REDACTED]. b6

[REDACTED] stated that between the days 17 May to 21 May 1947, just after dusk, he observed an object which he believed to be a small aircraft in the south. [REDACTED] advised that the sun had just gone down and the moon had not arisen on the horizon. SAVAGE related that he and his wife had just departed their residence and had started to enter their car in the driveway at [REDACTED] Oklahoma City. He judged the time to be between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and the lights from the city of Oklahoma City appeared to be shining on this object when he first saw it. He judged the object to be about 180° in the south when he first saw it, and as it moved toward him he remarked to his wife that "a big white plane was coming over." b6

[REDACTED] stated that when this object was at a 45° angle from him, he realized it was not a conventional type aircraft, and it appeared elliptical at first and as it moved closer it appeared perfectly round and was flat. [REDACTED] advised the object, which appeared to him as a disc, had no appearance of being spherical and had a ratio of diameter to the thickness of approximately 10 to 1, appearing thicker in the center, but this could not be positively ascertained. [REDACTED] judged the object to be at an altitude of between 10,000 and 18,000 feet, and it left no trailing effects. [REDACTED] related that it appeared to be in bulk as big as the bulk of six B-29s at an altitude of approximately the same height. [REDACTED] advised that the object was in his vision approximately 15 to 20 seconds and travelled at a speed which he judged to be approximately three times that of jet-propelled aircraft. b6

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Memo to the Security Officer, OCAMA, Tinker Field, dtd 7/22/47, File 3724-1.

██████████ stated that there were no protrusions on this object and as it went by he listened for a sound of noise, and at one time thought he distinguished a swishing sound like the rushing of air. This swishing sound occurred a few seconds after this object had passed him. ██████████ averred this sound was not very loud and did not last very long, and it is very possible that the sound could have been his imagination or expectation, as he was not sure of the sound. ██████████ related that he called his wife to see this object but it had disappeared before she could focus her eyes on it. Subject stated that the object appeared to diminish in size and speed as it moved away, and it was moving in a direction of 350° to the north. Subject/stated that the object appeared to be frosty white in color at all times.

██████████ advised that he has held a pilot's certificate since 1934 and has been flying since 1929. He advised that he would be glad to answer any further inquiries and will cooperate in every way possible. ██████████ stated he was sure this object was not a meteor and in his opinion it must be radically built and powered, probably atomic.

KALMAN D. SIMON
C.I. U.S. Army

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, [redacted] Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by [redacted] that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of [redacted] is attached to this report as Exhibit A. b6

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. [redacted] has recently purchased a [redacted] recently purchased [redacted] airplane in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [redacted] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if [redacted] can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. [redacted] is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U. S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by [redacted] in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which [redacted] claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by [redacted] in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by [redacted] in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although [redacted] Arnold has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. [redacted] stated that this business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large crowds of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. [redacted] stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote [redacted] directly, "if I saw a ten story building b6

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flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

1 Incl: Exhibit "A"

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SOME LIFE DATA ON [REDACTED] b6

I was born [REDACTED]. My father's name was [REDACTED]; my mother's maiden name was [REDACTED] b6

I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family moved to Scooby, Montana, where they homesteaded. My grandfather, [REDACTED] also homesteaded in Scooby, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles along with [REDACTED], the famous [REDACTED] b6

I went to grade school and high school at Minot, North Dakota. I entered scouting at twelve years of age and achieved the rank of Eagle scout before I was fourteen. My former scout executive was [REDACTED] now a [REDACTED] for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas. b6

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was [REDACTED] b6

I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in [REDACTED] b6

I was a [REDACTED] I taught swimming and diving at scout camps and the municipal pool in Minot, North Dakota. I went to the University of Minnesota, where I swam and did fancy diving under [REDACTED] and also played football under [REDACTED] b6

but upon entering college I was unable to continue my football career because of an injured knee. My high school football coach was [REDACTED] who is now the [REDACTED] b6

I had little or no finances, and my ambition in furthering my education in college b6

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was through my athletics. As a boy in Minot, North Dakota, I did a good deal of dog sled racing. [redacted]

[redacted]

In 1938 I went to work for [redacted]

[redacted] a manufacturer of automatic fire fighting apparatus.

In 1939 I was made [redacted] for them over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I established my own [redacted]

[redacted] I have

been working as an [redacted] since,

and I [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from [redacted]

who was originally from Great Falls, Montana. Due to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did

not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by [redacted] a senior CAA inspector of

Portland, Oregon, and for the last three years have owned my own airplane covering my entire territory with same and flying

from-forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January

of this year I purchased [redacted], which is an

airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough

field usage. In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of

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practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed in 832 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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TO : Director FBI
FROM : SAC Butte
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 20, 1947



Refer teletype to the Bureau dated August 15, 1947.

Enclosed please find the newspaper account carried by the Twin Falls, Idaho "Times News" on August 15, together with a sheet of paper on which A. C. URIE attempted to sketch his impressions of the instrument which he claims to have seen.

Concerning URIE's sketches, it may be noted that he believed the rolled outer edge which he attempted to create in his drawing to have been about a foot through. URIE likewise believed that the tubing or exhaust flame which he and his sons claim to have seen was about a foot through and extended at least to the back end of the device. The flame did not appear to taper off nor to widen out toward the back.

BILLY and KEITH URIE stated that they could see a knot on the side of the device from which the flames were shooting, and that they could see daylight between the exhaust flame and the side of the device. The flames did not leave any smoke or odor.

The URIE boys thought that the "side view" sketch should show that the device was more sharply angled from bottom to top, while URIE himself thought that it was more streamlined and curved. URIE said that the instrument came to a pointed or rounded top.

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In his notations, URIE mistakenly said that he had seen it on Thursday. During interview, he stated that it actually had been on Wednesday, August 13, 1947, when he and his sons saw the contrivance about 1:00 P. M.

URIE explained that he had sent his boys to the river to get some rope from his boat. When he thought they were overdue, he went outside his tool shed to look for them. He noticed them about 300 feet away looking in the sky and he glanced up to see what he called the flying disc. He said he could only see it for a moment before it disappeared behind a hill which obscured his view.

URIE further stated that the contrivance was about seventy-five feet in the air. URIE resides in the depths of the Snake River Canyon, which is about four hundred feet deep and twelve hundred feet across at that place. According to his account, the contrivance was about three hundred feet below the rim of the canyon and he saw it against the steep walls of the canyon on the far side. He described its color as sky blue and stated that he doubted if it could be seen against the sky. He likewise said that it was purely by chance that he saw it. It did not spin like a top.

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As the machine went by the URIE place, the trees over which it almost directly passed (Mormon Poplars) did not just bend with the wind as if a plane had gone by, but, in URIE's words, "spun around on top as if they were in a vacuum."

KEITH URIE, eight years of age, said he first saw the machine coming down the canyon, heading from east to west and following the contours of the ground. BILLY, age ten, saw it almost immediately. Both watched it fly out of sight behind a tree in a matter of moments. They said they then ran to their Father and learned that he too had seen the machine.

URIE seemed completely sincere about the incident. He said his wife and daughter were in the house at the time and had not seen the machine. He questioned his brother, who also lives in the canyon, but his brother had been eating at the time and had seen nothing. URIE and his two boys maintained that they had never before seen one of the discs. URIE, when interviewed, appeared to be a sober, middle-aged man.

[REDACTED] who originally furnished Special Agents with information about the incident, likewise stated that URIE appeared completely sincere about the machine. b7c

No further attempt was made to locate L. W. HAWKINS, inasmuch as [REDACTED] who was with HAWKINS at the time, was interviewed. [REDACTED] name was withheld from the newspaper because HAWKINS and [REDACTED] were fishing at Salmon dam while [REDACTED] was supposed to have been working in Twin Falls. b7c

[REDACTED] said simply that he and HAWKINS could hear a roar. They looked up and could see two instruments flying at a great height, which [REDACTED] mentioned might have been between four thousand and six thousand feet. However, he said he had no idea how large the devices were and consequently, they may have been several miles away. He said that he and HAWKINS were satisfied they had seen something and they were very doubtful that they had seen two planes. b7c

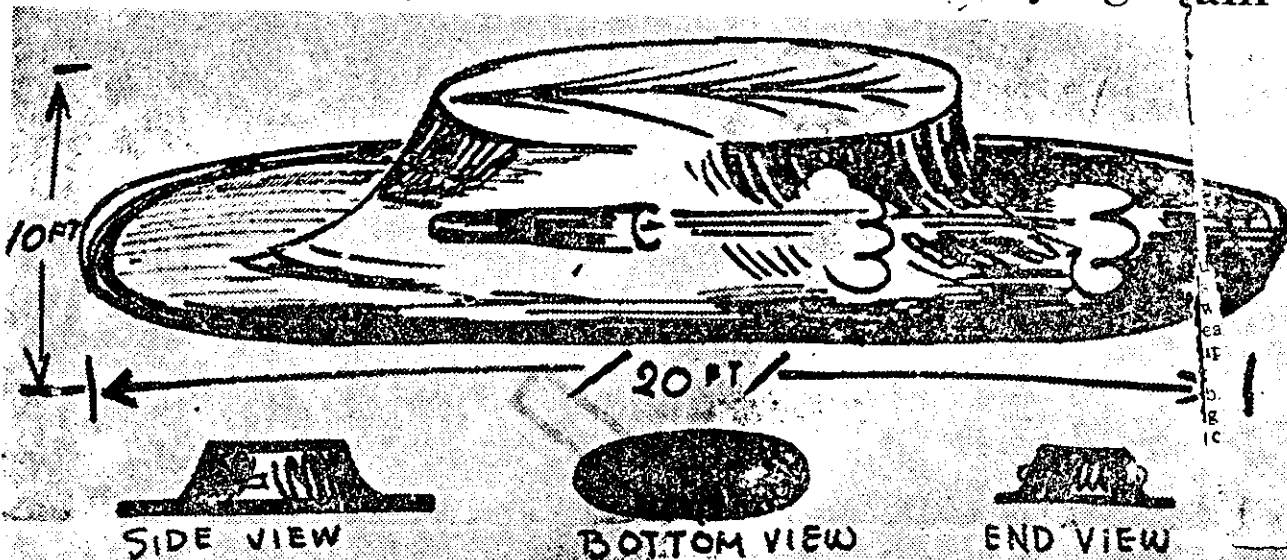
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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1937

Heads Up, Folks! The Discs Are Flying Again



This is an artist's conception of the flying disc that A. C. Urie saw sweeping through Snake river canyon six miles west of Blue Lakes ranch. It seemed to be powered by jets emitting a fiery glow on both

sides, and could well be the inspiration for something new in woggles, hats, such as a "flying saucer" creation. (Drawing by Vic Goertz, staff engraving)

Flying Saucer Reported Flashing Down Canyon At 1,000 Miles Per Hour; Two Others Are Seen

By JOHN BROSAN

Just as Magic Valley and the nation were starting to let go of lampposts after reeling under a winter of flying saucer reports, two more Twin Falls county men revived speculation on the mystery with vivid descriptions of discs they saw.

From A. C. Urie, who operates the Auger Falls Trout farm six miles west of Blue Lakes ranch in Snake river canyon, came perhaps the most detailed account of one of

the fast-flying objects the nation has yet produced.

The flying saucer Urie saw was skimming along through Snake river canyon at a height of about 75 feet at 1 p. m. Wednesday. At 9:30 a. m. the same day, L. W. Hawkins, Twin Falls county commissioner and former county sheriff from Plevin, also saw two circular objects soaring along at a great height near Salmon dam 40 miles northwest of Twin Falls.

Here is Urie's eye-witness de-

scription of the flying discs seen by him and his son, Keith, 8, and Billy, 10:

"I obtained a close-up view of the flying saucer as it passed by the trout farm at 1 p. m. Aug. 13 going down Snake river canyon at a height of about 75 feet from the canyon floor. I would estimate the speed at about 1,000 miles per hour."

Urie explained that the incident occurred while the two boys were coming across the river from the north side in a boat. He had be-

come concerned about what was laying them, and had walked toward the river to see if they were all right.

"I had a side view at a distance of about 300 feet and almost level with the thing," Urie continued. "Two of my boys, Keith and Billy, were below me and I also saw it at about a 45-degree angle. They both got a better side view, and we were looking at it from the south side of the river." (Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

'Saucer' Seen Flying Down Snake Gorge

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river facing toward the north. The boys saw it coming about half a mile up the canyon, and we all lost sight of it in less than a mile."

While the impression was still vivid in their minds, the three got together and made rough sketches of what they had seen. These, in turn, were the basis for the artist's conception of the strange affair by Vic Goertzen of Twin Falls for the Times-News.

"It was a saucer—of a light sky blue color, with a fiery glow at the sides, the top of hood of disc—"

"The canyon floor is rough at that particular point, and it rode up and down over the hills and hollows at a speed indicating some type of control faster than the reflexes of man. It is my opinion that it is guided by instruments and must be powered by atomic energy, as it made very little noise—just a s-w-i-s-h as it passed by."

Urie described the size as about 20 feet long by 10 feet high and 10 feet wide, giving it an oblong shape. It might be described as looking like an inverted pie-plate or broad-brimmed straw hat that had been compressed from two sides.

Pressed for his candid opinion of just what it was, Urie said that he was convinced that there was something to this flying saucer situation. "I know a number of the people who have seen them and I know that they're not just imagining things. They've got their own minds set on it."

"I do know that it scared the boys and made me feel pretty uneasy," he added.

Tracing down a rumor that County Commissioner Hawkins had seen an unusual object in the air on the same day as Urie's experience, the Times-News called him at his Flier home.

"Yes, I did," he replied without hesitation. "I'll have to admit I've been skeptical all along until I saw it with my own eyes. I can't say what it was, but I can say there's something in the air."

Hawkins related that while at Salmon dam Wednesday morning, a sound resembling the echo of a motor caused him to look upward, and there he saw two circular objects that reflected light. They were traveling at a great speed and higher than most airplanes, according to Hawkins.

Aside from this, he declined to add details, except to say, "There's something in the air."

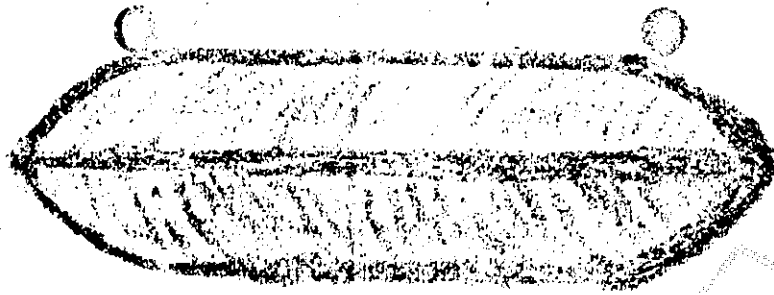
His general description, however, corresponded closely to those of hundreds of persons who reported seeing flying saucers after Kenneth Arnold, Boise businessman, had touched off the deluge by talking of coming upon nine disc-like objects while he was flying in his private plane in Washington.

Thereafter, the nation became increasingly flying saucer conscious, creating a state of mind that made it possible for four teen age Twin Falls boys to cause a mild sensation when they built a model flying disc and tossed into a local yard July 10. This was subsequently revealed as a hoax, following investigation by the army and FBI.

Thereafter the saucer reports tapered off into a few scattered incidents until the question was revived by this week's occurrence.

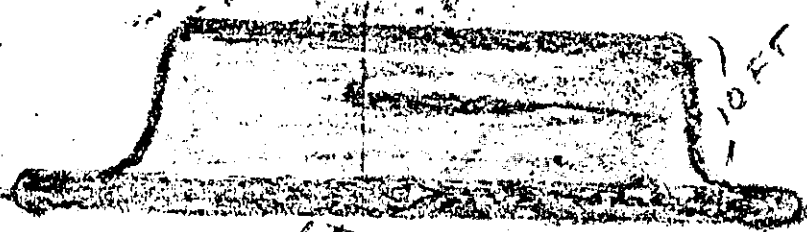
Speculation had ranged from mention that the discs could be army or navy guided missile experiments, or that they could be similar experiments by some foreign country, to "something out of this world."

Whatever, they are, a lot of people have seen "something."



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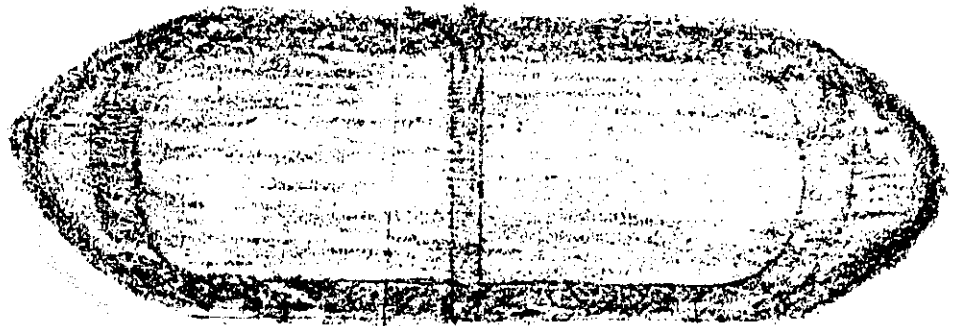
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Top view

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The bottom and side view - of the flying
 disc going down Lakeview Canyon at 1944.
 It stayed at a distance of about 75 ft. up
 from ground, speed about 1000 ft.
 per min. just a distance of 100 ft.
 and by. A. C. URIE - (owns
 tract
 FARM)

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FLYING OBJECT REPORTED OVER PHILA. AUGUST SIX, NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN.

SABOTAGE. THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ON AUGUST SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN CARRIED ITEM CONCERNING FLYING OBJECTS OBSERVED OVER PHILA. ON EVENING OF AUGUST SIX, FORTY SEVEN. PEOPLE REPORTED AS OBSERVING SUCH INTERVIEWED BY PHILA. OFFICE, AND SUBSTANTIALLY FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT TEN FORTY FIVE, AUGUST SIX, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, A BLUISH WHITE FLAMING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT A HEIGHT OF ONE ~~THOUSAND~~ THOUSAND FEET OR MORE OVER PHILADELPHIA PROCEEDING FROM A NORTHEASTERLY TO A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION.

THIS OBJECT LEFT A ~~TRAIL~~ TRAIL OF SMOKE WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT TWO SECONDS AND W HISSING OR BUZZING SOUND WAS AUDIBLE AFTER THE SIGHT OF SUCH OBJECT. PEOPLE OBSERVING THE SAME SEEMED RESPONSIBLE AND RELIABLE, AND INCLUDE A ~~FORMER~~ FORMER ARMY AIR CORPS PILOT. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ABOVE MENTIONED OBJECT ~~BEHAVED~~ WAS A ~~PROPULSION~~ *WAS A SET* PROPELLED PLANE SINCE THE ACCOMPANYING SOUND WAS NOT AS LOUD AS THAT MADE BY JET PROPELLED PLANES. HE ESTIMATED ABOVE OBJECT TRAVELED AT A RATE OF

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ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR. INQUIRIES BEING MADE BY ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE FORCES, PHILA. ON THE REQUEST OF THE PHILA. OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF EITHER ARMY OR NAVY ARE DOING ANY EXPERIMENTAL WORK ON NEW TYPES OF PLANES IN VICINITY OF PHILA. THEY WILL ADVISE PHILA. OFFICE IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. LETTER OF DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

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FLYING DISCS - SECURITY MATTER DASH X. A MR [REDACTED]

ACATE BEACH, NEAR OCEAN LAKE, OREGON HAS REPORTED THAT THE EVENING OF AUGUST SEVEN, AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM HE SIGHTED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE A DISC BRIGHT IN COLOR WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME BECAUSE OF ITS SPEED. [REDACTED] WANTED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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BRUCE ARMSTRONG, M. A. NICHOLS. FLYING DISCS INTERNAL SECURITY

NEWSPAPER SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER CARRIED ARTICLE ON AUGUST TWELVE OF REPORT OF FLYING DISCS SEEN BY ONE BRUCE ARMSTRONG OF BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY, AND M. A. NICHOLS, ONE ONE TWO FIVE, SOUTH WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND STREET, SEATTLE. INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTING BY ARMSTRONG REVEALS OBJECT TO HAVE BEEN PIECE OF BURNED PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN SEEN BY CONTROL TOWER AT BOEING FIELD. INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTING BY M. A. NICHOLS INDICATES OBJECT WAS A WEATHER BALLON. LETTER TO FOLLOW.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

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FROM : SAC, Butte

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY

TACOMA, WASHINGTON
SECURITY MATTER - X

Re Seattle tels August 7, 1947, and August 12, 1947, in the above captioned matter.

[Redacted] Mountain View Drive, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed at the Boise Resident Agency, Boise, Idaho, by SA [Redacted] August 19, 1947. Mr. [Redacted] advised that he received a letter from [Redacted] Editor, [Redacted] Evenston, Illinois, dated June 26, 1947, in which Mr. [Redacted] advised that he was interested in publishing an article in his magazine concerning the flying discs seen by Mr. [Redacted] near Mount Rainier on June 24, 1947, which letter is being enclosed to the Bureau. Mr. [Redacted] stated that he did not give much thought to [Redacted] letter until [Redacted] wrote him again and informed him that [Redacted] of Tacoma, Washington, had sent him fragments of a flying disc and that he would like him [Redacted] to go to Tacoma, Washington, and contact [Redacted] to find out if there was any truth in their story about the disc fragments. He stated that he did not answer [Redacted] letter, but inquired of several friends for their opinion in the matter, and that they all told him if [Redacted] desired to pay his expenses to go to Tacoma, Washington, and look into this matter, that they did not see where he had anything to lose. He informed that he gave a talk at the Boise Ad Club on July 25, 1947, about the flying discs he had seen, and also of the request contained in [Redacted] letter to go to Tacoma to investigate additional information regarding the findings of disc fragments by [Redacted]

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[Redacted] advised that following his talk, he was approached by a person who said he knew both [Redacted] and that they were very reliable individuals. He stated that after thinking it over, he called [Redacted] by telephone and at which time he informed [Redacted] that he would contact [Redacted] and investigate the matter regarding the disc fragments, if [Redacted] would send him \$200.00 expense money. He also advised that he received \$200.00 expense money from [Redacted] via Western Union the next morning. He informed that he left for Tacoma, Washington, via his personal plane on July 30, 1947. Upon arriving at Pendleton, Oregon, he told his story to [Redacted], CAA Inspector from Portland, Oregon, who advised him to go ahead with his investigation.

He stated that he landed at Barry's Airport in Tacoma and obtained a room at the Winthrop Hotel. He informed that he then called [Redacted] telephone to make arrangements to talk to him regarding the disc fragments. He advised that [Redacted] insisted on coming to the hotel room immediately. Upon arriving at Mr. [Redacted] hotel room, [Redacted] stated that he wanted to forget about the discs as too many things had been happening to him, and advised Mr. [Redacted] to return home and forget about the discs. Mr. [Redacted] stated that he informed [Redacted] that he wanted to obtain all

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of the information available regarding the disc fragments and that he understood that [redacted] had told the press about the disc fragments, stating there was nothing to the story and that it was a phoney. [redacted] immediately replied that his story was not false or phoney, but that what he had seen and what had happened to him was so unusual and fantastic that he wanted to forget about the disc fragments. [redacted] then agreed to tell Mr. [redacted] the following story, providing his name and the Harbor Patrols would be left out: b7c

[redacted] stated that his dog had been killed and his boy hurt and that the wheel mount on his harbor patrol boat had been struck by disc fragments, and that about twenty ton of this material had fallen on the beach at Mauri Island, and into the bay, and that a day after this incident, a man about forty years of age had contacted him and told him, "I know what you saw at Mauri Island and I'm telling you in a nice way to forget about it and keep your mouth shut." [redacted] stated that he had obtained a large number of the fragments and had taken them home, but that [redacted], his superior officer, had told him to send the fragments to [redacted] at Chicago; that [redacted] would analyze the specimens free of charge. [redacted] continued stating that on the afternoon of June 21, 1947, he was on patrol with his boy, dog, and two seamen near a cove on the east side of Mauri Island. He stated that he looked up through the windshield of the boat and at a height of about 1,000 feet, he saw six round circular grey objects that looked like large inner tubes slightly squashed. These objects appeared to be about 100 feet across and in the center was a hole about twenty-five feet. [redacted] said he assumed they were some type of a balloon. The object in the center was lower than the rest of the other objects, and the other objects were circling around it. The object in the center seemed to be descending while the others followed. As the objects descended he saw port holes around the inside of the object and what appeared to be windows. He stated that the object in the center descended to about 500 feet, and that suddenly one of the circling objects came down and touched the object in the center and remained in this position for a few minutes, while the other objects continued to circle above. The object which had descended and touched the object in the center and which was lower, then rose and took its place with the other objects. b7c

All of the objects then started to rise and what appeared to be newspapers came out of the center of the object in the middle of the circling object. Then the sky seemed to rain lava, the lava coming from the object in the center and [redacted] headed the boat for shore. He stated that the lava coming from the object in the center appeared to be a white metal, and as it fell into the water, clouds of steam rose from the water. He stated that some of the lava landed on the beach. He also stated that his dog was killed and also a sea gull in addition to his boy being hurt by the falling lava. Mr. [redacted] continued stating that [redacted] had said that he had taken pictures of the object and that if Mr. [redacted] wanted them, he could have the negatives. [redacted] took Mr. [redacted] to the home of his secretary that evening and showed him some of the disc fragments he had picked up, which were smooth on one side and rough on the other, according to Mr. [redacted]. b7c

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██████████ stated he received a telephone call from the press upon returning to his hotel room, and that the press wanted to know about the flying disc fragments, and he told them that he was not talking until he had proved it. He stated he did not know how the press ever knew he was in Tacoma or had seen ██████████ b7c

██████████ informed that at 9:30 A.M. the next morning, July 31, 1947, ██████████ appeared at his hotel room and ██████████ again asked him to go home and forget about the discs, that his story was not false, but that he had had enough trouble. ██████████ said that his boy had been missed one morning and had been found at Lust, Montana, waiting on tables in a cafe; that he did not know how he had got there and that too many things were happening. ██████████ stated that when ██████████ came to his hotel room, they had an armful of fragments, and that ██████████ had then informed about how he had seen an object resembling those seen by ██████████. ██████████ stated he had taken the patrol boat on July 23, 1947, and had gone to Mauri Island and had found the beach littered with lava. ██████████ stated he had looked up and had seen a balloon-like object with port holes and windows, which had disappeared into a large cloud. ██████████ stated that he asked ██████████ again to see the pictures of the objects; that ██████████ had again agreed to show them to him. ██████████ informed that he had then asked ██████████ if it would be all right for him to call a friend, ██████████ who had also seen some flying discs and let him see the fragments and hear ██████████ story. ██████████ dissented, however, ██████████ readily agreed. He also stated that he had placed a call to Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON, Army intelligence officers at Hamilton Field, and had asked them to come to his hotel, as they had previously instructed him to report to them anything of an unusual nature or of interest regarding the flying discs. b7c

He stated he flew to Seattle and got ██████████ and that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON had come to his room about 4:00 P.M. ██████████ advised that he had asked Lieutenant BROWN just what he had found out regarding the discs, and Lieutenant BROWN had confidentially informed him that they had obtained a picture of a disc, which appeared to be authentic, which picture was taken by a man in Phoenix, Arizona. The picture, according to Lieutenant BROWN, was of a circular object with a hole in the center, and of another object that looked like a flying wing. He stated that when Lieutenant BROWN told him this that he immediately thought of the object seen by DAHL. He stated that after hearing ██████████ story, Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON's attitude had changed immediately, and that they appeared disinterested. It was then suggested that they all go to Mauri Island and look for the disc fragments. Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON stated that they had to return to Hamilton Field immediately. ██████████ stated that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON were very careful to gather up all of the fragments which had been brought to the room by ██████████ b7c

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He stated that the next morning he received a call from [REDACTED] who told him that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON had been killed in a B-25 crash. He stated he does not know how [REDACTED] knew who had been in the plane before anyone else. He also stated that during the above conference numerous telephone calls were received from the press, wanting to know about the conference. He stated that someone kept tipping the press off as to what was going on and what was being said daily verbatim. He informed that [REDACTED] United Press men at Tacoma, appeared to know all that took place during the conference, and even knew of the crash of the B-25 and those aboard, before the Army released this information. [REDACTED] informed that when he received news of the crash, that he and [REDACTED] fully expected to be contacted by Army Intelligence, as they were the last people with Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON, however, they were never contacted. b7c

He further stated that he and [REDACTED] went down to the United Press to see what the survivors of the crash had informed about the crash and that [REDACTED] had told them that the mysterious informant who had been calling had told him that the B-25 had not crashed, but had been shot down, also that [REDACTED] Army informant had said that an observer at Kelso, Washington, had seen the plane throw out a landing flare after the two survivors had jumped from the plane, and that the plane had gone into a steep dive and dove into a hillside, and further that one engine had been on fire, but that the fire apparatus, protecting the engine, had failed to function. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] then came to see him and [REDACTED] and told them to go home and forget about the discs, that such things as the B-25 crash had been happening to him all along. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that he then called [REDACTED] at Chicago and told him that the deal was off and that if he wanted his \$200.00 back, he could have it; that two men had been killed and he was getting frightened of the whole thing. He stated that [REDACTED] informed him that it was all right with him to keep the \$200.00, however, he would send him an additional check for the trouble he had put to. [REDACTED] advised that previous to this telephone call [REDACTED] had called his friend, [REDACTED] of the Chicago Times and had told him that he did not have any faith in Army Intelligence and for [REDACTED] to conduct an investigation on [REDACTED] and get to the bottom of this disc fantasy. [REDACTED] also advised that previous to the two above telephone calls, he had asked the press to investigate [REDACTED] as Army Intelligence had informed him that they could not find [REDACTED] and knew nothing concerning him, and appeared not to be interested in [REDACTED] who seemed to know more about the flying discs than anyone else. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that he personally thinks that [REDACTED] business is a blind for something else and that [REDACTED] will do anything that [REDACTED] asks him to and will not talk unless [REDACTED] tells him to. [REDACTED] stated that he still wanted to get to the bottom of the disc fragment story so he and [REDACTED] had decided to go to Kauri Island on Sunday, August 3, b7c

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1947, however, when [redacted] was approached in this regard, and they had gone to the boat house where [redacted] kept his boat, [redacted] could not seem to make the boat run, and after making some excuses that he had to return to his office, had stated that he would return in about an hour, and by that time his mechanic should have the boat repaired and they could all proceed to Maui Island. Mr. [redacted] informed that [redacted] never returned, and that they were unable to locate [redacted] at any of the telephone numbers he had given them. b7c

They located [redacted] in a movie, according to [redacted] and that [redacted] after making some efforts to locate [redacted], had informed them that [redacted] had left town for a few days. He further informed that about this time the press contacted them and told them an informant had called and told them that [redacted] was on his way to Alaska in an Army plane. b7c

Mr. [redacted] advised that Captain [redacted] had informed him that he had made an appointment with Major [redacted] at McCord Field and intended to tell Major [redacted] the complete story. During the afternoon, Captain [redacted] and Major [redacted] came to the hotel room, according to [redacted] and some of the fragments that [redacted] had brought to Mr. [redacted] room, following the conference, were shown to Major [redacted]. Upon viewing the fragments, Major [redacted] according to Mr. [redacted] stated that they were nothing but slag from the copper mill, however, before Major [redacted] left, he gathered up every fragment in the room, according to Mr. [redacted], and took them with him. Mr. [redacted] stated that he then left for Boise, Idaho. b7c

Mr. [redacted] produced a letter dated August 5, 1947, from [redacted]

matter.

[redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that he has told the above story to Army Intelligence and Major [redacted] and to no one else, with the exception of [redacted]

[redacted] Boise, Idaho, advised that the [redacted] has never paid Mr. [redacted] for any news item he has given them, and has never approached him in this manner. He stated that the [redacted] is not attempting to push the flying discs story, but merely attempting to b7c

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get to the bottom of the flying discs story as they sincerely believe there is someone who knows the story of the discs and that they actually exist, and that the Army, when approached for information, merely state that they know nothing concerning them. [REDACTED] also informed that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON had contacted him on July 20, 1947, at Boise, Idaho, regarding the discs and that is how he met them. b7c

Unless advised to the contrary, no additional investigation is being conducted in this matter, and it is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Seattle Office.

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June 26, 1947

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Mr. [REDACTED] b7c
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

I have just read an account in the Chicago Tribune concerning an aerial train composed of at least 9 units shaped like a pie-plate and silvery in color, traveling at 1200 m.p.h. near Mount Ranier, as witnessed by you while flying in the vicinity.

This is quite important to me, because I have in my possession numerous independent confirmations of what you saw, although none in as great detail as your account. I am interested in publishing an article in our magazine, written from a personal account by yourself, and accompanied by pix of yourself, plane, and rough sketches by yourself, of what you saw.

If you care to do this for me, I am prepared to pay our usual rates of 2¢ perword, plus \$5.00 for each photograph you can provide, or for each sketch which can be used by our art staff to illustrate the article.

Included in this material, we'd like a short biographical sketch of yourself as "author background" material. The article would appear under your by-line.

If you are not interested, I would at least appreciate a letter from you, confirming the newspaper story.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

In your reply, please use airmail.

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Mr. [REDACTED] b7c
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

It seems that Mr. [REDACTED] of the Chicago Times got the story from Mr. [REDACTED], because he called me, told me he was running it. I knew only what you'd told me over the phone. Now, it seems the newspapers are pestering the very devil out of all you fellows. [REDACTED] wired me for instructions, and I told him to say nothing to the newspapers, because he'll look silly if the army explains this as "meteors" or something like that. b7c

I don't blame you for being alarmed, but I trust you've had no trouble in your flying since then. Let's get that straight--there's no horrible plot involved. It's probably true that the two men killed were just accidents. It could be true that it was not an accident, but I don't think there was any connection with the disks, or anything of that nature, nor is the material from Murray Island to blame.

Certainly I don't think you'd suffer from completing your report on your mission, and sending me your affidavit. Also, you'll have some money coming for that, and no sense to tossing that out of the window. It is unfortunate that the thing seemed so big you had to call in army intelligence, but it will take them a long time to proceed to the point I've reached in this disk mystery. You see, you aren't the first to see them. They've been known for nearly forty years, and I have ample proof of that. But your experience was the first real break toward a solution. I'd hate to have you drop the matter when all remaining to do is to file your report with me.

b7c [REDACTED] is willing to contribute his share. I hope you will too. This thing must not be hushed up and forgotten. It's much too important to the people of America, if not the world. And no censorship of the matter is legal. You needn't fear that angle. You certainly did a bang-up job of investigation, also you wrote one of the best articles about your June 24 experience I've ever seen. Please do the same on this last business. You owe it to those two men who were killed.

I'd also like to know what developed on those pictures you took of those "dicks", or whatever they were.

In short, I'd like to have you continue to keep in contact with me, and relay to me anything further you learn.

In turn, I'll give you the whole story, which I'm just about ready to break (not in the newspapers). And if it was as dangerous as you seem to suspect, I'm afraid I'd have been a corpse long ago!

But, and this is all you need remember, those disks are not red corpuscles in your eyeball, and they are not something we can forget about with an ostrich in the sand attitude. We've got to solve them, public hysteria or no. As for that hysteria, if laughing is hysteria, that's all the hysteria I've noticed!

You know your business, and you handled it like a major. But I'm hoping you do the easy part now and get that report on paper.

A check for your June 24 article is going out to you.

Sincerely yours,

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This is a copy of the same
article I sent to Com General,
Wright Field
Dayton Ohio

July 29, 1947

AIR MAIL

[REDACTED]

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Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am enclosing the material you requested together with
photo proofs, and also a sketch of my life story.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

This copy is
the same as I sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c

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I established my own fire control supply known as the Great Western Fire Control Supply. I have been working as an independent fire control engineer since, and I handle, distribute, sell and install all types of automatic and manual fire fighting equipment in the rural areas of the western states.

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from [REDACTED] who was originally from [REDACTED] Minn. Due to the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] I was able to continue my flying and did not fly of my own accord until 1917. I was given my pilot certificate by [REDACTED] a senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the last three years have owned my own airplane covering my entire territory with some and flying from forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a new Stearman airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field usage.

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In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out of the pasture without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. In fact, I have landed in 623 cow pastures in Montana counties, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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The following story of what I observed near the Grand Coulee,

due to my condition of eye sight or judgment. I am a licensed pilot and a former naval aviator.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the General Air Service at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Washington. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large radio transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington. (This transport has been discovered at the time of this writing—July 29, 1947.)

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which the Chehalis rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this machine which was flown to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

After making a 90 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Ashford, ascending again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure to fly. At a higher altitude, I noticed many airplanes in the direction of Yakima,

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... estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were ...

They flew in a way that I have observed before to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They appeared to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I ...

... right along their path was the fact that I couldn't see any ... then, and I am sure that my pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was at about a right angle, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I know they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact, I compared a soup can or cooling tool I had in my pocket with them - holding it up on the ... and holding it up on the DC-4 that I could observe at quite a distance to my left - and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but I should judge their span would have been as wide as the ...

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I ... to the ground or at higher altitude. I observed the chain of ... objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between ... and Mr. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

... I was flying ... ridge, I ... it and found it to ... I could ... the chain of these saucer-like objects was at least five ...

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I could quite accurately determine their position, due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of the as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

In the first unit of this series, prior to the appearance of the high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my stop watch and found it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I landed there would be some explanation of what I saw.

Number of hours and minutes spent in the air was not a matter of any special reflections or even a single. While I was in the air, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view.

Even though two minutes seem like a very short time to be in the air, in the air in two minutes a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably at any time fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the various planes for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this various plane, what I had just observed kept going through my mind. I became more disturbed, as I was still in the last lock of vision I headed for Yakima.

I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which were observed through the glass of my airplane, was made in the air for a half or three quarters — although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am making a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be. They appeared to have covered all peaks as well as Mt. Rainier.

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That these objects were flying against a dark background, and that they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding in all but constant direction; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they did not conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although the objects were flying in the sky, throughout the United States, there have been in the past several accounts written by some of these observers that I can not truthfully say that I have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western Air Lines employees of Cedar City, Utah, the pilot from Oklahoma City, the locomotive engineer in Illinois, Mr. [redacted] United Press correspondent of Boise, Idaho, [redacted] Boise Daily Statesman, Captain [redacted] - pilot [redacted] - pilot of United Air Lines, and Captain [redacted] of United Air Lines both of whom only last night, July 25, 1947, made their observation on United Air Line Flight 135 westbound out of Boise. b7c

It is my opinion that descriptions could not be very accurate when made from the ground unless the objects were at considerable height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed these objects could have seen the same thing; however, it has been very difficult from the ground to observe the objects for only a few seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric distortion and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision while air observers I would judge to be very accurate.

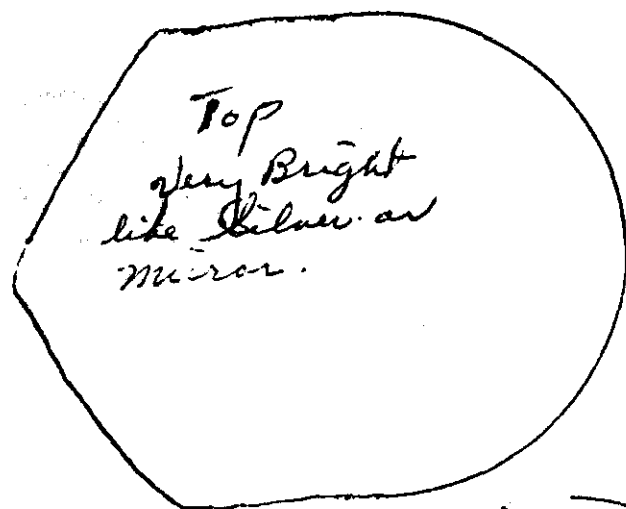
I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and Europe from [redacted] the objects have been observed in other portions of the world, particularly in Japan, Germany, and

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and the FBI...
 consideration as to my capabilities, I received no interest from these
 two important protective forces of our country until two weeks after
 my observation. I will go so far as to claim that if our Military
 Intelligence was aware of what I observed and reported to the United
 and associated press and over the radio on the different occasions which
 apparently set the nation buzzing, they would be the very first people
 I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of reports from people who told me they
 a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this
 article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed,
 it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

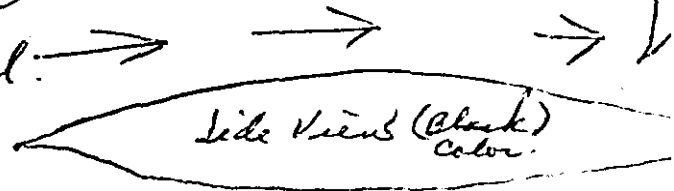
My pilot's license is 333467. I fly a Cessna airplane, which is
 a three place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured
 at Oton, you know a miniature of, high performance, high altitude air-
 plane that is made for mountain work. The national certificate of the
 plane is 33355.



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 against snow of
 Mt Rainier.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 28, 1947

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

On August 27, 1947, Lt. Colonel [redacted] A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, advised that the Area Intelligence Requirements Division Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2 Headquarters, requested that one [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona, be completely interviewed in connection with a report that he had seen on July 7, 1947, what he believed were flying discs. [redacted] is supposed to have taken several pictures of the discs with a 620 Box Camera.

A previous report of this reported sighting of flying discs was forwarded the Bureau on August 8, 1947.

Colonel [redacted] has advised that [redacted], an intelligence agent of A-2 stationed at Long Beach, California, would arrive in Phoenix, Arizona, on or about September 2, 1947, and would be instructed to contact the Phoenix Field Division Office.

In accordance with Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, it is felt that an agent from the Phoenix Field Division should interview [redacted] Phoenix, if [redacted] has not already been interviewed. Colonel [redacted] indicated that Mr. [redacted] should, if possible, sit in on this interview.

A copy of the report from A-2 dated August 4, 1947, along with three photographic prints of the pictures allegedly taken by Mr. [redacted], is being enclosed for the Phoenix Field Division.

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FLYING DISCS. ON INSTANT ~~DATE~~ DATE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], IDAHO [REDACTED] SAME COMMUNITY, ADVISED THAT ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST, AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY AM WHILE FISHING IN RIVER APPROXIMATELY FORTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, IN ISOLATED COUNTRY, THEY SAW TWO OBJECTS FLYING THROUGH AIR AT GREAT HEIGHT, WHICH ~~APPEAR~~ APPEARED TO BE DISCS, AND AT SAME TIME HEARD ROAR SIMILAR TO NOISE CREATED BY MOTOR TRUCK. INFORMANTS ADVISED OBJECTS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY AND ~~THAT~~ THAT THEY EACH APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET IN DIAMETER. OBJECTS QUICKLY DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT AND HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE . NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION THESE OBJECTS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION ~~BEING~~ CONDUCTED BY THIS DIVISION PURSUANT TO BUREAU BULLETIN NO. ~~FOURTY~~ FORTY TWO, SUB DIVISION B, DATED JULY THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 9-15-47

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FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to my letter dated August 26, 1947. Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated September 9, 1947 from Lt. Colonel [redacted] of A2, with a memorandum prepared by [redacted] 4th Air Force CIC on August 20, 1947 and August 26, 1947. The memorandum contains information regarding observations of [redacted] of Sacramento, California. *b7c*

Also enclosed is a letter dated September 10, 1947 from Colonel [redacted] with attachment dated September 9, 1947. *b7c*

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] of Boise, Idaho, who has been repeatedly interviewed in this matter by A2, has expressed his intention to A2 of selling for publication his detailed account of his investigation of flying discs. *b7c*

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aware of these incidents
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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

September 1947

4AFDA
335.5/1208-I

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 422, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Attached MOIC for your information.

S. I. Springs
S. I. SPRINGS
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy AG of A-2

1 Incl
MOIC Moon, dtd 20 Aug 47.

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1050 hours 18 August 1947

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Telephone message received from

Oakland Tribune:

Sacramento 2, Calif, auto insurance executive with the firm of McGuire and Falls, of Sacramento, reported the following incident:

At 4 P.M. on August 14, while driving on Cedar Ravine Road, 4 to 5 miles southeast of Placerville, Calif, he, accompanied by his wife, observed a "vapor" trail moving from north to south. Closer observation revealed a piece of "shiny metal" at from 500 to 1000 feet altitude moving at a "high rate of speed". The object appeared to be more "rocket-shaped" than disc-shaped. It appeared to be approximately 8 feet in length and was "tilted in a semi-circle".

The object struck the ground with a "puff of black smoke" about 100 feet below the top of a hill which was approximately 750 feet ahead of the automobile driven by the observer. An intervening canyon prevented investigation of the location where the object was observed to have landed.

The observer is able to identify the location where the object was observed to land.

He is a University of California graduate, and is personally known by members of the Oakland Tribune staff. He is a brother-in-law of (of Southern California)

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4AF-1208-1
20 August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 20 August 1947, this agent and Special Agent Hubbard interviewed _____ at his home, _____ Sacramento, California, and he stated in substance: On the afternoon of 14 August 1947, he was driving his automobile from Placerville, California, on the Cedar Ravine Road. _____ wife was in the front seat of the automobile and _____ mother and the two Switzer children were in the back seat of the car. At about 1600 hours they were at a point approximately five miles southwest from Placerville when _____ saw a white smoke trail out of the corner of his eye. In searching for a rocket ship (P80) he saw an object, four to six feet in length, ten to fourteen inches wide, and of a metal color, bright like highly polished chromium. In relation to the travel of the automobile the object was first seen at 1030, and when the object reached a point at approximately 1200, it was engulfed in a puff of dark gray smoke about ten feet in diameter. The object was traveling at a terrific rate of speed and seemed to be in a very shallow dive. When the puff of smoke appeared, the object disappeared completely and there were no particles seen to have fallen from the smoke. The point where the object was engulfed in the smoke was about eight hundred yards distant (in front of) _____ with no possibility of the object being hidden from view by vegetation or terrain. The object appeared rectangular in shape except for one very short period of time it appeared to have a top surface that was very slightly curved. _____ turned to tell his wife about the object and found her with her mouth open in an effort to say something and with her hand in a pointing gesture toward where the object had disappeared. The object was not very high in relation to the terrain and seemed to be following the contour of a canyon.

2. In a separate interview _____ concurred in the information obtained from _____ with the following exceptions: The smoke trail and the puff that engulfed the object appeared dark gray in color and there was no change in the color. _____ estimated the object to be about five feet long and about a foot wide with the top surface being slightly curved. The object appeared to be some larger in front than in the rear.

AGENT'S NOTES: At the time this object was seen, the sun was to the back, the sky was clear and the object gave off a very bright reflection. _____ has been connected with the field of insurance investigation for the last eighteen years and appears to be a man not desirous of publicity. The other passengers of the car did not see the object. _____ is in the process of moving to a ranch near Placerville, Calif., and his new address will be _____ Placer County, Calif. Arrangements have been made to meet _____ at 1400, 26 Aug 47 at _____ Placerville, Calif., for the purpose of going back over Cedar Ravine Road to locate the point where the object disappeared.

Dryden A. Moon, Special Agent, AF/CIC

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4AF-1208-1

AGENT'S NOTES: will communicate with the AC of S, A-2, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, if any information regarding wreckage of an aircraft is located in the area in questions. was not informed of the mission and was led to believe that the mission was an effort to locate possible aircraft wreckage in the area.

Brydon B. Moon, Special Agent, 4AF CIC

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36. On 26 August 47, S/A Hubbard and this agent contacted _____ Placerville, California.

After traveling Cedar Ravine Road to a point nine miles southeast of Placerville, known as Buck's Bar, _____ decided that the place from where he had observed the object on 14 Aug 47 was nearer to Placerville. After a thorough check of the road, _____ believed the spot where he had observed the object to be on the ridge just north of Webber Creek where the road breaks over the summit. This point is two miles from the Raffels Hotel, Placerville, California, on the Cedar Ravine Road. As the road approaches the summit it curves to the left which would provide an observer from an automobile a sweeping view through 40° of the canyon and the horizon on the south side of Webber Creek. This point of observation lies 38° 42' 45" North Latitude and 120° 47' 15" West Longitude. The elevation at this point is 2,000 feet above sea level. The horizon from this point in the south is formed by a series of mountain peaks which lie generally through 38° 39' 45" and which are on the south side of Squaw Hollow Creek, a distance of four miles, and ranging in elevation from 2,300 feet to 2,500 feet above sea level. _____ was not definite as to what part of the field of view he had seen the object and indicated that it could have been as far as the horizon. Any object, or particles of an object, that _____ saw, if on the ground on the field of view, would be in a six square mile area of wooded, mountainous terrain which is full of canyons and ravines.

AGENT'S NOTES: This agent believes that _____ could have seen an aluminum surfaced conventional type aircraft which, due to the distance at which he observed it, distinguishing features were not seen because of the bright reflection and the short period of observations. The aircraft would have been coming from the left as _____ turned to the left, thereby giving the effect of a much greater speed than the object was really traveling. This agent has no explanation as to the smoke trail observed by _____. If reconnaissance is desired of the area to see if anything can be located on the ground, this agent suggests that a small type aircraft similar to an L-3, be used in low level flight between the hours of 1100 to 1800. _____ was very cooperative and expended much of his own time in an effort to be of as much service as possible. _____ will communicate with the AC of S, A-2, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, in the event of any report of aircraft wreckage in the area.

48. On 26 Aug 47, a check with _____ State Forest Service, Canby, California, and _____ Forester, Federal Forest Service, Placerville, California, provided the following information: There has been no forest fires or reported aircraft crashes in the area in question within the last months.

Bryden E. Moon, Special Agent, 4AF CIO

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA
333.5/1208-I

10 September 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 422, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Attached MOIC for your information.

FOR THE AC OF S, A-2

Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy AC of S, A-2

1 Incl:
MOIC, Hubbard, dtd 9 Sep 47.

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AAF-1208-I
Incident
9 September 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Berkeley, California, was interviewed 5 September 1947 at his place of employment, the University of California, concerning flying objects he reported to have seen on 29 July 1947 while with of the 415th AAF BU (WT). stated in substance that he was a 1st Lt in the Reserve and that on the 29th of July 1947 shortly after 12 noon he had just landed from a routine training flight when he called attention to an unidentified flying object that was following a P-50 aircraft at a terrific rate of speed. estimated the P-50 to be flying at approximately 250 miles per hour on a preliminary approach to landing at Hamilton Field. In estimation the object he saw following the P-50 maintained a speed of three to four times that of the aircraft. A moment later a second object appeared and flew a course described as something similar to a fighter aircraft's maneuvers when accompanying heavier ships, or a left to right movement, over the object first sighted. stated that this maneuvering continued until the objects were out of sight. He estimated the time to be approximately 15 seconds, the course approximately 120 degrees. could not estimate the size of the objects nor actual altitude, though he did not believe them to be beyond six thousand feet. described the objects as being milky white in color, and unlike any conventional type aircraft he had ever seen. When questioned whether he was familiar with the Navy "Flapjack", stated that he was, and that he was certain the objects he reported seeing were not of this nature.

AGENT'S NOTES: is a former officer of the U.S. AAF and a B-29 pilot of considerable experience. does not convey the impression of being the kind of person who would "imagine" that he was seeing objects, nor has he any apparent desire for publicity. is in charge of Berkeley, California.

LESLIE S. HUBBARD, S/A, CIO ADC LAF

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - AIR MAIL
 FROM : SAC, San Francisco
 SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 26, 1947

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There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau photostatic copies of three reports received from Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, involving reported sightings of flying discs. b7c

The Los Angeles Office is being furnished with a photostatic copy of the report of Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] dated August 18, 1947 concerning the investigation conducted at the Muroc Flight Test Base, Muroc, California. b7c

The Butte Office is being furnished with a photostatic copy of the report of Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] dated August 20, 1947 which sets forth a letter received from Mr. [redacted] Helena, Montana. b7c

This office is maintaining contact with Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] and will furnish the Bureau with a subsequent report from him concerning the observations of Mr. [redacted] Sacramento, California, who has reported certain observations which he believes may involve a flying disc at Placerville, California, on August 14, 1947. b7c

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

Title Investigation of Flying Disc. INVESTIGATION MADE AT Mirco AAF, Mirco, Calif.
 File No. 1208-1 CONTROLLING OFFICE Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field.
 Date 18 August 1947 PERIOD COVERED 5 July 1947
 CASE CLASSIFICATION Incident
 STATUS OF CASE Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Investigation initiated at request of Air Defense Command reference ltr Hq ADC, dtd 7 Jul 47, file D338.5 ID, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

SYNOPSIS:

On 5 July 1947, approximately 1000 hours, two incidents occurred in the vicinity of Mirco Flight Test Base.
 No further investigation of these incidents is being considered by this headquarters

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APPROVED:

 DONALD L. SPRINGER, Lt. Col., GSC
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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given orally by
Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, given to
Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer, on 11 August 1947.

, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the
time to be paper and of no significance or the objects not important
enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the
Colonel to make any further reports justifiable.

This oral statement was given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/s harry d. black
CAPT. HARRY D. BLACK, MAC

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by

Muroc Army Air Field,
Muroc, California, statement given on 11 July 1947.

At approximately noon on 8 July 1947, my attention was called to an object in the air by I observed between five (5) and eight (8) miles to the North what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying caused the sun to reflect like an apparently aluminum colored surface. The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again. It climbed to a fairly high altitude and moved off slowly into the distance. The object appeared to be the side of a pursuit airplane but did not have the shape of a conventional plane. The time that the object was in view was approximately eight (8) minutes. This same object was seen by my wife at the same time.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/ thomas a. mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by
4144th AAFBU, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given
on 14 July 1947, to

This is my own written statement of what I saw on July 8, 1947.

I am NCO in charge of the _____ this Field, and

About 09:45 he was returning from the Post Exchange when he called
to me to come outside and asked me to look up to where he was pointing
and to my surprise I saw two (2) flying objects which appeared to me like
two (2) flying disc or saucer shaped silver colored objects, flying in a
northwestern direction at speed approximately 350 or 400 miles per hour
and at an altitude of about 7500 or 8000 feet. I could not hear a motor
roar like one of our planes and it could not have been a balloon.

I am of good health and sound mind and this was no hallucination.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have
initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by
Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement
given on 11 July 1947; to Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIO S/A. this Station.

The following statement concerning the actual observance of what has
been termed as a "flying Disc" or a "flying Saucer" is true and correct and
it will be noted that the above mentioned observance was made by me per-
sonally while enjoying complete health in mind and body.

On Tuesday 8 July 1947, at approximately nine-thirty A.M. (09:30)
I was in conversation with personnel in the Post Exchange Office. My part
of this conversation was as follows:

"Someone will have to show me one of these Disc before I will
believe it."

Upon leaving the Post Exchange, I went directly to my Office and be-
fore entering heard one of our local aircraft in the traffic pattern.
Looking up, as I always do I observed the aircraft, and looked slightly
to the left, whereupon I observed two (2) silver objects of either a
spherical or disc-like shape, moving about three hundred (300) miles an
hour, or perhaps less, at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, heading
at about three hundred twenty degrees (320°) due north.

When I first observed these objects I called

who immediately came
to where I was standing. I pointed in the direction of the objects and
asked them the question "Tell me what you see up there." Whereupon, all
the three (3) with sundry comments stated, "They are flying Disc". To
further verify my observance I asked them to tell me in what direction the
objects were traveling, without indicating their direction myself, and again,
all three (3) in a consistent nature stated that the objects were moving
toward Mojave, California.

I had time to look away several times and renew my vision of the objects
to make sure that there were not any results of eye strain, or in any nature
an optical illusion. The objects in question were not repeat, were not air-
craft, the objects could not have been weather balloons released from this
station, since they were traveling against the prevailing wind, and since
the speed at which they were traveling and the horizontal direction in which
they were traveling, disqualified the fact that they were weather balloons.

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After the observance of these phenomenon and hoping that I might have time to enlist further witnesses, I immediately ran into the dispensary to get personnel who are Medical Officers to verify, for my own curiosity, the actual observance of these objects, but by the time I reached the back porch of the dispensary, who is a registered nurse, and about seven (7) other personnel were with me, the objects, had by that time, disappeared, due to the speed with which they were traveling. Upon further investigation, two (2) of us at the same time sighted another object of a silver spherical or disc-like nature at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, traveling in circles over the North-end. I called the objects to the attention of and pointed it out to the other personnel standing near by. All of us saw the object, with the exception of two (2) out of seven (7) personnel. All of us looked away from the object several times to make sure there was no eye strain or from permitting the object to become an optical illusion.

From my actual observance the object circled in too tight a circle and too severe a plane to be any aircraft that I know of. It could not have been any type of bird because of the reflection that was created when the object reached certain altitudes. The object could not have been a local weather balloon for it is very impossible that a weather balloon would stay at the same altitude as long and circle in such a consistent nature as did the above mentioned object.

I am familiar with the results of too constant vision of the sun or any bright object and am aware that optical illusions are possible and probable. I wish to make this statement that the above mentioned observance was that of actual subject matter.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan
 THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by
Maroo Army Air Field, Maroo, California, statement given to
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, This station, on 13 August 1947.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the
XP-84 on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air.
Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object
that I assumed at first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at
it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward whirling
movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225
MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that
it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

I did not have time to chase it in a P-80.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats
or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and
is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS:

s/s Thomas A. McMillan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by
Wuroc Army Air Field, Wuroc, California, statement given to
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, this Station, on 12 August 1947.

At 11:50 hours, 8 July 1947, while the undersigned was sitting in
an observation truck located in Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, for the
purpose of observing a P-52 ejection seat experiment, the following
unfamiliarity was observed.

The undersigned was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2)
P-52's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing to carry
out a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object,
white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy.
The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and
dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower
than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed
for the parachute which was ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell
it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, to-
ward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined,
but appeared slower than the maximum velocity 50-80 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit
observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct ovular
outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have
been thick fins or nobs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggest-
ing either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propollar arcs, engine noise, or other clasuable (?)
or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, re-
sembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a
parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of
vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 90
seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four
(4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:
- Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
(Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a man-made object, as evidenced distaintly by
the outline and functional appearance.

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2. Its site was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.

3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/ thomas a. mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given on 14 July 1947, by
Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.

I am fully aware of my Civil and Constitutional Rights, and understand prior to making this statement.

On Tuesday morning 8 July 1947, at approximately 10:00, while typing some cards, and taking care of my routine work, called me, along with to the front of B.O.Q. "A" Bldg. Pointing up in a direction directly above me he asked us to explain what we saw. There were two, silver colored disc like objects flying toward Mojave, California, one directly back of the other, at a speed of about 300 to 400 miles per hour, having an altitude of approximately 8000 feet. I listened carefully for a few minutes, and heard no drone, such as should be heard from any aircraft. I also cast my eyes to another direction and looking back to the same spot, I was able to distinguish the same objects again. Having assured myself that there was no eye-strain, I was convinced these objects were not weather balloons due to the horizontal position in which they were flying. Nor could they have been birds of any nature, due to the definite reflection from the sun rays.

I have been on this base, considering an absence of six months, approximately eighteen months, and am familiar with all type aircraft.

About three or four minutes, after these flying objects had nearly disappeared, I glanced around and sighted another flying object, similar to the above mentioned objects. This flying object was silver colored and was in the shape of a disc. Unlike the first two this object was flying in a tight circle, neither losing nor gaining altitude, at approximately eight thousand feet, therefore I was convinced it could not have been a weather balloon, and because of the tight circle it could not have been any type aircraft.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

I am of sound mind and body, and swear that this statement is true and correct.

WITNESSES:

s/s Thomas A. Mc Millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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A F F I D A W I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF KERN)

The following is a statement given by
4144th AAFBU, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given
on 14 July 1947, to

On the eight of July 1947 at ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning
I observed personally two (2) flying disc, flying in a north west direction
at an estimated altitude of seven or eight thousand feet, traveling at
approximately three or four hundred miles per hour.

Just a few minutes before this I was in the Billing Office and
First Lieutenant Joseph C. McHenry called me and two (2) others out-
side. He then asked us what we saw. I saw two (2) objects with my own
eyes, and I am now and was then in perfect physical condition. I have
20-20 vision and I am positive these two (2) objects could not have been
Aircraft, weather balloons or birds. Due to the altitude in which they
were flying, they gave off a definite reflection from the rays of the sun.

In addition to these two (2) disc I saw another object a few
minutes later at the same altitude doing certain maneuvers such as flying
in a tight circle. The two disc had already disappeared. This object to
my knowledge of aircraft could not have been an airplane because of the
very tight maneuver it was undergoing. I have been flying in and have
been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I
seen anything such as this. If necessary I can and will swear to this
statement.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have
initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s Thomas A. McMillan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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SSS.S/1206-X

20 August 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Disc.

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Federal Office Building, Room 422, San Francisco, Calif.

1. The attached letter was received by this office from Mr.
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
Company, on 15 August, 1947.

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Military Intelligence Division, U.S.A.
McChord Field, Washington

Gentlemen:

Following the reading of an account of the visit of Mr. Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, as published in the Spokesman Review under date of August 7, 1947, the undersigned considered the enclosed account of an observation of a "flying saucer" would be of interest to you.

This account has not been given to any newspaper or other publication as yet.

Yours truly,

/s/ P. J. Madden
P. J. MADDEN,
Division Plant Engr.
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Report on a "flying saucer"

At or about 12:00 P.M., July 29, 1947, a sedan, driven by Steve Herrmann and carrying R. J. (Bob) Madden in the front seat and Karl Herrmann in the rear seat, was proceeding northwesterly along the road leading from Canyon Ferry to York, both in Montana some 25 miles N.W. of Helena.

When at a point approximately 2 miles N.W. of Canyon Ferry, (as shown on Forest Service Map to be in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 10 T10N R1W) Karl suddenly shouted "See it! See it! There's a flying saucer!" Steve immediately slowed down and gradually brought the sedan to a stop, he and Bob meanwhile scanning the sky in the direction pointed by Karl in an effort to see the "flying saucer", but without success.

Approximately ten seconds elapsed between the time Karl reported seeing the "saucer", coming over the horizon at high speed from the southwest, (Karl first thought it a meteor) and traveling northeasterly, and the bringing of the car to a stop.

As the car came to a stop, Steve, Karl and Bob, simultaneously, saw the following:

Directly ahead, (N.W.) 2 to 3 miles distant and approximately 3000 ft. above the ground, a bright disc hovering and fluttering in the air. Descending and rising through a vertical distance of fifty or a hundred feet for a period of about five seconds then, while at the top of an ascent, the "disc" suddenly swooped to the northeast at tremendous speed and disappeared into the clear air within a distance of 200 ft. This is to say it did not pass beyond an obstruction to further visibility but "melted into thin air" as if because of tremendous speed.

This disc was, from the viewpoint of the observers, apparently 3 ft. in diameter, circular and of no great thickness - approximately 3 or 4 inches.

The sky was blue with scattered small clouds, the sun was shining brightly and the disc gleamed and shimmered in the bright sunlight as if covered with highly polished nickel.

After the "disc" disappeared from view, the sedan and its occupants proceeded northwesterly along the road, but could discern no evidence of the presence of the "disc" along or adjacent to that thoroughfare.

It is to be remembered that the dimensions as stated above were as they appeared to the observers some 2 or 3 miles from the "disc" and the true dimensions must be considerably greater.

R. J. Madden,
R. J. MADDEN,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

407 U. S. Court House
Seattle 4, Washington
August 18, 1947

[Redacted] b7c

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [Redacted] b7c
[Redacted]
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
SI - X

Dear Sir:

The following, in general, are the facts regarding the flying disc story that started by [Redacted] which subsequently resulted in news stories by the Tacoma Times, the Boise Statesman and the Chicago Times that a B-25 carrying Army Intelligence officers was shot down or sabotaged over Kelso, Washington on August 1, 1947 because it was carrying some flying disc fragments.

The original story, as related by [Redacted] was to the effect that [Redacted] while patrolling in his boat near Maury Island, Washington, sighted six flying discs, one of which fluttered to the earth and disintegrated, showering his boat with fragments which caused some damage to the boat and killed his dog. [Redacted] wrote a letter to [Redacted] of Ziff-Davis Company which publishes fantastic adventure magazines in Chicago, sending him fragments of the flying disc and relating the above story. [Redacted] requested Trans-Radio News in Chicago to verify the story as related by [Redacted] telegraphed [Redacted] confirming [Redacted] story. [Redacted] then engaged [Redacted] Boise, Idaho, who was the first to report sighting the flying disc and whom [Redacted] had previously made a contract for a story regarding the flying disc, to come to Tacoma and check the story as related by [Redacted]

[Redacted] came to Tacoma, Washington July 30, 1947 and arranged for a meeting the following day, July 31, with [Redacted] in his room 502, Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Washington. [Redacted] also called to attend the meeting [Redacted] United Airlines Pilot who had also reported seeing flying disc fragments, and Army Intelligence to attend

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this meeting. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN of Army A-2 Intelligence from Hamilton Field, California, all met in [REDACTED] room at various times during the afternoon and evening of July 31, 1947 and discussed the flying disc story as related by [REDACTED]. The Army Intelligence Officers, Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN, left about 2:00 A. M. the morning of August 1, 1947 to return to Hamilton Field, California for Air Force Day in a B-25 and were carrying some of the reported disc fragments. The left engine on the B-25 burned an exhaust stack which in turn caught the left wing afire, the wing subsequently breaking off and tearing off the tail. The B-25 crashed, killing Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN. However, the Crew Chief and a hitch-hiker parachuted to safety. Intelligence Officers at McChord Field, Washington advised there was no indication of any sabotage. The plane crashed at Kelso, Washington approximately 2:50 A. M. August 1, 1947. b7c

Five anonymous calls were received by a [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Tacoma, between 11:30 A. M., July 31, 1947 and 5:30 P. M., August 2, 1947. The first call was to a [REDACTED] approximately 11:30 A. M., July 31, in which the caller stated that there was a meeting taking place at that time in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel concerning the disc fragments found on Maury Island. The second call was received between 11:00 A. M. and 12:00 noon, August 1, 1947 by the [REDACTED] in which the caller advised that at that moment a big meeting was taking place in [REDACTED] room number 502, Winthrop Hotel; that the B-25 which crashed was carrying disc fragments and that McChord Field officials had stated it was shot down or sabotaged. The third call was received Friday, August 1, 1947 at 5:30 P. M. by the [REDACTED], Tacoma, in which the caller stated that the B-25 which crashed at Kelso, Washington was carrying flying disc fragments and that the dead officers were Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN, A-2 Intelligence Officers at Hamilton Field, California. This call was prior to the release of the dead officers' names by Army authorities and the caller indicated that when the names were released, it would verify the information he was furnishing was correct. The fourth phone call was received at approximately 6:45 P. M., Friday, August 1 by the [REDACTED] in which call the caller stated the B-25 was definitely shot down and that if he contacted Army Intelligence officers, they would not deny it. The fifth phone call was received by the [REDACTED] Tacoma, at 5:30 P. M. August 2, 1947 at which time the caller stated the B-25 was shot down from the air with a 20 m.m. cannon; that the Marine plane found recently on Mt. Rainier had also been shot down and that [REDACTED] would be taken to Wright Field Tuesday morning. When the Army authorities released the names of the dead Intelligence officers which verified the information as given by the anonymous caller, the Tacoma Times printed this story on August 2, 1947 and carried several articles thereafter inferring that the B-25 had been shot down or sabotaged because of the fact that it was carrying disc fragments. [REDACTED] have admitted that the material which they sent to [REDACTED] had no connection with any flying discs and have given a signed statement to that effect which are being b7c

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forwarded herein. [redacted] deny, however, that they actually started the flying disc story and their actual part in the story. United Airlines pilot, [redacted] states that [redacted] on July 31, 1947, both related their original flying disc fragment story. Information gathered would indicate that the anonymous phone calls were possibly made by [redacted] in order to build up the flying disc story to the point where they could make a profitable sale of the story to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. No facts have been developed which would definitely prove that [redacted] made these calls. However, from all facts and information gathered, it appears he is probably the most likely to have made the anonymous calls. The detailed interviews of the persons contacted in regard to this flying disc story are being set out below. b7c

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Tacoma, Washington on August 6, 7, 1947:

[redacted] Tacoma, Washington, advised that in the early part of June, 1947 he was requested by the Seattle Post Intelligencer to check on a story which he was informed had been obtained from the [redacted] at Harper, Washington. The story was supposed to have originated with [redacted] stated that the story was to the effect that [redacted] while patrolling in his boat near Maury Island, saw five or six flying discs, one of which fluttered toward the ground and finally disintegrated. Fragments of the disc were reported to have showered down on the boat of [redacted] causing some damage and killing his dog. [redacted] stated that he went to the home [redacted] Tacoma, Washington to check with him on this flying disc story. He stated that as best he could recall, this was just a few days after the first flying disc stories had appeared in the paper and was on a Sunday evening. He believed it was the early part of June. He stated that [redacted] took him in the kitchen and proceeded to talk about this flying disc story in low muffled tones. He stated that [redacted] acted rather suspicious and that shortly his wife came into the kitchen and was in a considerable rage, telling [redacted] to admit that the entire story was a plain fantasy which he had dreamed up. He stated that after his wife told [redacted] to admit the entire story was false, that [redacted] then admitted that there was nothing whatever to the story and it was an entire hoax. [redacted] stated that in view of the enraged condition of [redacted] wife, he immediately left and reported to the Seattle Post Intelligencer that the entire story was a hoax and that they should not print it in any way. He further stated that he advised the Seattle Post Intelligencer that [redacted] was a mental case and that nothing which he had reported should be carried as far as a news story. [redacted] stated that since that time he had received repeated requests from the Boise Statesman requesting information as to the flying disc stories reportedly originating with [redacted] stated that he had never, in his experience, had such pressure brought upon him to release a news story and that he repeatedly advised the Boise Statesman that the story of seeing the flying discs by [redacted] was a complete fabri- b7c

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cation and should be in no way, carried as a news story and refused to furnish any information regarding these reports. He further stated that he advised the Boise Statesman shortly before, or at the time [redacted] left Boise to come to Tacoma to check on the flying disc stories with [redacted] that [redacted] should not come as the entire story was a hoax. b7c

The following information was obtained from [redacted]
[redacted] Tacoma, Washington, [redacted]
[redacted]

It was the Tacoma Times paper which first issued a story on August 2 and subsequent stories intimating that the B-25 which crashed at Kelso, Washington on the early morning of August 1, had been sabotaged or shot down because of the fact that it carried flying disc fragments. [redacted] stated that on Thursday, July 31, at approximately 11:30 A. M. he received an anonymous phone call in which the caller stated that [redacted] and Army Intelligence officers were meeting in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel to check on the flying disc story from which fragments were obtained on Maury Island. [redacted] stated he turned around to speak to his editor and when he picked up the phone again the line was dead. He stated that the caller asked for [redacted] who was out at the time of the call. He stated that [redacted] called [redacted] at room 502 in the Winthrop Hotel and was advised by [redacted] that he could furnish no information as he was there on a Government mission. [redacted] stated that on Friday, August 1, between 11:00 A. M. and noon, he received another phone call for [redacted] in which the anonymous caller stated that he might have some information for him. [redacted] asked the caller if he was not the same party that had called the previous date and he said yes. The caller then related that at that moment there was a big meeting in progress in [redacted] room, 502, in the Winthrop Hotel; that the B-25 which crashed that morning in Kelso was carrying flying disc fragments from California and that McChord Field officials had stated the plane was sabotaged or shot down. The caller then hung up after making some statement to the effect that he was a switchboard operator. [redacted] stated that he went to the Winthrop Hotel on Friday about noon and found that there was no male operator on duty. He stated he then went to room 502 and [redacted] answered the door and that Captain [redacted] United Airlines pilot, was on the phone. [redacted] stated that he heard [redacted] make a statement to the effect that the information must be very strictly confidential. He stated that there were one or two others in the room besides [redacted] but that he could not identify them. He stated that [redacted] told him he could make no statement and that he had attempted to check the story with various people on Maury Island with negative results. He stated that about 3:30 P. M., Friday, he wrote a story regarding the mysterious informant and called [redacted] at his hotel room, stating that he had written this story and that [redacted] had better check it. He stated that he talked to [redacted] the United Press Wireman, Tacoma, who advised that the story sounded fantastic. [redacted] stated that about 5:30 P. M., Friday, August 1, an anonymous caller called [redacted] the b7c

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[redacted] stating that Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN were the Intelligence officers that were killed in the crash of the B-25 and that civilians and the sheriff had been kept away from the wreckage with the Army guarding it. He stated the anonymous caller then said that the names had not been released yet by the Army and that this would verify his statements. [redacted] stated that the following morning, Saturday, August 2, the Army verified that the officers killed were Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN and two days later verified that they were Army Intelligence officers. [redacted] stated that the anonymous caller again later contacted [redacted] calling him by that name, and at this time stated he did not call the [redacted] or the [redacted] and denied calling [redacted]. In this call the anonymous caller stated that, "Don't think I'm doing this for you." He then asked if the story had been put on the wire and when [redacted] said yes, the caller stated, "We want this to get back to New Jersey." The caller further stated that the B-25 was shot down by a 20 m.m. cannon and that the marine plane which was recently found wrecked on the side of Mt. Rainier, having been missing for several months, had also been shot down. The caller stated to [redacted] that he should get in touch with a flyer named [redacted] with United Airlines who, he stated, was with [redacted] when they were shot at over Montana. The caller then stated, "I'll see you Tuesday. I'm going to San Francisco." [redacted] stated that he had checked with [redacted] of United Airlines who denied knowing any pilot by the name of [redacted] denied ever having flown over Montana. [redacted] stated that [redacted] received another anonymous call in which the caller stated that [redacted] would be sent to Wright Field on Tuesday and that Saturday one of the men who found fragments of the flying disc was to be flown to Alaska. [redacted] stated that in view of the fact that the information as to the Intelligence officers on the B-25 had been as furnished by the anonymous caller, had subsequently been verified by the Army, the story was released that the B-25 was carrying disc fragments returning to Hamilton Field, California and furnishing the inference that the plane had been sabotaged or shot down. [redacted] stated that about 8:00 P. M. on Sunday, August 3, he contacted [redacted] at his home, [redacted] Seattle at which time [redacted] stated he had not given any story out to the Post Intelligencer at Seattle; stated that he had gotten a telegram to call a number in Boise and when he called and found out it was the Boise Statesman, he had hung up. He stated that the Boise Statesman then contacted him, at which time he admitted he had seen the disc fragments, but that he did not take any of them. This time [redacted] informed [redacted] that he had been with [redacted] Public Relations Officer from McChord Field, all afternoon until about 3:45 P. M. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he had told the Army authorities everything that he and [redacted] knew about the flying disc fragments story from the time that [redacted] left Boise, Idaho and he had left Seattle, Washington. This time [redacted] admitted that there were some of the supposed disc fragments in [redacted] room at the Winthrop Hotel and that [redacted] had been in the room Thursday afternoon. On Monday [redacted] stated that he called [redacted] who advised that if this were not used in the paper, he and [redacted]

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██████████ would see him after lunch. ██████████ stated that about noon ██████████ and ██████████ contacted him at which time ██████████ stated that he and his son had been exploring a gravel pit on Maury Island and found some strange rock formations. He stated they picked up some of these samples and that ██████████ later saw them and they went back over to Maury Island at which time additional samples were obtained and that ██████████ sent these to a friend of his at the University of Chicago to have analyzed. They stated that they received a report and that apparently this friend had asked a newspaperman to find out where the rock formations were obtained. ██████████ and ██████████ told ██████████ that sometime after the first flying disc story had appeared, they received a telegram from Trans-Ocean Press from Chicago wanting information on the flying disc fragments. ██████████ stated that they had at no time indicated the rock formations were a part of a flying disc and that Captain ██████████ and ██████████ were not interested in the rock formations and they denied giving them to ██████████

██████████ Tacoma, Washington furnished substantially the same information that was obtained from ██████████ the ██████████ regarding the anonymous phone calls which he had received. He stated further that the first call he received was on Friday, August 1, at around 5:30 P. M. At this time the caller stated that the B-25 which crashed at Kelso, Washington was carrying disc fragments and that the two officers killed were Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN, officers with Army A-2 Intelligence at Hamilton Field and that the fragments were top secret material. He stated the caller indicated that when the Army released the names of the dead officers it would verify that the information he was furnishing was correct. ██████████ stated that the second call he received at approximately 6:45 P. M. Friday, August 1 at which time the caller stated that the B-25 was definitely shot down and that if he contacted Army Intelligence A-2, the man in charge would not deny it. ██████████ stated he thought the man said to contact Colonel ██████████ but it was found out it was Colonel ██████████ who was in charge of Army Intelligence A-2. The caller further stated that the Sheriff's Office had been kept away from the crash and that no civilians had been allowed near the plane. ██████████ stated the third call he received at 5:30 P. M., August 2, and that this time the caller stated that one of the men who had been conferring with Captain ██████████ and ██████████ was taken to Alaska that day. The caller further stated that the B-25 was shot down from the air with a 20 m.m. cannon; that the Marine plane found recently on Mt. Rainier had also been shot down; that Captain ██████████ would be taken to Wright Field Tuesday morning and that a United Airlines pilot by the name of ██████████ flew with Captain ██████████ when they were shot at over Montana. The caller stated he was leaving for San Francisco and would be back Tuesday.

██████████ and ██████████ both stated that they had made very little effort to question the anonymous caller to obtain his identity as they felt it was useless and that if they started questioning him he would

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refuse to furnish any further information.

On August 5, 1947 Special Agent [redacted] was contacted in the resident agency office, Tacoma, Washington by [redacted]. At this time [redacted] asked if the Seattle Office was investigation the crash of the B-25 and he was informed that no investigation was being conducted by the Seattle Office. [redacted] at this time related in a rambling story that he had picked up some strange rock formations which he had forwarded to a friend of his in the University of Chicago to have analyzed and that later, in some manner unknown to him, these rock formations had been reported as being fragments of a flying disc. b7c

On August 7, 1947 [redacted] were interviewed at the Tacoma resident agency office. Both [redacted] at first denied any knowledge of how the rock formations which they had picked up to have analyzed became connected with the flying disc stories. Both denied making any statement to anyone that these rock formations were portions of a disc fragment. It was apparent from the start of the interview that [redacted] and [redacted] were not telling their complete and true connection with the flying disc story. They refused to give any definite information as to what they said or had done which caused them to become involved in a flying disc story, but gave evasive answers and repeatedly stated that they had nothing to do with it and were at a loss to understand how they became connected with the flying disc story. After considerable questioning, they stated that in the early part of June they sent to [redacted] of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company which published the Fantasy magazine in Chicago and the Venture magazine in Evanston, Illinois, some rock formations which they had found on Maury Island. They stated they sent these formations, asking [redacted] to have them analyzed. They stated that later [redacted] wrote and asked for more samples, advising he had failed to analyze the samples. [redacted] stated they have never sent any additional samples and that the next they heard regarding the rock formations which they had sent [redacted] was when he called [redacted] and asked if the rock formations could have come from a flying disc. [redacted] stated he made some remark that they possibly could have come from a flying disc and that he immediately sat down and wrote a letter to [redacted] which was in the latter part of June in which he stated the material could have been portions of a flying disc. [redacted] claimed that he thought he told [redacted] over the phone something about being in his boat when he obtained these rock formations, but stated he could not recall what he had written to [redacted] and claimed that he passed the whole thing off as a joke. [redacted] were questioned at length in an attempt to obtain specific information as to exactly what each one had done with regard to the rock formations. However, each stated that the only thing they had done was tell [redacted] the formations could have come from a flying disc in view of the fact it appeared "that's what he wanted them to say". No definite information could be obtained from either [redacted] as to what each specifically had done to start the flying disc story. b7c

The signed statement which was obtained from [redacted] and [redacted] b7c

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██████████ and in which they admitted the rock formations had no connection with any flying discs is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith. The statement contains no information of value and therefore is not being set forth herein. b7c

Regarding the meeting which was held in the Winthrop Hotel on Thursday, July 31, ██████████ stated that they both met there about 1:00 P. M. They stated that they all left ██████████ room about 3:00 P. M. and that ██████████ took ██████████ to Berry's Airport at Tacoma and ██████████ flew his plane to Seattle where he picked up Captain ██████████. ██████████ stated that he picked up ██████████ at Berry's Airport about 5:00 P. M. and that ██████████ came to ██████████ room about 7:00 P. M. ██████████ stated that he and ██████████ left about 8:30 P. M. when he drove ██████████ to Seattle to get his car and that ██████████ went home at this time. ██████████ stated they returned about 11:30 P. M. at which time the Army Intelligence officers were in ██████████ room and that ██████████ left about midnight. He stated that he returned to ██████████ room Friday afternoon for approximately one-half hour from 2:30 to 3:00 P. M., at which time ██████████ and ██████████ were still there and neither seemed to be able to recall if ██████████ was in ██████████ room on Friday, August 1. The best that could be obtained from ██████████ and ██████████ as to what took place in ██████████ room was to the effect that most of the talk was about flying, that no one seemed very interested in the rock formations and that they had no connection as far as they knew with any flying disc. ██████████ stated that ██████████ wanted to obtain pictures of the place where the rock formations were obtained and that the Army Intelligence officers did not appear to be interested in any manner whatever. b7c

██████████ operates the ██████████ Millwater Avenue, Tacoma, Washington and ██████████ has recently been working with him buying timber. They have also been associated with the Harbor Patrol Association at Tacoma, Washington which furnishes patrol and police protection to parts of the harbor area which are not patrolled by Tacoma police or Sheriff's officers. ██████████ Tacoma, Washington, Army serial number ██████████. During the war he was a pilot and it is believed presently holds a Reserve Officer's commission as a Captain. b7c

Regarding the B-25 which crashed, killing Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN of the 4th Air Force, Captain ██████████ A-2 Officer, Mc Chord Field, advised that this investigation of the crash reflected an exhaust stack had burned out on the left engine which in turn caught the left wing afire and that when the left wing broke off, it also broke off the tail. The plane at the time of the crash was carrying Captain DAVIDSON, Lieutenant BROWN, the hitch-hiker and a man as Crew Chief to take care of the airplane. The Crew Chief and the hitch-hiker parachuted to safety, but Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN were killed. He stated that their investigation reflected no indication of any sabotage whatever. b7c

A check of the records of the Winthrop Hotel at Tacoma, Washington revealed that ██████████ giving his address as ██████████ Mountview Drive, Boise, Idaho rented room 502 from July 30 at 7:43 P. M. until b7c

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[REDACTED] b7c

The following information was obtained by Special Agent [REDACTED] in interview on August 12, 1947 with Captain [REDACTED] United Airlines pilot: It should be noted that Captain [REDACTED] has previously received publicity for having supposedly seen flying discs or similar objects on July 4, last while on a routine United Airlines flight out of Boise, Idaho in company with his co-pilot [REDACTED] concerning this incident. Captain [REDACTED] states that they took off from Boise, Idaho at 8:12 P. M. and headed Northwest at 300 degrees and while still climbing at 8,000 feet, co-pilot [REDACTED] called his attention to some objects in the sky ahead of them about ten degrees left which neither one could identify. [REDACTED] states that he called a CAA radio operator at Ontario, Oregon and requested him to step outside his radio shack and see if he could see any of these objects overhead. The CAA radio operator replied in the negative.

Captain [REDACTED] states that he first met [REDACTED] on July 5 in the offices of the [REDACTED] where both were being interviewed concerning their sighting of flying discs. [REDACTED] states that he next met [REDACTED] about three weeks ago in Boise, Idaho at which time he, [REDACTED] was on another flight through Boise, Idaho and had a ten minute lay-over there. On this occasion [REDACTED] was in company of Captain WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON and Lieutenant FRANK M. BROWN, Army Intelligence officers, and a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] next contact with [REDACTED] was on Thursday, July 31, last when he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] calling from Tacoma in the early afternoon at which time he asked [REDACTED] to come over to Tacoma and join him as he was investigating a flying disc story for "someone back West" and some fragments were involved which [REDACTED] might be interested in seeing. b7c After some discussion [REDACTED] agreed to join [REDACTED] in Tacoma and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he would fly over and pick him up at Boeing Airport at 4:00 P. M. [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] at Boeing Field at about 4:00 P. M. and they flew to Berry's Airport at Tacoma, Washington where they were met by [REDACTED]. The three of them proceeded in [REDACTED]'s car to the Winthrop Hotel where [REDACTED] was occupying room 502. [REDACTED] ordered something to eat and during this time either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] called a [REDACTED] and invited him up to the room. By this time [REDACTED] states he had learned from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] were the participants in the latest flying disc story and [REDACTED] states that he had no previous acquaintance with either of these men before meeting them in Tacoma on this date. While in the Hotel Room [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] a letter which he had received from [REDACTED] of the Venture Press of Chicago requesting that [REDACTED] investigate

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the [redacted] story in Tacoma. [redacted] informed [redacted] at this time that after receiving this letter he had called [redacted] by telephone in Chicago as a result of which call [redacted] had forwarded him \$200.00 expense money for covering the story. Shortly thereafter, at about 7:30 P. M. [redacted] arrived at the Hotel room and the discussion began among the four men present as to what [redacted] had seen on Maury Island. [redacted] professed reluctance to tell the story, claiming that several unfortunate incidents had occurred subsequent to his seeing the flying discs and he believed the entire incident had brought him bad luck. In this connection he stated that four or five days subsequent to his sighting the flying discs, a man called at his home and had a conversation with him the course of which [redacted] was warned to forget all about everything he had seen on or near Maury Island. In addition to that, [redacted] stated that his sixteen year old son had run away from home following the incident and had been picked up by the police somewhere in Montana. After some further discussion [redacted] finally agreed to tell his story of the flying disc incident in front of [redacted] after eliciting a promise from [redacted] that he would not discuss the matter for at least two weeks. It should be noted that [redacted] had previously told his story to [redacted]. At this point [redacted] related the incident which has already been described and which he alleged had taken place on or about June 23 or 24. While relating the incident [redacted] mentioned that he had taken pictures of the flying disc which he had seen but that the printed films were marred with white spots. When [redacted] had concluded his story, [redacted] related that he had gone the following day to Maury Island to verify what [redacted] had told him concerning the fragments and had at this time picked up several fragments and taken them with him. At this time [redacted] related that he also saw one of the flying discs hovering over the Island but that it had disappeared into a cloud. When [redacted] and [redacted] had finished telling their story [redacted] told the group that he had earlier in that evening called Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN, Army Intelligence officers and that they were on their way to the Hotel room. At this point [redacted] protested that he did not wish to tell his story before anyone else and he was advised by [redacted] that if such was the case why didn't he just leave and not be there when they arrived. [redacted] then left the room and went downstairs. [redacted] departed alone. [redacted] drove [redacted] back to Boeing Field near Seattle where [redacted] desired to pick up his own personal car, which he did. They then returned to the Hotel where they found Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROWN in room 502 with [redacted]. [redacted] met them at the door and seemed excited, explaining to [redacted] that Captain DAVIDSON had just drawn a reproduction of a freak disc which had supposedly been seen by a woman in Arizona and that this drawing was an exact reproduction of the flying disc which he, [redacted], had seen several weeks before, nearing Mt. Rainier. [redacted] states that shortly after this [redacted] seemed very anxious to tell his and [redacted] story to the Army officers. Before this was done, however, [redacted] had a discussion with Lieutenant BROWN, informing him that they had promised [redacted] not to release the story for two weeks and that if [redacted] were allowed to tell the story at this time, BROWN and DAVIDSON must agree not to release the story for one month. Following this agreement, [redacted] related [redacted] and his story of the flying discs over Maury

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Island to BROWN and DAVIDSON. Following this recitation, Lieutenant BROWN, in answer to a query from [REDACTED], said that he and Captain DAVIDSON were of the opinion that there might be some truth in the current flying disc stories, but that their immediate superiors (presumably A-2 at Hamilton Field) did not agree with them. BROWN and DAVIDSON then held a brief discussion as to whether they should return that same night to Hamilton Field and they decided that they would. All five of the men then went down to the lobby where BROWN detached himself from the group and entered a phone booth to call for a car from McChord Field. [REDACTED] also left the group and met BROWN outside the phone booth where they held a short discussion relative to the credibility of [REDACTED] story. BROWN indicated to [REDACTED] that he should attempt to find out if the story was on the level and that BROWN would call him the following day regarding this matter. The group then proceeded to the front of the Hotel at which time [REDACTED] brought his car to the front of the Hotel and took from his trunk a box of the alleged flying disc fragments picked up on Maury Island. He offered them to BROWN and DAVIDSON and when the Army car arrived from McChord Field the box of fragments was placed in the car with the officers. [REDACTED] departed alone and [REDACTED] went in search of something to eat and later returned to the Hotel for the night. b7c

On Friday morning, August 1, 1947, [REDACTED] received a call from [REDACTED] informing him that a B-25 had crashed during the night and it was believed to be the same plane which BROWN and DAVIDSON were flying. Following this call [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to the Hotel room and from the room [REDACTED] again called McChord Field in an attempt to get information about the crash. [REDACTED] took the phone from [REDACTED] and spoke to a Colonel [REDACTED] identifying himself and asking if the B-25 which crashed was the only one which had taken off from McChord Field the previous night. [REDACTED] told him that it was. Following this call [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] in Chicago and informed him of the previous night's conversations and the fact that DAVIDSON and BROWN were believed to have been killed. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to discontinue his investigation of the incident and that he, [REDACTED] was no longer interested. [REDACTED] then took the phone from [REDACTED] and asked [REDACTED] if he could shed any light on the situation. [REDACTED] was unable to say what [REDACTED] reply to [REDACTED] was. Following these telephone discussions [REDACTED] says that he called [REDACTED] whom he identifies as a personal friend of his and an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] states that he had previously made an agreement with [REDACTED] in Chicago that should he ever run across any flying disc stories which showed promise of news value, that he would contact [REDACTED] and this call was a result of that agreement. Shortly afterward, Colonel [REDACTED] called him from McChord Field stating that Hamilton Field had requested that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] submit their addresses to Hamilton Field for convenience of any Army investigation of the incident which may be forthcoming. After this call the four men went to a restaurant for lunch. During the course of this meal [REDACTED] excused himself from the table and attempted to call SAC BOBBITT of the Portland Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation with whom he claims acquaintance. BOBBITT, however, was unavailable and [REDACTED] was unable to complete the b7c

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call. After returning to the Hotel room, a [redacted] called attempting to gain information, but they did not give him any. Later, a Mr. [redacted] of the [redacted] called and [redacted] spoke to him on the telephone but refused to give out any information. [redacted] further relates that while the four men were in the room at this time, an envelope was shoved under the door and that he retrieved it from the floor. [redacted] states that the appearance of this envelope seemed to startle [redacted] considerably and that in fact, [redacted] turned white as a sheet until [redacted] read the note unsigned which was a communication to the Hotel advising that a strike of Hotel employees was eminent and that guests should not expect room and telephone service much longer. Shortly after this incident [redacted] left the Hotel room after promising to take [redacted] to Maury Island the following morning, (Saturday). [redacted] and [redacted] then went out for dinner and on their return, [redacted] found a note in the box requesting him to call a certain telephone number. He did this from the Hotel room and was answered by [redacted], [redacted] who requested [redacted] to go out and call him from a pay station. [redacted] complained and was informed by [redacted] that two anonymous telephone calls had been received by him that a discussion regarding flying discs had been taking place in room 502 at the Winthrop Hotel which involved Army Intelligence officers. From the information which [redacted] had received, [redacted] was convinced that the anonymous caller must have been present at the discussion also, as [redacted] was seemingly in possession of pertinent remarks which had been made in the room. [redacted] states that he did not give [redacted] any further information and that in conclusion of the call, he returned to the Hotel room and he and [redacted] retired for the night. b7c

On Saturday morning, August 2, 1947 [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] in Chicago, but was unable to give him any further information. [redacted] advised him, however, that he would call him back at 2:30 that afternoon. [redacted] then called from a coffee shop nearby and [redacted] and [redacted] joined [redacted] and an unknown man in the Coffee Shop for breakfast. The unknown person was discussing some lumber business with [redacted] and left after breakfast. On leaving the coffee shop, [redacted] asked [redacted] about the negatives of the photographs which he claimed to have taken of the flying discs. [redacted] said the negatives were in the glove compartment of his car, but a search of the instant glove compartment was fruitless. The four then proceeded in [redacted]'s car to the dock where they were to embark for Maury Island. The boat, however, could not be started and the trip was postponed until later in the day. While at the dock, however, [redacted] asked to be shown the damage to the boat which had allegedly occurred when the fragments showered down on Maury Island. [redacted] pointed out what may have been repairs to the windshield and lights on the boat, but [redacted] was not personally satisfied that these repairs were made as a result of any such incident. [redacted] then drove [redacted] and [redacted] back to the Hotel at approximately 10:45 A. M. and [redacted] told them he would call them later on and that they would go to Maury Island. On returning to the Hotel, [redacted] called [redacted] at the Tacoma Times as a result of which call he and [redacted] met [redacted] at the Coffee Shop across the street from the

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Winthrop Hotel. [redacted] stated that the purpose of this meeting was to try to find out something more about the anonymous phone calls which [redacted] had told him about. He and [redacted] still refused to give out any further information regarding the Thursday evening conference to [redacted] and were informed by [redacted] that the [redacted] was afraid of being scooped on the story and was going to print something on that day. [redacted] and [redacted] then returned to the Hotel and shortly thereafter received a phone call from [redacted] but the call was cut off by the switchboard operator since it was not an emergency call. [redacted] and [redacted] then returned to the Hotel lobby where they found a telegram from [redacted] asking them to call him at either Broadway or Proctor [redacted] is not sure of the exchange. [redacted] called this number, but [redacted] was not there. [redacted] states that he went then to the Western Union Telegraph Office and dispatched a collect telegram to [redacted] at the [redacted] which contained a brief resume of the incidents which had occurred and which requested [redacted] to wire [redacted] a telephone number where [redacted] could be reached after 6:00 P. M. [redacted] states that he has never received an answer to that wire. Following this, [redacted] states that he and [redacted] that he and [redacted] were sitting in the lobby of the Olympic Hotel when [redacted] entered and gave them each a copy of the latest edition of the Tacoma Times which contained a story hinting at sabotage in the crash of the Army B-25 which killed Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROOK. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] continued to occupy seats in the Hotel lobby most of the afternoon inasmuch as they were unable to receive calls in the Hotel room due to the Hotel employees' strike. He relates that he received a call in the late afternoon from [redacted] advising him to call [redacted] that evening at 7:30 as [redacted] had further information regarding the anonymous calls. [redacted] also received a telegram requesting that he call [redacted] which he did and found that it was [redacted] of the [redacted]. He refused to give [redacted] any further information at this time. However, shortly thereafter, [redacted] called from Boise and advised [redacted] that the Army had released a story through Brigadier General SHRAM revealing the confidential assignment which BROOK and DAVIDSON had been engaged on. In view of this release, [redacted] requested [redacted] to answer one question for him which was, "were they carrying any alleged disc fragments on the plane?" and [redacted] answered, "Yes, they were." Following this [redacted] called [redacted] as per his earlier request and was informed that [redacted] of the [redacted] had received another anonymous phone call at which time "the voice" said that the Army B-25 carrying Captain DAVIDSON and Lieutenant BROOK had been shot down with 20 m.m. shells and that the Marine plane found on Mt. Rainier had also been shot down with 20 m.m. shells. The voice went on to state that [redacted] would be called back to Wright Field on Tuesday. When [redacted] asked why he was giving out this information the caller replied that it was not for the benefit of the newspapers, but that he was interested in seeing that the information got back to New Jersey. The voice also informed [redacted] at this time that one of the two persons who had been talking to [redacted] and [redacted] had now left for Alaska. As a result of this latter bit of information, [redacted] decided to find out if [redacted] or [redacted] had left town. He located [redacted] at the Sunset Theatre and [redacted] came to the Hotel and met [redacted] and [redacted]. They were unable to locate [redacted] by phone and [redacted] left saying that he would try to find out where [redacted] was and that he would call them tomorrow (Sunday) and that they would go out to Maury Island at that time. After [redacted] left,

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██████████ and ██████████ went to the ██████████ where a ██████████ met them and took them to ██████████ in the ██████████. There they read the latest press releases and had a discussion with ██████████ regarding the anonymous phone calls. In the course of this discussion ██████████ mentioned the name of Major ██████████ Public Relations Officer at McChord Field as being one of the officers interested in the investigation. b7c

Following this discussion with ██████████ at which time ██████████ states they still refused to divulge any further information, ██████████ and ██████████ returned to the Hotel for the night. b7c

On Sunday morning, August 3, 1947, ██████████ appeared at the Hotel room and told them that he had received a letter from ██████████ which said in effect, "Take care of my business. I'll be out of town for three or four days." ██████████ had a letter with him but he did not show it to ██████████ or ██████████. The three men then drove to ██████████ secretary's house in South Tacoma and picked her up and the four of them then went to breakfast on the South Tacoma Highway. While the four of them then went to breakfast ██████████ excused himself and called Major ██████████ at McChord Field and arranged an appointment to meet him at the Hotel lobby at 11:00 A. M. They then took ██████████ secretary to her home where ██████████ picked up a typewriter and then drove ██████████ and ██████████ back to the Hotel. They asked him if he was going to take them to Maury Island that day and he replied that he was not. He further stated that he was sick of the entire business and that if he was ever contacted by the Army or the authorities he was going to deny ever having seen anything and claim to be "the biggest liar that ever lived". Shortly after returning to the Hotel, ██████████ met Major ██████████ in the lobby and they went in ██████████ car to a coffee shop in South Tacoma where ██████████ proceeded to tell Major ██████████ the entire story of the incidents which had occurred in Tacoma regarding the ██████████ and ██████████ story since Thursday afternoon. Following this, ██████████ took Major ██████████ back to the Hotel and introduced him to ██████████ and suggested to ██████████ that he also tell Major ██████████ the entire story of what had occurred. ██████████ did so. Major ██████████ after looking at the fragments which were still in the room suggested that they drive out to the Smelter near Tacoma as he believed the slag at the Smelter would bear a distinct resemblance to these fragments. The three men then drove to the Smelter and the slag was noted to be definitely similar to the fragments which ██████████ and ██████████ had left in the Hotel room. They then returned to the Hotel room and Major ██████████ left them. After packing their bags, ██████████ took ██████████ to Berry's Airport where his plane was parked and then ██████████ drove himself back to Seattle. b7c

About an hour after his arrival in Seattle, which was approximately 7:30 P. M., ██████████ of the ██████████ appeared at ██████████ home with the newspaper containing the Associated Press story which had originated in Boise, Idaho in the Boise Statesman and which was written by ██████████ following ██████████ admission to him that fragments had been carried by Lieutenant P. C. ██████████ and Captain DAVIDSON on the fatal B-25 flight. ██████████ at this time continued to refuse to give any statements for the Press and told ██████████ that he had placed b7c

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all of his information in the hands of the Army. [redacted] stated that a couple of days later he called [redacted] at McChord Field and asked him if there was any recent information concerning the incident. [redacted] states that [redacted] informed him that [redacted] had not yet been contacted, but that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was "setting a trap for him". [redacted] further advises that on Friday, August 8, 1947, he appeared before Lawyer [redacted] at the County-City Building, Seattle and made a deposition of the facts relating to the incidents in Tacoma from Thursday afternoon, July 31, last until Sunday morning, August 3, last. b7c

A copy of this deposition is now in possession of the writer and is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau. It should be noted that this deposition is in no way as complete as the statement taken by the writer above and any setting out of this deposition in this communication would be superfluous.

Copies of this communication are being sent to the Butte, Portland, San Francisco and Chicago Offices for their information only. Unless advised by the Bureau to the contrary, instant investigation is considered closed by this office.

For the information of the Bureau, Captain [redacted] Intelligence Officer, McChord Field, Ft. Lewis, Washington advised at the weekly O.N.I.-S.I.D.-F.B.I. Intelligence conference that the Public Relations Officer at McChord Field had received a telephone call from an individual at Army Air Forces Headquarters at Washington, D. C., during which call the Public Relations Officer was requested to obtain a signed statement from [redacted] which could be published and thus publicly close the matter. Captain [redacted] further related that he had no additional information in this matter and that he did not handle it. b7c

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b7c [redacted] being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says:

This is a narrative statement as to what took place in Tacoma from Thursday, July 31 until Sunday, August 3.

b7c Thursday I received a telephone call from Tacoma from a [redacted]. The gist of this conversation was that he thought it would be a good idea for me to come to Tacoma and listen to the story of two men whose names were [redacted]. This [redacted] had met two times previous -- once on July 5 at the office of the P.I. in Seattle for a very brief time and the second time in Boise, Idaho when I was passing through on one of my trips.

b7c In this conversation with [redacted] on the phone, I made the statement that it would be impossible for me to go over to Tacoma due to my going out to Salt Lake City the next morning. He said that he would fly over from Tacoma and pick me up at Boeing Field. I agreed to this proposition from [redacted]. At 4 o'clock I met [redacted] at the Boeing Field and we flew back and landed at Barry's Airport. We were picked up at the airport by [redacted], who drove the two of us into the Winthrop Hotel. We went up to Room 502 -- [redacted].

b7c [redacted] put a telephone call into [redacted] and asked him would he come up to the room. A half hour later [redacted] made his appearance. At this time there were four men in the room -- [redacted] asked Mr. [redacted] to relate his story as to what took place on June 24. Mr. [redacted] was very hesitant about telling the story to me. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] were already aware of the statements that [redacted] had made previous. Mr. [redacted] made the statement to me that if any statement he would make relative to his story, if I would keep it confidential for two weeks, that he felt definitely that I would want to forge the whole thing. I made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that as far as was concerned, I would keep any statements he made to me confidential for at least two weeks.

b7c Here is [redacted] story: On June 24 (this date to be checked later) he was in a boat owned by [redacted], who owns the Harbor Patrol in Tacoma. They -- Mr. [redacted], a Mr. [redacted], and Mr. [redacted] son age 16, were cruising around Maury Island looking for logs that had broken away from booms. They were fairly close to shore of Maury Island when they saw four or five objects in the sky at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet. He said these objects were

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100 feet in diameter, circular in shape, and it appeared that there was a hole in the center of each as he could see the sky through this hole. He also mentioned that on the inside of the circle or the hole, that portholes were visible. Their speed was negligible as they appeared to hover over a given spot. One of these objects appeared to be in trouble. Another object came over and appeared to make contact. After making this contact for approximately two minutes, it rose to its original position.

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At this time the object that appeared to be in trouble seemed to throw a lot of debris from one of the portholes. These objects then disappeared from view. Some of this debris that landed broke in the wheelhouse of the boat, the spotlight, and the klaxon. While this debris was falling, my boy and Mr. [redacted] got off the boat and hid under some logs. This debris that fell killed our dog and a sea gull. I asked Mr. [redacted] what was done with the dog. He made the statement they threw the dog into the water.

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This story was told to Mr. [redacted] who the next day went out to this Island to check on this story. He verified the fact of the damage to the boat, also to the fact that there appear to be quite a few pieces of either rock or metal on the shore. Mr. [redacted] also stated that while he was over there investigating on Maury Island, he also saw a disk. This disk was of the same shape and contour as the objects explained by Mr. [redacted].

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At this point Mr. [redacted] clarified for me as to the reason he was investigating this story. Mr. [redacted] stated that he received a letter from a Mr. [redacted], [redacted] Evanston, Illinois. The gist of this letter was that Mr. [redacted] received a letter from Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted], also a package of these fragments that were found on Maury Island. Mr. [redacted] also made the statement in the letter that the Chicago University failed to analyze these fragments and that would Mr. [redacted] please investigate the story. Mr. [redacted] was sent a Western Union check for \$200.00 to take care of any expense that he might incur while making this investigation.

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Mr. [redacted] had made a telephone call to Hamilton Field to contact a Captain Davidson and a Lieutenant Brown, who were with A-2 Intelligence at Hamilton Field, asking them would they make a trip to Tacoma to also listen to this story of [redacted] and [redacted]. When Mr. [redacted] acquainted me with the fact that he had made this phone call in front of Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted] made the statement that he would not tell this story to anybody in Army Intelligence. I made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that if he felt this way, that he should not be in the room when these two Intelligence officers arrived. Mr. [redacted] thought this was an excellent idea.

b7c [redacted] left the hotel room to go downstairs as Mr. [redacted] wanted to get some metal that was in the back of his car that he had picked up on Maury Island, to bring back to the hotel room. Mr. [redacted] departed.

b7c At this time I made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that I should like to pick up my car in Seattle. Mr. [redacted] drove me to Boeing Field, Seattle. After leaving me at Boeing Field, he drove back to Tacoma and I drove my own car back to Tacoma. After I had put my car in the garage at Tacoma, I went up to the Winthrop Hotel and in the room at that time was Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted], and Capt. Davidson from Army Intelligence. Lieutenant Brown was downstairs getting sandwiches and coffee. When Lieut. Brown came back, the stories were again related and Lieut. Brown made a statement that all the facts of these stories would be held in strictest confidence until released by Mr. [redacted].

b7c After Mr. [redacted] had told all the facts, relating not only his own story but that of Mr. [redacted], he asked for the opinion of both officers as to what they thought. Lieut. Brown made the statement that he would like to obtain some of these fragments to take back to Hamilton Field.

At this time Capt. Davidson and Lieut. Brown were debating the thought as to whether to stay over night in Tacoma or leave for Hamilton Field immediately, as the B-25 they were flying was supposed to be at Hamilton Field the next day for the Air Show.

b7c The five of us then left the hotel room and went down to the hotel lobby where Mr. [redacted] made a telephone call to McChord Field asking them to send a driver to pick up Capt. Davidson and himself. Lieut. Brown came up to me and made the statement that he and Capt. Davidson were going back to Hamilton Field and that he would get in touch with me tomorrow and if after I had seen the fragments on Maury Island, if I thought in my own mind that this was authentic, they would immediately leave Hamilton Field and return. I was to hold this statement by Lieut. Brown in the strictest of confidence from the other group of three [redacted] and [redacted].

b7c We then went down to the street where Mr. [redacted] drove car up in front and took out a box of fragments and gave this box Davidson and Brown. While waiting for the driver from McChord Field Lieut. Brown and I discussed Pacific operations and things not pertaining to this mission. Capt. Davidson and Lieut. Brown departed approximately 12:45 A.M. Mr. [redacted] and I went back to our hotel room after having a midnight snack.

b7c Friday the 1st: At approximately 8 o'clock in the morning, Mr. [redacted] called up our hotel room and acquainted us with the fact that the B-25 had crashed. Also that he had called McChord Field and from information he received also verified the fact that the two men in the ship were Capt. Davidson and Lieut. Brown, plus a flight engineer and a hitch-hiker. This left both Mr. [redacted] and myself in a very bad state of concern. Approximately an hour later Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] made their appearance in the hotel room. I still wasn't sure that this was the same B-25 that the two Intelligence officers had left in last night. Mr. [redacted] then again called McChord Field and talked to a Colonel [redacted] and the fact was verified again that the two pilots were Davidson and Brown.

b7c After an hour or so Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] left the hotel room with a plan in mind of the four of us meeting the next morning (Saturday) for breakfast and going out to Maury Island.

b7c That evening (Friday) there was a message for me to call this particular telephone number that was on the message. I called this number and was asked by the party to please call them from a paystation. This party was a Mr. [redacted] a [redacted] on the [redacted]. He told me, "I most certainly am doing myself out of a good story but I thought you ought to know that somebody has been calling this paper and giving us a blow-by-blow description of all that has taken place in your room since you arrived." To verify this, Mr. [redacted] repeated back to me discussions that I felt had only been taking place in our room.

b7c Mr. [redacted] also made the statement that there was a leak either from the switchboard operator or our room had been tapped. I asked Mr. [redacted] why he was tipping us off with this information. He made the statement that he didn't mind doing this if in return that any information that I may let out would be given to him. After this conversation with Mr. [redacted] I went back to our room and told Mr. [redacted] what took place on the telephone.

b7c Saturday morning: Mr. [redacted] and I met Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] for breakfast. We then drove out to the boat to go to the island. The boat was unserviceable at the time so we went back to the hotel. Mr. [redacted] said that he would call later on in the day and let us know when the boat would be repaired. That was the last time I saw Mr. [redacted]

b7c Approximately 11 o'clock Saturday morning Mr. [redacted] phoned me and made the statement it would be impossible for him to keep this appointment with me. We were cut off by the switchboard operator as this was classified as not an emergency call. The reason we were cut off was due to a strike in all the Tacoma hotels.

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b7c Mr. [redacted] called up and said if I would call him at 8:30 that evening, he would have some additional information for me. I called Mr. [redacted] at 8:30 that evening. He told me that this anonymous caller had again called a Mr. [redacted] of the [redacted] and said that one of the parties that Mr. [redacted] and I had come down to see was flown to Alaska. Also he made the statement Mr. [redacted] would be called to Wright Field Tuesday. This anonymous caller made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that this B-25 was shot down. Mr. [redacted] asked this person calling what his interest was. This anonymous caller made a statement - "Don't tell I am doing it for the newspapers. All I am interested in is seeing that this information gets back to New Jersey."

b7c After I finished the conversation with Mr. [redacted] I went over to the United Press and talked with Mr. [redacted] and had him read back to me the conversations that he had had with this anonymous caller. But no opinions at this time were voiced either by me or Mr. [redacted]

b7c Sunday morning I called a Major [redacted] of S-2 McChord Field and asked him to meet me at the Winthrop Hotel at 11 o'clock. I met this Major [redacted] at 11 o'clock and we drove to a small coffee shop on the Tacoma Highway where this complete story was related to him by me. We then drove back to the Winthrop Hotel where Major [redacted] was introduced to Mr. [redacted] by me and again listened to Mr. [redacted] story. Mr. [redacted] and I departed from the Winthrop Hotel Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30.

This is to certify that the foregoing statement was taken before me, a notary public; that prior to making said statement, the witness was first sworn to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth; that the statement was then reduced to writing and signed by me on the _____ day of August, 1947.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Sea

August 8, 1947

b7c [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to SA [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

b7c In the early part of June 1947 we picked up some strange rock formations from a gravel pit on Laury Island, Washington. We sent a box (cigar) of these fragments to [redacted] of Venture Magazine at Evanston Illinois to have it analyzed.

b7c Later [redacted] wrote and asked for additional samples stating that he had failed to have them analyzed.

b7c Around the later part of June a few days after the first disc stories started [redacted] contacted us by phone. He told us not to tell the newspapers about the fragments and he would pay for an exclusive story if the fragments could be from a flying disc.

One of us told him the fragments could have been from a flying disc.

Just after our phone conversation [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] setting out some notes etc. regarding the fragments and indicating they could have come from flying discs. b7c

The next thing we heard was about the first of July when we got a Trans Ocean Press telegram from Chicago asking [redacted] about these flying disc fragments. We told them to forget the entire matter. b7c

The next we heard of these fragments was when we were called by [redacted] to meet with him in the Winthrop Hotel on July 31, 1947. b7c

We told him exactly how we had found the fragments and had forwarded them to [redacted] to be analyzed. b7c

The above is the entire and true story as regards our connection with the flying disc stories etc. which originated over the ore samples which we sent to be analyzed.

[redacted] b7c

[redacted] b7c
F.B.I. Seattle 8/7/47.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director
FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 14, 1947

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

In connection with your request to be advised as to the facts concerning newspaper reports of flying discs in the Portland area and the reported conference of army officials in Portland concerning flying discs, the Portland Office has advised that Leaveritt G. Richards, aviation editor of the "Oregonian," has stated that Captain William L. Davidson and Lieutenant Frank M. Brown of the Fourth AAF Headquarters, San Francisco, were in Portland on July 27, 1947. While in Portland they interviewed Dick Rankin, an experienced pilot, who had reported that he observed, on June 11, a formation of ten flying discs over Bakersfield, California. Richards added that Davidson and Brown had also interviewed the following four experienced pilots who were among the first to report seeing discs, Kenneth Arnold, businessman from Boise, Idaho; Captain E. J. Smith, a co-pilot; Ralph Stevens, United Airlines and Dave Johnson, aviation editor, Idaho "Statesman." In order to determine the purpose of these interviews Richards contacted Major General Twining of Wright Field Ohio, and from him gained the impression that the AAF instituted this investigation to wash out the disc reports since they are definitely not of AAF origin.

On Friday, August 1, the plane in which AAF investigators, Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown, were flying, crashed at Kelso, Washington and both were killed. The wreckage was screened by AAF Intelligence from McChord Field. The "Tacoma News Tribune" and through them the United Press put out a story that the plane was carrying parts of a disc which had struck a boat owned by Harold Dahl and Fred Chrisman. It has also been inferred that this plane was sabotaged to prevent these disc parts from being examined.

STATUS

Investigation by the Bureau has reflected that this plane was definitely not carrying parts of a disc and there appears to be no substantiation of a sabotage charge.

For your further information there is attached a blind memorandum setting forth in more detail the results of the investigation surrounding the above plane crash. No further inquiry is being made in this matter.

ACTION

Air Force Intelligence has been advised of the results of our investigation.

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FLYING DISCS

The "Tacoma News Tribune" and through them the United Press put out a story that an army plane which was allegedly carrying parts of a disc which had struck a boat owned by Harold Dahl and Fred Chrisman had crashed on August 1, 1947, killing two Air Force Intelligence officers who were interviewing persons who were alleged to have seen flying discs.

[redacted] and [redacted] when interviewed by Bureau Agents, advised in a signed statement on August 7, 1947, that in the early part of June, 1947, they picked up some strange rock formations from a gravel pit on Hauri Island, Washington. They sent a cigar box of these formations to one [redacted] of the [redacted] and also [redacted] of the [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois. According to them they requested [redacted] to make only a chemical analysis of the rock formations. [redacted] then wrote asking for additional samples stating he had been unable to analyze the material. [redacted] and [redacted] remarked that a few days after the flying disc stories appeared during the latter part of June, [redacted] contacted them by telephone saying he would pay for an exclusive story if the materials they had sent him were fragments of a flying disc. [redacted] said he wrote [redacted] a letter in which he represented the material as being a part of a flying disc, and both [redacted] and [redacted] admitted that this statement was entirely false. b7c

[redacted] and [redacted] then received a call from one [redacted] of Boise, Idaho who requested them to meet him at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma on July 31, 1947. According to them [redacted] called in army intelligence officers from Hamilton Field, California and one Captain [redacted] of United Airlines of Seattle, Washington to attend this meeting. [redacted] and [redacted] maintained they told the intelligence officers Captain Davidson, Lieutenant Brown, [redacted] and [redacted] exactly how they got the rock formations and that they had no connection with any flying discs. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that they then furnished some of the rock formation to the intelligence officers as samples. b7c

Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown left Tacoma, Washington in a B-25 to return to Hamilton Field, California about 2:30 A.M. August 1, 1947, and were killed when their plane crashed at Kelso, Washington, after the left engine burned out an exhaust stack which in turn caught the left wing on fire which caused it to break off. The crew chief and each officer parachuted to safety.

[redacted] at Tacoma advised that two or three days after the flying disc story started he contacted [redacted] to check the story b7c

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[REDACTED]
Harbor, Washington, to the effect that [REDACTED] had some flying disc fragments. b7c
At this time [REDACTED] admitted to [REDACTED] that the entire story was false.

Relative to [REDACTED] stated that he was paid by [REDACTED] b7c
of the [REDACTED] and possibly the [REDACTED] to come
to Tacoma and obtain a story from them regarding the flying disc fragments.

On July 31 and August 1, a total of five anonymous calls were
received by a [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] at Tacoma b7c
giving information regarding the meeting at the Winthrop Hotel over the disc
fragments and stating that the B-25 had been shot down or sabotaged which
killed Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown, inferring that this was done
because the intelligence officers were carrying disc fragments in their plane.

[REDACTED] stated that these calls could only have come from
themselves, [REDACTED] who, they stated, had a friend on the Chicago b7c
Times and was possibly selling the story to the Chicago Times through this
friend. [REDACTED] denied making these calls.

[REDACTED] upon interview, stated that reporter [REDACTED] of the Tacoma
Times and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] in Tacoma had informed him that b7c
[REDACTED] had several anonymous calls and from the accuracy of the information
transmitted [REDACTED] believes they were made by either [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

0 FLYING DISCS. ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED] OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, [REDACTED] INFORMED LOCAL NEWSPAPER THAT COMMUNITY THAT AT ONE PM ON WEDNESDAY LAST, AUGUST THIRTEEN, HE AND TWO SONS BILLIE, AGE TEN, KEITH, ~~AFXXX~~ AGE EIGHT, SAW AN OBJECT NINE MILES NORTHWEST OF TWIN FALLS, RESEMBLING FLYING DISC. [REDACTED] STATED THIS OBJECT WAS PROCEEDING ~~FXXX~~ DOWN SALMON RIVER AT TERRIFIC SPEED ESTIMATED BY HIM AT ONE THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR. [REDACTED] AND SONS DESCRIBED OBJECT TO NEWSPAPERS AS TWENTY FEET LONG, TEN FEET WIDE AND TEN FEET THICK, LIGHT SKY BLUE ^{b7c} IN COLOR AND ALSO OBSERVED FLAMES EMANATING FROM SIDES OF OBJECT. AT TIME [REDACTED] AND SONS SAW OBJECT THEY ALL HEARD LOUD SWISH WHEN OBJECT DISAPPEARED FRIM SIGHT. CURRENT EFFORTS BEING MADE TC INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND SONS PURSUANT TO BUREAU BULLETIN FORTY TWO, SUB DIVISION B, DATED JULY THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY AND FULLY INFORMED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-29-47

FROM : SAC, Boston

[Redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JULY 7, 1947
SECURITY MATTER (X)

Reference is made to Boston teletype to the Bureau dated July 18, 1947.

Dean [Redacted] the original informant, has advised that a spectographic examination has been completed of the metal particles referred to. They were determined to be of ordinary cast iron which had been subjected to a very high degree of heat. The heat caused scales to be formed on the cast iron which were originally thought to be of some metallic alloy. b7c

The scientist examining the particles concluded that if they had come through the air from any great altitude in as small pieces as they were found then most of the heat would have been taken from them by the time they reached the ground and fires would not have resulted. It is noted they landed approximately 700 feet from a railroad track and inquiries were conducted by MIT to determine whether or not the particles could have been originally a part of a liner in a smoke stack or some other part of the steam engine. These inquiries resulted in positive information that the particles did not come from a train or locomotive. Measurements of the four pieces examined revealed that they had most likely been originally all part of one hollow cylinder, eight inches in diameter and three sixteenths of an inch in thickness. It was felt that one piece falling from a great height would have still retained a good part of its heat and probably would have smashed when it hit the ground.

A scientist, whom [Redacted] did not identify by name, recalled that cast iron cylinders of similar measurements had been used in New Mexico on research work on a guided missile project. However, this unidentified scientist did not so conclude to the exclusion of all other possibilities. b7c

It is interesting to note that the examination at MIT was actually conducted by [Redacted] who furnished the Boston Office with an informal report similar in all major details to that supplied by [Redacted] above. The men at MIT are gathering through friends all additional pieces of the original cylinders available. These will be turned over to the Boston Office. No further examination is being conducted by MIT and no effort is being made to reconstruct the original cylinder. b7c

Unless advised to the contrary by August 15, 1947 the Boston Office will destroy these specimens. In the interim they will be transmitted to the Bureau on specific Bureau instructions.

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It is noted that the original Boston teletype reflected that this inquiry was being treated as "secret" matter at MIT. [REDACTED] has advised that the comparatively small number of research scientists at MIT during the summer are all cognizant of the incident and the results of the research. However, no publicity has been given and it is not anticipated that any will result. The Bureau's interest is not known to the scientists at MIT. There has been no speculation that a guided missile originating in a foreign land landed in New Hampshire. b7c

As indicated above, unless the Bureau requests specifically further investigative action, this case is being closed in the Boston Office.

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TO : Director, FBI
Atten: Assistant Director D. M. LADD
FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: September 4, 1937

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

AIRMAIL

Enclosed for your information are copies of two letters from Lt. Col. [redacted] of A-2, Hamilton Field, California, dated August 27, 1947, with attachments reporting the sighting of "flying discs" on Guam, and result of A-2 investigation at Tacoma and Kelso, Washington.

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Info to major [redacted] b7c
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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE,
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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27 August 1947

62-2938*

SUBJECT: No Flying Discs.

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Office Building, Room 422, San Francisco, California.

1. Following is extract from the Weekly Intelligence Summary,
Air Transport Command, Washington 25, D. C., dated 20 August 1947,
Copy No. 120, Article 1, pg 1:

FLYING OBJECTS IN GUAM: Unidentified flying objects have
been observed by three American enlisted men of the 147th Air-
ways and Air Communications Service Squadron at Harmon Field,
GUAM. The men report that at 1040 hours on 14 August 1947 the
two objects, which they describe as small, crescent shaped and
traveling at a speed twice that of a fighter plane, passed over
them on a high-altitude course in a westerly direction at an approxi-
mate altitude of twelve hundred feet. The objects disappeared
into clouds and a few seconds later a similar object possibly
one of those previously observed, emerged from the clouds and
proceeded east. No further details have been reported."

2. For your information.


DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, CSC
AO of 8, A-2

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA
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27 August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Office Building, Room 422, San Francisco, California.

Attached summary forwarded for your information.

1 Incl:
Summary of Information.

DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC
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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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27 August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, " S. Department of Justice,
Seattle, Washington.

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C O P Y
AIR RESCUE SERVICE
DETACHMENT 8 (62d AAF BU)
McChord Field, Tacoma, Washington

4 August 1947

SUBJECT: Final Mission Report

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Rescue Service
MacDill Field, Florida

1. MISSION NUMBER Thirty-Nine.

2. NATURE.

a. At 0400 PST, 1 August 47, ARMY FLIGHT SERVICE notified this detachment that a plane had been seen to crash and burn thirteen (13) miles south of KELSO, Washington (46°08'N, 122°55'W).

3. ACTION TAKEN

a. 1 Aug 47. At 04:30 PST, AFS received information from Mr. O. C. Clark, local sheriff of KELS0, Wash., that the scene of the crash was fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles east of KELS0 in the vicinity of GOOLE CREEK. The KELS0 Chief of Police saw an aircraft fly low over the town, then crash and burn to the east. The time was about 0230 P.M. A check of aircraft known to be in the vicinity revealed that B-25 #1316 had departed MCCORD FIELD at 0212 PST for HAMILTON FIELD, California. The weather was reported as CFR. A full moon made visibility exceptionally good. The pilot's name was CAPT. W. C. DAVIDSON; the plane carried three (3) additional persons. The Base Operations Officer and Base PIO were notified. This detachment began organizing a ground party of base personnel to supplement that being formed by the KELS0 Chief of Police. At 0500 PST information was received from KELS0 by AFS that ground fog in the valleys at the scene of the crash was preventing a ground party from locating the plane. Since no communication had been received from B-25 #1316, it was assumed that it was the plane reported as crashed. ARS C-47 was pre-flighted to transport the Army ground party to KELS0 but a check of the field conditions there deemed it advisable to use a smaller aircraft. Of the two C-45s available, one belonging to AFS was unserviceable after a night flight; the other, belonging to AACR, was readied even though a responsible officer of that organization was not present to authorize the flight. Fog at KELS0 prevented take-off until 0700 PST. The ground party, led by CAPT. W. L. LITRELL and CAPT. T. R. FORSBERG, consisted of six men including a medical technician and a photographer. At 0600 PST, the KELS0 Chief of Police notified AFS that a passenger of the crashed airplane was in his office and had confirmed

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The belief that the crash was that of the unreported C-25. The Passenger, Sgt. E. L. TAPP, of FT. LANTON, SEATTLE, was uninjured, but reported that the crew chief, T/Sgt. W. D. MATHEWS, was at a farm house near the scene of the crash and was injured. Sgt. TAPP then led an ambulance to Sgt. MATHEWS who was subsequently taken to a local hospital. At 0610 PST an attempt was made to telephone Sq. B at HAMILTON FIELD but no answer was received; however, it was known that HAMILTON AFS was aware of the incident and would notify Sq. B. At 0700 PST Capt. LITTRELL departed in a C-45 for KELSO. At 0745 PST Sq B was contacted by phone and given a flash report. At 0905 PST CAPT LITTRELL phoned and informed that he had placed CAPTAIN FORSBERG in charge of Army personnel proceeding to the scene of the crash. No aerial search was necessary as civilians in the area knew the exact location of the crash and had reported finding one (1) body in the wreckage. CAPT. LITTRELL prepared to fly Sgt's TAPP and MATHEWS to MCCORD FIELD for medical attention, arriving at 0945 PST. The survivors stated that they believed neither the pilot nor co-pilot has parachuted from the plane. The cause of the incident was at this time determined to be a fire in the left engine. CAPT LITTRELL was informed by Sgt. TAPP that he believed classified documents had been aboard the plane; CAPT FORSBERG was instructed to take necessary precautions. An ambulance met the plane at MCCORD FIELD carrying the two survivors and took them to the hospital. Interrogation revealed that the left engine had caught fire in the power section and flames and smoke had spread to the flight deck almost immediately. The crew chief, MATHEWS, assisted TAPP in attaching his chest pack and TAPP abandoned the plane at an estimated altitude of 10,000 ft (this fact is doubted but is not considered necessarily relevant). MATHEWS helped the pilot and co-pilot attach their chest packs (all personnel had been wearing the harness) and as he left the plane was aware that the co-pilot was preparing to follow. The pilot had started to leave and, to the best recollection of MATHEWS, was partially standing and holding the control wheel with his left hand. MATHEWS' statements indicate that proper emergency procedures had been performed but that the flames had enveloped the entire left side almost immediately. TAPP stated that, because of the full moon and good visibility, he saw MATHEWS leave the plane and was able to follow the plane to the ground and that he saw no one else bail out. The ship was enveloped in flames and was beginning to fall apart before hitting the ground where it exploded and burned about one (1) mile from where he, TAPP, landed. He lit in a tree, and not knowing how to release his parachute of the quick-detachable kind, cut himself loose from the harness with his pocket knife. He kicked and struggled and eventually jumped to the ground, receiving a jolt on impact but was unable to guess how far he had fallen. He then followed a cow path for an estimated two (2) miles to a farm house, arriving after MATHEWS. Meanwhile, as MATHEWS cleared the plane he turned and saw the plane strike the ground, explode and burn. Just before or just at the time of impact he saw an object afire thrown clear of the plane but did not know whether it was a person or part of the plane. MATHEWS also lit in a tree, and after freeing himself from his harness, fell to the ground where he injured his back. He lost consciousness and on recovering went to the burning plane, about fifty

(50) yards away. Flares were going off and he thought best to leave the scene. He heard a stream nearby and followed it until he came to a house and aroused the occupants. Soon TAPP arrived at the same house and, being uninjured, was driven into town. Then he led an ambulance to effect transportation of MATHEWS to a hospital. Meanwhile, civilians reached the scene of the crash where they found one body. At 0930 PST, a message from Sq B informed that top secret material was in the navigators kit and to request Commanding Officer MCCORD FIELD to expedite all available information to Commanding Officer HAMILTON FIELD. Meanwhile, CAPT FORSBERG and four (4) enlisted men departed KELSO at 0930 PST for scene of the crash. They were transported by the WASHINGTON STATE POLICE who knew the exact location of the plane (48°09'N - 122°43'W). The ground party determined upon arrival at the scene, that two (2) bodies were in the wreckage. Indications led to the belief that the co-pilot was afire when he left the plane an instant before impact. The pilot's remains were found in the wreckage. Preliminary investigation by CAPT FORSBERG disclosed the planes left wing about one hundred twenty-five (125) yards from the widely scattered portions of the plane. The left wing was intact and had apparently torn off just outboard of the left engine before impact. The forward portion of the wing stub was melted but the rear two thirds indicated that it had ripped loose from the inboard section of the wing. The wing leading edge was undamaged. The navigation and landing lights were unbroken. The aileron was undamaged but the flap section was crushed, leading to the belief that the wing struck the tail section. From these indications it is believed the wing ripped from the airplane just after MATHEWS abandoned the plane. The resulting spin thus prevented the remaining crew members from bailing out although the co-pilot may have been in the hatch. A few civilians were in the area when CAPT FORSBERG arrived and he took precautions to prevent them from disturbing the wreckage. At 1157 PST CAPT LITRELL flew CAPT RICH, M. C., to KELSO. An ambulance dispatched from MCCORD FIELD, met them at KELSO, and was led to the scene of the crash by the STATE POLICE. The bodies were recovered and transported in the ambulance to MCCORD FIELD. CAPT LITRELL returned to MCCORD FIELD where camping equipment was prepared to be dropped to the ground party. CAPT LITRELL made a successful drop at dusk by sighting on a signal fire. The ground party set up camp at the wreckage scene to act as guard and to investigate further the following day. They were relieved of responsibility of all recovered documents by a CIC agent who had arrived about 1800 PST.

b. 2 Aug 47. The ground party remained at the scene of the crash pending official securing of the incident. No aerial activity.

c. 3 Aug 47. MCCORD FIELD Operations Officer departed at 1000 PST to investigate the accident and to relieve CAPT FORSBERG, who returned at 1600 PST. Incident closed.

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Subject: Final Mission Report

4 August 1947

5. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

a. GROUND ACTIVITY

(1) Total man hours by ARS Personnel in field 72

(2) Total man hours by other Army Personnel
(estimate) 300

(3) Total man hours by civilian personnel (est) 150

(4) No. of miles driven by Army Vehicles 500

b. AERIAL ACTIVITY

(1) Total No. of sorties flown 3

(2) Total hours flown by Army aircraft 6

c. LOCAL PURCHASES

(1) None

6. COMMENTS

a. Cooperation received from all civilian agencies concerned was complete and excellent.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. None.

ROBERT H. WASONHISLER
Captain, Air Corps
Commanding Officer

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DETAILS:

1. During the afternoon of 31 July 47, [REDACTED] of the Idaho Daily Statesman, telephoned Lt Brown, CIC Sub-Detachment Commander at Headquarters Fourth Air Force, and stated in substance: That he, Arnold, and Capt Smith had arrived in Tacoma to investigate the purported flying disc explosion on a surface craft on 21 June 47. This investigation was requested and financed by a Mr. [REDACTED] Illinois. b6

AGENT'S NOTE: See Inclosure 1 and Inclosure 2. The signature to Inclosure 2, Mr. [REDACTED] is that of the [REDACTED] is a former Army Air Force officer and from all indications is a very patriotic American. On the receipt of Inclosure 2 at Headquarters Fourth Air Force, this officer requested the San Francisco FBI Office to check the Chicago FBI Office for [REDACTED] and the Venture Press. The return answer, by telephone, was to the effect that the Chicago indices of the FBI, the Chicago Police, and Credit Bureau had no record on [REDACTED] or the Venture Press. b6

2. Lt Brown and Capt Davidson arrived at McChord Field during the afternoon of 31 July 47. They changed from their uniforms to civilian clothing in the aircraft and, on being queried by Operations as to why they desired transportation to Tacoma, they replied they were to make a speech.

AGENT'S NOTE: This was in compliance with par 4, ltr Cr Dq ADC, File D833,818, 7 Jul 47, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

According to Major George Sander, Public Information Officer, McChord Field, The Tacoma Times received an anonymous telephone call that [REDACTED] were present in the Winthrop Hotel for the purpose of conducting an investigation on the flying disc. The Tacoma Times checked and found this to be true, such to [REDACTED] surprises. Lt Brown and Capt Davidson did interview [REDACTED] in a hotel room in the Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Wash., in the presence of [REDACTED]. If notes were taken of this conversation, they were destroyed in the aircraft accident. [REDACTED] stated to Major Sander that Lt Brown obtained from [REDACTED] samples of an unidentified substance that were identical to those appearing in Inclosures 3 to 7. The samples pictured in Inclosures 3 to 7 were taken by [REDACTED] from the same box that [REDACTED] offered Lt. Brown and from which he obtained his samples. [REDACTED] on the crashed aircraft, upon being interrogated by this officer, stated that he placed a heavy cardboard carton in the rear compartment of the B-25 that crashed. He did not look in the box nor hear any comments from Lt Brown or Capt Davidson as to its contents. b6

3. The following surprises what was related by [REDACTED] to Major Sander as to the substance of the interrogation by Lt Brown and Capt Davidson: That on 21 Jun 47 [REDACTED] was proceeding south of Harry Island in [REDACTED] boat. Five flying discs came down out of the clouds and circled slowly around the bay, dropping to an estimated elevation of 500 feet. These discs appeared round and b6

flattened similar to a deflated automobile innertube. They were judged by [redacted] to be approximately 100 feet across with a 25 foot opening in the center. The outer edge of the object had round portholes and the inner ring had square windows or portholes. The discs were silent and from his viewpoint he could see no means of propulsion. One of these discs appeared to falter and waver in the air, another of these aforementioned five discs dropped down close to the disc that appeared to waver and bumped it, dumping "tons" of the stuff as pictured in inclosure 3 to 7 on his boat, knocking off the handrail, horn, and generally damaging the boat to the extent of \$200.00, and killing [redacted] dog. b6

AGENT'S NOTE: This officer, in the company of Major Gander, boarded the aforementioned boat where it was docked in the Tacoma harbor on 6 Aug 47. A hand rail was missing, but the area where the hand rail was previously fastened had been painted over with several coats of paint and was cracked by the weather. The deck and roof of the cabin was of a very thin construction and the cabin further had glass on the front and sides. It is this officer's opinion that if any of the objects presented by [redacted] as samples of the material dropped by the flying disc had hit this boat, it would have certainly been necessary to replace the foredeck and the cabin roof. These two areas were very heavily coated with several coats of paint and had deep weather cracks that would take several seasons to acquire.

[redacted] who owns the boat and operates a [redacted] evidently visited the area at Houry Island to check [redacted] story. He is supposed to have stated that he found the material that he presented to Lt Brown and Capt Davidson in a sand pit near where the incident was supposed to have occurred. While he, [redacted] was at the scene of the incident, a flying disc came out of the clouds and behaved in a similar manner as the ones previously described. b6

AGENT'S NOTE: The witnessing on two occasions, in broad daylight, of an object so large and clearly visible within several miles of the city of Tacoma certainly should have been seen and reported on by other than [redacted] check was made of the newspapers on and after 21 June and no mention could be found of a mysterious object appearing over the Tacoma harbor. b6

[redacted] is supposed to have sent samples of the objects that he picked up in the Houry Island sand pit to a friend of his at the University of Chicago for an analysis report. He is reported to have not received the analysis report. b6

AGENT'S NOTE: It is possible that the [redacted] reference inclosure 1 and 2, might have come across the incident through the University of Chicago. b6

The interrogation of [redacted] by Lt Brown was completed about midnight on 31 July/1 August. Lt Brown and Capt Davidson returned to McChord Field and prepared for a night flight to Hamilton Field. The weather was clear with a bright moon shining. They departed approximately 0200 hours and crashed at approximately 0230 hours on 1 August 1947. (See inclosure 3). b6

4. On 6 August 47, this officer, in the company of Major Gander, McChord Field, and Lt. Brady, resident agent, Tacoma Federal Bureau of Investigation, attempted to

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contact either [redacted] without success. [redacted] departed the Tacoma area on August 27, therefore, this officer did not have the opportunity of conversing with them directly.

AIRMAN'S NOTES: A record check was made by telephone by Mr. Brady with the Seattle Field Office, FBI, for records on [redacted]. The check on Mr. Crisman was negative. The Seattle FBI indices indicated that a Harold Dahl had been charged with two incidents of illegal wearing of the uniform and one with theft of national property. It could not be determined at the time whether Harold A. Dahl, the subject in question, and Harold Dahl of the FBI indices, was one and the same.

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5. [redacted] had indicated to [redacted] et al, that he was a former fighter pilot and held commission as Captain in the Air Reserve.

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AIRMAN'S NOTES: On 8 August 47, this officer checked the records of the 405th AAF BW(RI) and determined that [redacted] was registered with that Reserve Unit as Captain, [redacted] with residence at [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, Primary 1943 1944 and 1965. In 1942 he was with the Criminal Investigation Division, State of Washington, and previously had been an oil technician with the Union Pacific Railway. [redacted] entered the service in 1942 as an enlisted man and served as such for seventeen months. In 1945 he was commissioned on graduation from flying school and served a total of twenty-nine months. A check of the Tacoma city directory was made on [redacted] which indicated his home was at [redacted], telephone: [redacted]. Business address was listed as [redacted] telephone: [redacted].

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That no further investigation be undertaken on this specific incident by Army Air Force personnel.
2. That in view of the reported statements by Mr. Crisman, that consideration be given to revoke his Air Reserve commission and flying status as an undesirable and unreliable officer.

8 Incls:

1. Photostat, ltr fr [redacted]
2. Photostat, telegram fr [redacted]
3. to 7. Photographs, Unidentified Substance.
8. Final Mission Report, Air Rescue Service.

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EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

July 22, 1947

Holse, Idaho

Dear Mr.

Quite obviously you have been ribbed so much you'd like to forget the flying saucers--but I'd sure like to have your personal story, your photo, pic of your plane, etc, as I asked before. And you won't be made to look silly, because there's more to this than the newspapers and the "experts" have made of it.

Besides the article, I have another proposition. You seem to get around quite a bit, and if you can make a trip to Tacoma, Washington at all feasible, I'd be willing to pay expenses plus a nice amount to make it worth your while.

I'd want you to see

Hill Station, Tacoma, and

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and two other seamen, on a patrol near Merry Island, off Tacoma, saw six discs, one in trouble, witnessed an explosion, saw falling stuff which smashed their wheelhouse and searchlight and landed on the beach. They sent me samples which Chicago U has failed to analyze. I want a picture of the beach and the stuff that landed there (about twenty tons, they said). And I want somebody who'll get the truth, to find out if these boys are on the up and up. You could do that, I hope you will. If agreeable, please write and perhaps we can talk business. I think you'd like to prove this thing too!

Anyway, I still want that article!

Sincerely yours,

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LT FRANK M BROWN, A-2 (RPT A-2)

OFFICE 4TH AIRFORCE HAMILTON FIELD CALIF.

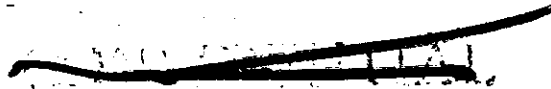
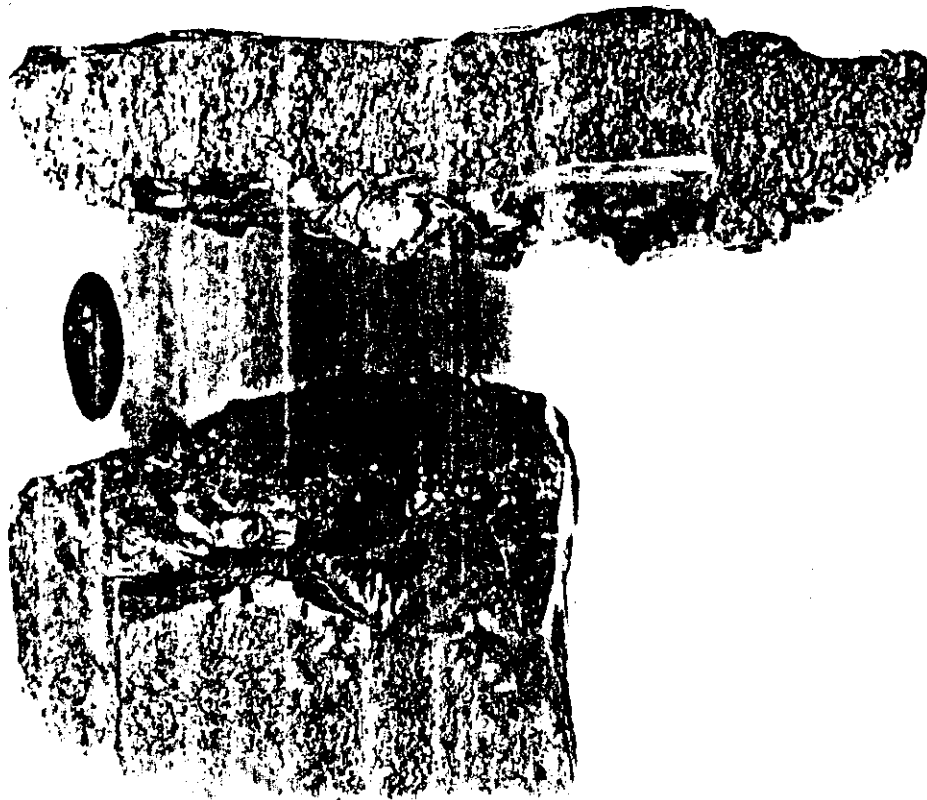
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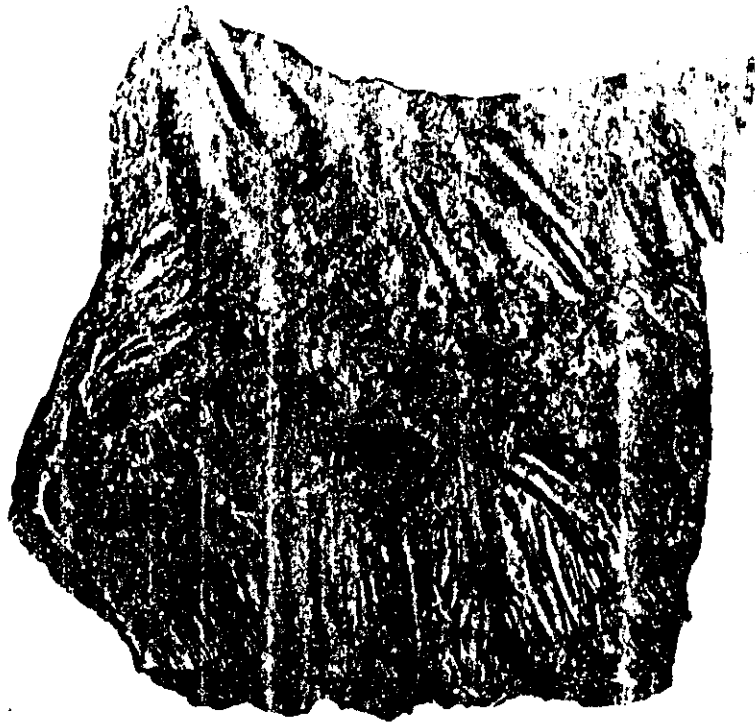
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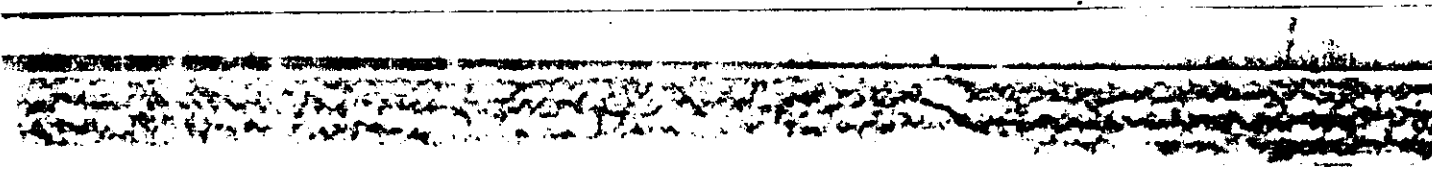
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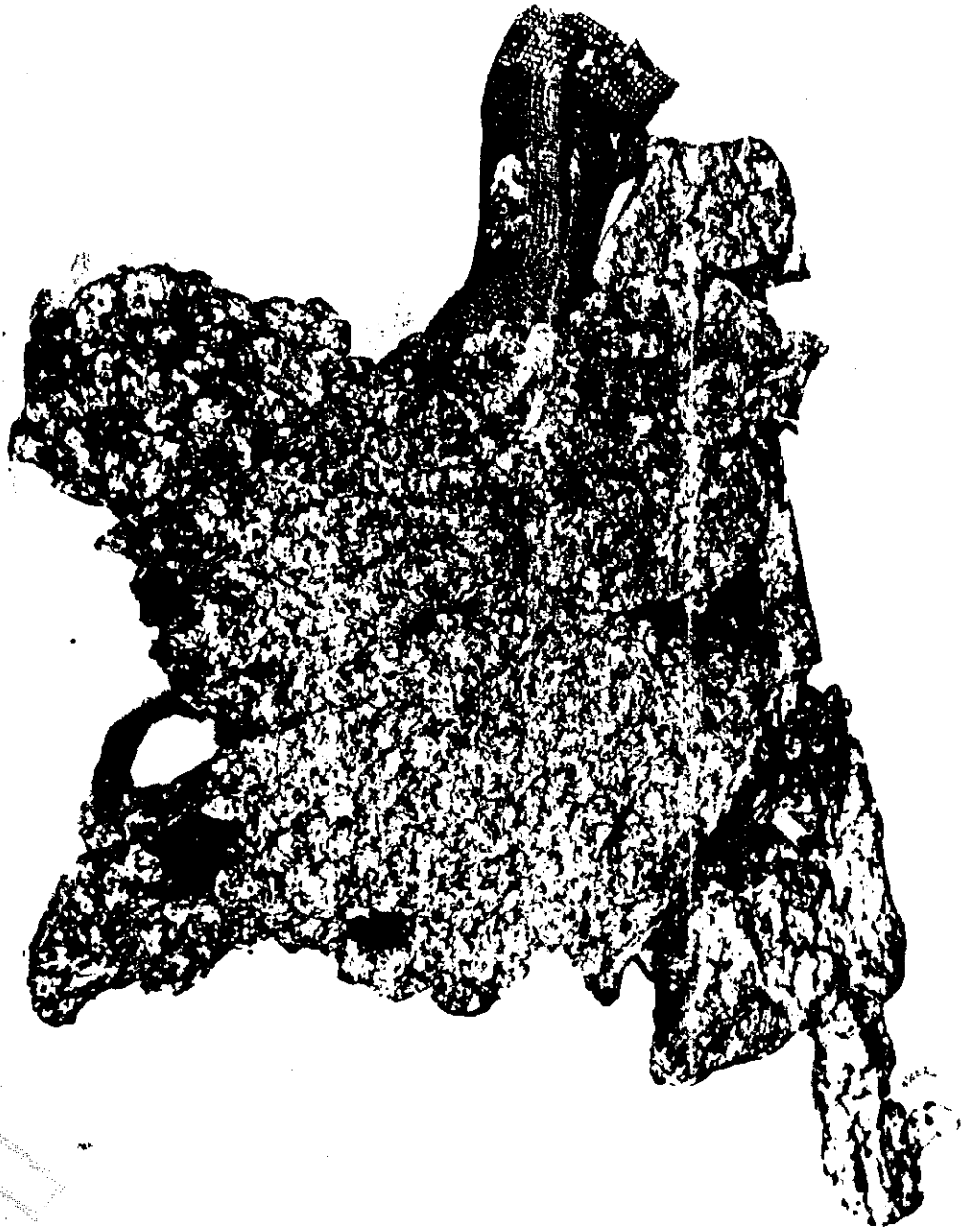
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, San Francisco
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

(Handwritten initials)

DATE: September 4, 1947

AIRMAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 25, 1947, with attachment from Lt. Col. [redacted] of A-2, Hamilton Field, California. Even though Col. [redacted] feels that Mr. [redacted] may have read some of his claims in a newspaper, Col. [redacted] believes that Mr. [redacted] should be interviewed in this matter.

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In accordance with Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947, Portland is requested to exhaustively interview Mr. [redacted] Portland, Oregon, regarding his alleged sighting of a "flying disc" on June 24, 1947. Copies of the result of this interview should be furnished the San Francisco Field Office for distribution to the 6th Army Intelligence.

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cc Portland (Encls. 4) - AMSD

Info to major [redacted] mwd b7c

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PORTLAND, OREGON, August 20th 1947

Lt. Col. Donald L. Springer, Assistant Staff

Sir. Saw in the portland paper a short time ago in regards to an article in regards to the so called flying disc having any basis of fact. I can say am a [REDACTED] and was in the Mt Adams district on June 24th the day [REDACTED] of Boise Idaho claims he saw a formation of flying disc. And I saw the same flying objects at about the same time. Having a telescope with me at the time I can assure you they are real and nothing like them I ever saw before they did not pass very high over where I was standing at the the time, plobly 1000 ft. they were Round about 30 foot in diameter tapering sharply to a point in the head end in an oval shape. with a bright top surface. I did not hear any noise as you would from a plane. But there was an object in the tail end looked like a big hand of a clock shifting from side to side like a big magnet. There speed as far as i know seemed to be greater than anything I ever saw. Last veiw I got of the objects they were standing on edge Banking in a Cloud. b4

Yours respectfully

13/ [REDACTED] b6

A TRUE COPY:

Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC,
AC of 3, A-2

[REDACTED] 101

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Office of the Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA

25 August 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Wing

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Office Building, Room 422, San Francisco, Calif.

1. The attached true copy of a letter from [REDACTED] b6 was received by this office 25 August 1947.
2. Your attention is invited to the similarity between [REDACTED] b6 copy report and this gentleman's report. A possibility exists that [REDACTED] b6 might have read some of this in the newspapers when [REDACTED] b6 was publicized re this matter.
3. This headquarters does not intend to investigate this incident. It is requested that a result of any interview you may make be furnished this headquarters.

1 Incl: (dup)
Ltr fr W. H. J. Mason
(True Cy)

DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC
AG of S, A-2

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SECTION 4

Office Memorandum

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

You will recall that Mr. [redacted] advised the Bureau of a letter which Walter Winchell had received from an individual in Los Angeles indicating that he had seen a flying saucer leave the ground within his view and in which letter he theorized that this might have been a landing from another planet. b7c

The Los Angeles Office was requested to locate and interview the writer of this letter, [redacted] Street, Los Angeles 7, California. b7c

The Los Angeles Office has now advised that the [redacted] have no knowledge of any [redacted] and that other investigation to locate [redacted] was unproductive. It would appear, therefore, that this may have been a prank. b7c

You may desire to advise Mr. [redacted] that there is no such person at the address given inasmuch as he indicated that Mr. Winchell intended to do a column on this letter. b7c

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This was found to be a letter to [redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

June 8, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: FLYING DISCS

Dear Sir:

Refer Phoenix letter to Bureau, dated September 9, 1947, captioned, REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS, for the attention of Assistant Director D. M. LADD, setting forth the result of an interview conducted by [redacted], then a representative of the Air Force Intelligence, from Hamilton Field, California, and Special Agent [redacted] with one [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, concerning his observation and photographing of an object which was considered by the Air Force of significance from a security standpoint.

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On June 7, 1949, Mr. [redacted] OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called at this office, advising that he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning this interview since [redacted] apparently has requested the Air Force to return the photographs.

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[redacted] when questioned by his superiors concerning the matter, stated his recollection was "hazy" on the matter. OSI is anxious to secure the substance of information in the Phoenix file concerning this matter. Mr. [redacted] was furnished the substance of the interview, as set forth in letter of reference and he has now requested that he be furnished with a blind memorandum setting forth this information in detail in order that he may make it available to the OSI at San Francisco.

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A memorandum setting forth this information has been prepared by this office and is attached hereto. The Bureau is requested to advise if such memorandum should be made available to OSI.

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Very truly yours,
W. A. MURPHY
SAC

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SAC, Phoenix

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Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

FLYING DISCS

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Reurlet June 8, 1949, captioned "Flying Discs."

It is believed that the reference appearing in the first line of your referenced letter to the Bureau is incorrect. Complete details concerning the matter referred to in your referenced communication appear in a letter from your office dated September 4, 1947, and not September 9, 1947.

Pursuant to your request, you are granted authority to furnish the attached blind memorandum, which was forwarded to the Bureau with your referenced letter for approval, to Mr. [REDACTED], OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona. b7c

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: June 30, 1949

FROM : [REDACTED] **b7c**

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

FLYING DISCS

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Purpose

Your approval is requested in order that the attached letter and memorandum can be forwarded to the Phoenix Office, authorizing that office to furnish the attached memorandum to Mr. [REDACTED] OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona. **b7c**

Background

In July 1947, [REDACTED] was jointly interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] (Bureau Agent) and [REDACTED], A-2 representative from Hamilton Field, California. The purpose of the interview was to secure from Mr. [REDACTED] information and photographs of a flying disc, which had been sighted and photographed by Rhodes. **b7c**

The complete results of the interview and subsequent events are contained in the attached memorandum submitted by the Phoenix Office.

Mr. [REDACTED] OSI representative at Phoenix, Arizona, has requested the Phoenix Office to furnish him complete facts relating to this interview, which are to be subsequently forwarded to the OSI Office at San Francisco. According to Mr. [REDACTED] referred to above, has been questioned concerning this matter by his superiors and he has advised them that his recollection is "hazy" on the matter. According to [REDACTED] has apparently now requested the Air Force to return the photographs, which were previously obtained from him. **b7c**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Phoenix Office be advised that the memorandum attached may be forwarded by them to Mr. [REDACTED] OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona. **b7c**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS AND SAUCERS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 21, 1949

For the Bureau's information, several citizens in the community of Alexandria, Louisiana, have recently reportedly seen flying discs. The Alexandria, Louisiana daily paper has carried numerous articles concerning this.

At a recent meeting of the Young Mens Business Club in Alexandria, a member suggested that since Alexandria, Louisiana is known as a convention city, the club should try promoting a convention of flying saucer seers. This particular comment appeared in the Alexandria paper and was picked up by the AP lines.

Mr. [REDACTED] a member of the Young Mens Business Club, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that since the AP release, they have received a large number of requests regarding the convention of flying saucer seers from many parts of the United States. Mr. [REDACTED] states that the interest of the people is evidenced by their inquiries about convention particulars, stating they are flying saucer seers and want to attend such a convention. b7c

This gentleman further advised that in view of the volume of inquiries coming in, it appears that the YMBC will have to hire an employee to handle all the correspondence. It might be noted that he advised a representative of the Air Force from Barksdale Field, Louisiana, has inquired as to plans of a flying saucer convention, stating that they are interested in furnishing an observer if such a convention were held.

This information is being furnished the Bureau, as it is possible such an enterprise may cause people to falsify that they have seen flying discs or flying saucers. Such falsifications might be made so that they might attend such a convention or become official delegates thereto.

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FLYING DISCS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. WHILE ON VACATION RECENTLY
 AT LAKE OF THE WOODS, NEAR KENORA, ONTARIO, CANADA, SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] OBSERVED UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT RESEMBLING FLYING DISC. b7c
 HE HAS FURNISHED FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING SAME TO U.S. AIR
 FORCE INTELLIGENCE, FORT CROCK, NEBRASKA, AND SAME WILL NOT BE
 REPORTED TO THE BUREAU UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **62-2542 VFH**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-15-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-20-49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, FIRE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, UNKNOWN DATE [REDACTED] COMPLAINANT b7c		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] submitted ash residue to Fire Marshal's Office, Philadelphia, Pa., which made chemical analysis. **[REDACTED]** of **[REDACTED]** opinion that fire may have been caused by military flare or "flying saucer".

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from the office of the **[REDACTED]** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated May 19, 1949, advising that ashes had been received from one **[REDACTED]**, purportedly from a fire which had continued to burn for twelve hours. A chemical analysis of the ashes had been requested. The Office noted that **[REDACTED]** had at one time worked for the Atomic Energy Commission.

[REDACTED] advised that there had been received through the mail on April 21, 1949, an ash sample with a request for analysis. In the letter of transmittal, **[REDACTED]** had pointed out that the fire had continued to burn twelve hours after water had first been applied. The original letter of transmittal was examined and reflected that an object had entered the roof of the building, caused an explosion, and threw people out of bed.

[REDACTED] said he attempted to locate **[REDACTED]** at his residence. **[REDACTED]**, but had been unsuccessful. He added that at the time **[REDACTED]** had commented that **[REDACTED]** had been employed by the Atomic Energy Commission. **[REDACTED]** was then requested by letter to appear at the **[REDACTED]**.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. V. Boardman <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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[REDACTED] advised that he had interviewed [REDACTED] at the time he came to the office since [REDACTED] was absent at the time. He said that he then learned for the first time that the fire in question had taken place near Scranton, Pennsylvania, and had occurred about six months previously. This caused the [REDACTED] to withdraw from the case on a question of jurisdiction and [REDACTED] was advised that any further action on his part should be referred to the State Police authorities. b7c

At the same time, [REDACTED] furnished [REDACTED] with the results of the analysis which had been made of the ash submitted, and which analysis had been made by [REDACTED], Chemical Laboratory, Room 875, City Hall. This report reflected that the ash contained Magnesium, Aluminum, Iron, and Calcium in the form of silicates, sulphur and carbonates. b7c

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of business, the [REDACTED] Broad Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At this time he advised that he had received the sample of ash from a friend, [REDACTED], Wayne County, Pennsylvania, through the mail. He said that Lake Ariel is about one mile south of South Canaan, near Scranton, Pennsylvania. He stated that [REDACTED] house had burned about six months ago, that the fire had occurred at night during a storm and that a large object had struck the roof and ignited the house which had burned to the ground in less than an hour. b7c

He said that he had not been present during the fire but that these details had been furnished by letter from [REDACTED] at the time a sample of the ash was forwarded for analysis. He said that he was of the personal opinion that the ash might be a part of a military flare or a "flying saucer". b7c

He pointed out that he has been advised by associates in the engineering field that one of the characteristics of some types of flares is the fact that they burn for a considerable period. He stated that the mass of the ash residue had remained ignited for a period of twelve hours. He also stated that he did not think there had been an explosion but that a loud noise had probably been caused by the vacuum created as the missile or object struck the roof. He added that there remains a quantity of the ash, amounting to one bushel, at [REDACTED] premises at Lake Ariel. b7c

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██████████ advised that he had been employed by the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge until 1943. He was entirely rational. He discounted the theory that a portion of a meteor had struck the house on the basis of the chemical analysis made by the City Chemical Laboratory. b7c

██████████ advised that at the suggestion of the City authorities, he had written to ██████████ and suggested that any further inquiries be directed to the State Police. b7c

The file of the Philadelphia Office reflect that the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service were negative to an inquiry concerning ██████████, OEM ██████████. The files of this office likewise reflect that ██████████ by letter received August 14, 1947, requested of this office the identity of a powder or dust used to catch thieves. b7c

Inasmuch as there is no violation indicated within the Bureau's jurisdiction, there is no further investigation being conducted in this matter. However, the ash residue obtained from the ██████████ is being forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for any interest or study the Laboratory may desire to conduct relative to flares or in connection with the possibility of the presence of "flying saucers". b7c

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Continuous Light

The pilots admitted they had goose pimples riding pick-a-back on goose pimples. What's more, they said one of their 20 passengers—C. L. McKelvie, of Columbus, Ohio—was awake and saw the same thing.

Reporters nailed Mr. McKelvie at Kennett Square, Pa. How about it, they asked him—had he seen what the Atlanta pilots said he saw?

Well, now, said Mr. McKelvie—not exactly. He said he saw "no form of ship" whatever. He saw a "continuous light speed past" his window.

"But," added Mr. McK., "I'm not very well versed in aeronautics, and certainly I wasn't looking for any Buck Rogers space ship."

Out at Santa Monica, Cal., the famous Gen. George C. Kenney, chief of the Strategic Air Command, was bearded in his den. His eyes twinkled. No, he said, cautiously, it wasn't one of his planes. The Army as yet hasn't got anything like the Thing seen over Montgomery.

Not Boeing Plane
"I wish we did," the general said wistfully. "I sure would have liked to see that Thing."

So said William M. Allen, president of the Boeing Aircraft Co., up at Seattle. "I'm pretty sure it wasn't one of our planes," said Mr. Allen, modestly.

Almost identical statements issued by the Army Air Forces at Washington and the United States Weather Bureau at Montgomery tended to throw some light on this fantasy. Both sources suggested that the Atlanta pilots had flown past an air radar weather observation balloon. Those things, they explained, are 10 feet in diameter and have square, tinfoil boxes fastened to them. The boxes reflect light and "give strange illusions" as they twist and turn. Maxwell Field said they send 'em up at six-hour intervals.

And Maxwell Field is at Montgomery.

Flying Saucers Come from Southern California

DO YOU HAVE spots before your eyes? Do vari-colored discs flutter and sail in the air in front of you? Do you see flying saucers in the skies?

If you do, don't call the doctor nor jump on the wagon. And don't worry. Other persons are seeing flying saucers too—seeing them fly through the air—and seeing them on the sales counters of the stores. You can even pick them up and feel them, and, preferably, buy them to play with.

It all started many years ago—long before the recent flurry of flying saucers—when a little boy named Freddie used to play with his mother's pie tins. If he threw them with just the right twist of the wrist, they spun and turned in fascinating curves.

Freddie grew up into a man called Fred Morrison, who always remembered what fun he had had playing with the pie tins. As a grown-up, he applied his knowledge of aerodynamics to the problem of developing a disc which could be thrown and tossed and its flight controlled by the thrower.

He evolved a metal model that sailed through the air in a most satisfactory manner. The curved disc was 9 in. in diameter and a scant 2 in. deep, with radiating arc-shaped fins and a heavy outside rim. A snap of the wrist when throwing gives a centrifugal motion to the disc which in turn gives guidance in flight. The radial fins create a vacuum on top of the whirling disc, and stability from beneath is provided by the heavy rim.

The metal model sailed through the air beautifully—but also, being metal, it sailed through windows and hedges and other obstacles, somewhat after the manner of a miniature cyclone. A material other than metal seemed a wise idea if the disc—or flying saucer—were to become a commercial product.

A lightweight, slightly flexible plastics looked like the answer, and Morrison brought his metal model to Southern California Plastic Co., Glendale, Calif., to see what might be done in plastics. Stanley J. Gray and Edward L. Kennedy, president and secretary of the firm, took the metal disc out on the lawn to "demonstrate" its possibilities and were soon breathlessly convinced that a great deal of fun could be had by young and old alike.

A plastics model of the disc was carved from a solid block of material, and then a mold made in the shop of Southern California. Engraving of the mold was done by United Engravers, Los Angeles.

Then came the problem of the right material. A search was made throughout the range of thermoplastic molding compounds to find the proper material that combined flexibility, impact strength, and stability while in motion. (The discs achieve considerable speed—and strain—when in flight.) Cellulose acetate provided the best combination of properties to do the job. Acetate discs will not break glass windows, nor shatter when falling from a great height, nor scar the finish on automobiles, nor injure the players.

That's a real Flyin' Saucer this young man has just thrown into the air—molded of tough and lightweight cellulose acetate by Southern California Plastic Co., Glendale. Designed in accordance with aerodynamic principles, the Flyin' Saucer spins through the air with the greatest of ease. Note the radial fins on the disc in the boy's left hand.

An interesting part of the story is that producing acetate "Flyin' Saucer" is only part of the story. It is a product with a wide market (how many yo-yos were sold in the US last year, do you suppose?); but it must be demonstrated to be sold. Everyone who sees a Flyin' Saucer in action is enthusiastic. Anyone who sees a Flyin' Saucer lying on a sales counter is likely to pass by.

That presents a merchandising problem that has kept the sales staff of Southern California Plastic hard at work thinking up ways and means for demonstrations, advertising, publicity, visual promotional stunts. With a record steady-selling staple consumer item now on the market, Southern California has no intention of letting the Flyin' Saucers sit on the sales counters. Carefully-controlled distribution, related to on-the-spot demonstrations or promotional campaigns, has been the rule so far. National markets will not be tackled until all the promotional knots have been unraveled.



The Amazing -FLYIN-SAUCER

GREAT FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FLYIN-SAUCER performs in an amazing way as you develop your skill in flying it. A novel way to play catch. You will think of many games to play. Adaptable to almost any game.

HOW TO FLY

Launch your FLYIN-SAUCER straight ahead with a snap of your wrist making it spin as fast as possible. DON'T THROW TOO HARD. . . . It's the spinning that gives it lift. Begin by flying about 10 feet. When windy, throw across the wind. You will quickly learn how to bank to the left or right.



FLYIN-SAUCER
(A Gyroscopic Airfoil)
PRECISELY ENGINEERED - AERODYNAMICALLY CORRECT
MADE TOUGH TO RESIST ROUGH HANDLING

FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONS

FLYIN' SAUCERS have flight characteristics very similar to airplanes. The SAUCER IS launched in identically the same manner as sailing your hat onto a hook—by spinning and forward motion.

In order to fly in a straight line, the SAUCER must leave the hand in a level position. To curve the SAUCER, it must leave the hand banked or tilted in direction of desired curve—for example: for left curve—the left side of the SAUCER must be tilted down.

FOR BEST RESULTS — The spinning of the SAUCER is most important and most difficult to master. Because the spin creates a gyroscopic action which controls the attitude of the SAUCER in flight, a smooth, fast spinning delivery should be developed. Do not hold the SAUCER too tight.

Analyze your mistakes and make corrections by tilting or banking SAUCER. The correction must be applied to the SAUCER as it leaves the hand.

SAIL 'EM BACK AND FORTH - PLAY CATCH !



Begin by flying your saucer about 10 feet. The distance you are able to fly it will quickly increase with practice.



MAKE 'EM TURN !



By releasing the SAUCER in a tilted manner, you can make it turn to the left or right. Bank it the way you want it to turn. It is advisable to learn to fly straight before starting to make turns.

MAKE 'EM COME BACK !



After learning to fly straight and make turns, you'll be able to make your SAUCER return to you by sailing it into the breeze at a sharp angle. The harder a wind blows, the flatter an angle you can fly it to make it return. Spin SAUCER as much as possible.

MAKE 'EM SKIP !



Right-handers launch SAUCER so that left side strikes hard surface. Right side for left-handers.



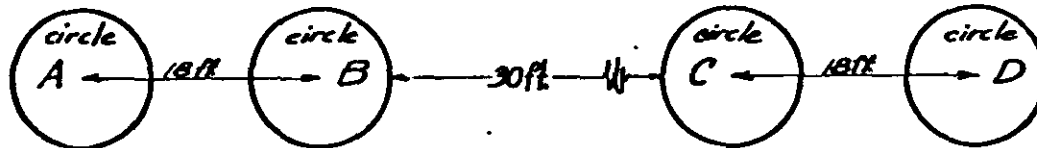
T. GAME OF HECKLE

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THE GAME OF HECKLE provides a means of utilizing the unique manner in which the FLYIN' SAUCER can be guided. Rules and regulations are provided, forming the basis for skill and competition.

PLAYERS — Four — with two on each team.

OBJECT — To fly SAUCER around HECKLERS into your partner's circle.



ALL CIRCLES ARE 6 FEET IN DIAMETER -- CENTER SPACE MAY VARY WITH ABILITY.

All players must remain in their circle until SAUCER is airborne.

The game begins with the Flier (A) attempting to sail the SAUCER around the HECKLERS in the circles (B) and (C) so that his partner in the Receiver's circle (D) can catch it.

Flier (A) must remain in his circle when serving the SAUCER.

HECKLER (B) must remain in his circle at all times while his team is defensive. He may attempt to stop the flight of the SAUCER, or distract the Flier in any manner. Should he step or fall out of his circle, his team forfeits 1 point and the offensive team retains serve.

HECKLER (C) remains in his circle until SAUCER is airborne. He may then leave his circle to heckle the Receiver (D) in any manner so long as he doesn't interfere with flight of SAUCER or touch the Receiver, or step into the Receiver's circle. Hecklers forfeit 2 points for each infraction.

Receiver (D) attempts to catch the SAUCER in his circle. Should he do so, then his team receives 2 points. Should it be necessary for the Receiver to leave his circle to catch the SAUCER, then his team scores but 1 point. Should he drop or miss the SAUCER, no points are scored, and the teams change positions. (A) changes with (B) and (C) changes with (D).

(C) is now the Flier, and (B) the Receiver. HECKLER (D) must remain in his circle, and the HECKLER (A) becomes the roving HECKLER.

Teams change positions when the Receiver fails to catch the SAUCER.

In the event that no Referee is available, disputes will be settled by mutual agreement, or the flip of a coin.

First team to score 25 points wins the game.

KEEP 'EM FLYIN'

This is a PIPCO PRODUCT



San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: June 2, 1949

Re SAC Letter 38, dated March 25, 1949 entitled as above.

The Bureau is advised that through the Office of Naval Intelligence, New Orleans, Louisiana, this office has been advised that within the past ten days three sightings of flying discs have been reported in the City of New Orleans. The information seems to be that the single discs were in straight flight and traveling in a general direction of North, in late afternoon, about the size of an observation plane, but the shape of a saucer. The Navy stated that two witnesses have advised that the object was traveling end over end; that weather conditions were good; that sightings were made outdoors by persons who did not wear glasses; that the dates were May 18, 19 and 23, 1949. The Navy states that it was possible these objects were weather balloons, but that these are used from only one airport, released over an hour before the times of sighting and would generally be out of sight in a few minutes.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for future reference since the Navy has informed that all three instances were investigated by the Army Intelligence.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: May 23, 1949

FROM :

[Redacted]

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SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

On the afternoon of May 20, 1949, [Redacted] Chicago 25, Illinois, was referred to my office from the Director's Office.

Miss [Redacted] stated she was going to be in Washington for a few days and that she was staying at the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that [Redacted] of the [Redacted] in Chicago had some information regarding flying discs. Miss [Redacted] said that [Redacted] theory was to the effect that when people died their souls entered a space on this earth which is, of course, invisible to human eyes. He said that in this soul world there are good and bad people and that they have become involved in a war. According to Miss [Redacted] theory is that the flying discs which have been seen are the explosives being used in the warfare between the good and bad souls.

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Miss [Redacted] stated that the real purpose of her visit to the Bureau was to get her own name cleared. She said that the FBI has been conducting investigation regarding her and that she wanted to know the results of the investigation. I asked her what kind of an investigation the FBI had been making regarding her and she stated she was under suspicion of espionage activities. I informed her that I could not furnish her with any information which is contained in the Bureau's files inasmuch as our files have been designated as confidential by the Attorney General.

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Miss [Redacted] accepted this explanation and stated regarding her present activities that she had been in the Wacs as a private and had received an honorable discharge in 1945. She said at the present time she is working as a model in Chicago.

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She impressed me as being somewhat mentally unbalanced.

A check of the files failed to reveal that we have conducted any investigation relative to this individual.

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May 10, 1949

[Redacted] b7c
Alhambra, California

Dear Mrs. [Redacted] b7c

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated April 29, 1949, and to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

In view of the contents of your letter, I have taken the liberty of sending a copy to the United States Air Force.

In the future, if you have information which may be of interest to this Bureau, you may find it more convenient to communicate with Mr. R. B. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles 13, California.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Los Angeles with copies of incoming.

The correspondent communicated with the Bureau on one previous occasion enclosing a clipping from a Spanish language newspaper in Texas. She was apparently dissatisfied with the manner in which the Latin Americans were being treated in Texas. A cordial letter of acknowledgement was sent to her. [Redacted] b7c

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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____

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*J. Edgar Hoover
True?*

HAVE THE ONLY AUTHENTIC JAPANESE FLYING SAUCER EVER RECOVERED IN THIS COUNTRY. BECAUSE OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PRESENT DAY FLYING DISCS OF THE RUSSIANS WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE YOU JOIN ME ON THE BELIEVE IT OR NOT TELEVISION SHOW.

NEXT TUESDAY APRIL 19TH NBC NETWORK 930 TO 10PM AND GIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON FLYING DISC AND YOUR EXCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS LATEST RUSSIAN MENACE. REGARDS BELIEVE IT OR NOT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ██████████ ^{URF} b7c

FROM : ██████████ ^{URF} b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: May 26, 1949

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

BACKGROUND:

Walter Winchell forwarded to the Director a Western Union telegram he had received from Robert Ripley which stated that he, Ripley, had the only authentic Japanese flying saucer ever recovered in this country. Mr. Winchell noted on the telegram, "To J. Edgar Hoover - True?"

DETAILS:

This matter was discussed by Special Agent ██████████ with the Intelligence Division of the Army, who advised that they had no information concerning any Japanese flying saucer ever having been recovered in the United States. b7c

This matter was discussed with Colonel ██████████, OSI-USAF, who advised on April 27, 1949 that he had interested himself in the flying saucers and related subjects and that in so far as could be determined by him through his sources in the Air Force, which are excellent, there is no authentic information available concerning the phenomenon of the flying saucers. He advised he would check with the authorities at Wright Field to determine if any information is available concerning the recovery of a Japanese flying saucer. b7c

Colonel ██████████ has now advised that there is no information available in any arm of the Air Force to the effect that any flying saucers of any kind have been recovered in the United States. Colonel ██████████ stated delay had been encountered in determining this fact inasmuch as inquiries had been directed through individuals known to him and trusted by him and not through the usual channels from which he possibly would receive a stock answer. b7c

The details of this case were not discussed by either Special Agents ██████████ or Sanders with the Army or Air Force and they are not aware of the telegram sent by Mr. Ripley to Mr. Winchell. b7c

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing is for your information and any disposition being desirable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1949

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: "FLYING DISK" REPORT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 5, 1949 [redacted] a reporter for the Sun-Star newspaper, Merced, California, advised Special Agent [redacted] that his paper had been contacted by Lt. Col. STANLEY JACOBS, Intelligence Officer, Castle Air Force Base, Merced, California, relative to any reports that the newspaper might have received concerning "flying disks" in the Merced vicinity. b7c

[redacted] stated a close friend of his, one [redacted] Merced, had advised him that he had observed a strange object, and as he is in the Air Corps Reserve, he reported same to the Intelligence Officer at Castle Field. b7c

On the same date Mr. GEORGE BREMER, Detachment Commander, Office of Special Investigations, Castle Air Force Base, Merced, California, advised SA [redacted] that he had heard that an individual had reported seeing a "flying disk" to the Intelligence Office at the Base but that the Intelligence Officer had not furnished the information to him. [redacted] later on the same date contacted SA [redacted] and exhibited a letter written by STANLEY F. JACOBS, Lt. Col., USAF, Adjutant (Intelligence Officer) to Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Wright Field, Ohio. This letter contained a statement given by Mr. [redacted] which read as follows: "I had occasion to step from my home, located approximately one mile west of the town of Merced, on the night of April 4, 1949, at approximately 2220. My attention was diverted to a clicking noise of considerable intensity. I stopped on the sidewalk about 20 feet from the front steps and recognized the source of this clicking to be in the sky in an area about 40 degrees from the surface of the earth in an easterly direction. The sky condition was 20000 thin broken with 12 miles visibility and surface winds were reported as north nine M.P.H. at Castle Air Force weather station. My home is approximately seven miles south of Castle Air Force Base and in an area somewhat sheltered from surface winds, and no appreciable surface wind was apparent at the time the aural observation was made. After about ten seconds of looking into the area described previously as being the source of this sound, an object was observed blanking out stars in describing a flight path in a west or northwesterly direction. Only one object was apparent, its shape can be described as only a solid mass. Its size can be estimated as four or five feet in diameter in keeping with an estimated altitude of considerably less than 1000 (one thousand) feet. Color was shown by the reflection of ground lights on only two occasions, and appeared to be b7c

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dull surfaced, light colored metal. The only ground lights of intensity were a row of street lights behind me one half block which leads me to believe the under surface of this object to be curved in shape.

"This object when first sighted, was moving very slowly in a west or northwesterly direction. I would estimate that I had it in my range of vision for 35 seconds, after having heard it about ten seconds before locating it. It passed on beyond the house and maneuvered through an arc of turn to the left of about ninety degrees. The clicking sound was continuous throughout this turn, however, it became louder as it returned on its new heading of south or southwest. On its return the clicking sound became louder, but I was unable to see it at this time. The clicking stopped when it was at its greatest intensity and appeared to come from a position directly over head. I was unable to see the object after the sound stopped.

"This clicking sound, retained the same pitch and speed throughout the entire course observed, but intensity varied. There was not whistle or roar, but only the clicking noise which might be compared to beaters of a home mixer that were not properly meshed. No lights or flame were observed during the entire course with exception of the previous described reflections twice. No exhaust trail was distinguishable.

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"My dog was with me and directed her attention in the general direction of this object's flight throughout its course. She had been romping with me on coming out of the house but without spoken word stopped and directed her attention on to the previously described area. The clicking sound might not have been unusual to the dog, but there is a possibility of sounds on wave lengths discernable only to the dog, being emitted."

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is a member of the Active USAF Reserve with rank of Major. He attained rating of pilot in August 1941 and has approximately 2200 hours flying time. During his active duty period in WW2 he stated that he had considerable night flying experience in connection with his military assignment. The Intelligence Officer in the above mentioned letter made the following statement, "An attempt to locate other witnesses in the area or through the local newspaper proved unsuccessful".

[REDACTED] advised that he is planning to clear with his headquarters office and will probably conduct an investigation. b7c

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Director of Special Investigations, (I. G.)
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: INFORMATION CONCERNING FLYING SAUCERS
MRS. [REDACTED] - INFORMANT

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Enclosed is a photostatic copy of a letter dated April 29, 1949, received by this Bureau from Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning flying saucers.

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The correspondent has been advised that a copy of her letter has been forwarded to the United States Air Force.

This letter is being forwarded to you for any action you may deem advisable.

Enclosure

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SPECIAL MESSENGER
★ MAY 11 1949 ★
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Elmer Clegg.
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Edger J. Hoover
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Dear Sir:-

Take this for what you think its worth, But I keep thinking I may be able to throw a light on the so called, Flying Saucers, I do not know how true this is, but as our own Army says it has nothing to do concerning these Saucers appearing in the Skies, I aim to tell you what a certain woman told me of a supposed secret aircraft hide out and factory that is in Mexico. This young woman is married a Mexican radio musician here, who seems to be one of a special few who were allowed to visit this place in the mountains. She said that these aircraft was made of some metallic material that could not be recognized in the air only as an almost invisible form. That the passengers or pilot rather, could see out, but lookers on could not see inside that close up they (the craft) looks a sort of glass. And that they were preparing them for special reason against the U.S.

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... were very unusual ...
supposed to be the rocket tip.
Now Mr. Hoover this was told me in 1944
or 43. at the time I wrote it all down
and never thought any more of it until
lately. and maybe I am foolish, but I
thought maybe this had something to do
with the flying saucers, if true.
I am a true American and love my
country and if I can do any service
for my country I am glad of it.
The flying saucer could be more dangerous
than we think.

Respectfully Yours.

 b7c

p.s.

I lived within a few miles of Mexican
border when this was told me.
in Texas.

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May 3, 1949

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Atlanta, Georgia

EX-43

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

b7c

Your letter of April 27, 1949, has been received, and I want to thank you for sending me the newspaper clipping which you enclosed together with your observations concerning the designs you submitted to the federal government in 1942. Although I would like to be of service, checks of the type you desire are not within the scope of this Bureau's activities. It was very thoughtful of you to contact me in that regard.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

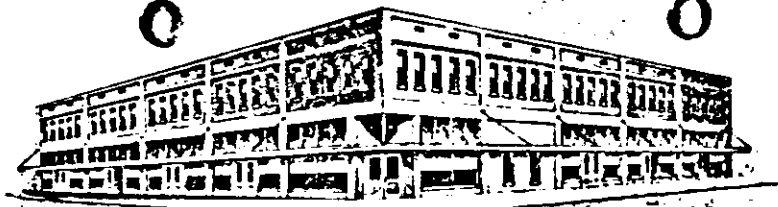
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HOTEL LAWRENCE

Walnut Ridge, Ark. *April 27th 1949*

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover:
Washington, D.C.

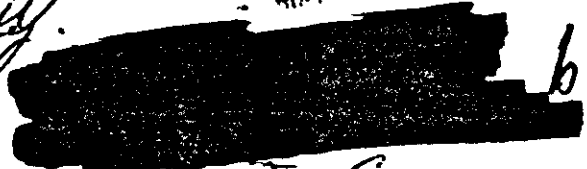
Flying Saucers

Having read the enclosed clipping you will find with this letter ~~prop~~ ^{prop} ~~prop~~ ^{prop} me to send it to you and ask you to check The National Aeronautics Council files on the 2 types of engines of the flying saucer design that I submitted to Mr. Elmer Rowlett in 1942. While Henry Wallace was Secretary of Commerce, also was in charge of The National Aeronautics Council.

I mean just this. See how easy it would be for Wallace to have conveyed these designs to Russia and with held them from our own Engineering Dept. You can make the difference here of your life. If you look at it will appreciate a reply.

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Atlanta, Ga.

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New Data, Ideas About Flying Saucers

And Death of Pilot Who Chased One

By United Press

DAYTON, Ohio, April 27.—The only airman who ever got near a flying saucer crashed and died before he could describe it, the Dayton Journal-Herald said today.

The newspaper printed a lengthy dispatch on the mysterious flying discs, based, it said, on hitherto unpublished reports assembled at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base. The Air Force investigation has proved that the flying saucers "are not a joke." Neither "are they a cause for alarm to the population," the newspaper said.

The closest any airman came to the mystery discs was on Jan. 7, 1948, when one was sighted over Fort Knox, Ky., the dispatch said. Four fighter planes were sent aloft to intercept it, but only Capt. Thomas F. Mantell was able to get close.

"I'm closing in to take a good look," the newspaper quoted him as reporting by radio. "It looks metallic and of tremendous size. It's going up now as fast as I am. That's 360 miles an hour. I'm going up after it. At 20,000 feet, if I'm no closer, I'll abandon chase."

Mantell's plane crashed a few minutes later and he was killed.

The paper said a report now on file at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base lists 240 domestic and 30 foreign accounts of flying discs as having been investigated. Of these, 30 per cent seem to have been weather balloons and the like and 30 per cent more are perhaps explainable conventionally—leaving 40 per cent unexplained.

The Air Force recently said there was no evidence that the discs were guided missiles fired from some other country, but that

on the other hand it was not impossible that they were. Later the Air Force announced it was making any further comments on the discs.

The Dayton paper says the report on which its story is based as "evaluation teams" stated:

"We can't prove or disprove existence of some of the remaining unidentified objects as real aircraft of unconventional design.

"The possibility that the saucers

ENCLOSURE

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SAC - San Antonio

April 26, 1949

Director - FBI

FLYING DISKS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to your letter dated April 4, 1949, captioned "Protection of Vital Installations." You are instructed in the future to report information relating to flying disks under the above caption.

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In regard to your request for information that would substantiate or discredit the statements made by Walter Winchell on his broadcast of April 3, 1949, your attention is directed to SAC Letter No. 38 dated March 25, 1949, captioned "Flying Disks."

For your strictly confidential information, the data contained in SAC Letter No. 38 was obtained in confidence from a colonel in the United States Air Materiel Command, who obtained his information from persons actively engaged in the investigation of this subject.

No interview with Walter Winchell will be made by the Bureau concerning the source of his statements referred to in your referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Antonio

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS
(Bureau file 65-48300)

DATE: April 4, 1949

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Reference is made to San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated March 22, 1949 which submitted information related by military authorities concerning unconventional aircraft.

The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 4th Army, has advised that at 11:50 P.M. March 31, 1949 a lighted object about the size of a basketball, reddish white in color, followed by a fire trail, was observed southwest of Killeen Base, adjacent to Camp Hood, Texas. The observation was made by 1st Lt. FREDERICK W. DAVIS, who was in charge of a platoon, Company C, 12th Armored Infantry Battalion, which is assigned as a part of an alert force (called force Abel) from Camp Hood, whose function is to protect the installation at Killeen Base.

Lt. DAVIS advised that the object was at an altitude estimated at 6,000 ft., was traveling parallel to the ground and passed directly over him at a rapid rate of speed. It was in view 10 to 15 seconds and suddenly disappeared high in the sky without having descended. No sound or odor was detected. The night was clear and visibility good. The object passed almost directly over the air strip at Killeen Base.

When Lt. DAVIS attempted to advise his headquarters by telephone immediately after the sighting, he heard static or electrical interference on the telephone line which he stated might be possible radio interference.

G-2 has advised that other lights of unknown origin were observed on March 6, 7, 8 and 17, 1949, by military personnel of the alert force stationed approximately 1000 yards east of the fences which surround Killeen Base.

The object sighted on March 31, 1949 was reported as being of a different nature from the lights seen earlier in the month.

It is noted that Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, on his Sunday evening broadcast, April 3, 1949, stated that "flying discs" seen in this country definitely emanated from Russia.

On April 4, 1949, G-2, 4th Army, contacted this office, inquiring as to whether we had any information that would substantiate or discredit the statements made by WALTER WINCHELL.

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Letter to Director
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April 4, 1949

In view of the interest and concern of 4th Army military authorities who have the duty of protecting the vital installations at Los Alamos, N. M., Sandia Base, N. M. in the El Paso Division, and the Camp Hood area in the San Antonio Division, it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to arrange to have Mr. WINCHELL interviewed concerning the source of his information that "flying discs" emanate from Russia.

It would be appreciated if the Bureau can supply any information that can be transmitted to military authorities which would clarify this matter.

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Date: May 2, 1949
To: Director of Special Investigations (I.O.)
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Re: FLYING DISCS

A reliable and confidential source has recently advised this Bureau that during the first part of April, 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] Hollywood 27, California, had informed him that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California, had noticed objects in the sky which appeared to be flying discs. *b7c*

The above information is being furnished to you for whatever action you desire and no investigation is being conducted relative thereto by this Bureau.

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Hollywood, Calif. April 10, 1949.

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York City, N.Y.
My Dear Winchell.

To Honey

With reference to flying Disc's or other flying objects, thought you would be interested in the following. It in a measure substantiates your statements.

Friday of last week,

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[REDACTED]

noticed an object sailing through the sky and took a good look to try and distinguish it from planes that frequently fly over.

About the same time two of his men working about a half mile away saw the object. They checked with each other and arrived at the same conclusion. It was a Disc and they ran to a telephone to report the incident. In the meantime DeJarnett started to the location where his men were working to check and see if they had seen the object.

They had both seen it which proves beyond a question of a doubt that something of the Disc type was in the air and when the third man stated he also saw it, I am satisfied you are very much right in your statements and I am inclined to call a person a liar that says (there are no disc's).

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Hollywood 27 Calif.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4-22-49

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
WADE H. HARRISON - INFORMANT
FLYING DISCS
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS (4-16-49)

WADE H. HARRISON, residence address Route 1, Box 293, Fort Smith, Arkansas, is employed as a Special Delivery messenger by the Fort Smith Post Office Department.

HARRISON stated that at 5:25 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 1949, while delivering special delivery mail in Fort Smith, he stopped his automobile at a signal light located at the intersection of North Eleventh Street and Grand Avenue. He glanced up at the stop light and observed a brilliant object moving in a southeastern direction. He presumed the object was approximately 2 miles high. He got out of his automobile and pointed up with the suggestion that other automobile drivers, stopped for the signal light, could see the object. He does not know who any of the other people are or what they saw. He was obliged to move on after the light changed and the drivers began honking their horns. He watched the object until it was obscured by the line of trees in that section. He estimated he watched it travel some 3 or 4 miles before he lost sight of it. He stated the weather was clear, visibility was good, and there were no clouds near the object. The object made no noise perceptible to HARRISON. However, he commented that he was stopped at an intersection where the traffic was heavy and there was considerable noise. He first thought possibly he had seen some type of a reflector on an airplane, but could not locate or hear a plane anywhere.

HARRISON drove to the 1400 Block of North "C" Street, where he observed an Army officer, wearing the insignia of a major or lieutenant colonel, standing back of the officer's automobile. He stopped and asked the officer if he had observed the flying object. The officer, name unknown to the informant, answered negatively and then remarked, "I am glad other people are also reporting seeing flying objects." The officer then related that the day previous, Friday, April 15, 1949, while the officer was traveling out of Oklahoma City toward Fort Smith, his wife observed a flying object in the sky very similar to that described by HARRISON. The officer stated he saw the object too, but furnished no more information.

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HARRISON described the object as appearing some 3 or 4 inches in diameter from the distance he saw it. It was very bright and reflected a light in a manner similar to a mirror. He reported the incident to the local press at Fort Smith and inquired if anyone had made a similar report. He received a negative reply. In this connection, please find attached an article from the front page of the Southwest-Times Record newspaper published at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Sunday, April 17, 1949.

The interview with HARRISON developed he is 52 years of age. He has had considerable college training and attended the seminary at Westminster, Maryland 2½ years. He stated that his eyesight is very good for a man of his age and that he has worn reading glasses only for the past few years. He was positive he had observed the object as related above. He was unable of course to state just what the object was or furnish any additional information concerning it. No information was available at Fort Smith indicating the object had fallen in that section or that it was observed by others. The Little Rock Office is making no further inquiries concerning the subject matter.

The offices of OSI and MID have been notified of the information set out above.

SOUTHWEST - TIMES RECORD
Ft. Smith, Arkansas
April 17, 1949

Local Man Reports Seeing What He Believes Was "Flying Disc"

Wade Harrison, Fort Smith post office employe, reported Saturday he had observed what he believed was a "flying disc."
Harrison saw what he believed was a "flying disc" as he was driving east on Grand avenue at Eleventh street. He said the object was small and was moving southeastward at a rapid rate of speed. He said the object resembled a tiny mirror.
There were no other reports of "flying discs" in the area Saturday.

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May 4, 1949

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TO: Legal Attache
Mexico City, D.F.

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to your letter dated April 5, 1949 captioned as above in which you request a copy of the Air Force memorandum mentioned in SAC Letter #38, Series 1949 dated March 25, 1949.

In response thereto there is enclosed herewith the pamphlet captioned, "Unconventional Aircraft" issued by the Department of the Air Force under date of February 15, 1949, to which reference was made in the above-mentioned SAC Letter.

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHÉ
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

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Date: April 5, 1949
To: Director, FBI
From: [REDACTED] Legal Attache *67c*
Subject: *0* FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to SAC Letter #38, Series 1949, dated March 25, 1949, advising that a copy of a memorandum from the Department of the Air Force, dated February 15, 1949, and entitled "Unconventional Aircraft," as furnished to the Bureau, was being forwarded to this office in order that all agents assigned to the Mexico City Office might be informed of the type of information desired by the Air Force in this matter.

This is to advise that the above-mentioned enclosure was not received by this office and it is respectfully requested that a copy of this memorandum be forwarded to Mexico City.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 February 1949

AIR INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS
MEMORANDUM NUMBER 4

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

PART I - GENERAL

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is twofold:

- a. To enunciate continuing Air Force requirements for information pertaining to sightings of unconventional aircraft and unidentified flying objects, including the so-called "Flying Discs."
- b. To establish procedures for reporting such information.

2. RESCISSION

Department of the Army Collection Memorandum Number 7, dated 21 January 1948, and letter, CSGID 425.1, dated 25 March 1948, both subject as above, which have been transferred to Air Force agencies for action, are herewith superseded.

3. REPORTING

a. General

- (1) As complete an answer to the requirements enunciated in Part II, as may be procurable, should be dispatched by means of electrical transmission immediately after sightings.
- (2) Supplementary reports should be forwarded as available by the most expeditious means consistent with the importance of the information reported.

b. Major Air Commands (Overseas) and Air Attaches

- (1) Initial and supplementary cabled reports will be transmitted to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Force. Cables will contain the phrase, "Pass to COMGENAMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, ATTN: MCLAKO-3."

Classification (cancelled) (changed to TOP SECRET), effective on 1-1-49 under the authority of ASST by ASST/USAF

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(2) Supplementary written reports, prepared on AF Form 112, will be forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Force.

(3) Commanding General, Air Materiel Command is authorized direct contact with major Air Commands (overseas) and organizations under their control in connection with the development of information on this subject.

c. Major Air Commands (ZI)

(1) Reports will be forwarded direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCIAXO-3 by installations receiving information pertaining to the requirements enunciated in Part II.

(2) Copies of such reports may be supplied the Command Headquarters of the installation concerned.

(3) A copy of all reports sent to Air Materiel Command in accordance with these instructions will be forwarded at the same time to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Force.

(4) Written reports will be submitted on AF Form 112.

(5) Commanding General, Air Materiel Command is authorized direct contact with major Air Commands (ZI) and organizations under their control in connection with the development of information on this subject.

d. Non-Air Force Agencies

(1) Addressees other than those of the United States Air Force are requested to forward reports direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCIAXO-3.

(2) In order to reduce the time factor involved in transmission of this type of information it is requested that, wherever communications facilities permit, subordinate elements be authorized to communicate reports direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

PART II - REQUIREMENTS

General

1. Date of sighting.
2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock).
3. Where sighted (observer's position):

a. Ground

- (1) City, town, ^{con}.
- (2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc.
- (3) From building (story), yard, etc.
- (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude.

b. Air

- (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight.
- (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark.
- (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft.
- (4) Latitude and longitude.

c. Sea

- (1) Latitude and longitude.
- (2) Proximity to land. (Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects.

Formation type (if any), sketch if possible.

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information.)

6. Distance of object from observer.

- a. Laterally or horizontally.
- b. Angle of elevation from horizon.
- c. Altitude.

7. Time in sight.

8. Appearance of object.

- a. Color.
- b. Shape. (Sketch if possible)
- c. Apparent construction. (Of what material or substance)
- d. Size.

(1) Estimated size.

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view. (Compared to known object)

9. Direction of flight.

10. Tactics or maneuvers.

Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

11. Evidence of exhaust.

- a. Color of smoke.
- b. Length and width.

- c. Odor (if any).
 - d. Rate of evaporation.
 - e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)
12. Effect on clouds.
- a. Opened path thru clouds.
 - b. Forced cloud or mists.
 - c. Reflected on cloud.
 - d. Showed thru cloud.
13. Lights.
- a. Reflected or attached.
 - b. Luminous
 - c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed.
14. Support
- a. Wings.
 - b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage.
 - c. Vertical jet.
 - d. Rotating cylinder or cone.
 - e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible).
15. Propulsion.
- a. Propeller or jet.
 - b. Rotor.
 - c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect).
 - d. Visible exhaust or jet openings.
16. Control and stability.
- a. Fins
 - b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical).
 - (1) Size.
 - (2) Shape.
 - (3) Location.

17. Air ducts.
 - a. Slots.
 - b. Duct openings.
18. Speed - M.P.H.
19. Sound.
 - a. Continuous whine or buzz.
 - b. Roar, whistle, whoosh.
 - c. Intermittent.
20. Manner of disappearance.
 - a. Explode.
 - (1) Possibility of fragments.
 - (2) Other physical evidence.
 - b. Faded from view.
 - c. Disappeared behind obstacle.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer.
2. Address.
3. Occupation.
4. Place of business.
 - a. Employer or employee.
5. Pertinent hobbies.
 - a. Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.
 - b. Length of time engaged in hobby (experience).
6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color.
 - b. Speed of moving objects.
 - c. Size at distance.
7. Reliability of observer.
 - a. Sources.

- (1) Neighbors.
 - (2) Police Dept.
 - (3) FBI records.
 - (4) Employer.
8. Notes relative to observer on:
- a. Sightings in general.
 - b. How attention was drawn to object(s).
 - (1) Sound.
 - (2) Motion.
 - (3) Glint of light.
 - c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne.
9. Witnesses.
- a. Addressees.
 - b. Occupation.
 - c. Reliability.
10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

- 1. Re radars operating on ground.
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target.
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc. and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.
- 2. If airborne when object sighted.
 - a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

GENERAL

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions.
- 2. Winds aloft report.

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils.
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:
 - a. Object.
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed.
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
 - d. Maneuvers.
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two.
8. Secure signed statement.
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence, Office of
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

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FLYING DISCS. INFORMATION RECEIVED AT LOGAN, UTAH ELEVEN AM TODAY

THAT AT NINE AM A GUARD AT THE ARMY GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT, OGDEN, UTAH, OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN EXPLOSION IN THE AIR ACCOMPANIED BY A FLASH OF LIGHT FOLLOWED BY THE FALLING OF SILVER COLORED OBJECT.

THIS WAS SEEN AT HIGH ALTITUDE WEST OF OGDEN NEAR THE TOWN OF TAYLOR, UTAH. ABOUT THE SAME TIME LT. [REDACTED] OF LOGAN, UTAH PD SAW TWO PUFFS OF SMOKE HIGH IN THE AIR WEST OF LOGAN FOLLOWED BY FALLING OF

SILVER COLORED OBJECT. ALSO AT ABOUT SAME TIME UTAH HIGHWAY PATROLMAN [REDACTED] AT MANTUA, UTAH, SAW A SILVER COLORED OBJECT HIGH UP APPROACHING THE MOUNTAINS AT SARDINE CANYON BETWEEN LOGAN AND BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH AND AS OBJECT NEARED THE MOUNTAIN IT APPEARED TO EXPLODE IN A FLASH OF FIRE. SEVERAL RESIDENTS AT TRENTON, UTAH, WHICH IS WEST OF LOGAN, HAVE REPORTED TO SO, LOGAN, SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO AERIAL EXPLOSIONS FOLLOWED BY FALLING OBJECT WEST OF TRENTON AT ABOUT NINE TWENTY AM TODAY. ABOVE INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO OSI, HILL FIELD, UTAH. ANY FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR INFORMATION. OSI HILL FIELD HAS JUST NOW ADVISED ABOVE PHENOMENA PROBABLY CAUSED BY TWO B TWENTYNINES FROM WENDOVER FIELD WHICH ARE PRACTICE-BOMBING IN THE DESERT WEST OF LOGAN FROM EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDES WHICH WOULD CAUSE VAPOR TRAILS. OSI CHECKING FURTHER AND WILL ADVISE THIS OFFICE OF RESULTS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

HOUSTON

FILE NO. 105-145

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/28,29;1/7/49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c DPZ
TITLE FLYING DISCS; [REDACTED] complainant; Houston, Texas, December 27, 1948 b7c			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY M

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Object described by complainant as possible flying disc determined to be a model tow target or kite which had been abandoned after unsuccessful tests. Portions of target positively identified by [REDACTED] L.A. manufacturer and erstwhile financial backer as being part of the model target or kite. **b7c**

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REFERENCE:

- Teletype from Houston to Director dated 12/28/48.
- Teletype from Los Angeles to Director dated 12/28/48.
- Teletype from Los Angeles to Director dated 12/29/48.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon the receipt of referenced teletype from the Houston Office advising that [REDACTED] had located an object in the desert near Helendale, California, resembling a flying disc. This object, described as a flying disc, had been located by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of South Pasadena, California, approximately one hundred and fifty miles northeast of Pasadena or about twenty miles from Lone Pine, California. **b7c**

Special Agent [REDACTED] determined that [REDACTED] was traveling in Arizona and not available for interview. **b7c**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Mr. [REDACTED] Avenue, South Pasadena, California, who was with [REDACTED] at the time the object was discovered, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] on December 28, 1948, that he was present at the time the object was located on his, [REDACTED] landing field near Helendale, California. [REDACTED] advised that they had taken some pieces off the object and that subsequently, upon returning to Los Angeles, b7c he had learned that the object was actually a model kite or tow target which had been built by the [REDACTED] of Los Angeles. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had talked to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that they had admitted to him having experimented with the object over his, [REDACTED] airfield. Mr. [REDACTED] made available three of the parts of the target which he had secured while at the airfield.

The information furnished by Mr. [REDACTED] was verified by Special Agent [REDACTED] in an interview with Mr. [REDACTED] MANUFACTURING COMPANY, [REDACTED] Los Angeles. The parts made available by Mr. [REDACTED] were exhibited to Mr. [REDACTED] and he advised that the model tow target or kite had been taken to the airfield for flight tests by himself and [REDACTED], Los Angeles 43, California. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is the inventor of the object and [REDACTED] had originally agreed to finance him to develop the tow target or kite as a toy. Mr. [REDACTED] explained that they were primarily interested in developing the contraption as a toy kite to be sold in a much smaller model; however, the inventor, against their wishes, had developed a much larger model which he had hoped to sell as a tow target to be used behind airplanes. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that since he had gone that far they felt that they should give the project a test and thereupon they took it out to the desert as a precautionary measure. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the flight test was a failure; the model crashed soon after it was airborne and was thereafter abandoned on the field. b7c

In the absence of her husband, Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed and exhibited the three parts of the kite made available by Mr. [REDACTED]. She readily identified the three items as part of a kite her husband had built for the [REDACTED]. She advised that she also accompanied her husband to the desert at the time the tests were made. She explained that the kite had crashed and that the manufacturing company did not want to put any more cash in it so it was abandoned on the desert. b7c

The three parts of the kite were returned to [REDACTED] on January 7, 1949. The Sub-District Office, I. G. (USAF), 1206 Santee Street, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California, was apprised of the information contained herein immediately upon its receipt. b7c

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United States Department of
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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March 25, 1949

MEMO FOR MR. HOOVER
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RE: FLYING DISCS

Your attention is directed to Bureau Bulletin #57, Series 1947, dated October 1, 1947, relating to the discontinuance of investigation by this Bureau in matters concerning flying discs.

For your confidential information, a reliable and confidential source has advised the Bureau that flying discs are believed to be man-made missiles rather than natural phenomenon. It has also been determined that for approximately the past four years the USSR has been engaged in experimentation on an unknown type of flying disc.

The Department of the Air Force has furnished to the Bureau the attached memorandum classified "restricted" dated February 15, 1949, entitled "Unconventional Aircraft." This memorandum is being furnished to you in order that all agents assigned to your office can be informed of the type of information desired by the Air Force in this matter.

As set forth in Bureau Bulletin #57, referred to above, no investigation should be conducted by your office relative to flying discs, however, the attached memorandum should be referred to in securing data from persons who desire to voluntarily furnish information to your office relating to flying discs.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

Enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS
BUREAU FILE 65-58300

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Re San Antonio letter to the Director dated January 31, 1949, which outlined discussion had at recent weekly Intelligence Conferences of G-2, ONI, OSI and FBI in the Fourth Army Area concerning "Unidentified Aircraft" or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" otherwise known as "flying discs", "Flying saucers" and "balls of fire". It is repeated that this matter is considered secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Force.

G-2, 4th Army, has now advised that the above matter is now termed "Unconventional Aircraft" and investigations concerning such matters have been given the name "Project Grudge".

G-2, 4th Army, advised on February 16, 1949, a conference was held at Los Alamos, New Mexico, to consider the so-called "Green fire ball phenomena" which began about December 5, 1948. It was brought out this question has been classified "secret" and that investigation is now the primary responsibility of the U.S. Air Force, Air Materiel Command, T-2.

Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ of the University of New Mexico, discussed one sighting which he himself had made which was termed the "Starvation peak incident" and described the following characteristics which indicated that the phenomenon could not be classified as a normal meteorite fall.

1. There was an initial bright light (no period of intensity increase) and constant intensity during the duration of the phenomenon.
2. Yellow green color about 5200 Angstroms.
3. Essentially horizontal path.
4. Trajectory traversed at constant angular velocity.
5. Duration about two seconds.
6. No accompanying noise.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 22, 1949

It was brought out that since December 5, 1948 there have been more than ten incidents analagous to the "green fireball" above described and some twenty others with minor deviations from the above. It is also pointed out that the only sitings which had occurred seemed to have been confined to the Los Alamos, Las Vegas, and West Texas triangle.

G-2 also advised that as of November 1, 1948, information had been received from higher Military authorities that the Air Force had advised that such sitings occur periodically and that another period of sitings was then imminent. Further, on February 14, 1949, higher Military authorities advised that it was believed that ultimately it would be found that the phenomena in question have a natural explanation.

It is further noted that about 7:30 p.m., March 6, 1949, what was at first thought to be a flare was seen approximately one-half mile north of Killeen Base in the area of the Vital Installation at Camp Hood, Texas, and a second flare was noticed at 1:45 a.m., March 7, 1949, approximately three miles from Killeen Base. It has since been concluded that the flares seen near Killeen are probably similar to the phenomena previously noted in the Los Alamos, Sandia Base Area although these are the first sitings of such phenomena near Camp Hood.

There appears to be reason to believe that the above-mentioned phenomena may be connected with secret experiments being conducted by some U.S. Government Agency as it is believed that the United States is farther advanced in guided missile development than any foreign power.

Although the primary responsibility for investigating such matters is now with the U.S. A.F. Air Materiel Command, G-2, 4th Army is still interested in being advised of any further sitings of such phenomena which might be observed.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *st*
FROM : Mr. Fletcher *AKC*
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: March 14, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

PURPOSE

The approval of the Executive Conference is requested for the attached SAC letter furnishing to the field the type of information desired by the Intelligence Division of the Air Force in connection with the captioned matter.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that by Bureau Bulletin #57, Series 1947, dated October 1, 1947, the field was advised that effective as of that date the Bureau had discontinued its investigative activities in connection with flying discs. The field was advised that all future reports concerning this matter received in the field should be referred to the Air Forces.

Colonel [redacted] Air Materiel Command, Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has recently and confidentially advised the Bureau that flying discs are believed by the Air Force to be man-made missiles rather than some natural phenomenon and that as much as four years ago it was learned that some type of flying discs were being experimented upon by the Russians. It was further determined from [redacted] that most all of the flying discs seen by persons in the United States approached this country from a northerly direction and returned in the same direction, indicating the strong possibility that they are coming from Russia. *b7c*

The Department of the Air Force has furnished to the Bureau a sufficient number of copies of a memorandum dated February 15, 1949 captioned "Unconventional Aircraft" which can be furnished to our field offices.

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At the present time this Bureau is conducting investigation of information received in the field relating to the captioned matter.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached SAC letter and enclosure be forwarded to the field to advise them of the type of questions to be asked of persons who voluntarily submit information relative to "flying discs." Although no active investigation will be conducted by the Bureau, it is believed that the captioned matter is of sufficient importance to the internal security of the country that our field offices should secure as much information as possible from complainants in order to assist the

Department of the Air Force.
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Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

January 31, 1949
DATE:

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS
BUREAU FILE # 65-50300

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At recent Weekly Intelligence Conferences of G-2, ONI, OSI, and F.B.I., in the Fourth Army Area, Officers of G-2, Fourth Army have discussed the matter of "Unidentified Aircraft" or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" otherwise known as "Flying Discs", "Flying Saucers", and "Balls of Fire". This matter is considered top secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces.

It is well known that there have been during the past two years reports from the various parts of the country of the sighting of unidentified aerial objects which have been called in newspaper parlance "flying discs" and "flying saucers". The first such sightings were reported from Sweden, and it was thought that the objects, the nature of which was unknown, might have originated in Russia.

In July 1948 an unidentified aircraft was "seen" by an Eastern Airlines pilot and Co-Pilot and one or more passengers of the Eastern Airlines plane over Montgomery, Alabama. This aircraft was reported to be of an unconventional type without wings and resembled generally a "rocket ship" of the type depicted in comic strips. It was reported to have had windows; to have been larger than the Eastern Airlines plane, and to have been traveling at an estimated speed of 2700 miles an hour. It appeared out of a thunder-head ahead of the Eastern Airlines plane and immediately disappeared in another cloud narrowly missing a collision with the Eastern Airlines plane. No sound or air disturbance was noted in connection with this appearance.

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During the past two months various sightings of unexplained phenomena have been reported in the vicinity of the A.S.C. Installation at Los Alamos, New Mexico, where these phenomena now appear to be concentrated. During December 1948 on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13, 14th, 20th and 26th sightings of unexplained phenomena were made near Los Alamos by Special Agents of the Office of Special Investigation; Airline Pilots; Military Pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, and private citizens. On January 6, 1949, another similar object was sighted in the same area.

b7c [redacted] a Meteorologist of some note, has been generally in charge of the observations near Los Alamos, attempting to learn characteristics of the unexplained phenomena.

Up to this time little concrete information has been obtained.

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There have been day time sightings which are tentatively considered to possibly resemble the exhaust of some type of jet propelled object. Night-time sightings have taken the form of lights usually described as brilliant green, similar to a green traffic signal or green neon light. Some reports indicated that the light began and ended with a red or orange flash. Other reports have given the color as red, white, blu-white, and yellowish green. Trailing lights sometimes observed are said to be red. The spectrum analysis of one light indicates that it may be a copper compound of the type known to be used in rocket experiments and which completely disintegrates upon explosion, leaving no debris. It is noted that no debris has ever been known to be located anywhere resulting from the unexplained phenomena.

Recent observations have indicated that the unidentified phenomena travel at a rate of speed estimated at a minimum of three miles per second and a maximum of twelve miles per second, or a mean calculated speed of seven and one-half miles a second, or 27,000 miles an hour. Their reported course indicates that they travel on an East - West line with probability that they approach from the Northern quadrant, which would be the last stage of the great circle route if they originated in Russia. When observed they seem to be in level flight at a height of six to ten miles and thus traveling on a tangent to the earth's surface. They occasionally dip at the end of the path and on two occasions a definite vertical change in path was indicated. These phenomena have not been known to have been sighted, however, at any intermediate point between Russia and Los Alamos, but only at the end of the flight toward the apparent "target", namely, Los Alamos.

In every case but one the shape of the objects has been reported as round in a point of light with a definite area to the light's source. One report gives a diamond shape; another indicates that trailing lights are elongated. The size is usually compared to one-fourth the diameter of the full moon, and they have also been compared in size to a basketball with trailing lights the size of a baseball.

On no occasion has sound been associated directly with the phenomena, but unexplained-sounds have been reported from Los Alamos. On two occasions reports have been received of the sighting of multiple units.

Some nine scientific reasons are stated to exist which indicated that the phenomena observed are not due to meteorites. The only conclusions reached thus far are that they are either hitherto unobserved natural phenomena or that they are man made. No scientific experiments are known to exist in this country which could give rise to such phenomena.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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[REDACTED] was the subject of a letter from the Atlanta office to the Bureau dated August 10, 1948, entitled, [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING." b7c

She has written many letters to Military Authorities concerning her theories regarding Atomic Energy. She has generally been considered unreliable and possibly mentally unbalanced. She, however, has submitted to Military authorities the only theory thus far known that has any credibility at all, namely, that the lights are manifestations of cosmic rays which are directed toward a specific point. She further theorizes that such rays may interfere with the ignition of motors and may account for various unexplained air crashes.

The above is submitted for the confidential information of the Bureau and offices to which copies of this letter are directed so that these offices may evaluate any such reports they may have received or may receive in the future.

It is noted that the Fourth Army has the responsibility of protecting vital installations at Los Alamos, New Mexico, Sandia Base, New Mexico, and Camp Hood, Texas. Any information developed should be expeditiously transmitted to G-2, Fourth Army.

It is further noted that G-2 and O.S.I. are actively engaged in investigating this matter. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Knoxville

SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS" OBSERVED OVER OAK RIDGE AREA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: February 18, 1949

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Reference is made to Knoxville letter to the Director dated January 10, 1949, entitled as above.

There is being forwarded for the Bureau's information a copy of a letter from ██████████ USAF, AMC ██████████ ██████████ Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Mr. ██████████ ██████████ U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge. This letter is self explanatory and reveals that the photographs forwarded with referenced letter are the result of accident or purposeful hoax and are not actually photographs of a "flying saucer".

██████████ personally advised that while the photographs are not real, his statements made concerning the existence of flying saucers and the opinions expressed by him nevertheless stand as previously stated.

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NEPA Project, P. O. Box
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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10 February 1949

Mr. G. J. Rathman
Chief, Investigation Section
Security Division
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
P. O. Box E
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rathman

This is in response to your letter dated 16 December 1948, subject "Photographs", with inclosures, addressed to Major B. J. Grant at this site, concerning photographs taken during the month of July 1947 by Mr. William Presley of 218 Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, of an unidentified object that appeared to be flying over Oak Ridge.

Since receipt by Major Grant of the above material, this office has taken steps to secure an evaluation of same by the Air Force office of the Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Air Materiel Command, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. As a result, the following information has been revealed:

"When the negative, containing the sphere, is examined by strong incident light, it is noted that the emulsion is raised at that point above the normal level of the remaining emulsion. This indicates that either a drop of warm water or a drop of developer struck the film at this point and rolled down this negative and the succeeding negative.

"To further substantiate this, it will be noted that when the two (2) negatives are placed side by side with the edges of the film aligned, the so-called "trail" is continuous, that is the two sections match, indicating the drop rolled on from one negative to the next.

"Still further proof is shown on the fogged edge of the negative containing only the trail. This is proven by the fact that the trail extends beyond the normal format

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the camera. This effect shows up in one negative and not in the other because the negative in question is fogged; therefore, this irregularity was developed.

"Still further proof of these defects lies in the number of unevenly developed sections of the negative."

In view of the above, it is recommended that this entire matter be declassified and that Mr. Presley be advised of the nature of the images, if and when the negatives are returned to him by your office.

For your information, this office is taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of this communication to Mr. C. C. McSwain, Special Agent, FBI, because of official interest evidenced by his office in the matter.

Your cooperation in furnishing photographs and negatives, together with information contained in your letter of 16 December 1948 to Major Grant, is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. D. GASSER
Colonel, USAF
AMC Engineering Field Officer

3 Incls.
2 Negatives
1 Photostat

cc - Mr. C. C. McSwain

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From: CO Kirtland AFB New Mexico

To: Chief of Staff USAF attn Dir of Special Investigations
Officer of the Inspector General

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Mr: OSI-1-90

31 January 1949

Reference previous reports, subject; unknown, aerial phenomena, file number 24-8. Sighting of identical object reported at 2255Z 30 Jan 49 by aprx 30 people. Estimate at least 100 total sightings. AEC, AFSWP, 4th Army, local commanders perturbed by implications of phenomena. Sighting reported from El Paso, Albuquerque, Alamogordo, Roswell, Socorro, and other locations. All appear to be same object at different points in trajectory. Unless instructed to contrary this office will make all out investigation with view to location of impact point if any. Request reply.

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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 1/25/49 Case References FLYING DISCS *b7c*
Consigned to: SAC, HOUSTON [REDACTED], Complainant

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parts of supposed flying disc.

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- Mr. Harbo, 7641
- Mr. Conrad, 7142
- Mr. Downing, 6228 IB
- Mr. Sizoo, 7601
- Mr. Baughman, 7121

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: January 24, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E.A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Tele. Room
- Miss Gandy

I thought you might be interested in the following information concerning "Flying Discs" which has been furnished to the Bureau on a confidential basis by [redacted] Air Material Command, U. S. Army, who is the principal army technician at the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research Center at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[redacted] stated that he knew nothing of an official nature concerning "Flying Discs" other than the fact that they are believed by Air Force Intelligence officials to be man-made missiles, rather than some natural phenomena. It was his further belief that a great deal of information has been compiled concerning these missiles by air force intelligence, and that research on the matter was being extensively done at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

[redacted] then continued with his own ideas as to what might be the nature of these discs which ideas he had formulated through review of those known facts and theoretical conjectures of himself and other scientists concerning the nature of flying discs and methods of propulsion for such type of aerial mechanism. According to him, flying discs have long been a theoretical possibility, and, in fact, a possibility which would indicate one of the best means by which to break through the barriers of the supersonic area. He stated that scientists have, for many years, been attempting to develop this type of aircraft. Some experimentation has been done even in the United States, but insofar as is known in the United States at the present time, there have never been any practical developments. As a second factor of consideration, [redacted] stated that insofar as is known to U. S. scientists at this time, there is no known chemical fuel which would make possible tremendous range of flight such as is ascribed to the reported "flying discs." According to [redacted] there is only one possible fuel which could be utilized which is in accord with present theory, and that is the utilization of atomic energy.

He stated that this subject matter was being given absolutely no dissemination by the air force or other military personnel, and that they had not deemed it advisable to advise him of all information pertaining to this type missile. He continued, however, that in his conversation with representatives at Wright Field and in reading reports returned to this country by foreign agents, he had gathered together certain information which might be of assistance in determining whether or not these so-called missiles were authentic, usable and of danger to the United States.

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He pointed out that knowledge of such a possible aircraft is not by any means new and that it was known as early as four years ago that some type of flying disc was being experimented with by the Russians. In addition he said that more recent reports have been received from representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency in Southern Europe and Southern Asia to the effect that the Russians were experimenting with some type of radical aircraft or guided missile which could be dispatched for great distances out over the sea, made to turn in flight and return to the base from which it was launched. He related that this information was extremely worthy of notice as experiments in this country have so far only developed to the point where we are concerned with delivering a missile to the required point of impact, and no consideration has been given to imparting to that missile the ability to return. He also advised that it is a known fact that the Russians are attempting to develop some type of nuclear energy, that they received a wealth of information concerning nuclear energy at the time of their occupation in Germany, and that they have at their disposal a limited supply of fissionable materials. He pointed out that the Russians have some very capable scientists in the field of atomic energy and that, in addition thereto, they took into their custody some of the most-advanced and capable scientists of the German Nation.

██████████ stated that a peculiar fact concerning these missiles is found in reports he has received, that from all appearances the missiles usually approach the United States from a northerly direction and have been reported as returning in a northerly direction. He advised that none have ever been known to crash, collide or disintegrate over American soil, but it would appear that they come to the United States, cruise around, and go back over the North Pole. He stated that insofar as is known to him there has never been any part of a missile of this type recovered from any source whatever in order that an analytical study of its nature could be made. He stated that one report has been received concerning a collision of these missiles with another type of aircraft. This report, according to him, emanated from Czechoslovakia and took place a short time prior to the report of numerous discs over the United States. According to ██████████ a Czechoslovak transport had reportedly collided with some unidentified missile while in mid-air over the ocean, and that the missile and transport were completely disintegrated without recovery of parts or survivors from either.

██████████ concluded that this matter, while still purely a matter of guesswork, is nevertheless a source of great concern to the military establishment of this country. He advised that great efforts have been expended by the military service to determine the nature of these missiles and upon so determining, decide whether or not an adequate defense can be established. He stated that it has given impetus to the research being done by the air force in their own program of nuclear energy for the propulsion of aircraft to develop guided missiles.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information.

SAC, Houston

January 25, 1949

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS

[Redacted] Complainant *b7c*

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Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype dated 12/29/48 and to Houston teletype dated 12/28/48, and the subsequent transmittal of an 8mm movie film taken by Mr. [Redacted] along with several parts of the supposed flying disc to the laboratory for examination.

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Since prior to receipt of the above items by the laboratory the information was obtained which identified the supposed flying disc as a tow target and later a toy kite, no examination was conducted here.

Accordingly, these items are being returned to you via registered mail.

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cc: SAC, Los Angeles

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- Mr. Tolson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/28/48

FROM : SAC, Houston

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Complainant b7c

Attention: Assistant Director D.M. Ladd

Remytel 12/28/48 in the above captioned matter.

For the Bureau's information, on 12/27/48 [REDACTED] an attorney with offices [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, telephonically contacted the Houston Office to advise that he had a friend, [REDACTED] who had some information on an object which might be a flying disc. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was calling in response to Mr. [REDACTED] suggestion and as a means of determining what authorities would have an interest in this matter. He said Mr. [REDACTED] was a machinist employed by the [REDACTED] Houston. b7c

Mr. [REDACTED], in calling, advised that the disc, or object, was approximately eight feet in diameter, had a tail and wings, and apparently was equipped for jet propulsion. He stated [REDACTED] had observed this object at a desert location near Las Vegas, Nevada; further, that Mr. [REDACTED] had taken some movie film of the disc and that this film was currently in his possession. b7c

Immediately upon receipt of the above information, Mr. [REDACTED] Special Agent, O.S.I., Ellington Field, Texas, was notified as was true of Captain [REDACTED] MID representative, also Houston. As a result of these referrals, arrangements were effected with Mr. [REDACTED] to bring his film to the Houston Office for a showing at 8 P.M., 12/27/48. This was done with Messrs [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer observing. Arrangements were then made for Mr. [REDACTED] to again appear at the Houston Office on the morning of 12/28/48 in order that his information might be reduced to writing. Mr. [REDACTED] in making his initial appearance at the office surrendered his movie film which consisted of one 50 foot roll of 8 mm movie film. Approximately fifteen feet of this roll relates exclusively to the pictures of the flying disc. b7c

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Director
Re: Flying Disc
HO 12/28/48

While observing the object, Mr. [redacted] noted an aluminum cylinder which had become detached from one of the wing tips and he brought this back with him as a souvenir. This cylinder conceivably could act as a rudder, a rocket housing, or fuel tank attachment. Mr. [redacted] initialled the cylinder and surrendered it also. b7c

There are attached hereto for the Bureau two copies of a signed statement taken from Mr. [redacted] dated Houston, Texas, 12/28/48. Two copies of the statement are attached for the Los Angeles Office, and one informational copy is being designated for the Cincinnati Division. The original is being retained in the Houston file. One copy of the statement is attached to the copy of this letter for the FBI Laboratory. During the interview with Mr. [redacted], Mrs. [redacted], a stenographer for O.S.I., Ellington Field, recorded the statement for O.S.I. use. b7c

Initial information obtained concerning this flying disc was furnished telephonically to Inspector [redacted] at the Bureau, 9 A.M., 12/28/48. Mr. [redacted] requested the Bureau be given a summary of the information by teletype, with interested offices being similarly notified, and that the signed statement of [redacted] be submitted AMSD. He further instructed that he did not want the Bureau "side tracked" in the handling of this matter, but that FBI representatives should assume an active interest in the investigation throughout, cooperating, of course, with O.S.I. representatives. b7c

Mr. [redacted] headquarters are the District Commander, 5th O.S.I. District, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. On the morning of 12/28/48 Mr. [redacted] sent a telegram to his District Commander giving a general summary of the original complaint. Mr. [redacted] was unable to advise how the 5th O.S.I. District would handle their inquiry in this matter. He stated this could either be handled by Wright Field dispatching a special plane to California or by having their District Commander, 18D, O.S.I., San Bernardino, California handle it. He stated in any event it would be necessary for O.S.I. representatives to first confer with Mr. [redacted] named in this statement, as being the individual who initially discovered the flying disc and would know also its present whereabouts. b7c

Director
Re: Flying Disc
HO 12/28/48

Mr. [redacted] as indicated, maintains a business a [redacted] b7c
[redacted] Los Angeles, California, telephone

To insure the Bureau's participation in this matter, SAC R.B. Hood, of the Los Angeles Office, was contacted telephonically at approximately 11:30 A.M. (CST) 12/28/48 with the suggestion he maintain contact with Mr. [redacted] b7c

Also in keeping with Bureau instructions, the roll of film received from Mr. [redacted] together with the aluminum portion of the fuselage, is being forwarded separately to the Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory.

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

CC: Los Angeles (Encl.) AMSD
Cincinnati (Encl.) AMSD

FBI, Laboratory (Encl.)

Package

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HBI
instructions
E.H. -

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letter
dated 1/25/49

Houston, Texas
Dec. 28, 1948

I, [redacted], residing [redacted] Houston 17, Texas, make the following statement to Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted] representatives of the Office of Special Investigation, Ellington OSI Detachment, Ellington Field, Texas, and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b7c

On Monday afternoon December 6, 1948, at about 6 P.M., Mr. [redacted] and another man, name not recalled, and I had dinner at the Old Virginia Inn, Los Angeles, California. After dinner we went back to Mr. [redacted] electrical manufacturing company which he owns and operates in Los Angeles, California. Mr. [redacted] told us about seeing a flying disc and we made an appointment to leave early the next morning by car, with our cameras, to go to the location of the disc. Mr. [redacted] was detained at some private air field so we did not leave until about 2 P.M. on December 7, 1948. We arrived at the scene of the flying disc and took pictures of the disc which was still lying around. Mr. [redacted] took about 10 feet of 16 mm film and Mr. [redacted] took five or six shots with a Speed Graphic Camera. He noticed that the first three shots were taken when the adapter on his lens was closed too much and I don't know if they turned out all right. Mr. [redacted] suggested I hold the flying disc up and rotate it around and he would take my picture with my camera. After taking the pictures, we patched the fence of Mr. [redacted] property where people had been cutting the wire to get to a road. We left and then drove back and had dinner at Eaton's Inn and they took me back home to Hollywood, California. b7c

I would like to recite that I left Houston, Texas 11:30 A.M. on Sunday, December 5, 1948, for California by plane and flew to Hollywood, California on a commercial plane on business matters. On arriving in Hollywood, I met Mr. [redacted] in Hollywood on Monday, December 6, 1948, and at that time he told me about the flying disc he had located. He stated he had gone to Las Vegas by his personal plane and saw the disc from the air on his way back. b7c

On December 7, 1948 we went out in Mr. [redacted] car and picked up his wife and left his home in South Pasadena about 11 A.M. We drove out to an airport where his plane was about forty miles from Pasadena where he was having the plane repaired. He wanted to be sure the plane was on a truck before we left for the destination where the disc was. In making this trip, we proceeded out by a race track and passed one of the Kaiser steel works and the Virginia Dare Wine Orchard. I would say we went directly north or northeast from Pasadena, California. We drove through a town called Patoia (phonetic) and followed a road through some mountains and through a small desert. I would estimate the distance from Pasadena to where the disc was found to be about 150 miles. The terrain in which the disc was found could be described as flat, desert, and desolate. b7c

I would like to explain that Mr. [redacted] has private property (an airport which he purchased from the government) right by the location of the disc. Mr. [redacted] thought the disc might have been launched from his airport, but whether that was it or not - we don't know. Mr. [redacted] said he usually flew at an altitude of about 8,000 feet and, of course, he flew lower in some spaced. He did not mention his altitude at the time he first saw the disc. The disc was located practically just outside his property and we were going north, so it would be east of his property. He has about 900 acres. b7c

When we arrived at Mr. [redacted] property, we saw the disc, or flying wing, and it was on the ground in a semi-vertical position, approximately a 45-degree angle, with the left wing imbedded in the ground. In looking at the ground, it appeared that the object had hit the earth with considerable force and had slid 300 to 400 feet. It was dented but was generally intact. I think the pictures I took with a Revere 8 mm camera quite well show the form, shape and size of the "wing." I am 5'7" tall and in standing next to the object when it was in an upright position, it was slightly higher than my height. I would say it was roughly seven feet in diameter, before crashing. b7c

On each side of the object there were wings approximately four feet by twenty inches and three inches thick with an axle that protruded through the disc and into the wings. It was mounted on ball bearings which the disc rotated on.

The disc itself was approximately two feet thick in the center, tapering to a feather edge at the rim. On the outside of the disc, near the rim, there were funnel shaped cups bradded on and these were spaced all around on both sides, each cup being approximately twenty inches apart. The openings of these cups were to the rear. The disc itself was natural aluminum with no paint on it except of the type of aluminum which was 24 S.T. and it bore this stamp. The wings were painted a yellow-green camouflage color.

The wing has a leading edge similar to that of an airplane and tapers to the rear to a feather edge. The wing was ribbed throughout with aluminum ribs for substantial strength. Each wing had a similar rocket cartridge on each tip fastened by two bolts. I had one of the wings in my possession and have turned it over to the proper authorities. The cartridge on the one I had was apparently knocked off in the crash.

There were two strut bars attached approximately twenty inches from the disc leading to the rear with an elevator. Also, the two struts protruded toward the front with something attached, a weight or some tow system, which was during the crash anchored into the ground and bent and we could not exactly determine how it was weighted or controlled. I would say the elevator was approximately twenty-two inches long and about 5/8 inch thick with a slight taper to the rear and probably ten inches wide. The struts extending from the trailing edge of the wing to the elevator were made of 5/8 inch steel tubing. The disc, in being lifted, I would judge to weigh from 80 to 100 pounds.

With respect to the pictures taken, I took approximately 15 feet of colored 8 mm film.

b7c The disc was built where they had the proper equipment to do the necessary work because they had to have a spot welder and building equipment to make the different angles. I might add that I am an instrument maker for the [redacted] and have a generally good knowledge of machine and metal work. There was nothing on the object to indicate its origin, whether American or foreign make. It would appear, however, from the aluminum, workmanship, etc. that it probably was American made.

I got home about 10:30 A.M. and [redacted] of the City Desk at the "Houston Post" called me and wanted to know about the disc. I told him I could not give him any information on it. He begged me for the story, but I told him I would let him know and that I had friends I had to contact before I could give him any information. b7c

I then got in touch with Mr. [redacted], my lawyer, the following morning and asked him if he knew anyone in the FBI. He stated all the FBI personnel he knew were no longer stationed here. I then contacted the FBI and turned the material over to them. b7c

Although I can't describe where this object is located, I believe I could go back to it and I am sure Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] could go back to it.

Mr. [redacted] business address is [redacted] Avenue, South Pasadena, California. [redacted] is president of the [redacted] Company, [redacted] Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. b7c

For record purposes, in taking the pictures above referred to, I did so using exposure of 16 frames per second at a diaphragm opening of f6.3. I used Cine-Kodak Kodachrome film.

ATTENTION THE ABOVE STATEMENT, MADE VOLUNTARILY, AND FOR THE RETENTION OF PROPER AUTHORITIES, IS MADE TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

[redacted] b7c

Witnesses:

Representatives OSI, Ellington Field, Texas

FBI, Houston, Texas

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI

FROM : SAC KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS" OBSERVED OVER
OAK RIDGE AREA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: January 15, 1948

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

There are being submitted herewith two photographs of reputedly "flying saucers" which were seen at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, sometime during July of 1947. All of the information contained in this letter was received from [redacted], Atomic Energy Commission, and [redacted], Air Material Command, United States Army, who is the principal army technician at the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research Center at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised that the attached photographs were taken by [redacted] in July of 1947. He stated that interview with [redacted] revealed that he had been snapping photographs of his family in front of his residence at [redacted] Oak Ridge, Tennessee, late in the afternoon, when he looked into the sky and observed the vapor trail as exhibited by the photograph numbered "1." [redacted] stated that he took a snap of this trail, was winding the film to the next number, when he looked into the sky and observed the ball of fire as shown in photograph 2. Upon observing the unusual phenomena, he used his last film in taking photograph #2. [redacted] made these photographs available to reporters of the Knoxville News-Sentinel and a story concerning them was run in that paper; however, as shown by the photostatic copy of the newspaper clipping, which is also being submitted herewith to the Bureau, the print was very indistinct; the news story did not contain any factual information; and it was regarded generally by the public at the time as a possible trick.

Later, it was learned by [redacted] that [redacted] had made several copies of this photograph and had distributed them among his acquaintances at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Upon [redacted] finding that the photographs had received some distribution, he requested [redacted] as Head of the [redacted] to recover as many as possible of the photographs, advise the persons in whose possession they were found to say nothing to anyone concerning them, and to return the said photographs to him for transmission to the United States Air Force Intelligence Service. [redacted] advises that he succeeded in rounding up twenty-four copies of these photographs, and that, according to the statements of [redacted] no more copies were made or distributed. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] had appeared extremely concerned over the matter and seemed to be quite emphatic that the matter should be given no more publicity than was absolutely necessary. [redacted] also advised that he studied the negatives from which the reproductions were made, and they appeared to be authentic in that trick photography should have been apparent, but from the

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negatives certainly did not appear to be the case. It was [redacted] observation that had the negative been "doped" with some sort of chemical, it would have removed the emulsion from the face of the film in such a way that the negative would have been thin at the point which is supposedly a ball of fire, whereas, in fact, both the vapor trail and the corona of fire are dark on the negative, indicating that it was an actual exposure. It was the opinion of [redacted] that the photographs were, without doubt, authentic. b7c

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no active investigation of this matter was made, but it was deemed advisable to interview [redacted] prior to submitting the photographs to the Bureau.

[redacted] predicated his remarks concerning the "flying saucers" or "mystery missiles" by stating that he knew nothing of an official nature concerning them, other than the fact that they were believed by air force intelligence officials to be man-made missiles, rather than some natural phenomena. It was his further belief that a great deal of information had been compiled concerning these missiles by air force intelligence, and that research on the matter was being extensively done at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He also expressed the opinion that information at the disposal of the United States Army Air Force Intelligence had, in all probability, been made available to the Bureau at Washington, D. C. b7c

discussible via [redacted]

[redacted] then continued with his own ideas as to what might be the nature of these discs, which ideas he had formulated through review of those known facts and theoretical conjectures of himself and other scientists concerning the nature of flying discs and methods of propulsion for such type of aerial mechanism. According to him, flying discs have long been a theoretical possibility and, in fact, a possibility which would indicate one of the best means by which to break through the barriers of the supersonic area. Scientists have, for many years, been attempting to develop this type of aircraft. Some experimentation has been done even in the United States, but insofar as is known in the United States at the present time, there have never been any practical developments. As a second factor of consideration, [redacted] stated that insofar as is known to U. S. scientists at this time, there is no known chemical fuel which would make possible tremendous range of flight such as is ascribed to the reported "flying saucers." There is only one possible fuel which could be utilized which is in accord with present theory, and that is the utilization of atomic energy. As further evidence of this possible means of propulsion, [redacted] called attention to the vapor trail and gaseous corona described as a ball of fire, which he states might give some evidence to the fact that a radio-active field is present. He explained that the corona, or exhaust, has what appears to be layers of intensity which are circular rather than elongated and have no tendency to trail at the extremities, as would be the case if a normal type of exhaust from a combustion engine was being utilized in the propulsion of these aircraft. He continued that the vapor trail left by the missile appears to be one single line of uniform intensity which is extremely slow in dissipating. It was pointed out by him that in the case of a normal b7c

vapor trail being left by an aircraft moving at extremely high speeds or extremely high altitudes, the vapor trail usually will be from the wing tips and/or the exhaust of the engines, thus presenting several lines. But, in any event, even though only one line were visible, it would be rather quick to dissipate. This indicated to him that the vapor trail represents some atmospheric change along the path of the missile, which would not be the case were it any presently known type of aircraft.

as subject

He continued that information furnished by him should be treated with the utmost confidence, in that he was not speaking officially, but as a personal matter of cooperation. He stated that the matter was being given absolutely no dissemination by the air force or other military personnel, and that they had not deemed it advisable to advise him of all information pertaining to the missile. He continued, however, that in his conversation with representatives at Wright Field and in reading reports returned to this country by foreign agents, he had gathered together certain information which might be of assistance in determining whether or not these so-called missiles were authentic, usable and of danger to the United States. First, he pointed out that knowledge of such a possible aircraft is not by any means new, it having been known as early as four years ago that some type of flying disc was being experimented with by the Russians. In addition thereto, he stated that more recent reports have been received from representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency in Southern Europe and Southern Asia to the effect that the Russians were experimenting with some type of radical aircraft or guided missile which could be dispatched for great distances out over the sea, made to turn in flight and return to the base from which it was launched. This fact was extremely worthy of notice as experiments in this country have so far only developed to the point where we are concerned with delivering a missile to the required point of impact, and no consideration has been given to imparting to that missile the ability to return. Secondly, he stated that it is a known fact that the Russians are attempting to develop some type of nuclear energy, that they received a wealth of information concerning nuclear energy at the time of their occupation in Germany, and that they too have at their disposal the limited supply of the necessary fissionable materials. He stated that insofar as any opinion as to whether or not they have the ability and scientific knowledge to create such a nuclear-propelled missile is strictly a matter of conjecture, and that he would hesitate to make any definite statement. He pointed out, however, that the Russians have some very capable scientists in the field of atomic energy and that, in addition thereto, they took into their custody some of the most advanced and capable scientists of the German Nation.

He also stated that a peculiar fact concerning the missiles exists from reports he has received which is worthy of notice, and that is that from all appearances, they usually approach the United States from a northerly direction and have been reported as returning in a northerly direction. None have ever been known to crash, collide or disintegrate over American soil, but it would appear that they come to the United States, cruise around, and go back over the North Pole. He states that insofar as is known to him, there has never

been any piece of one recovered from any source whatever in order that analytical study of its nature could be made. Insofar as was known to him, the only actual material which would be of any value in determining its nature are telephoto photographs which are now in the possession of engineers at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. How detailed and how clear these photographs are, he was unable to state. He stated that one report has been received concerning a collision of these missiles with another type of aircraft. This report, according to him, took place a short time prior to the report of numerous discs over the United States, and the report emanated from Czechoslovakia. This report was that a Czechoslovakian transport had collided with some unidentified missile while in mid-air over the ocean, and that said missile and said transport had been completely disintegrated without recovery of parts or survivors from either. It was the belief of [redacted] that this undescribed missile was perhaps the same type of thing as the flying saucer. Another factor of notice, according to [redacted], and as is portrayed by the photographs, it would appear that the missiles can be maintained at a certain altitude above the contour of the ground. This could be done by means of some type of radio altimeter or radio control. Naturally, the path of the missile is not in exact parallel to the contour, as its purported great speed would create considerable lag in its flight. Another factor which is worthy of note, according to [redacted] is that it is normally reported as being seen at tremendously high altitudes and always traveling in a straight line. He stated that he himself observed, on one occasion, a single vapor trail coming from some type of aircraft at unbelievably high altitudes, which vapor trail extended from horizon to horizon in a perfectly straight line. He observed the vapor trail while it was in the process of formation and states that it was completely unlike any vapor trail he had ever observed before in all of his experience with the air force. It was his judgment that whatever created the vapor trail was traveling at an unbelievably tremendous speed. This, together with reports that when close to the ground, the missile travels at speeds which make possible visual observation of its actions, would reflect that there is some ability to control the speed of these missiles as well as the altitude. b7c

[redacted] concluded that this matter, while still purely a matter of guesswork, is nevertheless a source of great concern to the military establishment of this country. Great efforts have been expended by the service to determine just what the nature of these missiles might be and, upon so determining, decide whether or not an adequate defense can be established. He also stated that it has given impetus to the research being done by the air force in their own program of nuclear energy for the propulsion of aircraft to develop guided missiles. He also advised that insofar as was known to him, there was absolutely no connection between these missiles and the fact that they were observed close to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He stated that this was perhaps, and probably, a matter of coincidence and they were seen in this area merely as they were seen in forty-six of the forty-eight states of the United States during the Month of July when so many reports were being received. b7c

This information is being submitted to the Bureau for whatever value it may be, and no further action in the matter is being contemplated by this office, unless advised to the contrary.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. [redacted]

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM :

[redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to the teletype of December 28, 1948, from the Houston Office.

At 3:30 p.m., I called SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Office and instructed that he attempt to locate Mr. [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] secure photographs and film in their possession and also secure from them the location of the described flying disc. I also instructed that Mr. Hood send out sufficient Agents to find the disc and guard it until it could be properly handled by the appropriate Government authority. I also telephoned the Houston Office and told them to send in the photographs or film in their possession, together with the part which had been recovered from the machine by the Informant Noack.

At 5:00 p.m., SAC Hood called back and stated that all work on this matter should be immediately discontinued. They had managed to reach Mr. [redacted] and he stated that he knew all about this matter; that it was not a flying disc, but an object which had been identified as a tow kite, which has a disc center and wings. This kite is actually made in Los Angeles by the [redacted] Manufacturing Company. A call was made to [redacted] who admitted making a kite along the lines described by [redacted] and they explained that they had tried to fly it and it had failed and they had abandoned it.

Mr. Hood stated he did not have full details at the time of his call, but he did have this report from the Agents. Therefore, I instructed that he call Mr. [redacted] of the Houston Office immediately in order that the film and the part available to the Houston Office will not be forwarded for Laboratory examination.

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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3:00 AM
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FLYING DISK, [REDACTED] COMPLAINANT. RE [REDACTED]
 TELETYPES FROM HOUSTON AND LA TWENTYEIGHTH INSTANT. ~~THIS~~
 THREE PARTS OF SUBJECT DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] SECURED FROM [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] LA AND EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED]
 MANUFACTURING COMPANY, [REDACTED]
 LA. [REDACTED] POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THESE PARTS AS COMING FROM A [REDACTED] 1. R-3
 MODEL TOW TARGET CONSTRUCTED BY [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] AVE., LA. ONE PART BEING STAMPED [REDACTED] b7c
 [REDACTED] TOW TARGET WAS TESTED BY [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] AIRPLANE OVER [REDACTED]
 AIRFIELD NEAR HELENDALE, CALIF. THE TEST WAS A FAILURE, THE
 TARGET CRASHED AND WAS ABANDONED AT THE AIRFIELD. NO FURTHER
 INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AND THE THREE ITEMS SECURED FROM
 [REDACTED] WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO
~~CONTRARY~~ CONTRARY. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI HOUSTON

12-28-48

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DIRECTOR, SACS CINCINNATI AND LOS ANGELES U R G E N T

ATTENTION INSPECTOR [REDACTED]

FLYING-DISK. [REDACTED], COMPLAINANT. COMPLAINANT

RESIDING [REDACTED] HOUSTON, CONTACTED THIS

OFFICE DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH ON CAPTIONED MATTER AND IN SIGNED STATEMENT TODAY SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING. [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS A

MACHINIST BY [REDACTED] HOUSTON, LEFT HOUSTON BY COMMERCIAL

AIRLINE DECEMBER FIFTH LAST ON BUSINESS FOR HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. ON

MONDAY, DECEMBER SIXTH, CONTACTED [REDACTED]

BLVD., LA., AN ACQUAINTANCE, WHO REMARKED OF HAVING SEEN ON THAT DATE,

SOME DISTANCE FROM HOLLYWOOD IN A DESERT AREA, WHAT APPEARED TO BE A

FLYING DISK. [REDACTED] OPERATES [REDACTED], LA.,

[REDACTED] ON DECEMBER SEVENTH, [REDACTED] AND

MR. AND MRS. [REDACTED] SOUTH

PASADENA, CALIF., DEPARTED BY PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE IN SEARCH OF

DISK. SAME LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES NORTHEAST

OF PASADENA AND ABOUT TWENTY MILES NORTHEAST OF LONE PINE, CALIF.

[REDACTED] TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF DISK WITH MOVIE AND SPEEDGRAPHIC CAMERAS. THE [REDACTED] FILM WAS EIGHT MILLEMMETERS IN SIZE

AND CAMERA MADE BY REVERE. DISK LOCATED DESERT AREA NEAR NINE HUNDRED

ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY PERSON AS PRIVATE AIRFIELD. [REDACTED] HAD HIS FILM

DEVELOPED BY EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS LOS PALMAS ST., LA.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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THESE FILMS RECEIVED [REDACTED] HOUSTON, BY MAIL DECEMBER TWENTY THIRD LAST. [FILM] SHOWS DISK TO BE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FEET IN DIAMETER AND APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET THICK IN MIDDLE WITH FEATHER EDGE ON RIM. ABUTTING SAUCER IN MIDDLE AND ON BOTH SIDES ARE FOUR FOOT WINGS RESEMBLING CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE TYPE. NO MARKINGS, NO RADIO, AND APPEARED TO HAVE LANDED AT GREAT SPEED. DISK IN COMPARATIVELY GOOD CONDITION. THE ENDS OF BOTH WINGS HAD ATTACHED A SMALL ALUMINUM CYLINDER APPARENTLY FOR JET PROPULSION. ONE OF THESE CYLINDERS OBTAINED BY [REDACTED] AS SOUVENIR AND CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE [FILM] SIMILARLY MAINTAINED. SA [REDACTED], OSI REPRESENTATIVE, ELLINGTON FIELD, TEXAS, NOTIFIED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH. [REDACTED] FILM EXHIBITED THIS OFFICE INSTANT DATE AND SHOWS DISK IN ALL POSITIONS AND ARE AUTHENTIC. MR. [REDACTED] OSI, ON DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH NOTIFIED DISTRICT COMMANDER, FIFTH OSI DISTRICT, WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO. SAC R. B. HOOD, LA., NOTIFIED TELEPHONICALLY OF ABOVE INFORMATION WITH REQUEST THAT HE MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] IN ORDER THAT BUREAU AGENTS MAY ASSIST OR ACCOMPANY OSI REPRESENTATIVES IN ACTUALLY OBSERVING AND RETRIEVING FLYING DISK. THIS ACTION TAKEN PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. NO FACILITIES AVAILABLE HOUSTON FOR REPRODUCING MOVIE FILM OF [REDACTED] HOWEVER, STILL SHOTS CAN BE DEVELOPED BY COMPETENT

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COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY OSI, DAYTON, OHIO, NOT KNOWN AT THIS MOMENT AND IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MAY DESIRE FILM FOR REPRODUCTION THEIR FACILITIES THERE. IF BUREAU DESIRES LA OFFICE TO OBTAIN FROM [REDACTED] THEIR FILM AND NEGATIVES, THIS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. PICTURES TAKEN BY PERSON WITH FOUR BY FIVE SPEEDGRAPHIC CAMERA AND THZSE PICTURES SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE. [REDACTED] FILM AND PART OF JET PROPULSION WING TIP BEING MAINTAINED HOUSTON AWAITING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION AND HANDLING BY EITHER BUREAU OR OSI. CINCINNATI OFFICE BEING MADE COGNIZANT TO COVER POSSIBILITY THAT BUREAU MAY DIRECT LIAISON WITH OSI, DAYTON. AMSD LETTER FOLLOWS TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ENCLOSING SIGNED STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. K. LADD

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

At 10:00 a.m. today, SAC Willis, Houston, called in and stated that [REDACTED] a business man in Houston, Texas, had furnished certain pictures taken by a friend of his, [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, and had related that [REDACTED] had been flying with a friend in a private plane from California to Houston and that at a point about 30 miles east of Lone Pine, California, some object lying on the ground made a very strong reflection and they made a check to determine what would cause this bright reflection. They finally landed the plane and found an object which could be described as being 8' in diameter with wings about 4' long. The object is about 1' in thickness and in the center there appears to be some type of gyroscope. The wings apparently are fitted with some type of jet propulsion. An examination was made by [REDACTED] and his friend and they could find no identifying marks and took photographs of the object they observed. b7c

SAC Willis stated he had informed Lieutenant [REDACTED] of the AAF, Ellington Field, and [REDACTED] the Army representative in Houston, of this object and that [REDACTED] would be interviewed that morning in the Houston Office with Lieutenant [REDACTED] being present. Lieutenant [REDACTED] wanted the statements of [REDACTED] taken down by a stenographer and he will furnish the stenographer for that purpose. b7c

I instructed SAC Willis to furnish complete details of this matter by air mail special delivery, including a copy of the photograph. I further instructed that he furnish the same details to the proper field office because unquestionably the Bureau would want to run this thing out.

After talking with you, I phoned SAC Willis back and told him to insure the presence of a Bureau Agent at the time this object was examined by the Army Air Forces and that he should make proper arrangements with the office in California to see that an Agent was present. I also told him to advise me of the developments.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....

FBI, LOS ANGELES

12-28-48

DIRECTOR AND SACS HOUSTON, CINCINNATI URGENT

ATTENTION INSPECTOR [REDACTED]

FLYING DISK, [REDACTED] COMPLAINT. RE HOUSTON TELETYPE

DEC. TWENTY EIGHT. MR. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LA, PRESENTLY IN ARIZONA, EXACT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO HIS OFFICE, EXPECTED TO CALL MORNING OF DEC. TWENTY NINE.

[REDACTED] MANUFACTURING COMPANY, SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. ADVISED HE AND [REDACTED] PURCHASED AIRPORT IN MOJAVE DESERT NEAR HELEDALE, CALIF. STATED THAT IN EARLY PART OF DEC. EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED] ADVISED HIM HE HAD FOUND A FLYING DISK ON THEIR AIRPORT.

[REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO AIRPORT WHERE THEY LOCATED DISK, TOOK PICTURES OF IT AND REMOVED [REDACTED] PORTIONS OF DISK, [REDACTED] RETAINING SOME PARTS AND [REDACTED] KEEPING SOME PORTIONS WHICH ARE STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DAY AFTER LOCATING THE DISK AN EMPLOYEE OBSERVED PARTS RETAINED BY [REDACTED], AND STATED HE BELIEVED THE OBJECT HAD BEEN MANUFACTURED BY [REDACTED] LA.

STATED HE THEN CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO STATED THEY WERE FINANCING [REDACTED] LA IN DEVELOPING A KITE FOR ~~SALES~~ SALE ON OPEN MARKET AS A TOY. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN [REDACTED] PERMISSION TO USE HIS PRIVATE AIRPORT AT ANY TIME.

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THEY HAD TAKEN EXPERIMENTAL KITES TO [REDACTED]

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AIRPORT AND UPON DETERMINING KITES NOT PRACTICAL HAD ABANDONED THE PROJECT [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD TAKEN SIXTEEN MM PICTURES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING DEVELOPED. [REDACTED] STATED WOULD MAKE PICTURES AND PARTS FROM OBJECT AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED OBJECT AS APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET IN DIAMETER, CONSISTING OF DISK MOUNTED ON AXEL WITH BEARINGS, WINGS ON EITHER SIDE, TAIL SURFACE SUPPORTED ON BOOMS, CUP MOUNTED ON EACH WING TIP RESEMBLING ROCKET POWER CONTAINERS. [REDACTED] STATED DID NOT OBSERVE ANY CHEMICAL OR OTHER MATERIAL IN CONTAINERS WHICH COULD BE USED AS SELF PROPELLING FORCE. MR. [REDACTED] MANUFACTURING COMPANY ADVISED [REDACTED] FINANCED BY THEIR COMPANY IN DEVELOPING TOY KITE, THAT [REDACTED] HAD PROACHED IDEA OF MAKING LARGE MODEL TO BE USED AS TOW TARGET FOR AIRPLANES BUT [REDACTED] DECIDED THAT HE MAKE ONLY KITE SUITABLE FOR SALE AS TOYS. [REDACTED] HOWEVER, [REDACTED] MADE LARGE MODEL APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET IN DIAMETER, WEIGHING FIFTY POUNDS, WHICH TOGETHER WITH OTHER MODEL HAD BEEN FLOWN IN DC THREE OWNED BY [REDACTED] TO PRIVATE AIRPORT OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL EXACT DATE, BUT [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] IT WAS IN EARLY PART OF DEC. [REDACTED] STATED DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN FLIGHT OF KITE, AND THAT IN VIEW OF SIZE OF LARGE MODEL IT WAS NECESSARY TO TOW IT BEHIND PLANE TO OBSERVE FLIGHT. STATED MODEL CRASHED AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ABANDONED EXPERIMENT LEAVING AIRPORT WITH [REDACTED] REMAINING BEHIND TO CONDUCT FURTHER EXPERIMENTS. [REDACTED] STATED DID NOT KNOW THAT WOLFERT HAD LEFT THE LARGE MODEL AT THIS AIRPORT UNTIL ADVISED BY [REDACTED]

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THAT THEY HAD FOUND THE OBJECT. CONTACT WILL BE MADE WITH [REDACTED] ^{b7c}
AND [REDACTED], TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAMPLES. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED

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October 19, 1948

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Valley City, North Dakota

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated October 15, 1948, has been received and I do want to thank you for the patriotic motives which prompted you to make available your thoughts concerning the subject you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Valley City, N. D.

Oct. 15, 1948

F.B.I.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I trust that
whoever reads this
will do
more than
just toss
it in a
waste basket!



Done
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of course, Army
officials from out of state
were immediately flown
up to investigate the
phenomena - as I
read in the newspaper
under an Associated
Press heading.

Now couldn't that
be just what the
Russians wanted? An
accurate account of where
these "whatever they are"
that "maybe they send out"

My contention may
or may not be possible or
probable - but I, as an
intelligent American citizen
of 39, believe I have a
point to make.

An incident occurred
at the Fargo, N. D., airport
about two weeks ago,
that of a flier discovering
a flying object in the
air following it in his
plane but not being able
to either identify it or
see it come to the end

app. is? They have
playing into their hands
until about a year ago -
why wouldn't they think
we'd do this for them -
print the news for their
agents to check. This is
the fifth time. I've read
of such an incident - first
time in N.D. however -
and the first time a plane
had been in pursuit.
Could not the
"freedom of the press" be
sacrificed in such occasions,
for the protection of the
"free" as we still are?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Invoice of Contents from
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date October 7, 1948 Case References 62-83894 Project "SIGN"

Consigned to: Commanding General Examination of Soil
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio Attentions MCIAXO-3
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Mr. Harbo, 7641
Mr. Conrad, 7142
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

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REGISTERED MAIL

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number; Shipping Room, show date of shipment and initial on invoice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialled, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 7, 1948

To

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAXO-3

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidences received from your office on September 17, 1948.

Re:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

Project: **RE-100**
Examination of Soil

Reference:

Examination requested:

RECORDED - 98 62-83894 -146
PG-23142 CO

Specimens:

Addressee

Letter dated September 9, 1948

Microscopic (Petrographic-Geologic)

Q1 Sample of soil.

Results of Examinations:

The sample of soil designated as specimen Q1 consisted of various sized pebbles, sand and dirt. This material was examined for the presence of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, evidence of intense heat and radioactive substances.

Nothing unusual was noted on the pebbles or in the sand and dirt that would indicate a metallic object had rubbed or scraped against this sample. No abnormality was noted in the structure of the various pebbles and rocks, nor was there any indication of extreme heat or the presence of radioactive substances.

The specimen designated as Q1 will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: Project "SIGN"
Examination of Soil.

File # 95x 62-83894-146 ✓
Lab. # PC-23142 CO

Examination requested by: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
XXX AF Base, Dayton, Ohio Attention: MCIAXO-3

Date of reference communication: letter 9/9

Date received: 9/17

Evid. 9/14 Reg. 1171535

Examination requested: Micro (Petrographic-Geologic)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

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9/30/48

Specimens submitted for examination

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Q1, Sample of soil.

Consisted of various sized pebbles, sand & dirt. Most of the larger pieces were examined individually for presence of metal adhering to them. Nothing unusual noted on the pebbles or in the sand & dirt - structure, normal. No indication of extreme heat. Does not activate Geiger Counter or X-Ray Spectrometer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

MCLAXD-3/PWA/aw
Wright-Patterson AF Base
WOODRIDGE ROAD
9 September 1948

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH
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VELOPE TO COMMANDING
GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL
COMMAND, ATTENTION
FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

MCLAXD-3

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: FBI Laboratory

100-3142

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

Gentlemen:

Accompanying this letter is a small sample of soil. This soil was taken from a depression reputed to have been caused by a "flying saucer" described as being approximately two feet in diameter and one foot thick which supposedly settled gently to the ground, rebounded to a height of about twenty feet and then continued on its journey. Although the declivity was immediately covered by a large washtub a heavy rain subsequently filled the depression about one-third full of water before any sample of dirt could be taken.

In an effort to approach this incident objectively to determine every possible clue, it has been deemed advisable to have this soil sample analyzed and tested. Upon inquiry, your Dayton representative stated that the FBI Laboratory would accomplish the required tests.

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It is the desire of this Headquarters to ascertain, in particular, if there are traces of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, or if any abnormality in structure exists showing that the soil was subjected to intense heat, gases or radio-active substances, etc. Unfortunately, in this regard, no one thought to forward a sample of the soil surrounding the depression so no comparison of soils can be made at this time. Should the subsequent test show anything unusual some arrangement could be made to procure some of the surrounding soil so that a comparative analysis could be made. The accompanying sample has not been tested by any other agency, nor will it be.

Attn A-32
9/17/48

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Project "SIGN"
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

9 Sept 1948

In the event the tests show nothing warranting further investigation you may dispose of the sample. The report should be addressed to this Command marked for the attention of MCIAXD-3. This Division will appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James J. Hausman
W. R. CLINGERMAN *1st Col USAF*
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Intelligence
Division
Intelligence Department

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

October 7, 1948

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAXO-3

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on September 17, 1948. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

Project - "STUN"
Examination of Soil

Reference:

Examination requested:

RECORDED - 98 62-83894 -146
PC-23142 CO

Specimens:

Addresses

Letter dated September 9, 1948

Microscopic (Petrographic-Geologic)

Q1 Sample of soil.

Results of Examinations:

The sample of soil designated as specimen Q1 consisted of various sized pebbles, sand and dirt. This material was examined for the presence of unusual elements or alloys adhering to the surface of the particles, evidence of intense heat and radioactive substances.

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The specimen designated as Q1 will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail. OCT 7 1948 P.M.

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Re: Project "SIGN"
Examination of Soil.

File # 92x 62-83894-146 ✓
Lab. # PC-23142 CO

Examination requested by: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
XXX AF Base, Dayton, Ohio Attention: MCIAIC-3

Date of reference communication: letter 9/9

Date received: 9/17
Evid. 9/14 Reg. 1171535

Examination requested: Micro (Petrographic-Geologic)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1, Sample of soil.

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Re: Project "SIGS"
Examination of Soil.

File # 62-33874-146
Lab. # PC-23142 CO

Examination requested by: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
AF Base, Dayton, Ohio Attention: SCIAAC-3

Date of reference communication: letter 9/9

Date received: 9/17

Examination requested: Micro (Petrographic-Geologic)

Evid. 9/14 Reg. 1171535

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7c

Returned 10/18/48 Reg. mail.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1, Sample of soil.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1850
Atlanta 1, Georgia
August 10, 1948

[Handwritten signature]

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

RE:

[REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

b7c

FLYING DISCS

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau's information are copies of a letter, together with enclosure, from the above captioned individual. Inasmuch as there is no record in this office concerning captioned person, no reply has been made to instant letter, with the thought the Bureau may desire to acknowledge instant communication or communicate further concerning the matter with the Dallas Office.

For the information of the Bureau and the Dallas and San Antonio Offices, the clippings referred to are transmitted herewith to the Bureau, Dallas and San Antonio Offices, it being noted that Wichita Falls is covered by Dallas and Fort San Houston is covered by the San Antonio Office.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

EDWIN J. POLK
SAC

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cc-Dallas (Enc-3) AMSD
cc-San Antonio (Enc-3) AMSD

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

April 1, 1948

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
CECIL H. TOLBERT, ASST. CLERK

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for forwarding
Mr. ██████████ letter to the proper
authorities. Your cooperation in this instance
was deeply appreciated.

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Cordially yours

Kenneth S. Wherry
KENNETH S. WHERRY

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March 24, 1948

RECORDED 62-83894-143

Mr. ██████████ b7c
Benkelman, Nebraska

Dear ██████████ b7c

Your letter dated March 14, 1948, to the Honorable Kenneth S. Wherry, United States Senator, has been referred to me for attention. Since the matter you mentioned is not within the scope of authority of this Bureau, I have taken the liberty of furnishing a copy of your communication to the Secretary of the Army, National Defense Building, Washington, D. C., and in the event you have any additional information, it is suggested you may desire to communicate with him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Senator Wherry - Under separate cover.

Name of town per Postal Guide

VWP:jec

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 3
★ MAR 25 1948 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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U.S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senators:

Your letter of March 22, 1948, with enclosure, has been received. Since the subject matter mentioned in your constituent's letter is not within the scope of authority of this Bureau, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of his letter and yours to the Secretary of the Army, National Defense Building, Washington, D. C., for his information. Your thoughtfulness in bringing this to my attention is indeed appreciated. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. [redacted] which I thought you might like to have for your files, together with his letter.

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With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Incoming from [redacted] and copy of our letter to him.

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March 22, 1948

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attached you will find letter which may or may not be of interest to your office. However, I felt it should be passed on to you for whatever the information is worth.

Kindly return my constituent's letter although if you wish you make a copy of it.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth S. Wherry
 KENNETH S. WHERRY

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Benkelman, Nebraska
March 14, 1948

Mr. Kenneth Wherry
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wherry:

On March 13 at 2:30, M.S.T. o'clock in the afternoon I witnessed a strange sight in the sky traveling at a very high rate of speed at a very high altitude.

I was first attracted to this sight by a noise of motor or whatever it was. It sound to me like that of a train rumbling in the distance of from 10 to 12 miles on a still day.

At first glance it looked like it might be a vapor trail left by a high flying plane. But the white streak that was in the sky never changed its shape or did it change in the direction of travel.

It traveled much faster than any plane I have seen traveling in sky high enough to leave vapor trail.

As near as I can describe this sight was that it might appear to be a stream lined train traveling at a very high altitude at very high rate of speed.

This rocket or whatever it might have been was high enough to disappear from sight while it was yet very far above the horizon.

I am not writing this so that it might seem to be another disc, fan or whatever you might call them. I just saw this and it has been on my mind and I thought if there was anything that I could be of help to solve this thing I would write this to you and you can forward this to the proper Dept. if it is necessary. Thanking you kindly

Yours Truly

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This object was traveling from east to west. It looked like it might have traveled over Denver,

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Colo. or a little to the south.

I live almost due east about 180 mi. by air and I looked to the south a little to be able to get sight of object.

This object was also witnessed by my son who was with me at the time.

I saw the smoke cloud left by so called meteor which exploded over at Norton_Kans. This object was not a bright ball of fire like it was.

The silver streak in the sky traveled as if it were a long connected streak. This did not resemble a line of smoke left by a train traveling along it moved altogether as a unit. If it is not against any regulation and if possible would like to have answer to this object.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 19, 1948

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

The attached letter from the San Francisco Field Division dated February 12, 1948, raises the question as to whether there has been a change in policy concerning the investigation of flying discs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the information contained in the attached letter be discussed by the Liaison Section with the Air Forces.

ACTION:

A letter is attached to San Francisco advising them that there has been no change in Bureau policy.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: 3/1/48

FROM :

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Reference is made to a memorandum to you from Mr. [redacted] in the above-captioned matter dated February 19, 1948. The memorandum indicated that the San Francisco Field Division had received a letter from the headquarters of the Air Defense Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, dated February 4, 1948, entitled, "Investigation and Reporting of 'Flying Disc' Incidents." This communication indicated that investigations should be coordinated with the FBI.

The Agent in Charge of the San Francisco Field Division inquired as to a change in policy regarding the investigation of flying discs. A letter was forwarded to San Francisco advising them that there had been no change in the Bureau's policy. This matter has been discussed by Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section with Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] of the Intelligence Division of the Air Force. Colonel [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] that apparently the Air Defense Command at Mitchel Field was not aware of the fact that the Bureau was no longer conducting investigations regarding flying discs. He stated that he would take the necessary action and straighten out the Air Defense Command as to the present policy regarding incidents of flying discs.

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SAC, San Francisco

February 20, 1948

Director, FBI

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SECURITY MATTER - X

Reference is made to your letter in the captioned matter dated February 12, 1948.

You are advised that Bureau Bulletin No. 57 dated October 1, 1947, still applies with respect to flying discs. The Bureau is conducting no investigations concerning flying discs. We will, however, give the Air Forces any information which comes to our attention and will receive any information which the Air Forces volunteer.

The Headquarters of the Air Forces in Washington are being contacted by the Bureau in order to insure that there is no misunderstanding as to the Bureau's position in this matter.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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United States Department of Justice
San Francisco 2, California
February 12, 1948

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Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Re: FLYING DISCS
Security Matter - X

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith for the information of the Bureau copies of an enclosure dated February 4, 1948 received from Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] A-2, United States Air Force, Hamilton Air Force Base, California. This enclosure is a confidential letter addressed to the Commanding Generals of the First, Second, Fourth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Fourteenth Air Forces, Air Defense Command, from Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, by command of Lieutenant General STRATEMEYER. It concerns the investigation of flying discs by Air Force personnel. *b7c*

Your attention is particularly called to Paragraph 2, which indicates that certain reports concerning the investigation of flying discs by Air Force Intelligence will be reported to the FBI office concerned. Your attention is further called to Paragraph 2-B, which indicates that "investigations will be coordinated with the FBI Office concerned....."

Inasmuch as these recent instructions of the Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Mitchell Air Force Base, New York, are contrary to the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 57, Series 1947, dated October 1, 1947, in which it is indicated that all future reports connected with flying discs should be referred to the Air Force and no investigative action taken by Bureau agents, the Bureau is requested to advise this office, as well as other interested Bureau offices, as to whether there has been a change in Bureau policy with reference to the handling of such matters or whether Bureau Bulletin No. 57 dated October 1, 1947 is still in effect. *k*

Very truly yours,

Harry M. Kimball
HARRY M. KIMBALL, SAC

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Headquarters
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

4 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Investigation and Reporting of "Flying Disc" Incidents

TO: Commanding Generals, First, Second, Fourth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Fourteenth
Air Forces, Air Defense Command
ATTN: AC of S, A-2

1. The numbered air forces of this command are responsible for the prompt investigation and reporting of incidents relating to "flying discs" which occur within their respective areas. Numbered air force A-2s, after evaluating disc incidents, will determine the extent of investigation. Futile expenditure of military funds and manpower must be avoided.

2. "Flying discs" will be investigated as provided for in Counter Intelligence Incident Cases, taking cognizance of the USAF Operating Intelligence Echelon structure. Where it is evident that witnesses, who were together at the time of incident but who are widely separated at the time of investigation would corroborate each other's story, only one witness need be interrogated. If there is a reasonable indication that a reported incident is a hoax or the fabrication of a publicity seeking individual, no further investigative effort will be expended. However, a report of such circumstances will be submitted to the FBI office concerned.

a. CIC personnel attached to the numbered air forces of this command may be utilized to prosecute the investigation of subject incidents.

b. Investigations will be coordinated with the FBI Office concerned in accordance with instructions contained in letter, this headquarters, D 333.3 EX, subject, "Cooperation of FBI with AAF on Investigation of 'Flying Disc' Incidents," 3 September 1947.

3. Reports will be narrative in style and will cover only those facts pertinent to the subject. Where source credibility cannot be established, or when an incident lacks foundation, the report will merely state same. Two types of report will be submitted on all incidents.

a. Spot Reports (fragmentary reports) will be submitted on all incidents and will be followed by a Letter Report.

b. Letter Reports will be submitted to report the completed investigation of all "flying disc" incidents.

4. Reports will be submitted in duplicate promptly, usually by regular mail. However, Spot reports on incidents of substantial character, i. e., those in which the patent credibility of the witness is beyond challenge and whose technical

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backgro. is compatible with his observations of an occurrence obviously not atmospheric or celestial phenomena, may be transmitted by TWX. Reports will be submitted directly to Headquarters, USAF, ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence Requirements Branch. One informational copy of each report submitted will be forwarded to this command, ATTN: AC of S, Intelligence. Reports will be classified at least CONFIDENTIAL.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STRATEMEYER:

RICHARD W. GEUSS
Captain, USAF
Actg Asst Adj Gen

February 5, 1948

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[Redacted] b7c
Covington, Ohio

Dear [Redacted] b7c

Your letter dated January 20, 1948, has been received, and I want to express my appreciation to you for having made known your views concerning the matter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I have done a lot of thinking about those flying discs ever since your operators called at our home. I have figured out a possible solution that I am passing on to you. If you can see the picture as I see it.

If self propelled bombs were made to travel 20 miles a few years ago, there isn't hardly a reason to believe they could not be made to go 3000 miles a day.

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If a foreign country were planning to drop a lot of such bombs on our cities, they would want the exact range, and the only way they could get it, would be to make some tests.

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If they were to drop a bomb here
and let it explode, it would
cause a lot of excitement, and
if they dropped one that didn't
explode and someone found it
there there would be excitement.
So to avoid this, they pick some
point in Lake Erie, let their
agents over here, know at what
place and time to look for
it. If the projectile plunged in
the lake, the range finders
wouldn't have any way to tell
where it dropped, so the projectile
must have some sort of tracer.
So at a certain distance from
the earth some sort of tracer
is released, probably something
like a pin-wheel fire cracker.
It must remain in the sky
a while, to give the range finders
a fix or what ever you call it.
but in order to remain in
the sky it must be in motion.
So this tracer is made to fly
in a circle. Because it was

up and off a 7-yr. its course
looked like an ellipse to me. 0

The discs were seen in Texas
probably dropped in the gulf.
As their sight improved they
no doubt dropped some in
various places. The one that
was seen down Tenn. way, was
no doubt aimed at some lake close
to Fort Knox. Maybe something
went wrong with that one, is
the reason it was so plainly
visible. Owing to the fact that
your operators called at our
remote home at 8:00 P.M. on a
Sunday evening and also caution-
ed us to keep mum. I know
that the F.B.I. is doing what they
can to get a line on these discs.
This may help a little. A few
nights ago there was a very bright
light over the moon, when I
observed it thro' the same
lenses I could barely see the
ring. So this proves that what

we saw was something definite. 0

I think this is serious business. So if this letter helps you in any way, I will be well paid.

Respectfully yours,
[Redacted] b7c
Covington, Ohio
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[Redacted] b7c
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Dear [Redacted] b7c

Your letter of January 5, 1948, has been received and I want to thank you for forwarding information to me relating to the subject you mentioned. The facts you related, however, do not reflect any violation of a Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent reports correspondence she has had with the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company in connection with the "flying saucers" which were observed by her brother. She is of the opinion that this publication may be trying to conceal information related to our Nation's security and she mentions a threat that does not refer to injury to person or property.

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January 5, 1946

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On January 2nd I received a letter
It is postmarked Cincinnati, Ohio, and
it bears no return address. Following is
an exact copy of it. I will keep the original
if it is needed at a future date.

[REDACTED]

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In as much as all of
you insist on talking and of
telling of what you are
supposed to be seeing, all of
you must be warned. No -
not warned in the true sense
of the word, but these
things are decidedly not
supposed to be seen. JMG

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Please to not mention
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In the January, 1948, copy of "Amazing Stories" magazine; published by Ziff-Davis Pub. Co. (one office in Washington, D.C.); my letter was printed under the heading of "Flying Saucer Witness" (page 167). Here is a copy of

Sirs:

I have just finished reading the October issue of "Amazing Stories", in which you ask for "flying saucer" information.

Here is what I know: On June 28, 1947, at 3:43 P.M. my brother saw the flying saucers - about seven to ten of them - which flew directly over our house. He said they went like "blue blazes" - didn't make any noise and were heading approximately So. (Rockfield, where my brother's farm is, is just 16 miles northwest of Milwaukee). But what is really strange is that same afternoon the discs were seen over Illinois (they may have been the same ones). This information was given on June 29th - Sunday - over WGN "The Latest News" at 8 to 8:15 A.M. with Charles Sebastian. He reported that the discs had been sighted over Illinois the preceding afternoon.

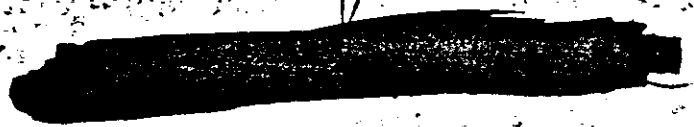
Perhaps the information is valueless to you. At any rate please keep this confidential. Our neighbors think we're slightly "queer" if we have seen the discs. (I didn't see them but I believe my brother.)

I have been following the Shaver

kind of a
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does not seem to know it.

But I am sure you will find
the guilty ones.

Yours for success for our
American who is friend of her
country.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 1, 1947

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS, [REDACTED], INFORMANT *b7c*

Reurlet dated 9/26/47.

An Agent of this office contacted Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c* at his residence in South Royalton, Vermont and he stated that all the information he has concerning the flying discs he saw, is set forth in the letter that he sent to the Bureau dated September 17, 1947.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that as far as he knows, no one else in South Royalton saw these flying discs, and that he believes he saw them inasmuch as he has unusually good eyesight and that he can see bees, etc. further than anyone else. He stated that possibly these flying discs were out of the range of normal vision. Mr. [REDACTED] was asked to furnish any additional information that comes to his attention concerning these flying discs directly to the Air Forces since they now handle matters of this type. *N*

No further action is being taken by this office.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/18/47

FROM : SAC, Anchorage

SUBJECT: REPORT OF FLYING DISCS

This is to advise that we have been able to locate a flyer, [redacted], who is employed by the [redacted] Flying Company in Bethel, Alaska. It had been reported to Military Intelligence that [redacted] and his co-pilot [redacted] had observed some flying object near Bethel, Alaska, in July, 1947. Efforts previously to contact Mr. [redacted] were negative until the above instance. b7c

He related that the occasion of seeing the flying object near Bethel was on a July day when the sky was completely clear of clouds, and it being during the early part, it is daylight the entire night. The time of his sighting this flying object was about 10 PM and the sun had just dropped beyond the horizon. Flying weather was extremely good and he, with Mr. [redacted] was coming into the Bethel Airport with a DC-3. He observed the flying object immediately to his left and stated that it apparently was observed at approximately the same time by Mr. [redacted] and both of them manipulated the controls of the plane making efforts to miss the object inasmuch as they could not tell in which direction it was going. They made a forty-five degree turn in order to get out of the way of the object and then noted that it appeared to be going away from them. He described the object as appearing to be some flying wing and said that it appeared to be about the size of a C-54 without any fuselage. He could not see any propellor or any exhaust from jet propulsion or any vapor trails and could not estimate the size due to his failure to be able to estimate the distance he was away from the object. He was flying at 1,000 feet and stated that he tried to catch up with the object and increased his manifold pressure to approximately 42 inches and was traveling at the rate of 170 miles per hour. b7c

He called on his radio to the Civil Aeronautics Administration station at Bethel, asking what aircraft was in the vicinity and they had no reports of any aircraft. The object he sighted was some five or ten miles from the airport before his arrival and stated that the path did not go directly across the airport. He, of course, could not tell whether the object was making any noise and stated that it was flying at a thousand foot altitude and estimated travel at 300 miles per hour. It was traveling in the direction from Bethel to Nome, which is in a northwesterly direction. He noted no radio interference and is unable to describe the color other than that it appeared dark but of definite shape and did not blend into the sky but had a definite, concise outline. Both he and Mr. [redacted] clearly observed the object at this time. b7c

*Info. to Major Carlin
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 9, 1947

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X.

Reference is made to Portland teletype dated September 13, 1947.



[redacted] Madison Ave., Portland, advised that he was one of the two officers on duty in District 18 on September 11. The car was in the vicinity of N.E. 25th Avenue and Saratoga Court when [redacted] and his fellow officer noticed a number of people looking upward and pointing. Upon looking at the sky [redacted] observed the very bright reflection of the sun on some object which was apparently made of silvery metal. The object was coming from the east and made a wide turn over the city and disappeared to the south. [redacted] estimated its speed at about 150 miles per hour and its altitude at about 5,000 feet. He watched it for a period of about two minutes and during that time it gradually disappeared in such a manner as to appear that the angle was slowly changing, so that the sun was no longer reflected into [redacted] eyes. He says that the shape appeared to be round but that the glare was so bright that it could have hidden the true outline of the object. There was no oscillation visible - only steady flight. [redacted] believes it was an ordinary metal airplane reflecting light of the afternoon sun.

[redacted] Lincoln St., Portland, Oregon was [redacted] partner in District 18 on September 11. [redacted] states that the object appeared to him to take the same course as that described by [redacted]. He pointed out that the speed, height, and size of the object were difficult to judge, because of the interdependence of the three factors. However, he believes that the object when first sighted was about three miles away and about two miles high. He believes it was traveling at a much greater speed than a conventional airplane and was a great deal larger. It appeared to him to be elliptical in shape, and inasmuch as it did not bank or tip he could not judge its thickness. It was of a very bright silver or aluminum substance.

*Info to Major Carlos
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It may be stated to the Bureau that Mr. [REDACTED] is a well known flyer as well as Mr. [REDACTED] and both are known to be very reliable and responsible people, and it appears definite that they observed something. b7c

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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[REDACTED] advised that he was travelling south on N. Williams Avenue near Russell St., when he and Officer [REDACTED] his driver, received a call on the police radio requesting District 14 to attempt to observe an unknown object in the sky reported by officers in District 18. [REDACTED] observed what appeared to be a round silver object, about 10,000 feet high, travelling northeast to southwest. It was directly to [REDACTED] left when observed first. He thought it was a weather balloon. Further observation convinced him that it could not be a balloon because of its speed which was extremely great. As [REDACTED] watched, it turned gradually until it was travelling due south, and as it did so, its shape seemed to change until it appeared to be egg-shaped. It disappeared in about 30 seconds. b7c

[REDACTED] stated that when he first observed the object it was straight ahead of him and travelling straight away from his car. [REDACTED] was driving south on N. Williams Avenue. To [REDACTED] it appeared to be just a glare of sun on some object, and he was unable therefore to tell its shape. It appeared to be very high and travelling extremely fast. It was out of sight after he had travelled 4 or 5 city blocks at a speed of about 25 mph. [REDACTED] stated that he has never seen an object at such an extreme height before and that if the sun had not reflected from it he could not have seen it at all. He believes it could possibly have been a reflection from a large airplane at great altitude. b7c

[REDACTED] N. Fessenden St., Portland stated that he was on duty in District 14 with Officer [REDACTED] on September 11, 1947 and received the call to watch for the object flying over the city. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] immediately scanned the sky from a vantage point in open territory where they could see the entire sky. They saw nothing in the sky at that time, SHAYLOR stating that they did not even see any airplanes. b7c

A short article in "The Oregonian", Portland daily newspaper, for September 12, 1947, describes the object as seen by Chief of Police JENKINS and also states that "The Oregonian" received several calls from other persons reporting the object. FRED M. WHITE, Assistant City Editor, advised that the paper has no record of the identities of the people making the calls.

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~~_____~~ b7c
Menomonee Falls, Wis

(Ed. note) The flying saucers are real, as you can be sure of that! Let your neighbors think what they will, in a few months you will be able to prove how good your brother's eyesight is! Thanks for your report, and we hope many more readers send them in. Rough drawings would also be helpful. - Ed.

The editor had asked for letters from readers who saw the flying discs, mentioned so much in the news. Several times the editor (Ray A. Palmer) has mentioned in "Amazing Stories" that he has been threatened.

In the same issue (Jan. 1948) on page 162 is a letter from W. C. Hefferlin, following:
yes, we Remember!

Svc:

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping, just one of many items showing up of like nature. Thumb nail sketches.

Remember the article "Circle-winged Plane" as printed by you in "Amazing Stories" magazine, September, 1946, page 157? You have the facts and confirmation. Now, re-read the article, again, please.


The planes seen at Golitt, Ill., Kans

... same group of planes but other groups of same type, all on a world wide "mapping exped.

They are only a few of the many belonging to a world government consisting of all oppressed peoples and dominated nations of the earth, of all colors, races, and creeds.

This government is directed and advised by an organization headed by "The Ancients Three, Who were, Who are, Who will be." They who at one time over a year ago, sent a message to you by way of us. Their headquarters is "Rainbow City", Antarctica.

Permission is given to print this letter if desired.

 b7c
Livingston, Mont.

(Ed. note) We print your letter because it is interesting. We don't know if it is true, naturally we do know, however, that the "flying saucers" are no mirage. As for Rainbow City, if it's what you say it is, we'd sure like to pay it a visit. That sort of thing, which the Utopia all science-fiction writers have dreamed about, is just not visible anywhere in the civilized world. If it exists at the South Pole, near that warm spot Byrd found, and it has what you intimate, we'll be waiting for the saucers to come back and bring peace to the nasty-minded old planet. Only we wonder how it

haps the way "it will ever be none" is to wipe
the slate clean and just start off as vertible cave
shocked to sanity by utter destruction. In the
case, maybe the "last" war is our "last" hope.
peculiar viewpoint, but it has amazing logic
never met the man who could learn how a k
in the pants feels without getting a kick in the
pants. as for the saucers - maybe you're sho
ing in the dark - because your editor knows
what he's talking about there! But even if you
we'll forgive you, because your motives are so
obviously of the good kind. Thank you for yo
letter. it wasn't really necessary. Our readers ha
not forgotten your article - and how they wrote us about it.

Please notice where Keffelin says - "govern
ment of ... all oppressed peoples ..." They want
all rights and privileges that there are, yet
want to deny them to others, especially the freed
of free speech, as witness from "Rainbow City" tel
me to "keep quiet"! And why did they numb
their letter to me "1" - are they intending to
write more?

as my letter is a warning letter with a
threat, and coming through the U. S. mail, I am
sending it to you personally so that it ca
be investigated. Please keep this confidential
since under the circumstances, I do not feel en
ly safe.

Thanking you, Very truly yours,

67c

Menomonie Falls, Wis.

Copy

Port Allegany, Pa.
November 18, 1947.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Following the appearance in this town on November 6, 1947, of a Mr. [REDACTED], Red Cross, Pittsburgh, Pa., as "speaker of the evening", at the annual local Red Cross dinner, I was told by Dr. [REDACTED] local practicing dentist, that in a personal conversation, following the dinner, Mr. [REDACTED] told him that the "saucers" reported as seen in various parts of the country, were actually from Spain. He said that Mr. [REDACTED] said that this had been ascertained by the Government in Washington, but that it was not being made known. He said that Mr. [REDACTED] had been in Europe and inferred that he had been in Spain and knew conditions over there. Dr. [REDACTED] is a man active in the Methodist Church and the local Protestant Mens Club, and it is easy to see how far this report can be spread. The fact that the Federal Government indorses the Red Cross makes a statement of an official representative of that organization almost indisputable. b7c

As a representative of the Federal Government and as a citizen interested in truth and World peace and racial and religious harmony in our own country, I question the advisability of an accredited representative of the Red Cross giving out this information, even "off the record". I thought you might be able to check with Mr. [REDACTED] or his organization. b7c

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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[REDACTED] b7c

Brooklyn 27, New York

Dear Mr. **[REDACTED]** b7c

Your letter dated November 2, 1947, has been received. The information contained in the files of this Bureau has been declared confidential and available for official use only, and I am unable to be of any assistance to you. I am sure you will draw no inference from my inability to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: This individual asked questions concerning flying saucers and the Bureau's investigation of Russians.

Postal Guide reflects Edgewood is a branch of the Brooklyn Station.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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New York
November 2, 1947

Dear Sir

In regards to the "flying saucer" mystery which recently received national publicity, I, as a citizen would like to ask a few questions. If you, as head of the FBI, would be so kind as to answer I would be greatly appreciative.

First, has the FBI been and is the FBI still investigating the "flying saucers"?

Second, were copies of the July 7th 1947 issue of the Arizona Republic, published in Phoenix, Arizona confiscated by the FBI?

Third, is the FBI investigating the "Shaver Mystery" in which an author named Richard J. Shaver claims there are people
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living underground who have been there
for centuries?

Fourth, has a newsreel, which appeared
in a Los Angeles theatre showing Russian
scientists examining a crashed flying
saucer, been suppressed by the FBI?

Fifth, Does the FBI consider knowledge
of the "flying saucers" too dangerous for the
general public to know?

Though the above questions may seem
a trifle silly, I would appreciate an
answer to them, if at all possible.

Thanking you for your courtesy in reading
this and hoping for an answer, I am
Sincerely yours

b7c

... the patriotic motives which prompted your suggestions concerning the subject about which you have written are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Elizabeth is in
New York

Dear Sir.

With all these forest fires in main and out west in our country I was wondering whether the flying discs had anything to do with it. Was that just a myth or did they exist. If so could not they have been incendiary falling to earth then with drought and heat from the sun ignite. Were not the discs seen flying over main Vt. and western states are the western states that have forest fires the same ones reported to have seen the flying discs.

I have great respect for your bureau or should I say our. In any way the F.B.I. has been excellent. I visited the Bureau while in Washington some years ago.

I do hope I haven't taken up too much time but couldn't stop thinking of it. All Americans must be alert but not nervous. I have quite a lot of different foreigners settling up here with plenty of money. Like the book words I guess. Keep to themselves too.

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Flying Discs

Oct 11. 1947

I'm a widow with two young children & feel very
anxious to do my share in bringing up honest and
loyal Americans

b7c
yours truly

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Elizabethton
New York

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P.S.

I read that scientist were investigating the
way the fire flared up in different parts away from
the main fire that is what made me think of
the incendiary discs. Thank you again.

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[Redacted]

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Exhibit #110

Glendale
Brooklyn, New York

Dear [Redacted]

b7c

Your letter postmarked October 28,
1947, has been received and I want to express
my appreciation to you for having written as
you did.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: This woman rambles on and furnishes no
specific information about anything.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Hoover

Handwritten initials

Special Agent
ID. NYC

Mr Hoover
F. B. I.

Flying Objects

Dear Sir: They say that if
we are crazy, we are the last
to know it, that may be my
case, but I hope not. You know a

about 2 months ago, a number
of people said they saw flying
discs and the paper said it
was imagination.

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STOB DESK

I cannot believe
hundreds of people could imagine

the same thing, at the same time
especially, when separated by
thousands of miles

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It is not for the first time
was something of a new design
for a scattered starter object. (Please
do not laugh) You know about
all those little flairs looking
just over time bombs & stilet
fires in ship, and what it
possible some new invention was
a crisis for this sabotage, because
that is what all the people I
don't think of those fires and
airplane cracks.

They are not
accidents. We have had dry
spells before, but did the
whole country burn up at the

some time. I say it would be
a good idea to ask the people
in the ruined areas if any
of them had seen a bee and
how long ago. I know we have
the smartest man in the world in
our F. B. I. and I do not presume
to tell you people what to do, but
maybe there is some connection.

In any event I think you
people should start protecting our
country the same as you did in
War Time.

Because whatever you
people think, we are at war with
some one, Only they are hiding.

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| ___ Mr. Ladd | ___ Mr. Ammarell |
| ___ Mr. Belmont | ___ Mr. Bates |
| ___ Mr. Laughlin | ___ Mr. Blair |
| ___ Mr. Keay | ___ Mr. D. M. Brown |
| ___ Mr. Bartlett | ___ Mr. J. W. Brown |
| ___ Mr. Baumgardner | ___ Mr. Cole |
| ___ Mr. Stanley | ___ Mr. Connell |
| ___ Mr. Hennrich | ___ Mr. Conroy |
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| ___ Mrs. Schwab <i>Flying</i> | ___ Mr. Flaherty |
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| ___ See Me | ___ Mr. Moynihan |
| ___ Phone Me | ___ Mr. Noone |
| ___ Please Handle | ___ Mr. Obenshain |
| | ___ Mr. Ormond |
| | ___ Mr. Reynolds |
| | ___ Mr. Roach |
| | ___ Mr. Sanders |
| | ___ Mr. Secord |
| | ___ Mr. Sullivan |
| | ___ Mr. Torrillo |
| | ___ Mr. Woods |

Air Intelligence has asked other departments to services to furnish this type info to them. OVER

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September 8, 1950

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 29, 1950, and
want to thank you for bringing the information contained
therein to the attention of this Bureau.

The Department of the Air Force is the Department
of this Government engaged in coordinating and analyzing
the type of information contained in your referenced
letter. I have taken the liberty, therefore, in furnish-
ing your letter to that Department for their attention.

Sincerely yours

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[REDACTED]
TORONTO, ONT.

August 29, 1950.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that one of the Departments of the F.B.I. is collecting information from eyewitnesses of the phenomenon commonly termed 'Flying Saucers' and with this in view I have the following incident to relate.

On July 19th at 10:30 I was looking over my farm facing west. The moon was fairly full and there was a low ceiling of light clouds. Much to my amazement I saw through the clouds a hazy object of light coming towards the farmhouse with incredible speed. It circled before reaching the farmhouse and continued to do so, neither the height or the orbit of which I could determine. I could not distinguish its shape, as it was above the clouds and I could only see a filter of light.

This was an entity in itself or within itself. It did not come from a beam either above or below. At times it seemed to retard its speed and then would circle in the opposite direction. After watching this spectacle for about ten minutes I felt in justice to myself that I should have corroboration so I called to my houseman who was in bed who came out in slippers and bathrobe and watched it with me for about ten minutes with mouth agape. I continued to watch it in all for about thirty-five minutes, from 10:30 p.m. to 11:05 p.m. when it disappeared in a westerly direction.

I am passing this along to you for what it is worth. If you are not interested throw it in the waste paper basket.

Yours very truly,
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

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P.S. My farm is located twelve miles north east of City Hall, Toronto.

July 20/50

Dear Sir

The answer to your letter was received

This letter is to the best of my Remembrance about the Blast Saucer that hit the top of a fig ash tree my truck park and at night.

FLYING SAUCERS

When I came to the to go to work I heard a whistly sound just a! I was start to get in the truck and then the saucer hit the top of the tree and I taken of an leaf of the truck and call Oak Park Ill Police at July 16/50 at 6.29 am o'clock.

Then a fort a month later I found a note in the truck seat when I was on a trip at 9.30 o'clock at night I taken to the Police here.

As near as I can remember it said Learn the code that is a Peace of Paper that was in the saucer Learn it out where the Right Party can get.

on the Secor Paper it said the saucer was not ment for you that is a code

of make of big city an atomic plant

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What would be done in to her.
It might be a great idea now
I sent it to the Republican Party
at Washington D.C.

[REDACTED]

One Park St.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, Chicago

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], INFORMANT

0 FLYING DISCS

On July 28, 1950, Mr. [REDACTED], Chicago, phone [REDACTED], brought to this office the original letter and envelope attached, postmarked July 25, 1950 at Chicago, which letter is quoted below:

"New Flying Saucer" ~~DEFERRED RECORD~~

"Since we are on the brink of a third world conflict, the world is more air concious than ever. Aviation in some phases is yet in its pioneering days. Much talk goes on about the flying saucers or discs. The saucer we speak about, is not a military secret, and is not yet owned by any government. The flying saucer which was seen over south Chicago last April is a large fuel tank with crystal glass wings. It has two large jet engines on both sides. It is radion controled. It resembles a saucer very much when in flight. The wings cannot be seen on a clear day. This is so it is a most difficult target for anti aircraft gunners. The reason for the large flat gas or fuel tank is to give the ship a long range for atomic bombing. The ship was designed by [REDACTED], a former 'Linco' skywriter, [REDACTED] aircraft mechanic, and [REDACTED] German World War I ace. The ship was financed by HOWARD HUGHES, millionaire aviation enthusiast. It is now being tested by the Glen F. Martin Aircraft Co., makers of the Martin Marauder. The craft is only made for one way trips. It has a range of 4000 miles, ceiling of 25,000 feet, and a speed of 750 miles per hour. So far only a few of these craft have been made, and they usually are pitched in the lake or ocean as they cannot be landed. They are merely to carry a bomb of high destruction to enemy country. They have no wheels, but small steel rails on the bottom from which they take off. All other mechanism can be explained in detail. The man who welded the ship says it is by far the best long range bombing instrument he has ever seen. The name of the ship is the 'Danse Macabre'.

"Editor

"In a few weeks zinc cuts showing 3 views of craft will be sent to you.

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Director, FBI, 7/31/50

Mr. [REDACTED] states that no one connected with the [REDACTED] knows of anyone named [REDACTED], nor do they know of anyone who lives in the circulation area of their paper with that name.

[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he did not want to publish this letter as he felt the Army desired that the matter be kept confidential. He will contact this office again if he receives the "zinc cuts" or has any other correspondence from [REDACTED]. He felt that [REDACTED] might send the same information to other publishers who may print the story. *

There was no return address for [REDACTED] on either the envelope or the letter. There is, however, an [REDACTED] listed in the telephone directory at [REDACTED] and an [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Chicago.

This information is being transmitted to the Bureau for such action as it deems appropriate.

The Chicago indices are negative regarding [REDACTED].

New Flying Saucer

Since we are on to the
of a Third World conf. the
world is more air con- the
than ever. Aviation is
saucer, is yet in its pin
imp. Must talk over on
The flying saucer on
the saucer we speak about,
is not a military secret,
is not yet owned by a
government. The flying saucer
which was seen over south
Chicago last April, is a low-
fuel tank with crystal glass
wings. It has two large
jet engines on both sides.
It is radio controlled. It
resembles a saucer very

The wings cannot be seen
on a clear day. This is,
it is a most difficult
target for anti aircraft
gunners. The reason for its
large flat gas or fuel tank
is to give the ship a
long range for atomic
bombing. The ship was
designed by the [redacted]
a former "Juno skywriter"
[redacted]
mechanic, and [redacted]
German world war I ace.
The ship was financed by
Howard Hughes, millionaire
aviation enthusiast. It is now
being tested but [redacted]

Maxim Aircraft Co. makes of
the Maxim Macaulen. The
craft is only made for one
way trips. It has a range
of 4000 miles. Ceiling of 25000
ft, and a speed of 2500
miles per hour. It has only
a few of these craft have been
made, and they normally
are pitched in the lake
ocean, as they cannot
be landed. They are
usually a kind of high
altitude to enemy country.
They have small steel
rails in the bottom from
which they take off. Del
mechanism can be
tail.

The man who was shot
saw it in by for the best
long range bombing instrument
has been seen. The
name of the ship is the
"Dance Macabre."

Elton

In a few weeks give extra
showing 3 U riners of craft
will be sent to you.

Yours Truly

[Redacted signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
(Bufile 62-83894E)



ReBulet July 28, 1950.

The Bureau is advised that the information set forth in Chicago let dated July 18, 1950 and the information submitted to the Bureau by Chicago let dated July 31, 1950 entitled ~~REDACTED~~ "INFORMANT, FLYING DISCS" has been submitted to OSI.

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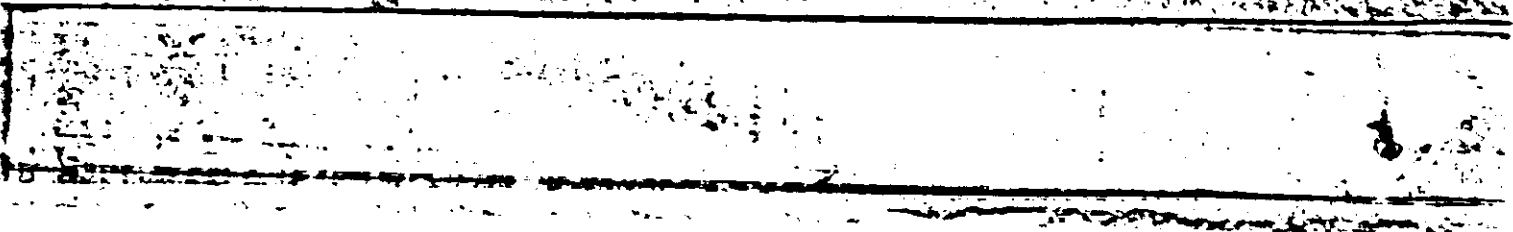
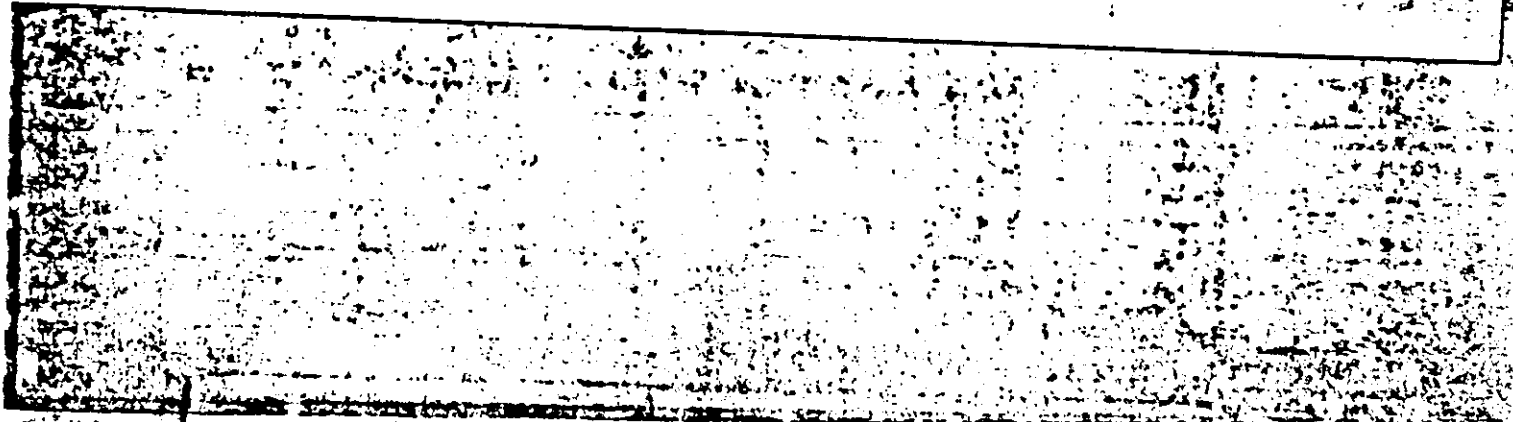
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/2/50

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: ALF E. HIXENBAUGH's Photographs
of Flying Saucers;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On June 28, 1950, the Louisville Times, a newspaper of general circulation published at Louisville, Kentucky, carried a two column out showing three frames of a movie camera film of what purported to be a moving picture of a flying saucer. The photographs, taken by ALF (AL) HIXENBAUGH, Times staff photographer, were taken, HIXENBAUGH said, on a 16 mm magazine-loading movie camera.

The news article, accompanying the photographs, stated HIXENBAUGH took 50 feet of film in which "the bright flying object shows clearly." The photographer, according to the article, was at Longest and Everett Avenues near his home, 2205 Longest, at 4:15 p.m., June 27, 1950, on his way to take some moving pictures of birds. The article relates that HIXENBAUGH "suddenly heard the roar of a big plane -- a twin-motored DC-3 -- and glanced overhead. At first he thought it was a jet plane then he looked to the west of the plant, which was flying southwest toward Standiford Field -- and saw the large disk. It had a slight corona around it and seemed to be lower than the plane."

According to HIXENBAUGH, the object appeared "motionless for about ten seconds ... then it began to get smaller, finally vanishing into the west." The article notes that while the "saucer" appeared on all the film HIXENBAUGH took, the airplane was out of the picture field quickly, appearing on only about 10 feet. HIXENBAUGH, according to the article, advised military officers at Godman Field who in turn notified flight headquarters at Wright-Patterson Field. A copy of the newspaper article and photographs are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures.

A subsequent newspaper article stated that representatives of the military would fly to Louisville to examine the films. In addition to being printed in the Louisville Times, the movie film taken by HIXENBAUGH was carried on a national television network and received national comment from WALTER WINCHELL. HIXENBAUGH has received telephonic and written queries concerning subject matter of the picture

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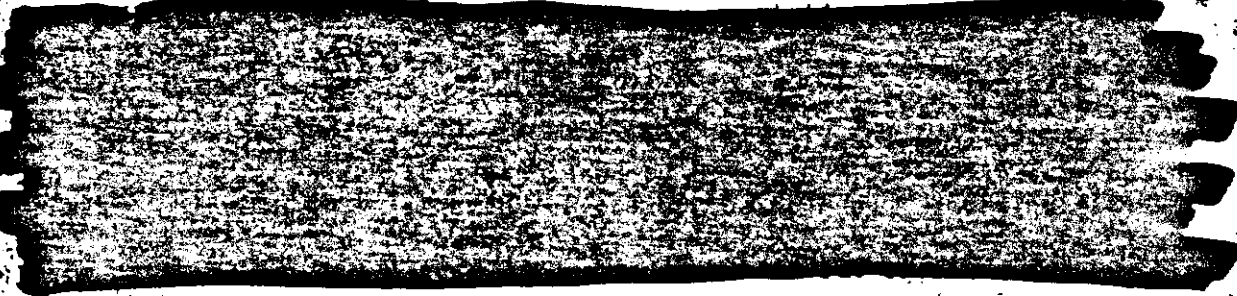
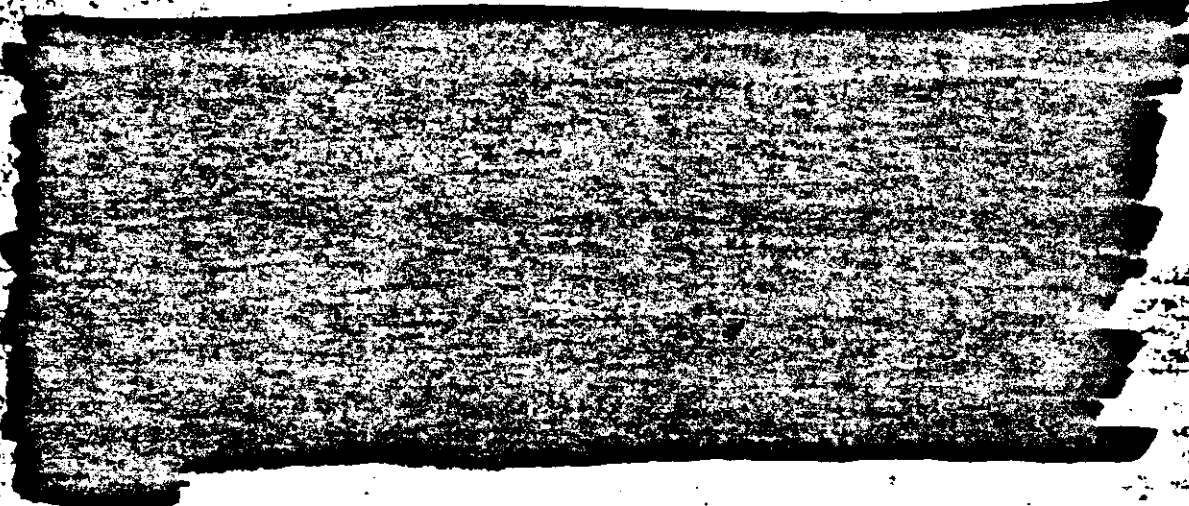
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from various persons and organizations throughout the United States, he said.

On July 28, 1950, HIXENBAUGH telephonically communicated with the Louisville Division stating that he had been advised that a representative of one of the Army Intelligence Agencies would be in Louisville on Saturday, July 29, 1950, to view the film. He expressed fear that the persons who might be contacting him might be unauthorized individuals and asked if he could bring the film to the FBI office for clearance. HIXENBAUGH was advised that the Bureau did not clear employees of other agencies and if he had doubt as to their authenticity he should check with the agency they professed to represent. HIXENBAUGH was advised that in the event they were not representatives of the agency they professed to represent, the information should be furnished this office and appropriate action would be taken under the Impersonation Statute.



Movies Snapped of Sky Disk By Alert Times Photographer

Yes, we have some flying saucers today, and for the first time, here are moving pictures for proof.

Many have reported seeing the saucers but it remained for Al Hixenbaugh to do something about it—with his trusty 16 mm. magazine-loading movie camera.

"Hix," Times staff photographer, took 50 feet of film in which the bright flying object shows clearly in all. Army officials have been informed and have indicated eagerness to examine the pictures.

The photographer was at Longest and Everett Avenues, near his home at 2205 Longest, at 4:15 p.m. yesterday. He was on his way to take some movies of birds.

Suddenly he heard the roar of a big plane—a twin-motored DC-3—and glanced overhead. At first he thought it was a jet plane. Then he looked to the west of the plane, which was flying southwest toward Standiford Field—and saw the large disk. It had a slight corona around it and seemed to be lower than the plane.

He aimed his camera and fired. While he ground out the film, he said, the object appeared motionless for about 10 seconds.

"It stood practically still, like a balloon," he said.

Then it began to get smaller, finally vanishing into the west. While the "saucer" appears on all of the films he took, the plane was out of the picture field quickly, appearing only on about 10 feet. The disk was within his vision "about a minute."

"Hix" contacted the newsroom at WHAS and from there Jerry Gammons called Standiford and Bowman Fields and weather

officials. None had heard any reports of a "flying saucer." He was advised to inform military officials at Godman Field.

Godman said it would notify flight headquarters at Wright-Patterson Field which might send an aide to examine the films.



By Times Staff Photographer

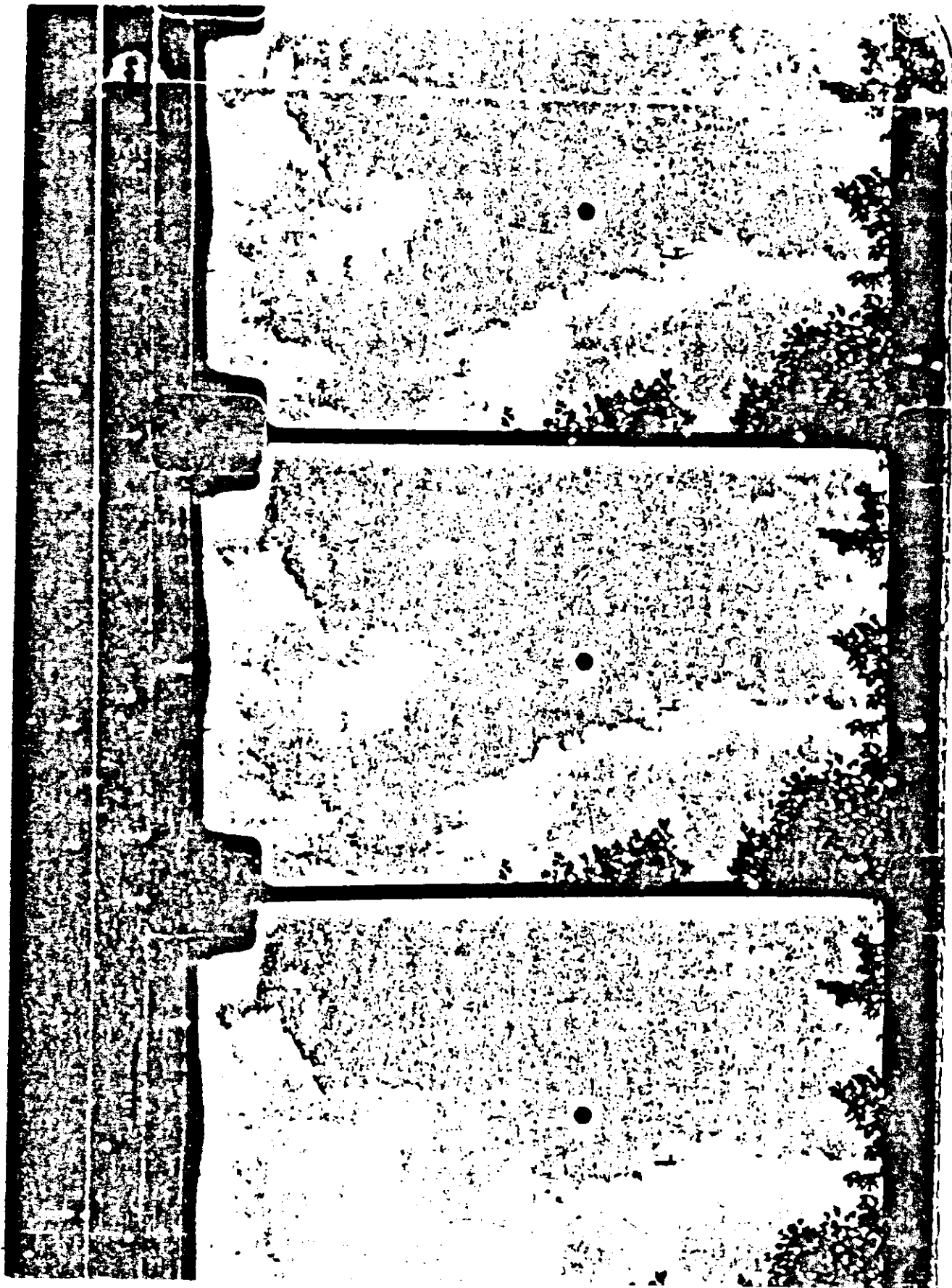
Here's Real Flying Saucer, If There Is One

This is what a "flying saucer" looks like, if there really is such a thing. Al Hixenbaugh, Times' photographer, snapped movies of the object yesterday. The object appears almost as big as the twin-motored DC-3 to the right.

ENCLOSURE

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The Louisville Times
Louisville, Kentucky
June 28, 1950



July 11, 1950

Mr. [REDACTED]
Louisville 11, Kentucky

Dear [REDACTED] 83894-239

Your card postmarked July 3, 1950, has been received and it is suggested that you may wish to correspond directly with the Secretary of the Air Force, National Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., since the matter to which you referred has been handled by that agency.

I am sure you will find on a close examination of the book you mentioned that it contains no quotations from the FBI but merely mentions this agency.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

NOTE: Correspondent refers to a book "The Flying Saucers are Real" by Donald Keyhoe, which has been read and will be reviewed by the Crime Records Section in the near future. The book mentions briefly that the FBI was investigating flying saucers and that Bureau Agents witnessed saucers at Las Vegas, New Mexico, 12-8-48. It is not malicious in the references to the FBI. Keyhoe wrote the article on saucers for True Magazine.

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FBI - SAN ANTONIO

7-4-50

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DIRECTOR FBI

FLYING DISC FOUND AT ALICE, TEXAS, JULY FOUR, FIFTY, INTERNAL SECURITY
DASH R. CAA REPRESENTATIVES SAN ANTONIO, ADVISED THIS OFFICE AT TWELVE
FIFTEEN P. M. THIS DATE THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THEIR
REPRESENTATIVE AT ALICE THAT A FLYING DISC HAD BEEN FOUND BETWEEN THE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND THE CITY OF ALICE. DISC IS ELLIPTICAL SHAPE,
FOUR TO FIVE FEET IN DIAMETER, HAS TWO RADIO AERIALS, SLOTS OR HOLES
INDICATING JET OR ROCKET PROPULSION. DISC HAS NO. X ONE FOUR SEVEN A,
PRINTED ON IT, TOGETHER WITH QUOTE DO NOT TOUCH UNQUOTE. LOCAL RADIO
NEWSCAST QUOTES CHIEF OF POLICE, ALICE, TEXAS AS STATING FLYING
DISC A HOAX. OSI, KELLY AFB AND HOUSTON OFFICE ADVISED.

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cc: Mr. Belmont

To whom it may concern:

I would like to know just how much ^{RECORDED} ^{JUL 5 12 20 PM '55} ^{INDEXED} ^{FILED} in Donald Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucers Are Real" published this year by the Fawcett Publications, Inc. Keyhoe quotes a vast amount of information from the Air Force, and the F.B.I. Sincerely yours, [redacted]

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

FBI HOUSTON 7-4-50 3-50 PM CST ICF

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

FLYING DISC, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND NEAR ALICE, TEXAS JULY FOURTH,
INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REDACTED] ALICE,

TEXAS ADVISES THAT ON THIS DATE A SMALL ELYPTICAL CONTRAPTION WAS FOUND
IN A FIELD ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YARDS NORTHWEST OF MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
ALICE, TEXAS. UPON EXAMINATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT OBJECT WAS
CONSTRUCTED BY WELDING A PORTION OF TWO AIRPLANE WINGS TOGETHER. THE
CONTRIVANCE WAS FRESHLY PAINTED AND BORE THE MARKINGS DESCRIBED IN
REFERENCE TELETYPE, AND HAD NO MOTOR OR MEANS OF PROPULSION. THE
[REDACTED] REMOVED THE OBJECT TO THE POLICE STATION AND UPON INQUIRY
DETERMINED THAT IT HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY A GROUP OF MECHANICS AT THE
ALICE AIRPORT AS A PRACTICAL JOKE. AIR FORCE OFFICIALS ELLINGTON
FIELD ADVISED. NO FURTHER INQUIRES TO BE MADE.

LORTON

CORRECTION LAST WORD ON LINE TWO IS "ALICE"
END ACK

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cc: Mr. Belmont

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FLYING DISC, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND NEAR ALICE, TEXAS JULY FOURTH
 INFORMATION CONCERNING. SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE
 BUREAU BEING INFORMED THAT SUBJECT DISC DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY
 FIVE FEET IN DIAMETER, ELYPTICAL IN SHAPE AND BEARING SERIAL NUMBER
 X DASH ONE FOUR SEVEN A AND INSTRUCTIONS QUOTE DO NOT TOUCH
 UNQUOTE. RESIDENT AGENT CORPUS CHRISTI STATES THAT LOCAL RADIO REPORTS
 THIS DISCOVERY TO BE A HOAX. FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE AND BUREAU
 WILL BE ADVISED. CAPTAIN [REDACTED] SECURITY OFFICER ELLINGTON
 FIELD AIR FORCE ADVISED AND REPORTED HIS OFFICE HAD NO INFORMATION RE
 SUBJECT DISC. PRESS INQUIRIES OF THIS OFFICE WILL BE ANSWERED WITH
 NO COMMENT UACB.

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LORTON

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 cc: Mr. Belmont

END AC PLS

441 OK FBI WASH DC CCW

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7-4-50 4:42 PM Press release O.K.
 Per Mr. Nichols
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SAC, CHICAGO

July 28, 1950

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS

Chicago File 100-18999

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Reurlet July 18, 1950.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau whether the information contained in your reference letter has been furnished to the local office of OSI in Chicago, Illinois in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: July 18, 1950

FROM: SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
[REDACTED] - INFORMANT

The following is submitted for information of the Bureau for whatever action it may deem advisable.

On July 1, 1950, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that at 1:00 a.m. July 1, 1950, at North Chicago, Illinois, east intersection of 22nd Street and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad and Chicago Northwestern Railroad tracks, atop the watchman's tower, which is approximately fifteen feet in the air, he observed one cigar-shaped object, about five feet in appearance from his viewpoint, traveling from northwestern to southeastern direction at an excessive rate of speed over the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. According to the informant, this object appeared almost directly overhead at an altitude which he estimated to be about 15,000 to 20,000 feet, and it remained in sight for about twenty to twenty-five seconds until it disappeared over the horizon.

This informant advised the object did not appear like any falling star or meteor he had ever seen, and that it proceeded in a straight and level flight. The informant continued that the front two-thirds of the object was a constant glow about the coloring of a burning kerosene lamp, and that the rear third was dark. He continued that the object left a bluish-white trail behind it, appearing to be about four inches in width, and about three times the length of the object. The informant advised that there were no wings or other type of support visible to him, and that the propulsion, control and stability were unknown to him. He advised that the speed of this object was much faster than any conventional type of aircraft he had ever seen, although it did not travel as fast as a falling star. He added that there was no sound discernible.

[REDACTED] his attention was drawn to this object while he was watching for an approaching train. It is to be noted that he advised there were no other witnesses who saw the aforementioned object.

This informant has furnished reliable information to the Chicago Division in the past, is of average intelligence, and considered of good character and reputation.

cc: A66-2224

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

WASH 8 FROM PHOENIX VIA LOSA 30 10-03 AM

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

FLYING DISCS. AT FIVE FORTYFIVE PM, JUNE TWENTYNINTH LAST, AN
 OBJECT IN SKY WAS OBSERVED BY MANY CITIZENS OF PHOENIX INCLUDING
 FBI PERSONNEL. MATTER IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO [REDACTED]
 OSI, WILLIAMS AFB, ARIZONA. [REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY OBJECT WAS PICKED
 UP BY RADAR SCOPE AT SIX PM, JUNE TWENTYNINTH, AT WHICH TIME IT
 WAS ESTIMATED OBJECT WAS THIRTY TO THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET IN
 AIR. A B TWENTYNINE FROM FIVE HUNDRED NINTH BOMB GROUP, ROSWELL,
 NM, WAS ASSIGNED TO FOLLOW OBJECT AND PILOT REPORTED THAT WHILE
 TRAVELING AT TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND FEET HE ESTIMATED OBJECT TO BE
 ADDITIONAL TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND FEET ABOVE HIM. PLANE WAS
 TRAVELING AT TWO HUNDRED NINETY MPH AND WAS ABLE TO CIRCLE BENEATH
 OBJECT. OBJECT WAS MOVING IN WESTWARDLY DIRECTION IN ABSENCE OF
 WIND. IT WAS LAST SIGHTED AT EIGHT FIFTYFIVE PM AT A POINT ABOUT
 TWENTY MILES NORTH OF BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, WHEN IT WAS LOST DUE TO
 HEAVY THUNDERSTORM IN AREA. [REDACTED] ESTIMATED SIZE OF OBJECT TO
 BE VERY LARGE, INASMUCH AS WITH USE OF BINOCULARS HE COULD EASILY
 SEE OBJECT. NEVERTHELESS, THE B TWENTYNINE COULD NOT BE OBSERVED
 WITH BINOCULARS. OSI WILL SUBMIT FULL REPORT AFTER CONSULTATION
 WITH AIRPLANE CREW AND FURTHER STUDY. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY

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THIS OFFICE AND ABOVE FOR YOUR INFO ONLY.

W. J. MURPHY

CORRECTION PLS 6TH LINE 7TH WORD SHOULD BE THIRTYFIVE

END

PLS ACK

HOLD PLS

cc Mr. Belmont

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 11, 1950

SRM FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
WRH
SUBJECT: 0 FLYING DISC

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Reference is made to SAC letter #38, series 1949.

Mr. [REDACTED] Downers Grove, Illinois, telephone number - [REDACTED] telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] at 9:54 PM, July 4, 1950, that at 9:38 PM on July 4, 1950, he observed a large, bright, silvery object moving at an approximate altitude of 10,000 feet, in a north, north-westerly direction over Downers Grove. Mr. [REDACTED] said that his wife also observed this object. He stated that he estimated the speed of the object at 700 to 800 miles by comparing its rate of movement with that of commercial airplanes.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he is a meteorologist with United Air Lines and the object he observed was not a plane nor was it a fireworks display.

The above is being submitted for your information.

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SAC, Washington Field

July 19, 1950

Director, FBI

FLYING DISCS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet 6-29-50.

Attention is directed to existing Bureau instructions wherein complaints received relating to the captioned matter should be promptly furnished to a local representative of the Office of Special Investigations, the Inspector General, U. S. Air Force by your office.

You are instructed to furnish the information contained in the referenced letter to OSI. In the future, such action should be taken promptly following the receipt of such information by your office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 29, 1950

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

This is to advise the Bureau that on June 25, 1950, [redacted], N.W., telephone, [redacted] and who is employed at the Hot Shoppe, Connecticut Avenue, N.W., informed that at 9:25 am, that date, while looking out of the window of his residence he saw what he believed to be a flying saucer. He described this object as resembling a cigar, the end of which was tilted down toward the earth and presenting a silver appearance. He estimated the height of this object as from 20 to 25 thousand feet, and stated the size at that distance appeared to be about four inches. [redacted] could furnish no further details other than to state the object appeared to be moving in an easterly direction. He advised that this is the first flying saucer he has ever seen.

The foregoing is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no action is being taken by this Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/19/50

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AERIAL PHENOMENA IN
NEW MEXICO
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Of flying discs

There is being transmitted herewith a Summary of Observations of Serial Phenomena in New Mexico from December 1948 to May 25, 1950. This recapitulation of data summarizes previous individual sights that have been reported in this area. The summary was prepared by the Inspector General's Office of the 17th District of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

The above information is being submitted for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 15, 1950

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT:
 [REDACTED]
 Yuba City, California
 RESEARCH

Rebulet 6-5-50.

Subject was located 6-13-50 residing at [REDACTED] San Jose, California. He was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] of this Office, who carefully explained the jurisdiction of the FBI to him and questioned him relative to any information he might have which would be of interest to this Bureau.

Mr. [REDACTED] had nothing to add to his previous story as submitted by letter to the Bureau on 4-9-50. He was advised that any information relative to "flying saucers" did not come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and that he could communicate such information to the Secretary of the Air Force, National Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

For the further information of the Bureau, Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], was contacted in an effort to locate Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being "odd" but would not elaborate on this statement.

It was also ascertained from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], San Jose, California, through whom [REDACTED] was located, that [REDACTED] was given to weird imaginings. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would not exactly describe [REDACTED] as being insane but stated that he was getting along in years and was prone to exaggerate on queer imaginings.

It was the observation of the interviewing agent that Mr. [REDACTED] is abnormal mentally.

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THE INSPE GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE / SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

5 July 1950

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File No: 24-30

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
sighted on 29 June 1950
at Phoenix, Arizona
SPECIAL ENQUIRY

rec'd from O.S.I.
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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Spot Report TWX from this Headquarters dated 30 June 1950, making reference to an unidentified flying object sighted on 29 June 1950 at Phoenix, Arizona.

2. An interview with 1st Lt. JOHN D. FINK, AC-323052, 92nd Fighter Squadron, Kirtland AFB reveals that on 29 June 1950 at approximately 1340 hours Lt. FINK sighted this object. Lt. FINK claims to be at 17,000 while flying an F-86 aircraft and observed that the object was a bright balloon with instruments attached and was floating at an altitude of 50,000 feet.

3. Lt. FINK described the speed of the balloon as being very slow and further described the balloon as being an "inverted cone drop".

4. Inasmuch as the previously unidentified object has been positively identified as a balloon, further investigation will not be conducted in this incident.

July 1950

RICHARD G. COX
MAJOR, USAF
District Commander

Filing Flying
[Redacted]

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Mr. [REDACTED]
University of California
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 2, 1950, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of service, this Bureau has no information available for distribution with regard to the subject of your letter, and I suggest that you may wish to direct your inquiry to the Secretary of Defense, National Defense Building, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

June 2, 1950

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am currently engaged in research for a graduate dissertation which will attempt to analyze the sociological and psychological implications of the flying saucer phenomenon.

In the course of my research I am giving extensive consideration of the several magazine articles and the one book which have already been written on the subject. The book, in particular, and the magazine articles in general, hint at official restraints which have hampered the authors in their research. So far as I know none of those research projects attempted to probe as deeply into the background of the phenomena as I am, yet I have encountered no such "official censorship" as they mention. In fact I have been surprised at the openness with which some people have replied to my queries.

I believe the fact that I have encountered no restrictions is significant when I attempt to analyze my total findings. It raises the question as to whether those previously mentioned authors aren't trying hard to sell something which really isn't there to sell.

Is there any reason why the flying saucer situation should be "played down?" Is there any official attitude toward the matter?

I wish to thank you in advance for your interest and help. You may be assured that I will appreciate any information you may be able to give me.

Sincerely yours,

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JUN 18 1950

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62-83894-13
[REDACTED]

TO : [redacted], FBI

DA May 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: **FLYING DISCS**

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On May 24, 1950, this office received from Major MERLE L. MENNIE, Intelligence and Security Officer, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, a report dealing with [redacted]. A copy of this report is attached to this letter for your information. *b6*

The report states that [redacted] sold for \$1.00 two photographs to one [redacted], who in turn gave the photographs to an agent of CID, New Orleans Port of Embarkation. These photographs were of flying saucers and a man from Mars in the custody of two U. S. Army Military Policemen. A copy of one negative and a copy of one positive of these photographs are also enclosed herewith. *b6*

Enclosures (3)

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
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Matter discussed with Col. Borden, OSI. He advised that hundreds of such matters are received by AF. They should be not considered their monthly of investigations. 6-21-50

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE 23 May 1950

PREPARING OFFICE

Intelligence Branch, New Orleans Port of Detention, New Orleans 12, La.

SUBJECT

RAFFERTY, Michael
2453 Prichard Street
New Orleans, La.

CAF 71 74-15-0

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
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UNRELIABLE E
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES 1
PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
DUBIOUS 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

At about 1430 hours, 22 May 1950, the attached (See Inclosure 1) "photograph" was turned over to Agent John F. Quinn, CID, New Orleans Port of Detention. The individual who turned this material over to Quinn told him that he had purchased the "photograph" from one [redacted] for the sum of \$1.00. He stated that he thought this material "should be placed in the hands of the Government", as it was supposed to be pictures of "flying saucers" and "a man from Mars in the United States". The "man from Mars" was pictured as being in the custody of two military policemen. (B-2)

The individual turning this material over to Quinn gave his name as [redacted] (B-2)

According to [redacted] he alleged to have served five (5) years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. (B-2)

No interrogation of [redacted] was conducted by Agent Quinn. (B-2)

2 Encl:
Photo. (Original & Copy)

COMMENT: A literal translation of the caption under the alleged photographs stated that a special infra-red machine was used to take these photographs because the "flying saucers" were invisible to the human eye. Also, the sound emitted by the two pictured "saucers" was of such high frequency as to be above frequencies audible to the human ear. The caption continues by stating that an accident occurred to one of the "saucers" and the individual shown in custody of United States Military Police in the right hand photograph was a "Mr. X", a member of the crew of one of these "flying saucers". The location of both photographs was stated to be Weistaden, Germany.

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La MI Dist (1)
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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU

Copy of report by Intelligence Branch, New Orleans
Port of Embarkation, [REDACTED]

One negative copy and one positive copy of photographs
of flying saucer and man from Ward in custody of two MP's.

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Serial No. 450 at Kodiak, Alaska Date 10 Feb. 1950 19

From OIC (See note 2)
Reference (See note 2)

Source OFFICIALS - U. S. NAVY Evaluation L-2

Subject Unidentified Phenomena in vicinity of Kodiak Alaska

Summary: A report of sightings of unidentified airborne objects, by various naval personnel, on 22 and 23 January 1950, in the vicinity of Kodiak, Alaska is contained herein.

NOTES: (1) This information is as of 23 January 1950
(2) IRI makes no provision for reporting phenomena of this nature

- ENCLOSURES:
- (1) Completed CINCAL form containing information given by [redacted] USN
 - (2) Completed CINCAL form containing information given by [redacted] Y1 and [redacted] ZIC, USN
 - (3) Sketch of radar interference characteristics experienced by [redacted] USN
 - (4) Completed CINCAL form containing information given by Lt. [redacted] USN
 - (5) Track chart of aircraft in which Lt. [redacted] USN embarked 23 January 1950
 - (6) Statements of [redacted] Y1 and [redacted] ZIC, USN
 - (7) Statement of Lt. [redacted]
 - (8) Winds aloft and balloon release data

1. Enclosures (1), (2), and (4) are completed forms suggested by Commander in Chief, Alaskan Command, Fort Richardson, Alaska for the reporting of sighting of unidentified objects. Enclosure (3) is a sketch of radar interference experienced in aircraft piloted by Lt. [redacted]. Enclosure (5) is a track chart of aircraft in which Lt. [redacted] was embarked when he sighted unidentified object. Enclosure (6) contains statements by [redacted] ZIC, USN and [redacted] Y1, USN relative to their sighting. Enclosure (7) is a copy of Lt. [redacted] statement and enclosure (8) is a summary of weather and balloon release information.

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independent British team, failed to uncover any evidence to support the theory of Soviet missiles. By 1947 the thing had snowballed to such an extent that the Swedish Government finally issued a report identifying most of the incidents with natural phenomena and denying that any foreign power was involved. During this period sightings were reported from the remaining Scandinavian countries and most of Western Europe.

Incidents were first reported over the US in 1947 and are still continuing. Much space in the press has been given to these reports and various semi-official opinions have been quoted. For example, on 18 May, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was quoted as saying "There must be something to them, for too many reliable persons have made reports on them. I am duty bound not to say what I know about them - or what I don't know about them. However, if they do exist, you can rest assured that they are ours." The USAF for a long time conducted a thorough investigation of each of the hundreds of incidents involved. It found that approximately 15% of the reports could definitely be related to known causes such as meteorological balloons, aircraft, meteors and other common phenomena.

A public statement was issued debunking the entire existence of flying disks or saucers. This did little to cut down the flood of reports.

It only resulted in convincing a large number of people that the National Military Establishment was trying to cover up our own experiments with new weapons.

Many theories have been advanced to explain these reports of aerial phenomena over the US. These include:

1. Space ships from other planets.
2. Soviet guided missiles or aircraft, probably atomic-powered.
3. US experiments with new weapons.
4. Natural phenomena.
5. Mass hysteria, or other psychological causes.

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While it is not possible to categorically rule out theory No. 1 it is very easy to do so on reasonable grounds. The existence of any form of life on other planets is extremely tenuous and debatable. The level of technical achievement required to launch piloted or pilotless missiles from one planet to another and return is several orders of magnitude beyond that existing on the earth today and probably would have resulted in some firm contact prior to this, either through deliberate landings or unscheduled crashes. (Even these have been reported in the press - complete with descriptions of men only 18 inches tall! Such reports are sheer fabrication.)

There is absolutely no evidence that the Soviet Union possess either guided missiles or disc shaped aircraft capable of making round trip flights to the US, and the use of atomic energy for the propulsion of any aerial vehicle is still at least several years in the future. Even if the Soviets are that far ahead of us in such a program, there is no reason to expect the airplanes would be other than of conventional design. An atomic power plant, alone, would be sufficiently radical, without also designing a completely new vehicle to carry it.

The US is not experimenting with any new weapon that could reasonably be mistaken by identified as a flying disc or saucer. The US is launching large numbers of meteorological and cosmic ray balloons for experimental purposes and a fair number of the reports can be definitely attributed to sightings of these objects or reflections of other shiny objects such as aircraft.

The continued reporting of aerial phenomena must then be attributed to a mass hysteria caused by the present tenseness in the international situation; the public belief in the ability of science to accomplish miracles; and to statements in the press by "man" individuals hinting at

[REDACTED]

the existence of some new weapon. Such statements, of the type attributed to Eickenbaeker, often solicited in the most sensation form by news reporters in order to make a good story, make people watch the sky and any object they cannot immediately recognize is called a "flying saucer." This helps to maintain the "chain reaction" of such reports.

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Reports of strange and mysterious objects seen in the sky over most of the countries of the world during the past five years have created quite a stir in the public press. The sighting of such objects has not been confined to the last five years. History records many instances of man's inability to explain what he saw or thought he saw. The prophet Ezekiel in the 6th century BC reported "a whirl wind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it." He then saw "a wheel in the middle of a wheel" and reported "when they went, they went up on their four sides and they turned not when they went". (Ezekiel 1:16)

In the past, these phenomena have usually been attributed to supernatural causes, and in more recent years to natural phenomena. However, the introduction of the atomic bomb and guided missiles in World War II has so caught the public imagination with their potentialities, actual and fanciful, that we now find the phenomena variously attributed to space ships from other planets and US or Soviet experiments with new and wonderful weapons.

The present flurry of flying saucers, ghost rockets, etc., began in mid-1946 in Sweden. Hundreds of people reported seeing strange objects flying over the country. Newspapers speculated that they were Soviet guided missiles being tested over the Baltic Sea, either from the former German experimental station at Peenemunde, or from Dage Island off the Estonian Coast. The fact that an experimental V-2 fired by the Germans from Peenemunde had landed in Sweden in 1944 lent credence to this speculation. The Swedish defence staff made an investigation and may have deliberately allowed the public to believe this theory for some time for political reasons. Careful investigation by the US Air and by an

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2. A summary of the information contained in enclosure (1) through (6) follows:

a. At 2202Z 07 January LT [redacted] USN, patrol plane commander of P2V3 No. 4 of Patrol Squadron One reported an unidentified radar contact 20 miles north of the Naval Air Station, Kodiak, Alaska. When this contact was first made, LT [redacted] was flying the Kodiak Security Patrol. At 0215Z, 5 minutes later a radar contact was made on an object 10 miles southeast of NAS Kodiak. Lt. [redacted] checked with the control tower to determine known traffic in the area, and was informed that there was none. During this period the radar operator, [redacted] ALC, USN reported intermittent radar interference of a type he had never before experienced. (See enclosure (3)). Contact was lost at this time, but intermittent interference continued.

b. At some time between 0200 and 0300Z, [redacted] P-1C, USN was standing watch on board the USS TILLAMOOK (ATA 192), which was anchored in the vicinity of buoy 19 in the main ship channel. [redacted] reported sighting a "very fast moving red glow light, which appeared to be of exhaust nature, seemed to come from the southeast, moved clockwise in a large circle in the direction of, and around Kodiak and returned out in a generally southeast direction." [redacted] called [redacted] P-1, USN, also on watch, to observe this object, and they both witnessed the return flight. The object was in sight for an estimated 30 seconds. No color or sound was detected, and the object was described to have the appearance of a ball of fire about one foot in diameter.

c. At 2204Z, conducting routine Kodiak security patrol, Lt [redacted] reported a visual sighting of an unidentified airborne object at a radar range of 5 miles, on the starboard bow. This object showed indications of great speed on the radar scope. (The trailing edge of the blip gave a tail like indication.) At this time Lt [redacted] called the attention of all crew members to the object. An estimated ten seconds later, the object was directly overhead, indicating a speed of about 1600 MPH. [redacted] climbed to intercept, and attempted to circle to keep the object in sight. He was unable to do this, as the object was too highly maneuverable. Subsequently the object appeared to be opening the range, and [redacted] attempted to close the range. The object was observed to open out somewhat, then to turn to the left and come up on Smith's quarter. [redacted] considered this to be a highly threatening gesture, and turned out all lights in the aircraft. Four minutes later the object disappeared from view in a southeasterly direction.

d. At 2204Z, the day following Lt Smith's sighting, Lt [redacted] and Lt [redacted] of Patrol Squadron One were conducting the Kodiak Security Patrol, and sighted an unidentified object. At the time of the sighting the aircraft in which these officers were embarked was approximately 52 miles south of NAS Kodiak. The object appeared to be on an ascending westerly course, and was in sight for ten minutes. During this period the object was observed by Lieutenants Gausser and Sisco, and P-1C [redacted], plane captain. At no time was radar contact made on the object. Lt Gausser was unable to close the object at 170 knots.

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(e) The objects sighted have been described as follows:

(1) To Lt [redacted] and crew it appeared as two orange lights rotating about a common center, "like two jet aircraft making slow rolls in tight formation". It had a wide speed range.

(2) To [redacted] T/O, and Sawyer, "It appeared as a reddish orange ball of fire about one foot in diameter, travelling at a high rate of speed.

(3) To Lt [redacted], Lt [redacted] and [redacted] AD1, it appeared to be a pulsating orange yellow projectile shaped flame, with regular period of pulsation on 3 to 5 seconds, off 3 to 5 seconds. Later, as the object increased the range the pulsations appeared to increase to on 7 to 8 seconds and off 7 to 8 seconds.

A check with the Navy Weather Central, Kodiak, Alaska revealed that balloons were released at the following times:

22 January - 0445 and 2000Z (approximately)
23 January - 0400Z (approximately)

On 23 January winds aloft at 1000 feet were reported at 0400Z as from 310° T at 35 knots, and at 2000 feet from 240° T at 37 knots, while the object was reported to be on an ascending - westerly course.

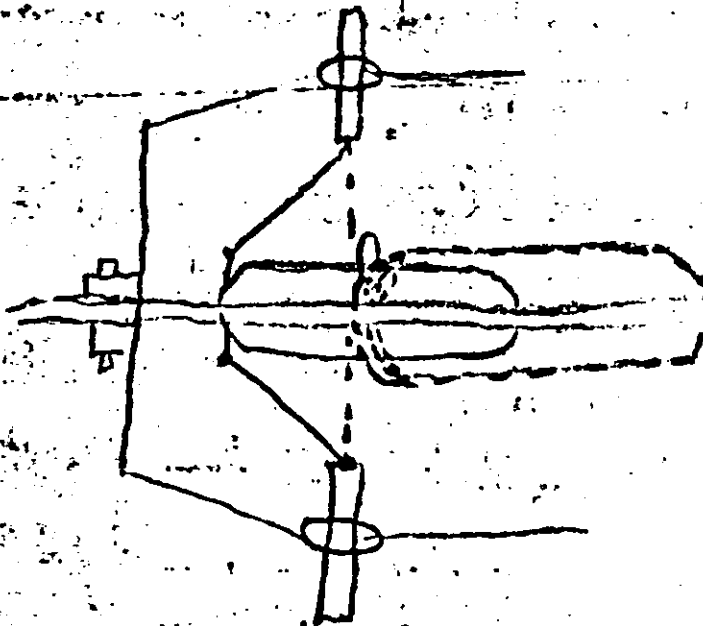
CONCLUSION: In view of the fact that no weather balloons were known to have been released within a reasonable time before the sightings, it appears that the object or objects were not balloons. If not balloons the objects must be regarded as phenomena (possibly meteorites), the exact nature of which could not be determined by this office.

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Attached I really do not know our Engineers can
type that out so I am sending a set of drawings
free hand and these are in detail just exactly like
the Russian drawings - so these look a lot better
than those I mailed out Sat. and Ubaldey said
after I studied them for quite a spell - that he
was trusting me - and should I open my mouth
or tell any one of the mechanics I saw in them
successes I would be taken care of - an damn fast - so
that's that. When you get these drawings go to the military
officials and don't get me in dutch I know you will not
as my life is the price I would pay - sooner or later
the commie agents figured I had give this away and
to not have any F.B.I. men tagging me that would look
suspicious to the commie agents. I am taking a hell of
a chance and I want some more information get from them
and I will pass it along to you as fast as I get it

where the jets are formed in 3 or not form it out so will
show that to you the drawings I sent in sat. with the jet
are O.K. That is the jet. - but some of the centrifugal power
mechanism is wrong in design. ~~██████████~~ had two or three sets
of drawings and this copy I am sending you are plain and I
think better drawings.

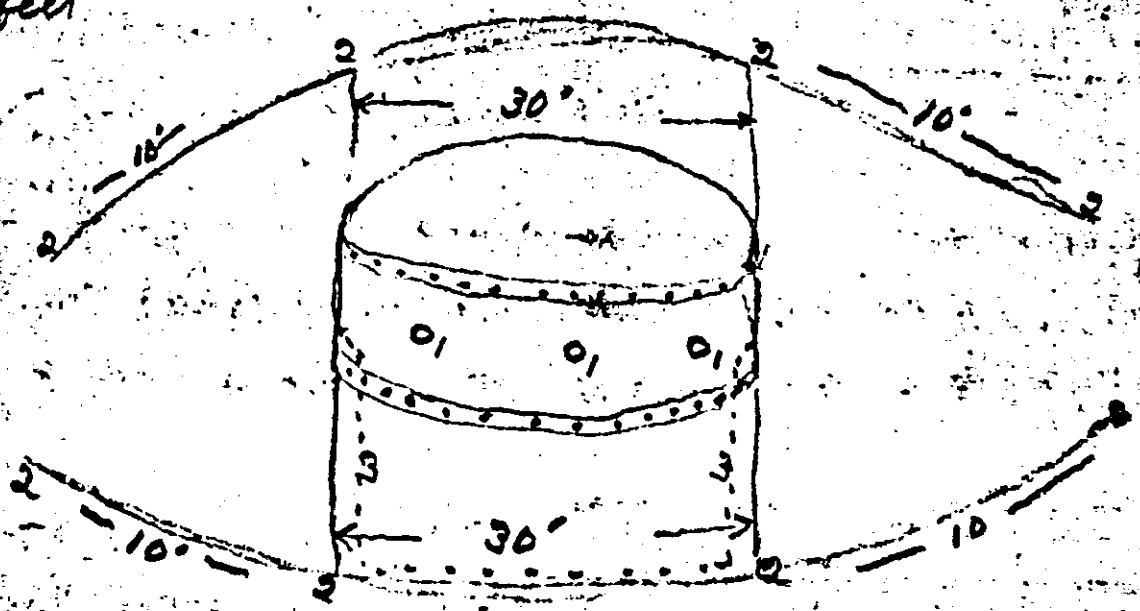
In drawing #2 where turnbuckles are
shown on cables - they are shortened or lengthened to suit - like
this as the weights fly or pull outward - the weights must pull the
cable straight out or up and down - see no bend in the line
holding the weight - a line must be straight when engines are in
motion and up to speed allowing every thing else is in proportion O.K.



drawing 3.

the drawings of the saws put together like this. A straight piece circular between top and bottom of saucer - filled with ball bearings in a groove top and bottom the center piece can turn but top or bottom does not turn - Top and bottom obey the rudders up and down rudders and the sideways rudders.

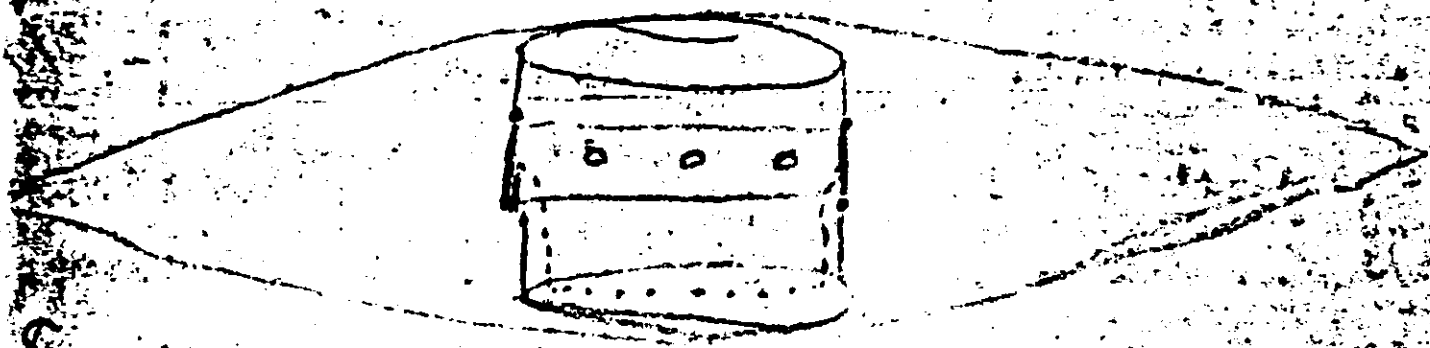
1. 1. is for the jets to fire out side. from point 2 to point 2 on 30 foot diameter saucer is 10 feet making an overall diameter 50 feet



drawing 4.

of course it does not look like this drawing for curves and etc - you know what I mean. all the floor in the saucer is fastened to the center piece as dotted line shows at 3. 3. I guess that is so saucer can be maneuvered or something my wife or son - or son in law - or daughter know nothing about this - and do not tell them - or there would be hell to pay. I think the drawings are plain enough this time.

3 I do not believe it is "horse feathers" so much as I did
in the drawings sent you sat. Ubaltsky said on the snow
with runners on this saucer like a sled centrifugal force will
pull things at a hell of a speed. The jets are used on take off
there is wheels on the saucer there are 3 wheels they are pulled
up into places in the saucer from the inside and some how or
other a piece covers the spot on the outside the drawing shows
that but I cannot figure out how it's done from the inside of
the saucer. Now I believe this is all the dope I can give you
on them. Ubaltsky said the big saucers are oblong fore and aft
not round in the middle - just as the round saucers are
something like this. you know what I mean only I cannot
draw it.



I will mail this from Utah Monday 10th 1950 and
trust you will put this into the right hands

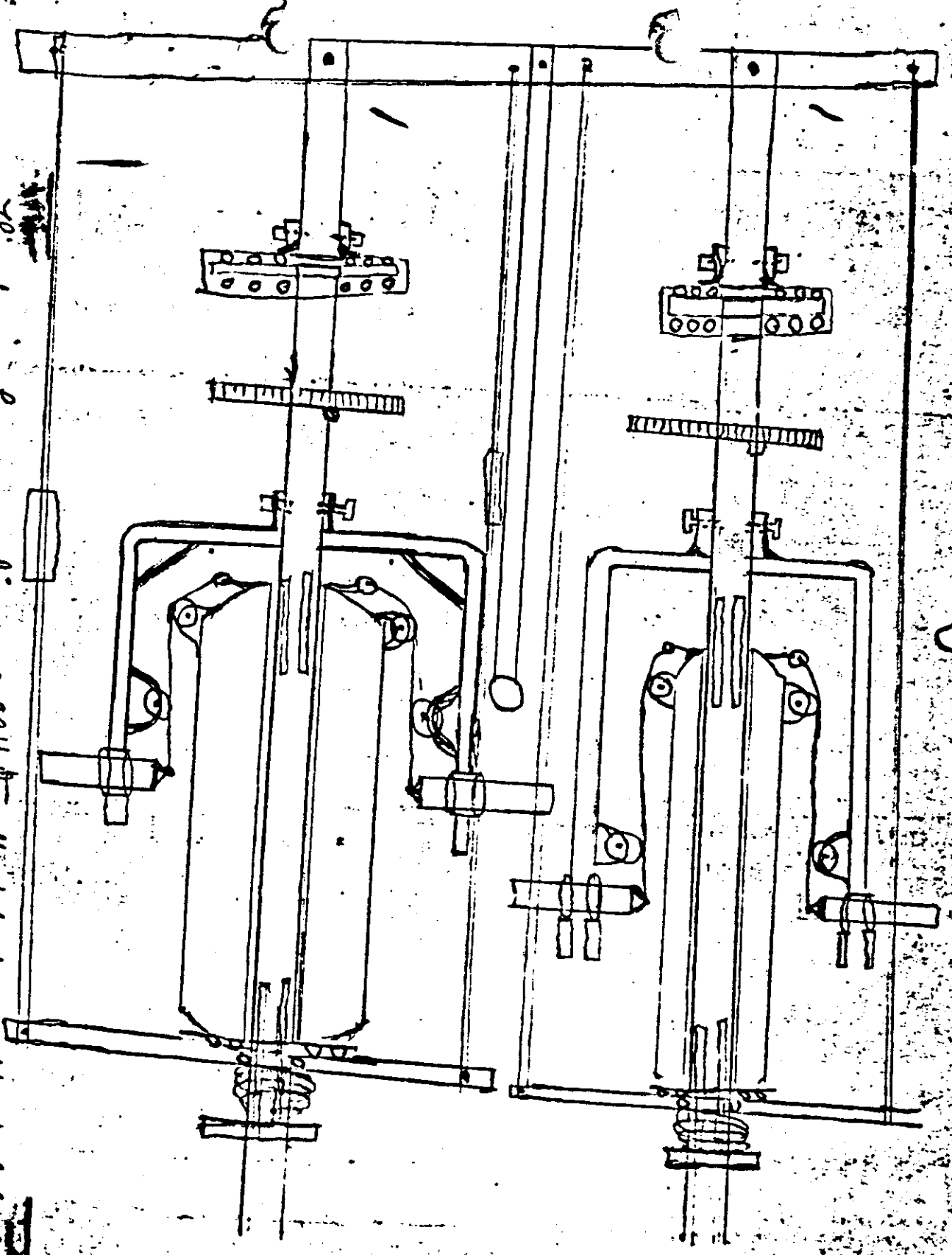
Yours Truly

~~_____~~
~~_____~~
Yuba City Calif

P. S.

I think I can get some information on the Russian submarine and what makes them go so deep down. ~~They~~ says he is sure we ~~can~~ cannot locate them as they got dummies they put out some how - in the water and can fool anyone with the dummies. He said they were making a long range rocket and building this engine it but that the saucer goes as fast as the rocket will. I was going to patent this engine even if I did get it from Ubalsty - I placed myself in great danger to get it - and am in danger yet if anyone gives me away. But give it to the U.S.A. quick and the U.S.A. can give me something for my efforts, I do not think the U.S.A. will turn me down - do you? and maybe I will ask a favor of the F. B. I. - who knows.

Drawing #1



This drawing has no specifications and self then off at 1/2" so as it will look plain
The rollers are about in drawing and

April 17, 1950

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Yuba City, California

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Your letters of April 8, 1950, have been received and I want to thank you for writing to me as you did.

It is suggested, however, that you may wish to communicate directly with the Secretary of the Army, National Defense Building, Washington, D. C., with reference to the matter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

MAILED
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NOTE: Correspondent advises he has been in contact with the Buffalo Office and states that he has deemed the information he has furnished with reference to flying saucers important enough to write direct to the Bureau. He advises that he desires us to use a plain envelope in connection with our reply and further stipulates that he does not desire that his name be furnished to "Army Chiefs." He has stated that he "wants to get a lot more information to give to you."

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Tracy _____
- Mohr _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

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Yuba City, California 4-8-1950

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Mr. J. B. T. P. O. Building

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Flying Saucers Niagara sq. Buffalo, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

Here is a sketch of a "flying saucer," as was
Herbert Ubaldeky

given to me by [redacted] a free hand drawing

of me after going over Ubaldeky's drawings I was very
interested in same as to what made it "Tick" and I will
we you the sketches by me as I have a pretty good

memory on what I see. [redacted] said these "saucers" can

travel tremendous speeds and says when one is launched
near Leningrad it is but 3 hrs if not in too much of a hurry
New York, Washington, Boston, Albany, and a lot of other
cities on the Atlantic coast

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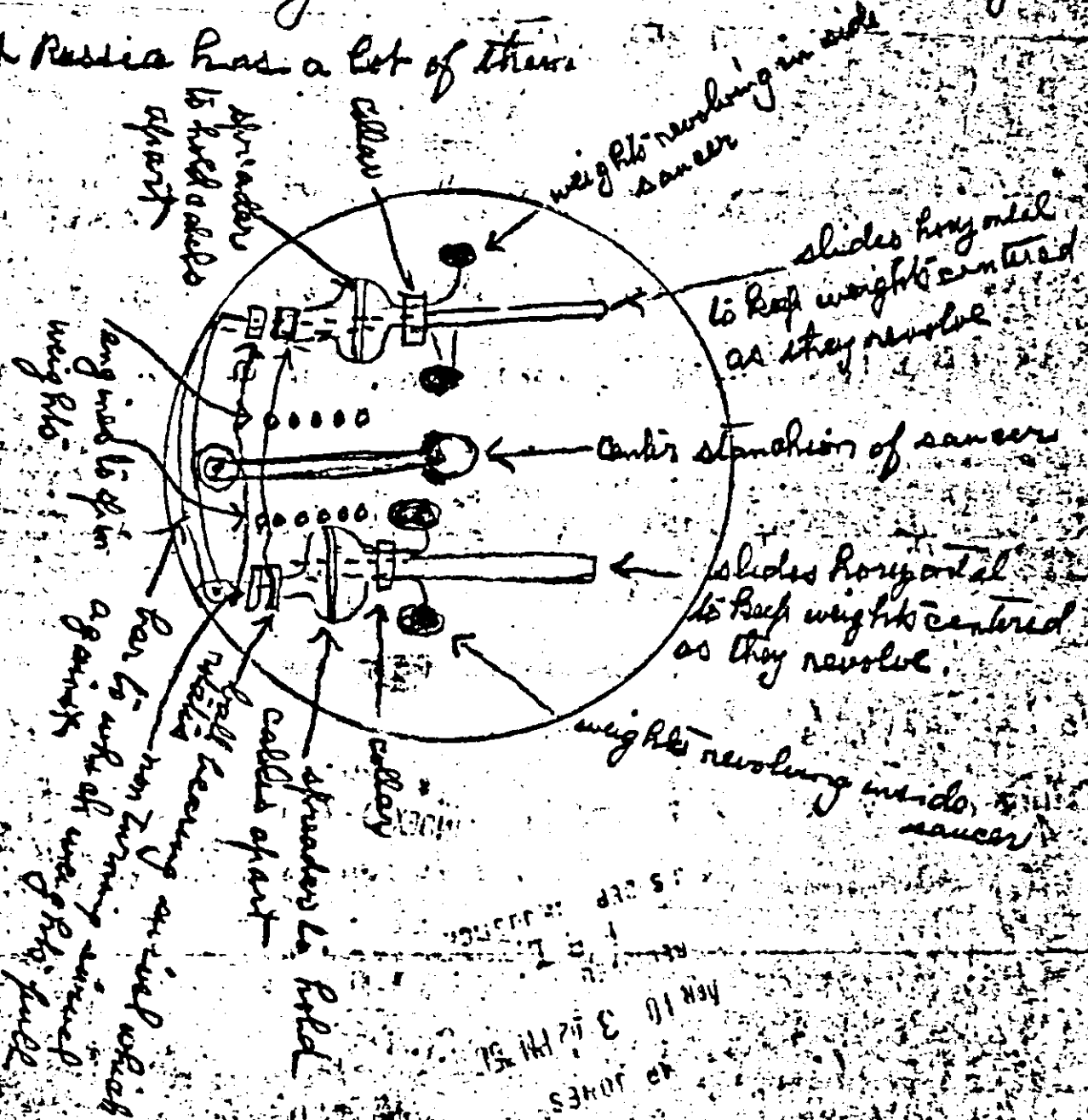
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I am at Redwood Valley, Ca. now in
California on Highway 9 mi north of Ukiah. Will go back

Yuba City and Marysville and Stockton next week after
asked Ubaldeky to understand these "saucers" do not need much

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power to run them and Ubaltsky says they can go over 5,000 mi per hr. and go as high as two hundred thousand feet and more. We'll give these sketches to our army chiefs of staff and they can soon tell what is what about I think Ubaltsky lied some but it looks kinda good and that Russia has a lot of these



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this uses centrifugal force and is all connected
weights that revolve at right angles to the pull on
the "sancer". I presume engines are synchronized as to
speed the wt. of the revolving balls gives the pull to
pull "sancer" and the whole mechanism is inside of
the "sancer" there are a bottom and top saucer

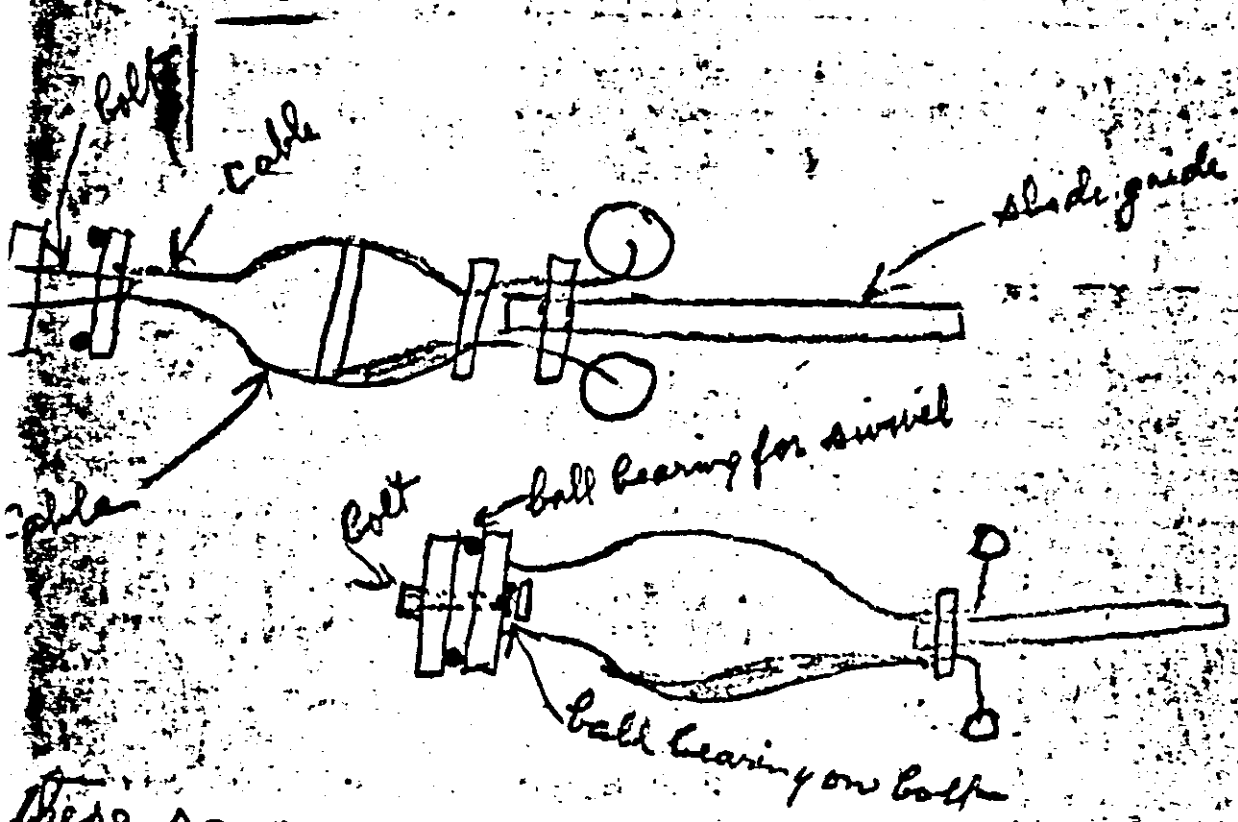
He said there is an up and down rudder
and a sideways rudder but very small and they are
handeled by electronic gadgets at high speed

The saucers are made of magnesium
and reinforced for strength they look something like this
the saucers it looks are air tight



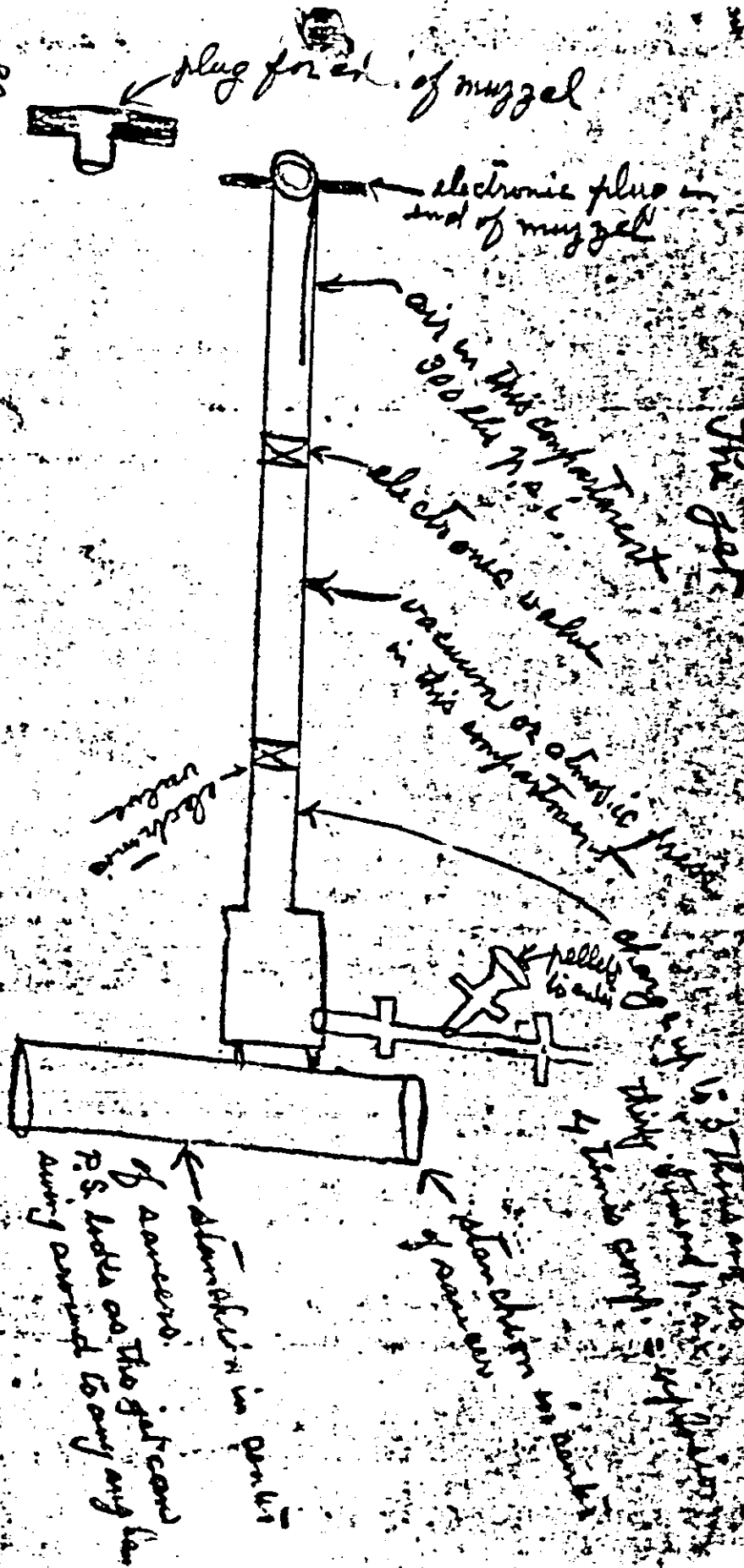
these drawings are not much - but there is not much
to them as I cannot give dimensions our tech
will have to figure that out as I am damn hard
to find this out and be all together.

The saucers are launched by a cat, ult.



These saucers are 30 feet and more in dia and not very heavy Ubalstky says. The plane division of our very own soon figure this out I cannot as it is out of my line but I saw the mechanics of it I did not see any propeller on it in the drawings I saw by use a jet on it to so Ubalstky says.

They use pellets in a case in the jet and it fires like a cannon and the recoil sends the saucer very fast



This jet is loaded with capsules by air does traps and the capsule containing
 the gasolene is put into a pressure of say 10,000 lbs p.s.i. the capsule is
 held and out comes the gasolene in that high press. of air or something else
 like place of air low electricity set it off the capsule falls between the ends of the
 slides every time the charge leaving by the opening of the electric valve goes the
 vacuum expands and hits the air press. chamber the air in chamber is the
 just the right slip out the elect nozzle being controlled by electronics is fine
 and the next section is all of the gasolene and the jet camera

2 ~~_____~~ says at high altitude the jet will speed
up to - well he don't know but it is a terrific speed
he said he thought 10 thousand mi. per hr.

Now this does not look like a lot of horse feathers
so I am putting it into your hands as if it is a trap
for me its only you can get me in ditch and I know
you won't do that - but get it into our army chiefs hand
or I do not know if this will fly or not - but on the
other hand it may be all O.K. so what.

~~_____~~ is 5-foot 8" tall wt. 175 square faced quite
large mouth gold teeth left side upper light hair sort of red chattering
arms all around stout square hands short fat fingers
and talks good english - blue eyes. has friends in Buffalo
Iowa, is a Russian Pole and was in world two, in Europe.

He has gone to Natchitoches he knows some folks
there he said he got off a submarine and gave a fishermen
a sum of money to get him ashore near Eureka and he said
he was drifting inshore in a drift boat made of rubber, when
picked up - he said there was nothing to it getting ashore.

When you give this to the Army Chiefs keep
my name out of it - I want to get a lot more information to give
you.

I guess this is all for now - and I'll write you again
as soon as I learn anything worth while

Yours Truly

~~_____~~
~~_____~~
Yuba City
Calif.

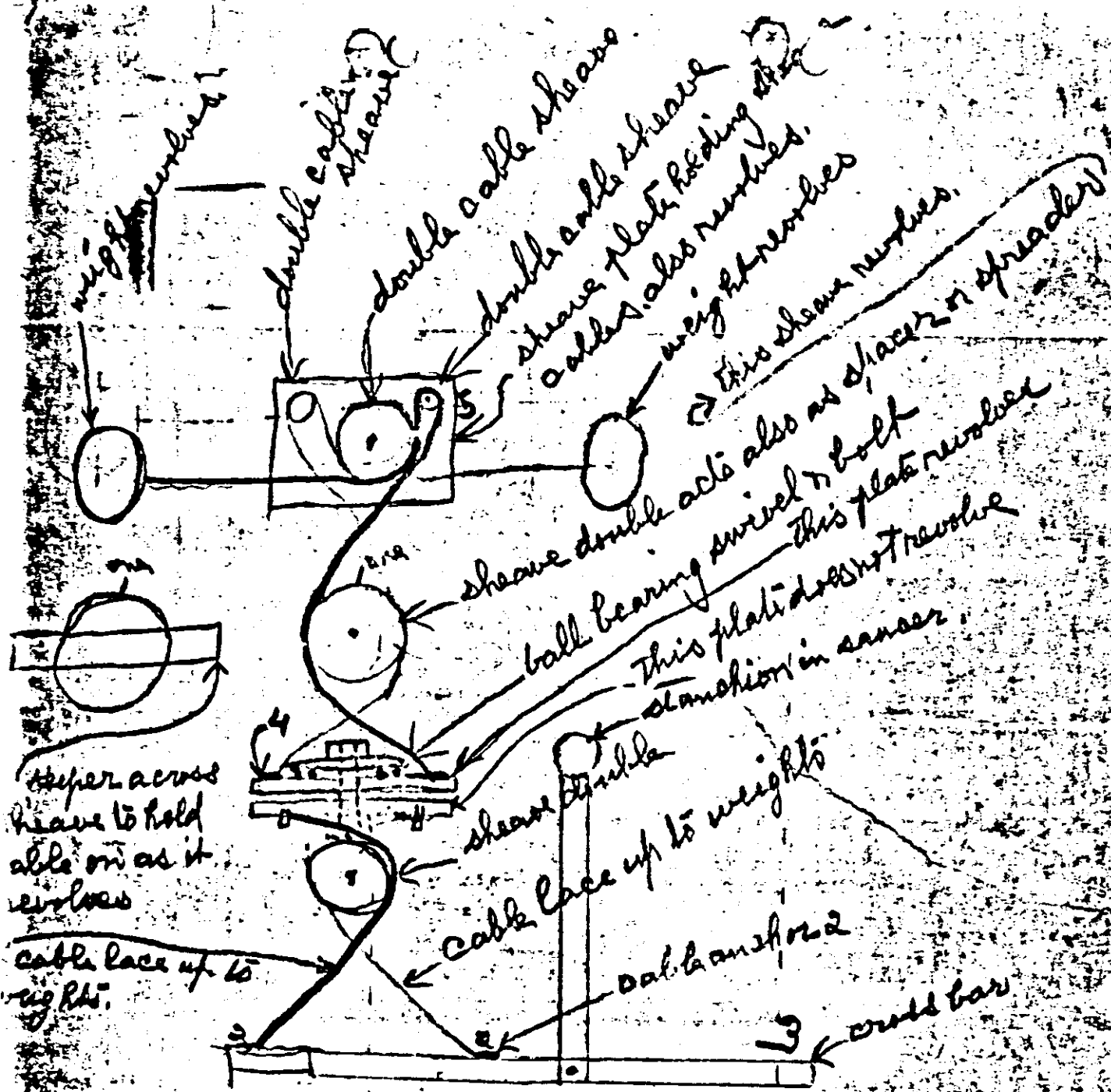
P.S.

I have been in contact with the Buffalo Office
and they can tell you more - so I decided to
send this direct to you to the head office
in case the office with Buffalo on this letter as
deem it important enough to go direct to you
if you will me do not forget to use perfectly plain
envelope - no markings on it - just in case

I am putting this in your hands because I
do not know who is a Comanie in Washington and who is not
I leave that to you and I know you will not give me
away

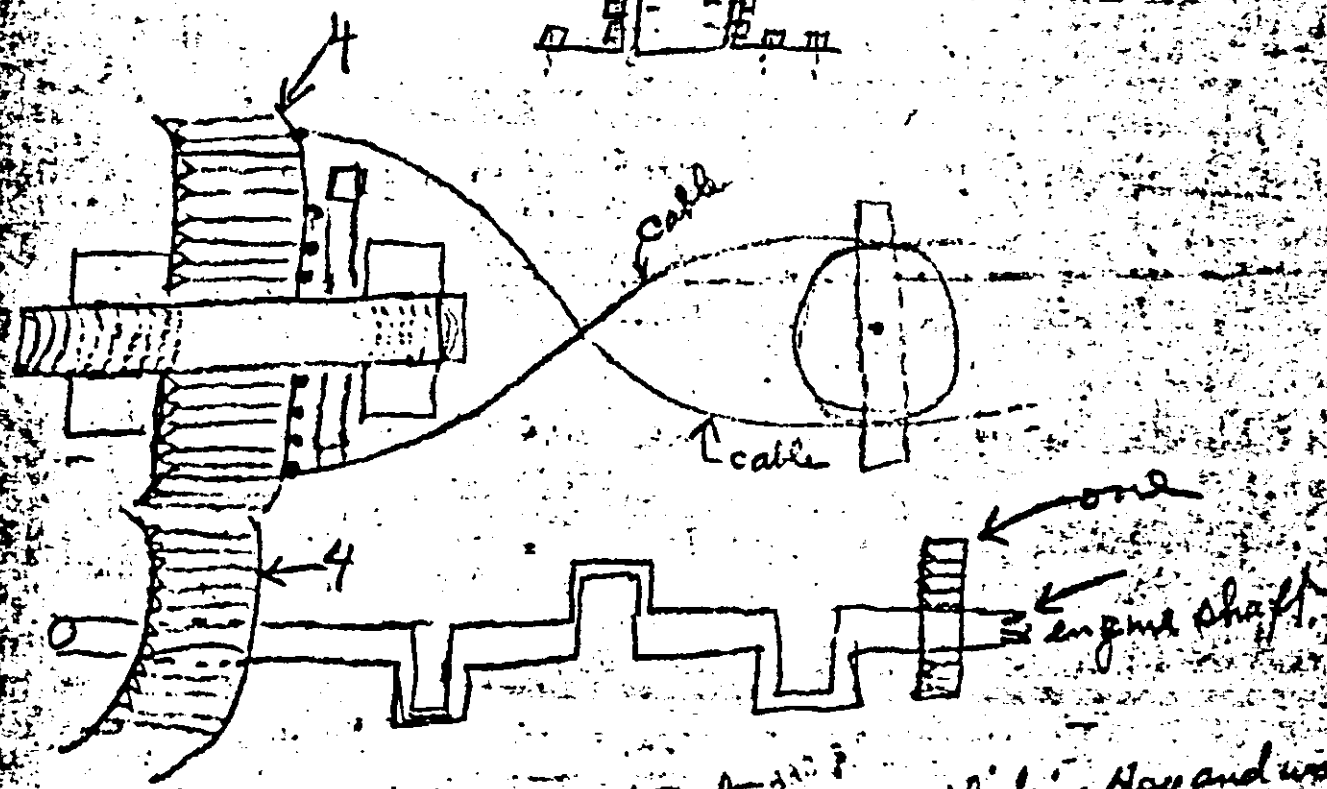
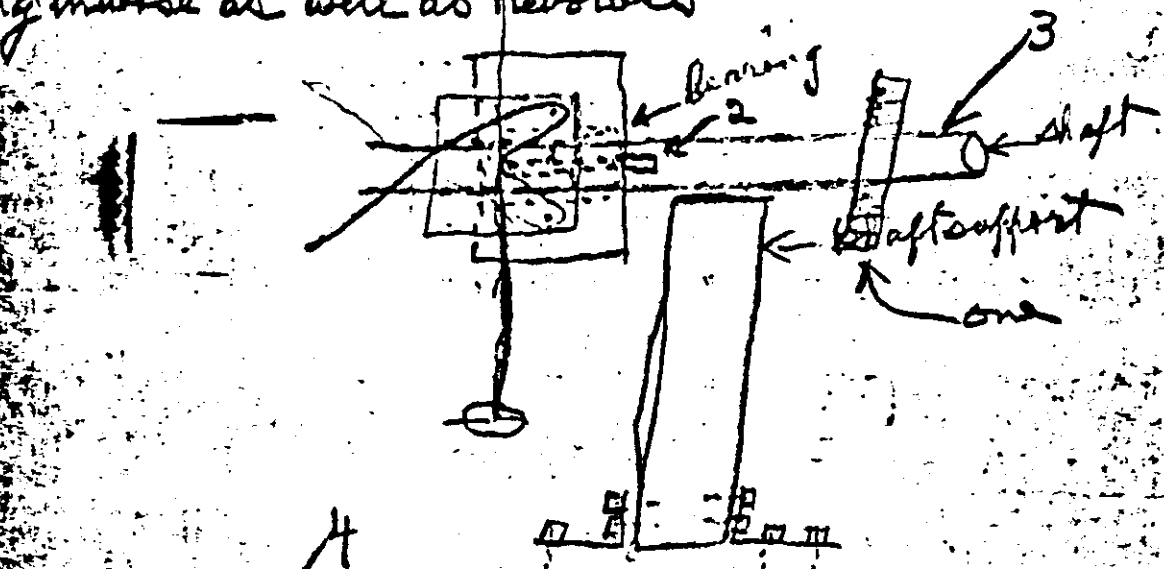
I am nervous over this and if this bring the dope he gave me - well if it ever got out I am a dead duck sure as hell but the U. S. A. first and myself well I don't amount to much my house [redacted] said another party will contact me if he don't in due time not any particular date. He said Russia is very well prepared for war and will make damn short work of Europe and England, Spain, France & India, Japan & Philippines, and he said it will be soon and when Russia starts it will make Hitler's life look like a lot of school kids he says he thinks Russia has 350 Atomic Bombs. If you want any plainer drawings of them saucers - yes I can draw plainer lines of course but the Air Tech. engineers will dope it out - you see I am no good on electronic gadgets as required on this saucer but that is a good description of the drawings I saw.

In case you write to me put same in plain envelope and address it to me at [redacted] Yuba City, Calif. The jet I pictured is just the same as was on the drawings Hbalstky had. I would like to hear about this as this will give me an idea if this Hbalstky is trying to give me horse feathers - I think tho it is not any baloney - but maybe it is.



this shows lace of cable to weights and sheaves, there are two of these set ups. one on each side this shows detail of one the other one is left out it would be at 3 the next sketch will show what makes it revolve that swivel plate is a cog wheel at 4. The sheave plate at 5 is made of two plates and a bearing is between the two plates so it can move (over)

up and down a bit as the weights revolve. the bearing moves lengthwise as well as revolves



one and one cog wheels mate there is a sliding key and way on shaft at 2 and the cog wheel one on engine shaft turns the shaft 3 causing the weights to revolve. the cog wheels 4 & 4 give equal plate 4 & 4 and shaft 3 runs even, 1, 2, both the same R.P.M. This is the mechanism of the thing as near as I can remember it from the drawings.

I do not know how the on lines go on the said
they were manual control, hydraulic control, and electronic
control as they pulled hard at high speed.

The jet is fed by pellets carefully
reported to the charge in the jet chamber and are fed
out fast by gadgets operated by electronics so as they go
out and accurate. I gave the idea that is all I cannot
draw the gadgets as I do not know how. But I saw in
the drawings electric control on them.

He says they can light on a pond and
take off on a pond on even flat land he said they can light
and take off if they have to but it's damn rough going.

I wonder if that's "horse feathers".

well that is all I know about it the rest you will have
to dope out. I have looked my copies over after I left him
and while the drawings were fresh in my head I can see
nothing further to try and tell you about.

In case you do not know I am the
fellow who reported to the Buffalo office when I lived at
[redacted] in Buffalo. I am working on an engine that goes
by the cosmic ray. The Russians want to get this - rest assured
they need will so they make contact with me and see what I got
to say about this engine. You likely know about it if you inquire.

Office Memorandum • UNIT _____ STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/18/50

FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: ~~_____~~

INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

Rebulet 6/30/49.
62-83894-183

On 4/17/50 Mr. _____ advised he had been contacted by True Magazine and would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to the Air Force Intelligence.

He was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since the photographs desired were made available by him to a representative of A-2 of the Fourth Air Force on 8/30/47.

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April 11, 1950

Secretary of the Air Force
National Defense Building
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Miss ~~_____~~

Geneva, Illinois

Enclosed is a copy of a communication dated April 4, 1950, from the captioned individual, which is furnished to you for any action deemed appropriate.

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. [unclear]	
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Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	
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DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

FLYING SAUCER COMPLAINT. [REDACTED] THAT

FLYING SAUCER HAD LANDED NEAR ELMIRA, NY AIRPORT. RESIDENT AGENT AT ELMIRA ADVISES "FLYING SAUCER" WAS CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOX, FORTY INS. IN DIAMETER, ONE FOOT THICK AT CENTER. ENTIRE BOX PAINTED ALUMINUM. CROSLY RADIO TUBE ATTACHED TO CENTER OF BOX WITH LOOSE WIRES HANGING FROM EACH SIDE OF TUBE, TRUCKER-S RED FLARE CONNECTED TO BOTTOM OF BOX, WHICH FLARE HAD SCORCHED GRASS AREA BENEATH BOX. NO WITNESSES AS TO ACTUAL FLIGHT AND BOX IS DESCRIBED AS TOO FRAGILE TO WITHSTAND FLIGHT. BUREAU BEING ADVISED AS PRESS INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE BEING ANSWERED ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE FACTS.

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CORRECTION:

FIFTH LINE FORTH WORD SHOULD BE "ATTACHED"

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cc Mr Belmont

5-4-50
to [unclear]
[REDACTED]

65 APR 26 1950

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB/B*

DATE: April 8, 1950

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER COMPLAINT
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding a flying saucer and advising that press inquiries are being answered by the Buffalo Office.

Mr. [REDACTED] was contacted and he advised that the Duty Officer at the Office of Special Investigations, Inspector General, Air Force, should be contacted and furnished the information regarding the flying saucer.

SA [REDACTED] was contacted and advised of the teletype and that a statement was contained therein that press inquiries had been received and were being answered. [REDACTED] instructed that the Buffalo Office be telephonically contacted and advised that they should furnish the information regarding the flying saucer to the Air Force Office in that area and that any press inquiries regarding the flying saucer should be referred to the Air Force in that area.

SA [REDACTED] of the Buffalo Office was telephonically contacted and advised of the above instructions.

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April 11, 1950

Miss [redacted]

Geneva, Illinois

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Dear [redacted]

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I am taking the liberty of referring a copy of your communication to the Secretary of the Air Force, National Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Security Division, Espionage Unit, advised "Flying Saucer" data is being referred to the Air Force.

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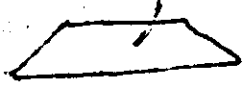
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 2, 1950

Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington D.C.

This is not an April Fools joke.
 Saturday, April 1, 1950 at about 6 P.M. I was
 driving north on Route 47 - West of Geneva, Illinois
 and a little north of St. Charles, Illinois. Just
 ahead, thru the windshield I saw a silver white
 object in the sky. It was traveling west at about
 the speed of an air plane. It was shaped like
 this . I was driving at 35 M.P.H. and
 slowed down to 20 M.P.H. to watch this object.
 It moved behind a white cloud and I continued
 to watch but the object did not come out from
 behind the cloud as far as I could see.

Geneva is 30 miles west of Chicago, and just
 north of Chicago is the Glenview Airport, operated
 by the Navy. The Saturday Evening
 Post carried an article sometime ago about the
 Chicago barriers and it said to report anything

See the above to the FBI
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Date: May 17, 1950

EX-27

To: Director
Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISCS

There are attached hereto for your information in connection with the captioned matter a communication written in Spanish dated March 19, 1950, at Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico, and enclosures addressed to the "Presidente de la Comision de Investigacion Cientifica de Estados Unidos de Norte America."

In view of the fact that a translation of the above referred to communication reflects the correspondent's interest in flying discs, it is being furnished to your office for appropriate attention. The files of this Bureau contain no information which can be identified with the writer of this letter. No reply has been made to the writer of this letter by this Bureau in view of the fact that it was not addressed to this Bureau.

Attachment

HM:cal

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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

SAC, San Francisco

April 25, 1950

Director, FBI

Yuba City, California

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By letter dated April 9, 1950, captioned individual wrote to the Bureau with reference to matters pertaining to "flying saucers." A photostatic copy of his communication is enclosed. It is noted that correspondent has referred to his contacts with an individual named [redacted] and reference is made to "Russian drawings."

It is desired that you have an agent of your office contact correspondent to secure any data which may be of interest to the Bureau. It should be kept in mind, however, that the FBI is not conducting an investigation with reference to "flying saucer matters" and the correspondent should be advised that he may wish to communicate with the Secretary of the Air Force, National Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Please furnish me all information concerning the handling of this matter.

Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent advised that he has previously furnished data to the Bureau. It is believed this communication was referred to the Army Air Force. He has advised in his letter of April 9, that some drawings pertaining to flying saucers were executed in what he believes to be the Russian language, and it is deemed advisable to have him personally contacted to discourage further correspondence and to obtain any information he might have in his possession pertaining to matters which may be in the scope of our activities.

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Flying Saucers

Gentlemen:

I saw [redacted] last Saturday in Willits, before he got on the bus to go to Eureka. I went to Willits for the mail for my son-in-law.

In our talk he said well if there is anything in the drawings of the mechanism of the saucer that will help you along on your atomic ray engine use it - here are the drawings look them over and if you can find anything to help you O.K. These drawings are made in Russian I think so I could not read the instructions or lettering but I did see and he explained to me the centrifugal that pulls the saucer and is inside the saucer

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I seen the rudders of it just how they are

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CHAS [signature]

in the effects office The story is so long to write it down today
feel jittery about this fellow's ability as I think he is a very bad egg
and etc. He was friendly to me and told me to do the best I could and when
it does to let them know and my price will be paid pronto.

This keeps me on a footing with them and I stall them off all the time.

Well this is the source as I have it for you.

Yours Truly

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Yuba City
Calif.

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FLYING SAUCERS—THE REAL STORY: U.S. BUILT FIRST ONE IN 1942

Jet-Propelled Disks Can Outfly Other Planes

Observers of "flying saucers" aren't just seeing things. They're real—aircraft that conform to accepted laws.

Sky disks, manned by regular pilots, can hover aloft, spurt ahead at tremendous speed, outmaneuver conventional craft.

No official announcements are being made yet. But about the only big secret left is who makes them. Evidence points to Navy experiments.

The real story on "flying saucers" is finally coming to light. What the saucers are, how they operate, and how they have been tested in U.S. all can be told in detail at this time.

That story, without violating present security regulations, points to these basic conclusions by engineers competent to appraise reports of reliable observers.

Flying saucers, seen by hundreds of competent observers over most parts of U.S., are accepted as real. Evidence is that they are aircraft of a revolutionary type, a combination of helicopter and fast jet plane. They conform to well-known principles of aerodynamics. An early model of these saucers was built by U.S. engineers in 1942, achieved more than 100 successful test flights. That project then was taken over by the Navy in wartime. Much more advanced models now are being built. Just where present saucers are being developed is indicated by evidence in this article.

With more detail the story pieced together. It is nonsecret testimony of responsible U.S. scientists, private observers and military officials. It is this story.

Early models of the flying saucer pictured on this page and the next were built by U.S. Government engineers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Similar flying-saucer projects were begun in Germany and Italy at the same time in 1942.

The first U.S. model, designed by Charles H. Zimmerman, of NACA, was elliptical in shape, powered by two piston engines and driven by twin propellers. It had a maximum speed between 400 and 500 miles an hour. More important, it could rise almost vertically and its minimum speed for landing was only about 35 miles an hour, a great advantage in military and naval aircraft. And it was far more maneuverable than conventional military planes.

Idea behind those original flying-saucer projects, both in U.S. and abroad in Germany and Italy, was to overcome basic drawbacks of conventional aircraft by new techniques. A plane that could rise almost straight would not need long airfields, could be used from any cleared area just behind front-line troops or from the deck of any Navy combat ship. If that plane, in addition, had great speed and more maneuverability, it could probably outfly any conventional aircraft. In United States, the first model seemed to fulfill these requirements, but the less-

ened stability of the wingless craft required more research.

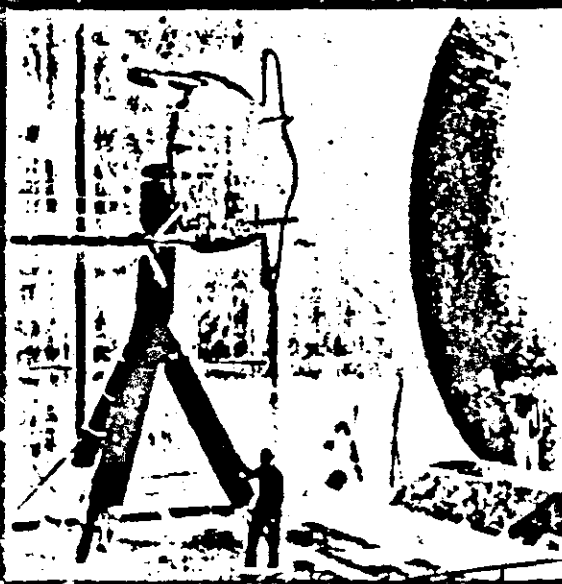
Present flying saucers apparently have overcome this problem of stability by use of very advanced design. An analysis of reports submitted by competent observers show this:

What they look like, first, is described in well-documented accounts. Those accounts show saucers to be exactly 105 feet in diameter, circular in shape. They have what appear to be jet nozzles arranged all around the outer rim, just below the center of gravity. They are made of a metal alloy, with a dull whitish color. There are no rudders, ailerons, or other protruding surfaces. From the side, the saucer appear about 10 feet thick—there are no exact measurements from this angle in publicly available accounts. They are built in three layers, with the center layer slightly larger in diameter than the other two.

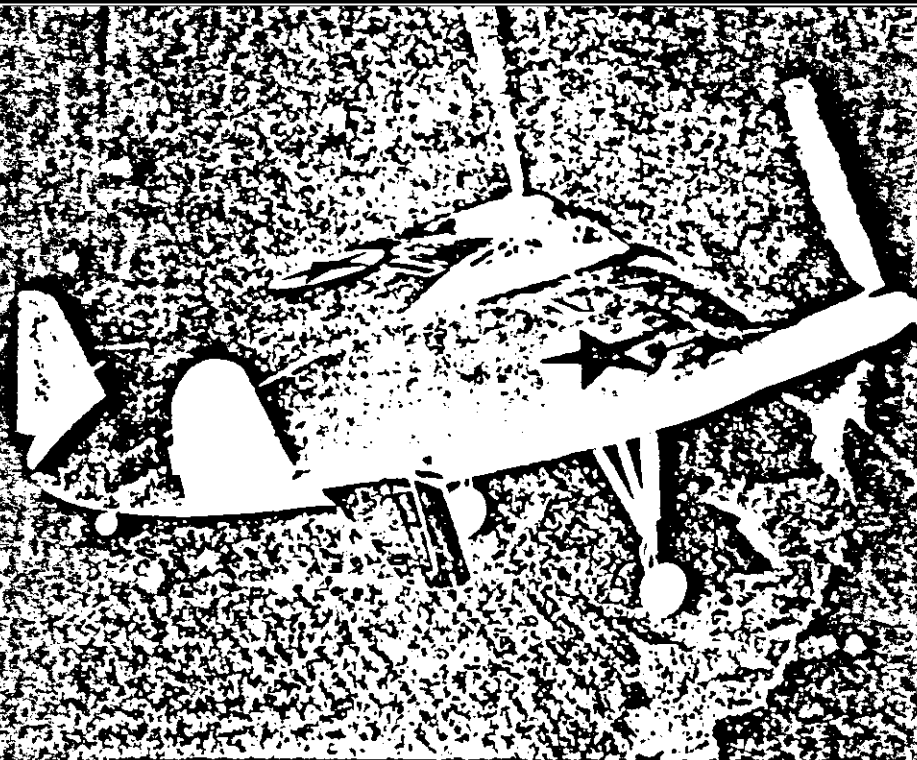
That is the picture agreed on by qualified observers of saucers in flight—commercial aircraft pilots, fighter pilots who have chased these aircraft, trained airplane spotters, high-ranking Army and Air Force officers. It is backed by exact measurement made by a group of scientists last April near White Sands Proving Ground base, with instruments set up to observe high-altitude balloons, who suddenly observed a saucer and tracked it for several minutes, thereby getting reliable data on its size, speed, altitude and maneuverability.

How they operate now can be told in some detail, too. Based on this description, the probable technique used by current saucers is explained by a top-level Government aeronautical engineer in this manner:

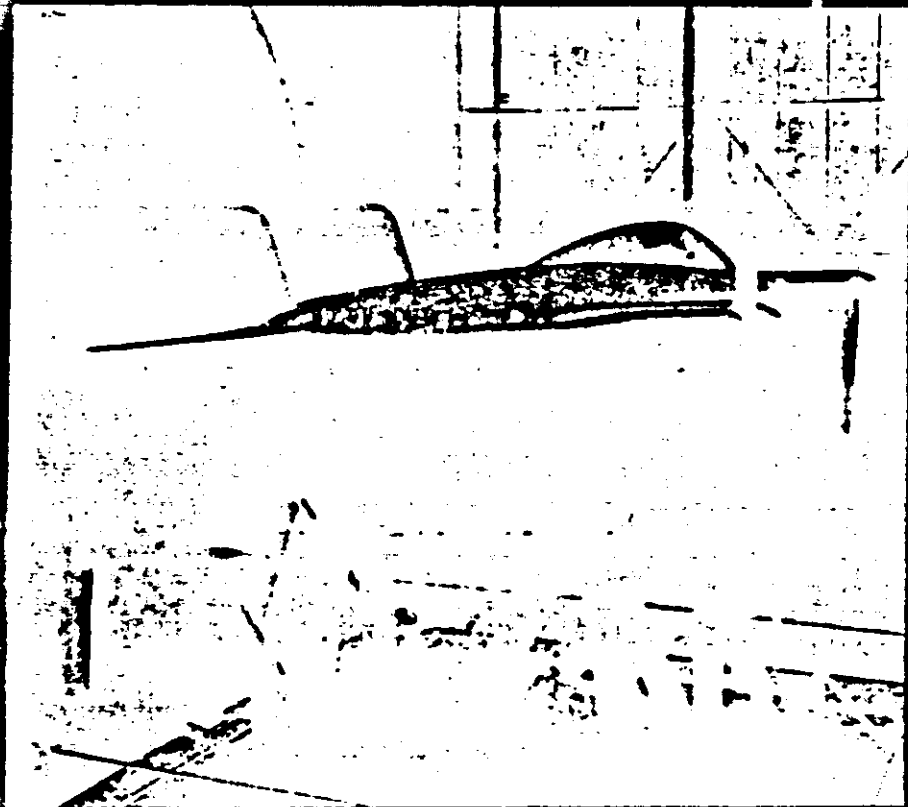
Power for these aircraft at their present stage of development, obviously is supplied by jet engines. Each saucer appears to have a series of variable-direction jet nozzles around its rim, with a complicated central control system. Fuel used is unknown—the exhaust flame has been observed to be red-orange. In some cases, blue in other cases.



FLYING SAUCER—1942 MODEL. Aeronautics, U.S. Government. It is a jet-propelled aircraft.



DISK-LIKE NAVY FLOUNDER PROJECT WAS 'DROPPED'



MOCKUP OF EARLY MODEL IS TESTED IN WIND TUNNEL
 Model is designed for maneuverability

the angle at which the jet nozzles are tilted, the number operating, the power applied. By choosing which nozzles to turn on or off and the angle of tilt, the pilot could make the saucer rise or descend vertically, hover, fly straight ahead, or make sharp turns. A right-angle turn, for example, could be made by turning off the rear jets, turning on the side and front nozzles. Great speed can be obtained by focusing to the rear all nozzles in the after half of the aircraft. With all nozzles pointed downward, the saucer could rise straight off the ground, and, with less power, could descend the same way.

That is the explanation, based on accepted principles of aerodynamics, given by an authoritative engineer as the likely answer to how these saucer aircraft operate. As evidence that this explanation is correct, there are these actual cases of publicly observed saucer behavior:

Rows of window-like openings around the fins of saucers traveling at more than 500 miles an hour are mentioned in several documented reports. In all cases, these windows glowed as if they were jet-nozzle openings. The most recent of these reports was made last month by two experienced pilots of the Chicago and Southern Air Lines, who passed within 1,000 feet of a saucer traveling over Arkansas. Another similar report was made by two Eastern Air Lines pilots who narrowly missed colliding with a saucer in July, 1948, while flying a DC-3 over Georgia.

Saucers' ability to hover in mid-air, accelerate at tremendous speed, and then rise almost vertically is described in several reports, one documented by Air Force officers at Fort Knox, Ky. That saucer, seen by dozens of officers at the post, was chased by three military pilots flying fast F-51s. The saucer quickly outmaneuvered the planes.

Speed of one saucer was measured by ground instruments in the White Sands case at well over the speed of sound, indicating the use of a number of jet engines. Cruising speed has been estimated in other cases at 200 to 600 miles an hour.

What it all adds up to is this: Flying saucers being observed in many parts of the U.S. are not mysterious visitors from Mars. They are actual planes, ground-engineered on principles developed by U.S. in wartime. By using this new design, they can do things that no conventional aircraft can be expected to approach.

Who's building the saucers now being observed in test flights over U.S.?

made or until a saucer crashes away from its home base—which is highly unlikely because of its jet helicopter action that makes take-offs and landings almost completely safe. But there are these factors that point to an answer:

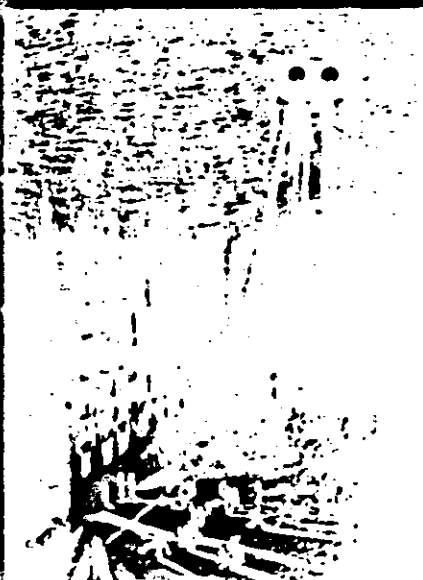
Official inquiry by the Air Force, in the face of overwhelming evidence that the saucers are real, was called off last December. This indicates clearly that top Air Force officials know where the saucers originate and are not concerned about them as they would be if these aircraft were from Russia or Mars. These officials at the same time denied emphatically that a secret Air Force project is responsible.

Best use of fully developed saucer aircraft, however, could be made in wartime not by the Air Force, but by the Navy. All fleet operations now require an air cover, even in antisubmarine warfare, and a plane that can rise like a helicopter could be used from any Navy combat ship, not only from big, expensive aircraft carriers. It was for that reason that the first U.S. flying saucer was purchased by the Navy after the original model was tested in 1942. That first full-size aircraft, built by Chance-Vought, was thoroughly tested by Navy engineers. Then a statement was released that this project had been dropped. Early experimenting with saucers, thus, centered in the Navy.

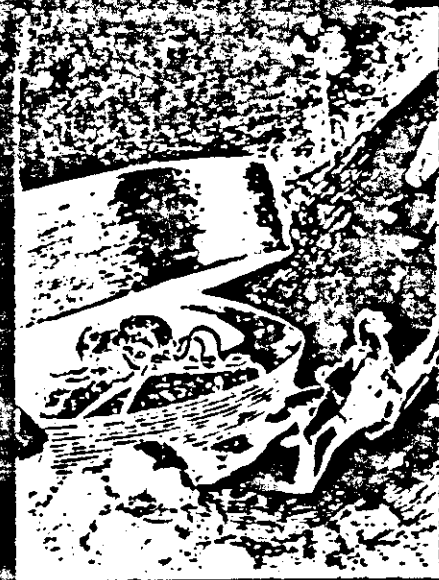
Big spending on missile aircraft centers in the Navy now, too. More than twice as many dollars were spent by the Navy last year as by the Air Force on secret guided-missile research. There is no public accounting for these millions, the only Government funds aside from atomic-energy dollars that still are being spent with great secrecy.

Surface indications, then, point to research centers of the U.S. Navy's vast guided-missile project as the scene of present flying-saucer development. That project has the scientists, the engineers, the dollars, the motive, and the background of early Navy development of saucer-type aircraft. This likelihood will remain, despite any future denials by the Navy from office until secrecy is lifted on the big missile program.

But regardless of just where these saucers are being built now, the evidence points to a U.S. development that will mean a radical change in aircraft design in coming decades. In fact, this combination of helicopter and jet airplane will result, built in any number of ways, in a half-saucer. In fact, the latest of nearly 100 "pilotless" aircraft that are being built by the Navy and Air Force for the Navy's "pilotless" program is a "pilotless" aircraft that is a half-saucer.



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SURPRISE PACKAGE FROM MARS



A PLANE DESIGNER'S DAYDREAM



HOME-MADE SAUCER



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stated that while it was highly improbable that aircraft could sustain flight at an altitude of 100,000 feet, it was absolutely possible from a scientific and engineering standpoint. Therefore, it was his opinion that the matter should be followed closely. He arranged for Captain [redacted] whom he termed a radar expert, to observe with [redacted] during the evening of March 3, 1950, the radar equipment on which [redacted] had detected the object.

Immediately following this conference, Special Agent [redacted] contacted Mr. [redacted], Physical Security and Plant Protection Branch, U. S. AEC, and Mr. [redacted], Assistant Chief, Security Division, U. S. AEC, to advise them of the findings and to determine what action was being taken by AEC. Both [redacted] advised that the matter had been referred to 3rd Army authorities and that beyond this, no steps had been taken. It was their belief, however, that a radar technician was being sent down, probably from Washington, to inspect the equipment owned by [redacted]. It was erroneously reported that a CIA technician would come to Oak Ridge.

Also, immediately following this conference above stated, Special Agent [redacted], OSI, called his headquarters at Maxwell Field, Alabama to determine if any action were being taken with regard to having radar equipment flown to this area to verify or disprove the findings of [redacted]. [redacted] was advised that he should act only in the capacity of an observer in the matter but that such radar equipment would be flown up, if requested by the AEC.

Special Agent [redacted], OSI, stated he had also been advised by his headquarters at Atlanta to act in the capacity of an observer and that, accordingly, he had not as yet been advised whether or not the 3rd Army intended to send mobile radar equipment to the area to verify or disprove the findings of [redacted]. Inquiry was made by Special Agent [redacted], OSI, of AEC as to whether or not they would request having radar equipment flown in by OSI authorities, and he was told by AEC that while the AEC was, of course, vitally interested in anything which directly affected the safety of the area, they nevertheless did not feel that they had the authority to make a specific request for such action inasmuch as the protection of the area from assault was the responsibility of the 3rd Army. Accordingly, they could not make any direct request for such equipment.

During the evening of March 3, 1950, Special Agent [redacted] and myself, together with SA [redacted] (OSI), remained at the Naval Reserve Army, Alcoa Highway, during which time search was being conducted by the radar equipment at this installation. Captain [redacted], MKPA, and Special Agent [redacted], OSI,

were at the home of ██████████ observing his radar equipment during this search. No object was reported by ██████████ during this evening and therefore Captain ██████████ had no opportunity to observe his equipment in action, particularly in reference to the reported object at such phenomenal altitudes. No unusual objects were detected by the radar equipment of the U. S. Naval Reserve Army during the entire evening.

Upon abandoning the watch on this evening, a meeting was held with Captain ██████████ after leaving ██████████ residence in order to ascertain ██████████ opinion. ██████████ stated he had found ██████████ to be technically incorrect in several matters relating to radar theory and practice and, in addition thereto, had very grave doubts as to the capabilities of the surplus APN-7 radar set which had been adapted by ██████████. He stated, however, that he had insufficient opportunity to observe the set in practice or to examine the radio equipment connected with the set to make any definite statements as to whether or not the detection of the unknown object would be possible with said equipment. He said, however, he did feel that ██████████ was a capable person with pure radio techniques.

On the morning of March 4, 1950 at 10:30 ██████████ again contacted Special Agent ██████████ of this office and Special Agent ██████████ OIC, to advise that he had again received indications of the object at approximately 100,000 feet directly over Oak Ridge and that the intensity of the radar "pip" was stronger than noted at any time previous. At about 11:40 ██████████ again called and advised he had watched the object until approximately 11:10 A. M., at which time he had noted it stopped circling and headed off in an easterly direction at approximately 200 miles per hour, at which time it had faded from the screen in slightly less than 20 minutes.

On the afternoon of March 4, 1950, Colonel ██████████ and Captain ██████████, both NKPA, visited the home of ██████████ and carefully examined his radio and radar equipment, including the antenna and related mechanisms. After such examination and after talking at some length with ██████████, these two gentlemen met with Special Agent ██████████ (OIC), ██████████ (OBI) and ██████████ (FBI), to give their opinions. Colonel ██████████ advised they had found ██████████ in a much inebriated condition and that they had had difficulty in making any determination as to his abilities in the field of radar. It was their belief that his equipment was haphazard at best and that no great degree of reliability could be placed therein. They all state, however, they intended to return during

that the reliability of [redacted] was extremely dubious and they felt that the matter was worthy of little consideration.

On the morning of March 6, 1950, [redacted] again contacted Special Agent [redacted], CIO, and advised he had again observed the object at about the same altitude over the Oak Ridge area and he estimated the object to be of approximately the same density as would be caused by a DC-4 at that altitude. Again, Colonel [redacted] was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] of OSI and Colonel [redacted] said that he intended to take some electronic equipment to the home of [redacted] with which they would actually check the electrical circuits of his radar equipment to determine whether or not it was accurate, particularly in view of the fact they had checked some of the findings of [redacted] with regard to known aircraft detected during previous visits and found him to be off to a considerable extent regarding speed, elevation and azimuth. During the afternoon of March 6, 1950, all day of March 7, and the morning of March 8, 1950, attempts were made by Special Agent [redacted], OSI, to get in touch with [redacted] to make an appointment with Colonel [redacted] and Captain [redacted], and [redacted] could not be located. According to his office at [redacted], he had left town and it was not known when he would return.

In summary, therefore, it seems to be the general opinion that the actual existence of an object at such an exceptional altitude is quite improbable and no explanation is yet known as to just what was detected by [redacted] on his screen or, in fact, whether anything was detected. On the afternoon of March 8, 1950, Special Agent [redacted] telephoned Special Agent [redacted] of this office and advised that two representatives of the 14th Air Force with headquarters at Greenville, South Carolina, had arrived in Knoxville and contacted him with regard to making an appointment with [redacted] to inspect his equipment. These representatives advised they did not feel it sufficiently important for them to remain or to make a return trip inasmuch as [redacted] was unavailable.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau in detail inasmuch as it is the understanding of this office that Colonel [redacted] was much perturbed in the manner in which this matter was handled and has written letters to his Commanding Officer, U. S. Air Forces Material Command, Wright Field, concerning it. These letters by Colonel [redacted] apparently were prompted from the fact that the 3rd Army Intelligence representative and the Air Force Intelligence representative have both been instructed to act as observers only, with no authority to act in the situation. In addition thereto, AEC felt that their responsibility had been discharged upon notifying the 3rd Army. The Bureau was obviously interested only from an observer's viewpoint and no question of jurisdiction in this regard was raised.

A short time after receiving the above information, Special Agent [REDACTED], CIO, 3rd Army, stationed at Knoxville, telephonically communicated with this office to determine if any further information had been received regarding the matter reported by [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] was, at that time, given all of the information which had been received by this office. [REDACTED] advised that he had been called by his headquarters, CIO, 3rd Army, Atlanta, Georgia, and had been told to look into the matter to determine if it had any basis in fact. Mr. [REDACTED] continued that he had made arrangements with Mr. [REDACTED] to have him and Special Agent [REDACTED], CBI, U. S. Air Forces, to visit [REDACTED] his home during the evening of March 2, 1950 and observe the radar indications with him. [REDACTED] advised that neither he nor Mr. [REDACTED] had any radar experience and were in no sense technicians or radar operators, but would make their observations merely to determine if a real reading was being made by [REDACTED].

On the morning of March 3, 1950, [REDACTED] again telephonically communicated with this office and advised the Liaison Agent, Special Agent [REDACTED], that he and [REDACTED] had been with [REDACTED] during the previous evening and that they had observed on his radar screen some "pipe" which, according to [REDACTED], indicated an object with the same general elevation and azimuth as previously reported by him. [REDACTED] said they were unable to make any authoritative statement concerning the matter of the object or the reliability of the radar equipment, but they had seen sufficient to give them reason to believe it warranted investigation.

General inquiry at this time at [REDACTED] and other readily available sources of information divulged the fact that [REDACTED] is generally recognized in this vicinity as a reputable and substantial citizen in Knoxville and, in addition thereto, is recognized as somewhat of a radio authority. It was found that he is credited with being a skilled radio technician and has done considerable development and research work in the field of radio.

Due to the interest which was being portrayed by all agencies concerned with this matter, the Bureau at this time was apprised by telephone conversation with [REDACTED] at the Bureau concerning the facts known. As a result of this conversation, SA [REDACTED] was instructed to follow the matter in the capacity of an observer and to advise the Bureau of any important developments.

Arrangements were made through Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, for the Research Training Center to put into operation radar equipment which they have. At approximately 10:30 A. M. on the same day, this radar

VITAL FACILITIES
NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT
(Unknown Object Over Oak Ridge, Tennessee,
3/2/50; ██████████ - COMPLAINT).

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau, Attention Mr. ██████████ dated
March 6, 1950, entitled "Unknown Object Over Oak Ridge, 3/1/50; ██████████
COMPLAINT".

Referenced teletype advised that the reliability of ██████████
complaint in this matter, had been questioned and the efficiency of his radar
equipment placed in some doubt. It is felt advisable, however, to apprise the
Bureau of all matters in connection with this incident.

At 11:15 P. M. on March 1, 1950, Mr. ██████████, owner and
operator of ██████████, ██████████, Knoxville,
Tennessee, telephonically communicated with this office advising that he had
detected on his privately owned radar equipment an indication of what he be-
lieved to be an object circling at an altitude of 40,000 feet over Oak Ridge,
Tennessee. At approximately 11:25 P. M. on this date, this information was
made available by me to Mr. ██████████, Security Division, Atomic Energy
Commission, Oak Ridge, for his information. Inasmuch as the matter was not
one wherein the Bureau had jurisdiction, no further action was taken.

On the morning of March 2, 1950, Mr. ██████████ communicated with Third
Army authorities at Ft. McPherson, Georgia and the 14th U. S. Air Force at
Greenville, South Carolina, at which time they were advised of the information
furnished by ADCOCK.

At approximately 5:30 P. M. on March 2, 1950, a telephone call was
received by me from Mr. ██████████ advising he had been talking with Captain ██████████
an assistant to Chief ██████████ of the AEC Security Patrol concerning the
reported object over Oak Ridge, Tennessee. ██████████ further advised that his
equipment was surplus Army radar equipment bearing the designation AN-7 which
he himself had converted for acceptable use with his radio equipment. He
continued that he used this radar equipment to track airliners in and out and
with this equipment he could distinguish between a DC-3 and a DC-4. He
stated he had again spotted the object at approximately 11:05 A. M. on March 2,
1950 and he estimated it to be approximately twenty miles away at an altitude
of 100,000 feet and circling over Oak Ridge.

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not in an inebriated condition. After examining the equipment, [redacted] stated he did not feel that this low frequency type of radar would be of much assistance in detecting the object reported by him for several reasons, such as the elevation of the antenna, the minimum fade area, etc. These statements seemed to be in accord with the radar operator's opinion.

At 3:30 P. M. on the afternoon of March 3, 1950, a conference was had with Colonel [redacted], U. S. Air Force Material Command, NEPA Site, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Those present at the conference were Special Agent [redacted], OIU; Special Agent [redacted], OSI; Mr. [redacted], U. S. Air Forces Security Officer; Captain [redacted], NEAF, and Special Agent [redacted] of this office. At this conference, Colonel [redacted]

On the morning of March 7, 1950, Special Agent [redacted] of this office was advised by [redacted], U. S. AEC Security Division, of steps taken by AEC in this regard. Mr. [redacted] stated that immediately upon receiving the report from me, he had made the matter known to the proper authorities at AEC and early the following morning he had conversed with Colonel [redacted], 3rd Army Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, and apprised him of the matter. Mr. [redacted] stated he also conversed with 14th Air Force Headquarters at Greenville, South Carolina and advised them of the matter. He stated that this was strictly in accordance with the plans drawn up between AEC and the armed forces for protection against air or land assault. He continued that the AEC has neither the facilities nor the equipment with which to defend itself in such emergencies and that such responsibility had been assumed by these agencies of the military forces.

It would appear from the manner in which this incident was handled that despite the fact that all agencies seemed to be operating in the manner prescribed by agreement, and although each was apprised of the action being taken by the other and cooperating in every respect, there nevertheless seemed to be an impressive lack of any agency actually taking the responsibility for the situation and taking any action to verify or disprove the threat. Had a similar incident occurred wherein an actual threat against the physical security of the AEC Installation had been experienced, it is not implausible to believe that a similar confused fixing of final authority would have been found. It should be noted that many hours elapsed from the receiving of the first report until such time as any reasonable conclusion could be reached concerning the matter and nothing of a positive nature with regard to any action being taken had been had during all that time. While it is now felt that this entire matter was in a manner of speaking "dry run", it nevertheless warrants some consideration from a procedural standpoint and might be worthy of discussion at some liaison meeting in the future.

The Bureau will be immediately advised if there are any further developments in this matter.

Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

March 14, 1950

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MARCH 1, 1950
INFORMANT

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operator of [redacted], Knoxville, is reported to have detected on his radar equipment an object directly over Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at an altitude of 40,000 feet at 11:15 p. m., March 1, 1950. On March 2, 1950, he advised that his radar equipment recorded an object about 100,000 feet high and approximately 18 miles from his home in Knoxville at 11:18 a. m. on that date. It was reported that Naval Reserve radar equipment at Knoxville, Tennessee, did not detect an object on any occasion but stated that the equipment was not considered efficient for aircraft at extreme altitudes. It was further reported that qualified persons at Oak Ridge, questioned [redacted] and examined his radar equipment. They reportedly found his equipment not too reliable and felt that [redacted] was technically wrong on some of his radar theory. The reliability of [redacted] was also questioned due to some degree of inebriation.

No investigation is being conducted by this Bureau but in the event additional information comes to our attention you will be promptly advised.

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From: COMGENARMYTHREE Ft McPherson Ga
To: Dept of Army for Director of Intel
Nr: AJACI-3-5 3206

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Reour TWX AJACI-3-3 subject reported radar sightings over Oakridge, additional info indicates radar operator un-experienced and radar set has been modified so as to cast doubt on reliability of reading. Chief Tennessee Mill Dist recommends expeditious action be taken to determine whether an unknown object has reappeared over Oakridge in the past few days. Chief Security Div at Oakridge requested info as to channels of communication with Air Force in connection with radar sightings.

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ATT. MR. A. H. BELMONT

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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER OAK RIDGE, TENN., MARCH ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY
 [REDACTED], COMPLAINANT, VITAL FACILITIES, IS. REMYCALL
 MARCH THIRD. EXISTENCE OF OBJECT REPORTED BY [REDACTED] AS BEING
 DIRECTLY OVER OAK RIDGE AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE NOT
 VERIFIED. [REDACTED] REPUTEDLY CAPABLE RADIO TECHNICIAN. [REDACTED] CLAIMS
 TO HAVE DETECTED OBJECT WITH HIS RADAR EQUIPMENT ON FIVE OCCASIONS
 OVER THREE DAYS. NAVAL RESERVE RADAR EQUIPMENT AT KNOXVILLE DID NOT
 DETECT OBJECT ON ANY OCCASION, BUT TECHNICIANS STATE IT IS NOT
 CONSIDERED EFFICIENT FOR AIRCRAFT AT EXTREME ALTITUDES. QUALIFIED
 PERSONS FROM USAF AT NEPA, OAK RIDGE, TALKED WITH [REDACTED] AND
 EXAMINED HIS RADAR EQUIPMENT. FOUND HIS EQUIPMENT NOT TOO RELIABLE
 AND FELT [REDACTED] TECHNICALLY WRONG ON SOME RADAR THEORY. RELIABILITY
 OF [REDACTED] QUESTIONED DUE TO SOME DEGREE OF INEBRIATION. THESE
 PERSONS DISCOUNT PROBABILITY. ICIC AND OSI CONTINUE INTEREST BUT
 DO NOT CONTEMPLATE FURTHER ACTION. AEC TOOK STEPS TO HAVE RADAR
 TECHNICIAN SENT FROM WASH., BELIEVED FROM CIA, BUT NOT YET ARRIVED.
 ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO BUREAU.

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TO: MR. JADD

DATE: March 6, 1950

FROM: A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN, OBJECT OVER OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MARCH 1, 1950;
[REDACTED], COMPLAINANT; VITAL FACILITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Boardman _____
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- Mr. Ladd _____
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Reference is made to my ^{NR} memorandum of March 3, 1950, reflecting a call from SAC Robey, of Knoxville, in the above-entitled matter.

On the morning of March 6, 1950, I called SAC Robey to ascertain what he had found out concerning this matter. He advised that a teletype had been sent reflecting that there was some question of [REDACTED]'s reliability and knowledge on radar theory; that CIC and OSI are continuing their interest in the matter; and that the CIA technician from Washington had not arrived.

SAC Robey will report any further developments.

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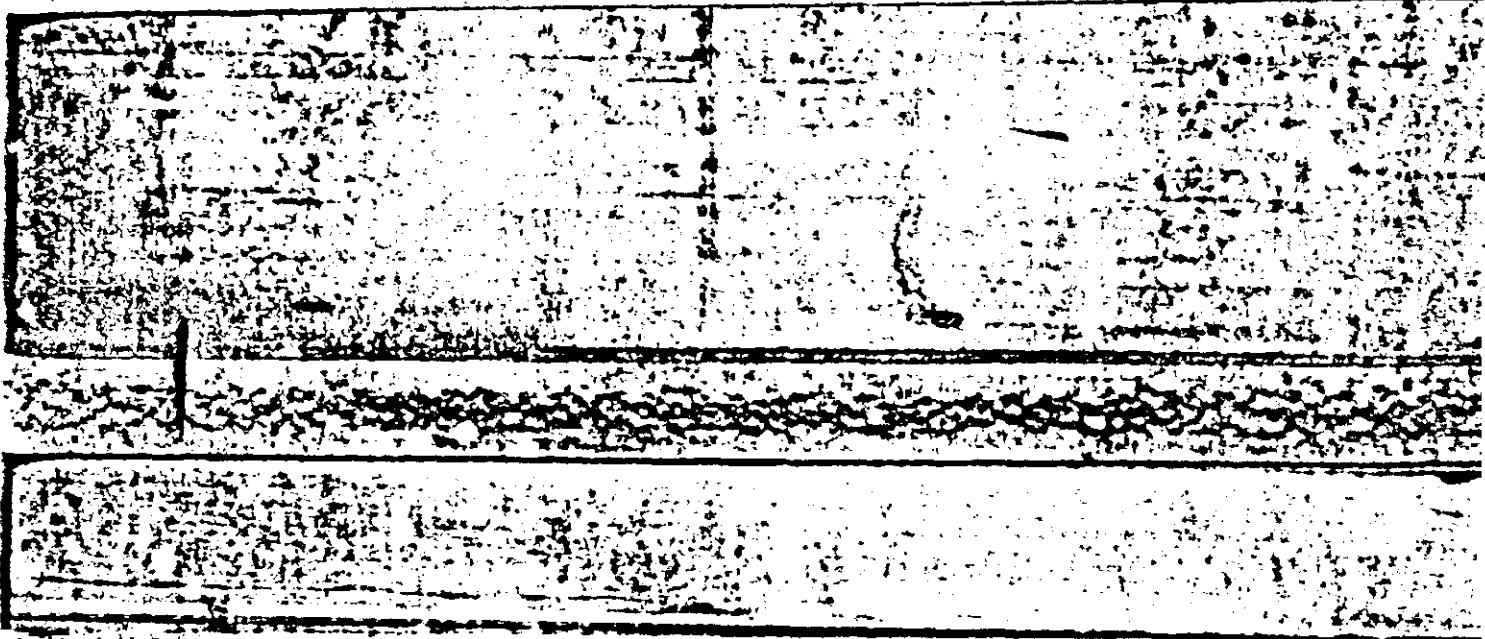
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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DLW*

DATE: March 3, 1950

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MARCH 1, 1950;
██████████ COMPLAINT; VITAL FACILITIES; INTERNAL SECURITY

Mr. Tolson	
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At 9:55 A.M. today, SAC Robey of Knoxville advised that ██████████ owner and operator of ██████████ Knoxville, had called the Knoxville Office at 11:15 P.M. on March 1. ██████████ is a radio ham operator and has set up in his home in Knoxville an Army Surplus APN-7 radar set. ██████████ advised that he had picked up on this set a "pip" indicating that an object was circling at an altitude of about 40,000 feet over Oak Ridge. ██████████ stated that he customarily had followed the movement of airplanes through this set and he was sure this item was not a thunder cloud. Mr. ██████████ advised that the Knoxville Office had immediately notified the AEC Security Section following the receipt of the call from Mr. ██████████

At 5:30 P.M. on March 2, Mr. ██████████ again called to say that he had again picked up an object at 11:15 A.M. on March 2 about 100,000 feet up and about 18 miles from his home in Knoxville which would place the object over Oak Ridge. Mr. ██████████ advised that CIC Agents had been given the information coming from the Knoxville Office, as a result of which CIC Agents and OSI representatives went out last night and looked over Mr. ██████████'s set. They did see an object on the screen about 11:00 or 12:00 P.M. last night. They reported this information to the Third Army. Mr. ██████████ was of the opinion that the Air Force probably has sent the information to Washington also. Army CIC has now informed that CIA is going to send a technician down from Washington to examine the set. Mr. ██████████ had no information as to how CIA had jurisdiction. Mr. ██████████ advised that the Army is also contemplating sending a man up from Atlanta with a portable radar set to check into this situation. In addition, the Naval Reserve has a set locally and is putting it into operation this morning in an effort to identify this object.

Mr. ██████████ advised that AEC and the Armed Forces' representatives are somewhat concerned about this matter and he wanted the Bureau to have the above information in case there were inquiries.

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I advised Mr. ██████████ to keep in touch with the situation and let us know immediately of any developments and as to any information picked up by the Armed Forces or the CIA representative. I also requested that he ascertain who the CIA representative is and what action he took upon his arrival. Mr. ██████████ was advised that no investigation should be conducted by the Knoxville Office but that he should be kept advised of developments and should send a teletype to the Bureau tonight.

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FLYING SAUCERS, INFO CONCERNING. [REDACTED] STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF

NEW MEXICO AND REPORTER FOR SCHOOL PAPER FURNISHED THIS OFFICE WITH

TRICK PHOTOGRAPH OF MOUNTIAN SIDE SHOWING A FLYINGSAUCER CRASHED AND

BURDING ON THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTIAN, LITTLE MEN WALKING AWAY AND

FOUR FLYING SAUCERS HOVERING AROUND THE CRASHED ONE, [REDACTED], WHO HAS

VOLUNTARILY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THIS OFFICE PREVIOUSLY STATED HE

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE TRICK PHOTOGRAPH. HE FIRST TOOK A

PHOTOGRAPH OF A HILLSIDE NEAR ALBUQUERQUE, HAD THE FLYING SAUCERS,

CRASHED SAUCER, SMOKE AND LITTLE MEN DRAWN IN AND THEN MADE THE FINAL

PHOTOGRAPH. [REDACTED] STATED THIS PHOTOGRAPH AND A RIDICULOUS STORY WILL

BE PRINTED IN THE UNIV. OF N.M. SCHOOL PAPER THIRTY FIRST INSTANT AND

MAY BE CARRIED OVER ASSOCIATED PRESS LINES. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT THIS

OFFICE GAVE NO SANCTION OR CLEARANCE TO HIS IDEA. THIS FOR BUREAU-S

INFORMATION. LOCAL INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES ADVISED [REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Special Agent [redacted], of the New Orleans Division, has a brother, [redacted], of the [redacted], advertising agency, [redacted], Denver, Colorado. [redacted] has advised Special Agent [redacted] that an employee of the [redacted], [redacted] has been contacted by one [redacted], [redacted] Street, telephone [redacted] Denver, Colorado, regarding Flying Discs.

[redacted] is alleged to have told [redacted] in January, 1950, that he [redacted], knows a prominent Denver oilman named [redacted], also known as a "Mysterious Mr. X", and an official of the [redacted], [redacted] Denver, Colorado. [redacted] is claiming that he leased land in the Mojave Desert in California and that on this land a flying disc had been found intact, with eighteen three-foot tall human-like occupants, all dead on it but not burned. Further, that the disc was alleged to be of very hard metal and near-indestructible. [redacted] is said to have exhibited a radio set to [redacted] purported to be a souvenir of the space disc.

According to [redacted] [redacted] has been telling of this story off and on for the three month period prior to January, 1950, and is said to have notified [redacted] of it weeks prior to the publication of a flying disc article published in the True Magazine, and one by FRANK SCULLY published in the Variety Magazine in January, 1950. [redacted] claimed to have been visited by DONALD KENOE, author of the article in the True Magazine.

Further data was furnished that [redacted] had been telling the tale so prolifically in Denver that he claimed to have had telephone calls from Washington, D. C. and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which he was requested to keep the information to himself and that, thereafter, he became mysterious about the entire matter.

It is noted that considerable publicity regarding these discs has been found in Denver and other papers.

This information is being furnished the Bureau and the designated offices for informational purposes.

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TO : The Director

DATE: March 28, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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Reference is made to your inquiry on the attached routing slip:

"Just what are the facts re 'flying saucers'? A short memo as to whether it is true or just what Air Force etc. think of them."

In response to your inquiry, Special Agent S. W. Reynolds obtained the following information today (3/28/50) from Major Boggs and Lieutenant Colonel J. V. Hearn of Air Force Intelligence. The Air Force discontinued their intelligence project to determine what flying saucers are the latter part of last year. They publicly announced to the press in December, 1949, that the project had been discontinued. They advised that the press release had been concurred in by the Army and Navy. The reason for the discontinuance, according to Major Boggs and Lieutenant Colonel Hearn, was that after two years of investigation over three-fourths of the incidents regarding flying saucers proved to be misidentifications of a wide variety of conventional items such as lighted weather balloons and other air-borne objects.

Colonel Hearn pointed out that the Commanders of the various areas are charged with the security of those areas. Reports concerning flying saucers received at this time will be investigated by the Area Commander and his report submitted to the Air Force Intelligence Division as an intelligence item.

Major Boggs and Lieutenant Colonel Hearn made the observation that many of the reported sightings of flying saucers at this time appear to be an outgrowth of recent magazine articles. They reiterated that the Air Force is conducting no active investigation to determine whether flying saucers exist or what they might happen to be.

You will recall that the investigation of flying saucers was discontinued by the Bureau in October, 1947, in order that the Air Force could take over such investigations. (62-83894-141-160)

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From: COMGENARMYTHREE Ft McPherson Ga
To: Dept of Army for Dir of Intelligence
Nr: AJACI 1-2

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Telephone call received from Lt Col Munamaker Tennessee Military District 1130, 2 March. He stated that

A. There is a radar station near Knoxville which has been in operation about 3 weeks. This radar station is being operated by station WROL of Knoxville.

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B. On 1 March at 2135 hours the station picked up an object 340 degrees and 18 miles from Knoxville altitude 40,000 feet. Direction and distance put the object directly over Oak Ridge. AEC Security Division Chief at Oak Ridge checked with Smyrna Air Base Nashville which reported it had no flight plan for any plane being in that vicinity and altitude.

C. On 2 March at 1105 station picked up object at 335 degrees and 18 miles from Knoxville altitude 40,000 feet. AEC Security Div Chief checked with Smyrna Air Base with negative results.

D. AEC Sec Div Chief is not certain as to operational efficiency of radar unit and requested Smyrna AB to send qualified radar operator. Smyrna has no personnel so qualified. Smyrna commander suggested Third Army send qualified radar operator to check equipment.

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E. Data from radar was limited to:
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1. Bearing, distance and altitude on each object.
2. Third Army queried 14th Air Force to determine if 14th AF had training flights over the Knoxville area on 1 and 2 March. Answer was no.

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3. Third Army has no radar operators.

4. Inquiry of Lt Col Nunamaker revealed that Chief Security Div Oak Ridge is anxious to get qualified personnel check on the performance of the radar.

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From: CONGENARMYTHREE Ft McPherson Ga
To : Dept of Army for Dir of Intelligence
Nr : AJACI-3-3 3206

3 Mar 50

Reference our TX AJACI-1-2, 2nd Mar supplementary report follows:

1. (A) At 2130 hours on 2nd Mar radar station picked up 2 objects 310 degrees, altitude 8000 feet, approximately 18 miles from Knoxville in general direction of Oak Ridge, moving in circular motion but in opposite directions.

(B) At 2230 hours 2nd Mar and again at 0030 hours 3rd Mar station picked up object, moving same direction, locality and altitude.

(C) Density of object similar to DC-3 airplane, speed not established but report as "terrific".

2. CIA Radar Technician reportedly arrives Knoxville today to check radar set and operation.

3. Arrangement reportedly made by FBI with Naval and Marine Reserve Unit Knoxville to set up radar equipment to verify reception of WRQL radar station.

4. All information on this subject this headquarters has been turned over to A-2 Fourteenth Air Force.

Note: AJACI-1-2 is CM IN 12036 (3 Mar 50) G-2

ACTION: G-2

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON
 SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 22, 1950

Flying Saucers or Flying Saucers

The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and jet pilots.

According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED] 62-83894-208

Your letter of February 28, 1950, has been received and I want to thank you for making your observation available to me. Your thoughtfulness in this connection is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent lengthly relates her observation concerning flying saucers and advised that she believes they are of Russia origin. It is noted that in her letter of February 14, she wrote to commend Mr. Hoover for his services as Director of the FBI.

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Feb. June 28, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

director of F.B.I.

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover: - Flying Saucers
Your acknowledgement of my letter in regard to your excellent & faithful service, rec'd Feb. 22.

I've had something on my chest for several years, and it may be the time and way to do something about it, now also.

It was during a time of my seven years Civil Service work here in Tulsa, while doing Engr. drafting for the Corps of Engineers, War Department. At this time I had the matter serious thought.

For a number of intermittent nights at about the same time, I would hear a terrific very quick noise over the four unit apartment Bldg. at 44 East 17th St. where I had a small 3 roomed apartment on the top floor. The noise only lasted a second or less, and always traveled north to south. It at great speed this missile or whatever over head, that I could never get to the window to look into the night sky. I reported it to the F. B. I. here (local F. B. I.) & checked all the airports, no one of any craft having been there at that time. I clocked it after about 4 or 5 times, and as near as I can remember now it was at 11:21 P.M. Then the time I again reported to the F. B. I. I had before found it was not street nor building noise. The second time I called the F. B. I. the party at the other end, said wait a moment, - soon he said, a Lt. of the force had been telling him hearing the same thing a few blocks south of me at the 21st Bldg. while out there on patrol duty!

Then a few weeks after those noises over head, came the first word of people, seeing "flying saucers".

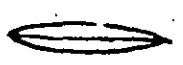
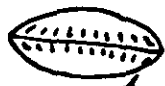
Since living here at [redacted] late last year a flying saucer must have been what I saw that [redacted] (a very round white cloud against a grey stormy overcast sky) It also rapidly drifted north to south. I wondered I looked at the (cloud?) where I saw it disintegrate a something that looked like envelopes or paper fell toward the [redacted]

It was all plain & clear for the object was in the eastern sky & the sun just came from behind a cloud in the west at about sun down & shown upon it. I ran to my east door to try to distinguish a plane motor or a sound of motor or a possible crash maybe a few blocks away. But I heard nothing so I again explained my to the 7. B.D. Lee. I could not judge the distance of the obj.

Now my own radio has not been working for a 2 weeks, so that I've not recently caught all the news. A friend of mine tells me that according to radio news, the saucers are again appearing. and are now disintegrating.

Now Mr. Hoover if this matter that I shall mention here is by chance out of your jurisdiction, then I pray you either mail this to some one (the right one) or put it in the hands (directly) to some responsible Gov. Official whom are sure will give the matter serious study and consid.

When the two tornados hit Woodward Okla. 2 or 3 years ago within a few days or a few weeks of each other. I at that time on I have theorized that these "flying saucers" are being sent from a Russian base located somewhere on the eastern edge of Siberia, Korea or Mongolia, but more likely some place in Siberia, and are radar controlled. The first ones of about the year of the tornados came back to base there, and that they served a tri-purpose.

No. 1. That the first ones contained instruments to photograph & simultaneously record distance altitude & temperature. Thus with data returning via the "saucers" the Russ may by this means have every foot of our U.S.A. photographed and our vital areas spotted. No doubt the "saucers" are built round and like this view from the side would have only one edge  and a pin like a top thru the air with slots around the saucer  where I have placed the dots. Could be made to open automatically and scatter germs, chemicals etc & etc.

No 2. That they may be able to effect our weather cur

Changes in the pressures in spots areas over the U.S.
They may be able from their data formally obtained
send a saucer anywhere at most any time with most
anything, depending on the setting of the automatic device
within the saucer & the altitude & distance on their controls
their base, & the substance placed within.

Nothing now is impossible!

No. 3. The sudden weather changes all this last year
and this winter especially have caused a "flu" & a chest
condition that lasts much longer and weakens those people
much more than ever the old-fashioned "flu" did, so I
been told by the doctor to whom I go.

Hence it has put the vast majority of people
a weakened condition, receptive of attack of a greater physical
illness, something that may even be breathed from the
air, & may put us into a helpless, weak or sleeping condition
that will give Russia a chance to walk in and take this
country intact, without ever bombing & spoiling our
rich oil and industrial supplies! (Russia has never yet
gotten the oil she started out for.) If done in this manner
we would wake up or come to and find ourselves possibly
slaves!

It's something to think about, and as I see it a
very great possibility! So I'm praying that you place
matter with those or one of you are certain will give it a
very serious thought. If my theory is a true case, then
we could locate that base, we could save a great deal
of trouble to our nation. The above mentioned matter
in with what Dobby wrote before World War II to General Chief of
Marshall, President F.D.R. and Martin Dyes, about a
seemingly fantastic dream I had three years or about 20
after the first world war. In that dream which I had 3
nights alike to the smallest detail and in succession. In
that dream the Russians, Germans, and a slant-eyed people
came in the S. West & marched & surrounded our

"Images stunning" with surprise! & the dream it is
that I was a child again watching grand father at
work bench, and tho' at the time of that strange dream
Grandfather was then deceased, but as I seemed to be
standing beside him in the dream, he looked down at
and said "Florence whatever I dream always comes true
Actually I had never, while he lived with us in all those
ever heard him claim he had dreamed; so my only inter-
pretation of the dream & what he said in it would mean that
what "I dreamed" etc. when he was young he was ordered
to "goose-step" into Prussia in the Franco-Prussian war
he often told me in German how he hated war, & I know
how much he loved the beautiful & how really kind
was. He loved garden, flowers & did beautiful cabinet.

Doesn't it stand to reason that there is a very deep
purpose in the disintegration of the "cancers" now?

That we have advertised the fact that we think to
are "interplanetary", and the country sending them are
afraid that we may find out different? That also there
be chemicals or disease germs within them that if they get
to the original base might accidentally be scattered within
their own boundaries and dangerous to their own welfare

And besides after all we have found out that our
is not inhabited! I might add now that I did not give
my name to the letters I wrote about that dream to the
Washington gentlemen, I was afraid to for we were so close
to war with Germany then. I mailed them from Tulsa, so if
might have heard of ^{the letters} this happening at that time. We know
that dream of 3 nights did not then come true. But there
is still time that something very similar may yet happen.

Enclosed is postage for mailing this to "the party"
you know will consider it from a serious possibility and
also a rough sketch that I've made, my idea of Russia's
method. I would appreciate hearing your opinion
on the above scientific possibility mentioned. I know nothing
of science actually. I am sincerely yours.
Wish I did. Mrs. [redacted]

SIBERIA

"SAUCER"
BASE

Possible
Route of Saucers

ALASKA

CANADA

The "saucer" base may
be further south on
in such a location as to
allow them in their
course to pass thru
the Alaskan weather
currents, some where
in their course between
Alaska and U.S.A.
All - Heavier is
storm area

By: _____
Tulsa, Okla.

So on
& bill
over
U.S.A.

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FBI, DENVER

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DIRECTOR, FBI

URGENT

FLYING SAUCERS. TWO SOURCES ADVISED TODAY THAT UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL HAS GIVEN AT LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY MORE LECTURES BEFORE CLASSES AT DENVER UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY OR TODAY IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED FLYING SAUCERS WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY PERSONALLY OBSERVED. THIS PERSON CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN SEVERAL SUCH OBJECTS, ONE OF WHICH ALLEGEDLY LANDED IN NEW MEXICO. HE ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE OBSERVED OCCUPANTS OF SAUCERS DESCRIBED BY HIM AS OF HUMAN FORM, BUT ABOUT THREE FEET TALL. THESE OCCUPANTS OF SAUCERS ALLEGEDLY DEAD AT TIME HE OBSERVED THEM. THIS LECTURER REFUSED TO REVEAL IDENTITY, BUT IS KNOWN TO [REDACTED] WHO IS [REDACTED] CONNECTED WITH [REDACTED] DENVER. [REDACTED] REPORTED TO HAVE MADE SOME PREVIOUS CLAIMS HIMSELF WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVING FLYING SAUCERS. LOCAL PRESS AND ALSO WIRE SERVICES CARRYING STORIES CONCERNING THESE LECTURES AT DENVER UNIVERSITY. OSI, DENVER, HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT [REDACTED] IN JANUARY THIS YEAR REPORTED TO HAVE MADE SIMILAR CLAIMS AND UPON INVESTIGATION WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE ANY VERIFIABLE INFORMATION. OSI CONSIDERS [REDACTED] AS PROBABLE MENTAL CASE. BUREAU ADVISE WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION DESIRED AT DENVER.

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cc Mr. Belmont
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February 20, 1950

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62-83774-205

Mr. [redacted]
Parinos, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 12, 1950, has been received and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making available the information which you furnished.

If in the future additional data comes to your attention which you feel should be made available to the FBI please feel free to furnish it to Mr. A. Cornelius, Special Agent in Charge of our Philadelphia Office, 500 Widener Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Philadelphia,

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Mc.annon
Feb 2 1950

Dear Sir

I am writing you about the flying saucer sightings and am enclosing dated which I would like for you to have checked with flying saucers project. to see if any were reported on the dates I have down. below.

Date	time	Direction from my Home.
Jan 26th 1950.	10:15 A.M.	Southeast
	3:00 P.M.	Southwest
	4:00 P.M.	
Jan 26th 1950	1:30 AM. till 12:30 PM	South - or. east
Jan 27th 1950	12:00 Noon.	South - or. east
	1:45 P.M. -> 9: P.M.	South - or. east
	2:00 P.M.	night
Jan 28th 1950	11:00 AM	East
Jan 29th 1950	1:00 P.M.	also night 8:30 P.M.
Jan 30th 1950	2:00 P.M.	Northwest
Feb 3rd 1950	10:AM - 11:AM - 12:00 Noon.	Southwest
Feb 4th 1950	11:30 AM. 2:30 P.M.	Southeast
Feb 8th 1950	11:45 AM. till 12:15 P.M. Noon	1:30 P.M. till 2:05
Feb 10th 1950	night 8:30 P.M.	West

The reason for having you check these I don't trust anybody unless you say so. I won't make any claims but try to furnish proof that I know more about flying disc than anybody they have found yet. I will send more dates from time to time to prove what I say. All I ask is that if you are sure please give place time and date. I can check. My best. And above all don't want any Snoopers or anyone else to know what I told you. I also don't want you to tell anybody for that. Maybe a lot of things I will tell you after while. I don't want any dates before June 25 to 1950. Please make sure that anyone checking the dates is 100 percent American.

(over)

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Of seeing any letter I send you it might
 be better if after a while as I send you shall's
 that I really know. ~~post find~~ something
 to find a better way to contact ~~one~~
 each other. for there are Snodgrass and
 the Postal Service talking about Postal Service
 if you answer this letter please do not
 use letterhead just plain letter will do
 for. I don't want any Postal checks getting
 ideas - the bullet is I don't want
 anyone but you to know where or
~~from~~ the letters are from.

WHO
 Thanking You Demand

Mr. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Paxinos

P.S. If Sauer's Project want's to clear this up
 quick I have a idea of how they can do same and will
 be able to check and find out who really did see them
 let them have people be on the lookout for them give
 the exact time day and place. then they
 can check My list of dates. I send you.

MR. JONES
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Mr. [REDACTED]
Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 24, 1950, has been received and while I appreciate your offer to furnish me your observations concerning the flying saucers, this matter is not being investigated by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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officer saucers

Re Flying Saucers

With the present debate on the above it sort of annoys me

as I have an opinion of the rational nature. I'd feel pretty

bad if it happened to be right to doubt the harm to our country

and I might be wasting my time

(my theory perhaps) as considered and discarded

the other part of it's a

it might be a

new theory

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McCarty

FEB 7 1950

My store is for 6...
and lunch hour (1 to 2)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION
INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE



Flying Saucers

**SECRET
PRIORITY**

FROM: HQ 13TH OSI DST OFFUTT AFB, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
TO : DIR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS HQ USAF, WASH., D.C.
INFO: DIST COMDR 14 OSI DIST LOWRY AFB, COLO. (ZEM)
DIST COMDR 17 OSI DIST KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO (ZEM)
NR : OSI 8 16 January 1950

(THIS IS PERAS OSI 8 DTD 14 JAN 50. CATEGORY BAKER MESSAGE).

Rudy Fick says Flying saucers from Venus come to earth by accident. Rudy Fick, well known Kansas City auto dealer stopped in Denver 3 weeks ago while returning from Ogden, Utah. At that time he called on the manager of Ford Agency. Their conversation was interrupted by some engineers arriving for a meeting; one of whom was a man named Coulter. Coulter revealed some startling information. He (Coulter) stated he "Crashed the Gate" at a radar station near New Mexico and Arizona borders, and while there he saw 2 of the highly secret "Flying Saucers." Spot report details—the information contained herein was furnished from article which appeared in the Wyandotte Echo newspaper, Kansas City, Kansas, 6 January 1950. Of the two Flying saucers one was badly damaged and the other almost perfectly intact. They consisted of 2 parts, a cockpit or cabin about 6 feet in diameter. A ring 13 feet across and 2 feet thick surrounded the cabin. The cabin was constructed of metal resembling aluminum, but the actual make of the metal has defied analysis. Coulter had a piece of the metal in his possession and gave it to the Ford man to send to the Dearborne plant for analysis. This man (Coulter) showed the group, including Fick, a clock or automatic calendar which was taken from one of the Flying Saucers. This clock or automatic calendar consisted of 2 pieces of metal together with some unusual type of metal. On the face of 1 or 2 pieces of this metal there appeared an indentation which rotated around the disk completing a cycle each 28 days. According to the information given Coulter around 50 of these flying saucers have been found in the United States in a period of 2 years. Of these, 40 are in the 7 US Research Bureau in Los Angeles. Each of the craft had a crew of 3. The bodies in the damaged ship were charred, but the other ship's occupants were in a perfect state of preservation, although dead.

Flying Saucers

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All were uniform height of 3 feet; blond, beardless and their teeth were completely free of fillings or cavities. They wore no under garments, but had their bodies taped and were dressed in a sort of wire. A quantity of food in tablet form was found in ship. Mr. Fick assumed that the reason behind the apparent lack of security was that the Government wanted the information spread from unofficial sources until people are more or less familiar with the facts. Mr. Fick feels that the security department of the military fear that the sudden shock of a surprise announcement that interplanetary travel is possible might cause mass hysteria. Fick is well known locally and has a number of friends at the Kansas City Star. OSI District 13 will interview Fick and will make additional inquiries at the Kansas City Star. Coulter not otherwise identified, but can be reached through Ford agency in Denver. Action: Information copies furnished OSI Districts 14 and 17 for action. The editor of the Kansas City Star stated that while they were aware of this story they did not dare publish it in the paper because it is too fantastic.

ACTION: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

INFO : DCS/O DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
 DCS/O DIRECTOR OF PLANS & OPERATIONS
 DCS/C POLICY DIVISION
 CHIEF OF STAFF'S LOG, USAF

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STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION
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PRIORITY

FROM: 13 OSI DIST CHIEF AFB, OMAHA NEBRASKA, SGD THOMPSON

TO : CSAF, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
DIST COLDR 14TH OSI DIST LOWRY AFB, COLORADO
DIST COLDR 17TH OSI DIST KIRTLAND AFB ALBUQUERQUE,
NEW MEXICO

NR : OSI 11.

17 January 1950

This refers to TMX from 13th OSI District, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 13 January and spot intelligence report dated 16 January, subject: "Flying Saucers From Venus Come To Earth." For your information both TMX and spot report are downgraded to Confidential.

NOTE: Reference TMX is CAF-IX-7150, 17 Jan 50 (OSI).

ACTION: CSI.

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Date: October 19, 1949

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EX-119

To: Director
Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

DATE 9/1/77

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISCS

There is set forth the following unverified information relating to the captioned matter which was furnished to this Bureau by a confidential source whose reliability is unknown and who has requested that his identity not be revealed.

"I was flying from ... to Parkersburg, W. Va. this afternoon (September 25, 1949) and about four miles airline, southwest of Parkersburg, I suddenly noticed a bright yellow object coming directly towards me. It came at me with such speed, added to my 100 m.p.h. forward speed that it startled me and had passed by in a matter of a couple of seconds, but it passed by about 100 feet under my ship and about 50 feet to my right, and because of the dark green background of the forests below I was able to get a very clear outline of the object, and what I believe is a very accurate description.

- "Color - bright canary yellow
- "Length - about 15 to 18 inches
- "Diameter - about 4" in the largest part

"It resembled a rocket, in fact was about the same shape as a missile or a rocket, and was a Lockheed Air Force X-90

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"No wings but vertical and horizontal fins on rear 1/3 of the rocket.

"No visible means of propulsion such as propeller, vapor trail, smoke or exhaust.

"The front of the rocket was very sharp with a needle nose, the needle looked about 6" long and was the size of a lead pencil.

"The rear end was blunt similar to the rear end of a jet fuselage.

"I was flying my ship ... and was traveling about 100 m.p.h. at the time.

"I was at 3,500 ft. above sea level at the time.

"I was flying a compass course of 60 degrees, and the rocket was traveling almost west at 240 degrees.

"It happened about 2:45 P.M. on the above date.

"The visibility was exceptionally good, about 30 miles.

"The yellow object looked very sharp and clearly outlined because of the dark green background.

"If you will refer to the Huntington sectional aerial map this object was sighted over a very small town named Inbeck, which is about 4 miles direct west of South Parkersburg.

"It appeared to have spent its force and seemed to be dropping slightly as it passed by, or had been fired or launched from a higher altitude than the altitude I was flying."

The above has been furnished to you for your information and assistance in connection with the captioned matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 2, 1949

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: ~~_____~~ Informant
FLYING DISCS, MISCELLANEOUS

On September 26, 1949, ~~_____~~, S. Charleston, West Virginia, appeared at the Charleston, West Virginia, resident agency and gave to Special Agent ~~_____~~ the attached letter. Mr. ~~_____~~ stated that he had written the letter following a pleasure flight from Clark Field, St. Albans, West Virginia, to Parkersburg, West Virginia, on September 26, 1949. Mr. ~~_____~~ stated that after writing the letter, he did not know whether it would be of any interest to the FBI and decided that instead of mailing it directly to the Bureau at Washington, he would contact the local agent and turn it over to him if it were thought it would be of interest to the Bureau.

Mr. ~~_____~~ stated that he has set out the complete details of this incident in his letter and that there is nothing further that he can add. He further stated that he is certain this was not a mirage and that it actually occurred.

No further action is being taken by this office unless specified to do so by the Bureau.

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EX-119

Don

[Handwritten signature]

S. Charleston, W. Va.
September 25, 1949.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

(9/25/49)
An incident happened this afternoon which after consideration I felt I should report. I most certainly do not want this incident disclosed, as I do not want any publicity concerning it. If you regard it of no special interest to the F.B.I. please disregard this correspondence.

I was flying from (Clark Field) to Parkersburg, W. Va. this afternoon and about four miles airline, southwest of Parkersburg, I suddenly noticed a bright yellow object coming directly towards me. It came at me with such speed, added to my 100 m.p.h. forward speed that it startled me and had passed by in a matter of a couple of seconds. But it passed by about 100 feet under my ship and about 50 feet to my right, and because of the dark green background of the forests below I was able to get a very clear outline of the object, and what I believe is a very accurate description.

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Diameter- About 4"-in the largest part

It resembled a rocket, in fact was about the same shape and proportions as the fuselage of a Lockheed Air Force X-90

No wings but vertical and horizontal fins on rear 1/3 of the rocket.

No visable means of propulsion such as propeller, vapor trail, smoke or exhaust.

The front of the rocket was very sharp with a needle nose, the needle looked about 6" long and was the size of a lead pencil.

The rear end was blunt similar to the rear end of a jet fuselage.

I was flying my ship, (a Luscombe 8A, NC 1440K) and was traveling about 100 m.p.h. at the time.

I was at 3450 ft above sea level at the time.

I was flying a compass course of 60 degrees, and the rocket was traveling almost west at 240 degrees.

It happened about 2:45 P.M. on the above date.

The visability was exceptionally good, about 30 miles.

The yellow object looked very sharp and clearly outlined because of the dark green background.

If you will refer to the Huntington sectional aerial map the object was sighted over a very small town named Lubeck, which is about 4 miles direct west of South Parkersburg.

It appeared to have spent it's force and seemed to be dropping slightly as it passed by, or had been fired or launched from a higher altitude than the altitude I was flying. end

My wife was with me but she did not see the object, and I did not tell her of the incident until we had landed at Parkersburg.

Very truly yours,

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- C O P Y -

[REDACTED]
Circleville, Ohio
1949 October 8

permanent address:

[REDACTED]
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is requested that this letter be returned to the above address and no record of it kept in FBI files.

Is it true that the Soviet leaders intend to use the flying disk in an attempt to confuse and terrify the American people, why should we not state to the United Nations that we believe this condition to exist and further request permission from United Nations to fly American printed statements into the USSR in the interests of peace and better understanding between the two nations? To prevent the belief that such a method would be used, be either nation, to carry bombs rather than paper, it should be pointed out that it is not necessary to employ airplanes for the purpose insofar as actually flying over enemy territory is concerned. There are several possible means of placing information at the disposal of citizens of either country via air; I mention small balloons incapable of carrying more than a few pounds, or finned, cardboard disks capable of drifting on wind currents for great distances after release from several miles height. (I reserve the right to claim patent rights to the latter "flying newspaper".)

Inasmuch as we have been told that the Communist Party is a very small minority in the USSR, it is impossible to prevent information, printed, from reaching many good people there if flown in by the millions. Of course there would be a penalty in Russia for reading them if caught, but curiosity being curiosity, many would be read and remembered. And no one really believes that children could be prevented from picking up objects floating in from another country.

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Shall freedom of the press be defended in some countries at cost in lives, yet denied across nations, the latter being contrary to United Nations principles?

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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October 18, 1949

Mr. [Redacted]
Circleville, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated October 8, 1949, has been received and in response to your request I am returning it to you at this time.

For your information the jurisdiction of this Bureau does not extend outside the United States and its Possessions. It is therefore suggested that you may wish to communicate with the Division of International Press and Publications, Office of Public Affairs, United States Department of State, 21st Street and Virginia Avenue, Washington, D. C., with regard to the suggestion made in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Handwritten Signature]
Enclosure

NOTE: The enclosure is incoming letter being returned to correspondent at his request.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
SECURITY MATTER - X

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[redacted] of OSI, Benjamin Harrison Air Base called at this office recently to ascertain if there was any current information on "flying saucers". He stated that he had been instructed recently to contact Dr. [redacted] of Decatur, Indiana, with reference to a flying saucer he allegedly observed in the vicinity of Lake of the Woods, Canada, on or about July 1, 1949. An FBI Agent by the name of [redacted] of the Omaha office was alleged to have seen the same saucer.

When [redacted] conversed with Dr. [redacted] the Dr. told him that when he returned from Canada, he found himself in the midst of a polio epidemic and that as a result he had read as much literature as possible with respect to polio, its symptoms, diagnosis, etc. Dr. [redacted] told [redacted] that in his opinion, the cases which were thought to be polio in the vicinity of Decatur, Indiana, were not polio, but possibly the result of uranium poisoning and that he felt the presence of flying saucers had direct bearing on the polio epidemic. Dr. [redacted] pointed out that flying saucers were observed in the Carolina's in 1948 and there was a polio epidemic in the vicinity at that time. [redacted] stated he had consulted one of the physicians at the Benjamin Harrison Air Base and had also checked the records with reference to allegations concerning the sighting of flying saucers and had done a little research with respect to correlating the presence of flying saucers and any polio epidemic. He further stated that he was reporting the matter to the proper Air Force authorities, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

It has also come to the attention of this office that [redacted] made inquiry of the Indiana University Medical School, Indianapolis, Indiana, where the doctors treated the entire matter as a big joke.

[redacted] also stated that Dr. [redacted] had heard while in Canada that there had been some rather strange events somewhere in the interior with respect to finding what might have been remains of flying saucers.

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau. This office is taking no action in the matter.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

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FLYING DISCS. REURTEL AUGUST TWENTY LAST. BUREAU ADVISING OSI HEADQUARTERS

TODAY OF ADDRESS [REDACTED] MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA. YOU SHOULD ALSO
FURNISH THIS ADDRESS OSI REPRESENTATIVE YOUR DIVISION TODAY. HOOVER.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

RE FLYING DISKS. LA TIMES, AUG. TWENTY, ARTICLE DATED
 LINED, WASHINGTON, AUG. NINETEEN, U.P. RELEASE, INDICATING
 U. S. AIR FORCE SEARCHING FOR [REDACTED] WHO MADE
 FLYING DISKS DISCOVERED IN HARLEY PARK, MD, AUG 24 1949 INFO RECEIVED
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MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF. THIS INFO BEING FURNISHED
 OSI, MAYWOOD, MONDAY UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY.

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Director, FBI

August 16, 1949

SAC, San Antonio

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PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

I am attaching hereto a number of copies of reports being received in great numbers in this office concerning the so-called flying disks or unnatural phenomena being frequently observed around Camp Hood, Texas. This is, of course, a primary concern of the Air Corps. Consequently, this office is following the practice of reviewing these data and then destroying them in the event there appears to be nothing of FBI interest therein. It is pointed out that the filing of these would result in the rapid accumulation of very bulky files.

Unless the Bureau believes this is unwise, this practice will continue.

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WFO-113D Serial 58-19

23 June 1949

Subject: unidentified flying objects - Report of

observed the objects. This position could possibly be as high as five nautical miles of the position given. Source's location when objects last his rise range was 42°41'N, 115°43'W. Source flies in a straight line between the two points.

Location of objects when first observed: 42°31'N, 115°41'W.
Location of objects when last seen: 42°28'N, 115°43'W.
The objects made a slight change of course from continuing to paralleling source's straight line of flight.

REPLYING TO THE REPORT It is believed that conventional aircraft, balloons, astronomical phenomena, and other objects can be eliminated as explanations for the objects sighted by source. Since source was not flying into the sun and since he is an expert pilot-instructor, TRAFFIC-LIGHTS are not expected to be a reasonable explanation; nor are reflections of, or irregularities of, the Plexi-glass canopy through which source viewed the objects after a reasonable consideration, because of the wide range of observation of the objects. As far as the reporting officer's concern is concerned (as well as source's own concern), the explanation of source's sighting of the strange flying objects remains a question mark.

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects - Report of

The valley through which source flew north, and the objects flew south, is roughly 12 miles wide. The floor of the valley is between 4000 to 5000' in elevation. The east side of the valley is dominated by Hart Mountain (8000' in elevation). East Mountain seems as an elongated plateau which has an almost sheer drop of around 1000'. The bluff, and all the terrain against which source saw the objects is quite dark in color. The objects stood out in contrast to the dark color. The objects appeared to approach slowly.

The rim of the bluff on the east side of the valley is about 9000' in elevation. From where source saw the objects (at 9000' elevation) to roughly an line with the rim of the bluff (7000'). Learning the objects 1 to 3 miles away from the bluffs, they were probably flying at about 5000' AGL, and about 3500' above the valley floor.

The valley where source sighted the objects is sparsely populated however, there are a number of ranches there - none that are indicated on Boise (7-2) Aeronautical Chart. Source believes that if persons living in the valley were questioned, chances are several might be found who saw the objects from this point. Source has flown through this valley many times going between California and Oregon and does not recall ever having seen another airplane in the valley where he sighted the objects. The valley is not a commercial airway route, and is seldom used by private planes. Source does not recall ever seeing any automobiles on the dirt roads in the valley known as such on the Boise (7-2) section of Aeronautical Chart.

Height and formation of objects: At the beginning of observation when the objects were a few degrees to the southeast of dead ahead, source could not distinguish separate objects - all he saw were reflections; but as he came closer and passed them by 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 miles he definitely saw 6 separate objects. To be on the safe side source saves with positiveness that there were no less than 3 objects and no more than 6.

The objects were always in file formation (one behind the other) and there appeared to be no change in altitude of the formation. The gap between the lead object and the next one was three or four times the length of one of the objects. The distance between the second and the following objects was between one-half and two-thirds the length of the objects. Accordingly, if the objects were 20' in length, the distance between the first and second was 60 to 80 feet, and the distance between the second and the others was between 10 and 17 feet. The distance between the objects appeared very constant. The objects were so close and appeared to keep their formation spacing in a way which indicated they might have been under test by the leading object. At distance of sighting, no connection, if there was any, could readily be observed. Source is positive that the objects were separate objects when he was able to see terrain between them. The formation did not fluctuate in flight; the objects flew very evenly and steadily. When source lost the objects they were going out of visual range of the horizon.

Weather and visibility at time of observation: Visibility was exceptionally good. Source could see Hart Mountain, 30 miles distant, and see smoke rising from the mountains at Burns, Oregon, 75 miles distant. There were a few scattered clouds at between 14,000' and 18,000'. The weather at the time indicated scattered clouds at 18,000'. The air was very calm normally. The air in the area is light to mildly turbulent. The sun was at an angle; that is, source's plane was between the sun and the objects.

Location of sighting objects: (Refer to Boise (7-2) Aeronautical Chart). Source's location when objects were sighted was

DIO-11ND Serial 33-49

23 June 1949

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects - Report of.

REPORT: Unidentified Flying Objects Observed in Oregon 27 May 1949

On Friday, 27 May 1949, source was flying his own SNJ-type aircraft from Red Bluff, California to Burns, Oregon, a distance of 300 miles. He left Red Bluff at 1330 P.S.T. and arrived at Burns at 1418 P.S.T. (time 1 hour 48 minutes). Source landed at Burns after circling the town, which required about ten minutes. While an SNJ's normal maximum is 170 MPH, source "demilitarized" his plane (which he had purchased surplus, lightening the plane by about 300 lbs.) and it makes around true air speed. While on this flight he made 212 MPH ground speed; he estimates he had a tail wind of 15 to 18 MPH.

At 1420 Pacific Standard Time, Friday, 27 May 1949, source of the sun reflecting on an object or objects at a considerable distance a few points to the southwest. He continued to watch the source (sun reflecting material) expecting it to materialize into conventional aircraft as the distance lessened between him and the object or objects. As he reached the long bluff (shown on the Boise (V-2) Aeronautical Chart - Mountain) which runs for a number of miles along the east side of some lakes (Swamp, Flagstaff, Campbell and Stone Corral Lakes) he saw that of a single object there were several, which seemed to be flying in a

At this point the objects appeared to have changed their course that they were paralleling his course (southwest to his northeast) and following the bluff's rim at about 1000 to 1500 feet below source's altitude at a distance which he estimates to have been $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Source is certain that it could not have been as far as 10 miles since the bluff is less than 10 miles away and he could see the objects outlined against the bluff.

The objects that source saw are described by him as follows:
Size of each object: Considerably smaller than a fighter plane, probably less than 20' in length. All of the separate objects appeared the same in size.

Shape of objects: There was no break in the outline. Source is certain he would have recognized conventional aircraft. They had a simple configuration, and no great thickness. They were elongated oval, perhaps as long as wide, and perhaps five times as long as thick. Source did not observe the objects from an angle from above and could not estimate their thickness; they could possibly have been egg-shaped, and conceivably have been perfectly oval. The objects seemed definitely objects - there was nothing ethereal about them.

Speed of objects: Source is confident they were traveling at as fast as source's own plane (212 MPH). Source had a tail wind of 15 MPH and the objects would therefore have been going over 230 MPH air speed. Calculating the speed of the objects, several different ways from the ground, the speed of the objects varies between 190 to 260 MPH. Source concluded at the time of observation that he could not possibly have traveled around and caught up with the objects. They were definitely traveling faster than a group of birds, and slower than jet planes. No trail of smoke or exhaust was observed. The speed of the objects appeared to be steady.

Terrain, elevations, population, etc. in area: Source flew at an altitude which was between 4000' and 5000' above terrain. During most of the observation, the objects were 1000' to possibly 1500' below source's altitude. Towards the end of sighting when source had begun to come down he was on a level with them in altitude.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: July 26, 1949

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, San Antonio
 SUBJECT: O FLYING DISKS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On July 15, 1949, the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Fourth Army, advised that a small article which had appeared in the Galveston (Texas) News on July 10, 1949, advertised the fact that the Young Men's Business Club of Alexandria, Louisiana, announced that it was planning a convention for persons from all over the nation who have seen flying saucers. It was stated that the convention was planned so that members may compare notes. It was also stated that flying disks were reported twice in the week preceding the article in Alexandria, Louisiana.

The above is furnished as a matter of information.

cc: New Orleans

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[REDACTED], INFO. CONCERNING. REURTEL JULY EIGHTEEN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 9, 1949

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
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- Miss Gandy

_____ advised that Walter Winchell had received a letter from _____, Los Angeles 7, California. Mr. _____ read the letter to me and it was very well written, obviously by a man of intelligence. In this letter _____ stated that in August of 1947 he left Los Angeles for the mountains and started hiking through the mountains. About 10:00 A. M. he was lying on the ground when he observed about one-half block away from him a large silver metal, greenish in color, shaped like a child's top and about the size of the balloons used at County Fairs. He stated that there appeared to be two windows in the object and portions of metal appeared transparent and that he gained the impression that there was some life within this object although he saw no persons. The object appeared as though _____ as a pressure chamber. He stood up and waved towards this object and this so-called flying saucer was off the ground in a second, knocking _____ to the ground. In its flight he stated that its power was silent and he raised the question as to whether this was an inter-global landing on our planet. He thought that it might be a device to land in our planet because the occupants of another planet had become curious as to the reaction caused by the explosion of the atomic bomb causing trouble in an expanded universe. He left the question as to whether it was possible that the occupants of another planet might have solved the theory of negative gravity.

Mr. _____ stated that this letter indicated a very good knowledge of physics and that he thought it would be interesting to check into Jones' background and then possibly interview him about this alleged flying saucer. Mr. _____ stated that it would appear that _____ may have actually seen a flying saucer, that in any event it made an awfully good story and he requested that the Bureau keep the matter in confidence.

I would recommend that the Los Angeles Office discreetly check into the background of _____ and thereafter interview him for the purpose of determining any facts he possesses about flying saucers in order that it may be determined whether his story is in any way accurate.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: JULY 12, 1949

MS FROM : D. W. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

I took a call from [redacted] by reference from your office. He referred to his call of last Saturday relative to a letter Mr. Winchell received from a man in Los Angeles concerning flying saucers. He stated that Winchell wanted to do a column on this letter if the Bureau had no objection.

I told him that whatever he did with reference to writing the story concerning this letter was entirely up to him and wouldn't affect anything the Bureau was doing. I suggested that he might desire to check with the Air Corps inasmuch as the handling of flying saucers was a matter of primary interest to them. He stated, who he'll with the Air Force. He just didn't want to release the information if it would affect the Bureau.

Walter Winchell

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROUTINE

JULY 12, 1949

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SAC, LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES

INFORMATION CONCERNING. SUBJECT ADDRESSED A LETTER TO WALTER WINCHELL
RELATING THAT IN AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, HE WAS HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS
OUT OF LA AND HE OBSERVED ABOUT ONE HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM HIM A LARGE SILVER
METAL OBJECT SHAPED LIKE A CHILD'S TOP ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BALLOON. HE
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THERE WAS LIFE WITHIN THE OBJECT THOUGH HE SAW NO
ONE. HE STOOD UP AND WAVED TOWARDS THE OBJECT AND WITHIN A SECOND IT
TOOK OFF, KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND. DISCREETLY CHECK BACKGROUND OF
THEREAFTER, INTERVIEW HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ANY FACTS
IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING THE STATEMENTS SET OUT HEREIN.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California
July 13, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: **[REDACTED]**
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Re your teletype July 12, 1949.

[REDACTED]

Other investigation in an endeavor to locate **[REDACTED]** was not productive.

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DEFERRED RECORDING

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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JULY 18, 1949

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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 12, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

You inquired as to what was being done with reference to the information concerning flying saucers, which information was furnished by ~~_____~~

I desire to advise that a letter is being prepared for the Los Angeles Office suggesting that they make a discreet check of the background of the individual who wrote the letter to Winchell and thereafter interview him for details.

It is believed that a letter is satisfactory inasmuch as it is noted that this alleged incident occurred in 1947.

DML:dad

This should have been done the first thing Monday instead of waiting until Wed. & get out

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July 21, 1949

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Mr. [redacted]
New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

You will recall the telephone conversations about Mr. [redacted] 37th Street, Los Angeles 9, California, and information furnished by him on the subject of flying saucers.

I thought you would like to know that efforts made to locate Mr. [redacted] have been unsuccessful and casual inquiry in the vicinity he mentioned did not develop information about any one who is acquainted with him.

I thought you might wish to consider the possibility that the original letter in this matter may have been a prank.

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- Mr. Ladd
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
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- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Mr. [redacted] thru ODP from
called-phoned. NYC

Phone No. _____
Hour 10:29am Date July 12, 1949

REMARKS

When informed that Mr. Hoover was not in his office, Mr. [redacted] asked to speak with Mr. Ladd, and after checking the call, was transferred to Mr. Ladd.

Mr. Ladd advises that Mr. [redacted] was calling about the matter he discussed with Mr. Ladd on last Saturday re. a flying saucer in California. Mr. [redacted] asked if he could release the story. He was told that this was up to him.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visit

ms *Flying Saucers*

Mr. [redacted] from New York City

Phone No. _____

Hour 10:54am Date July 11, 1949

- Tolson _____
- Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Jones _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

REMARKS

When informed of Mr. Hoover's and Mr. Ladd's absence from their office, Mr. [redacted] declined to speak to anyone else and stated that he was just following up on a conversation he had with Mr. Ladd over the weekend. He asked that Mr. Ladd be informed of his call.

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[Redacted]

Charleston, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

Flying SAUCERS

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1952.

Since the matter referred to therein is within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to that Agency.

Your interest and cooperation in furnishing this material are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Note: Bufiles reflect no record concerning [Redacted]

cc - 1 - SAC, Savannah (with copy of incoming)

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Miss Gandy

August 21, 1952

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[Redacted]

Staunton, Virginia

Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1952, addressed to Air Force Intelligence, the Justice Department, and this Bureau.

A careful review of the contents of your communication fails to reflect that the subject matter contained therein is within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 2 - Richmond - with copy of [Redacted]

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Note: Bufiles fail to reflect any identifiable record on the addresses.

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Air Force Intelligence

August 12, 1951

F. B. I.

Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

Flying Saucers

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments on August 1st. I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 1st to the Air Force Intelligence telling my views of a saucer. In about four days the physicist and scientist gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out when did Mr. Scott start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address. If you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

I have much better working proof of my theory than Scott, which has been before me all along, until I hit upon the idea.

The solution should not have been published. There is great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean a completely-different type of air warfare. The air force could possibly use it for lifetime warfare. It could lead to space-warfare.

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Man-made flying Saucers possibly could be used in conjunction with atom and hydro-bombs or to destroy them. Astronomers could use the information to predict about other planets or planetary warfare. This information could be of use in a trip to the moon.

Does the Air Force wish me to keep my impression to myself or shall I give a statement to the press? My country comes first if the information should be kept secret.

I signed my other letter "Respectfully". When a lady from Virginia pays her respects to the Air Force she expects the Air Force to pay its respects right back to her.

Respectfully,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Staunton
Virginia

MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1952

Air Force Intelligence
 S. P. I.
 Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

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The solution should not have been published. There is a great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean an entirely different type of air warfare. The Air Force could possibly use it for defensive warfare. It could lead to man-made flying saucers which the enemy could use against us.

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Staunton,
 Virginia

62-83894

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Date: August 11, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF 2040

DATE 9/1/72

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED], Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952, at approximately 10:00 A. M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

- Tolson _____
- E. A. Tamm _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- DeLoach _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Ladd _____
- Nichols _____
- Tracy _____
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- Quinn Tamm _____
- Nease _____
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He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by ██████████ Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. ██████████ had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

No further inquiries are contemplated in this matter. However, if additional information is received by this Bureau, you will be promptly advised.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~_____~~ *WAB*
FROM : ~~_____~~
SUBJECT : FLYING DISKS

DATE: August 12, 1952

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Nichols _____
- Rosen _____
- Tracy _____
- Harbo _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Nease _____
- Gandy _____

There is attached a copy of a periodical entitled "Sunday Graphic" dated July 6, 1952, received by the Bureau from the Office of the Legal Attache, American Embassy, London, England.

It is desired that the attached periodical containing an article relating to the captioned matter be filed in the captioned file.

Attachment

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August 5, 1952

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked July 30, 1952, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring your comments to my attention.

Since your communication may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Copy of incoming sent to the Secretary of the Air Force by short form.

Handwritten initials and signatures on the right side of the page.

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J. Edgar Hoover
F B I
Washn DC

Baltimore Md
July 28-1952

FLYING SAUCERS

Dear Sir,
I would like to submit a theory
that may lead to a solution of what
the Flying saucers really are -
These objects could be lights
caused by Radio Television Beams
illuminating moist vapor, not unlike
Phosphorus on rain soaked wood in

Certain seasons - The northern lights
"aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves
for years, setting up Electro magnetism
& Earth potential which distorts normal
Telegraph Communications. The lights es
are somewhat like a Fan + can
be seen as in South as Equator

It is my opinion, that flying
Saucers are Electrically induced
currents on a space (small clouds)
not causing it to glow - this
cloud being charged electrically
and a magnetic polarity being same
as the interceptors. It can never
intercept. ack P-1452 Doc

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gradually, our dinner + disappear
giving the impression that it
outdistanced the pursuer with
a great burst of speed -
This is submitted as a theory
as I do not have the power
or facilities to prove or disprove.
But I submit a suggestion
whereby a test could be made,
when these saucers appear
again have the TV + all Broadcast
silenced from the air and check
for results - This may not change
immediately, as other elements in
this Brief ^{RECEIVED} ^{MR. JONES} ^{APR 31 3 41 PM '52} ^{DEPT OF JUSTICE} ^{RECEIVED} ^{APR 31 3 41 PM '52} ^{DEPT OF JUSTICE} not be turned
off or on at a given signal -
However I firmly believe that, if
the idea as set forth in my crude
way is submitted to more learned
persons than I some solution
is inevitable -

[REDACTED]

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~~_____~~
Baltimore 18 MD
July 28-1952

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washn DC

Dear sir,

I would like to submit a theory that may lead to a solution of what the Flying saucers really are-these objects could be Lights. caused by Radio Television Beams illuminating moist vapor, not unlike phosphorus on rain soaked wood in certain seasons-the northern lights "aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves for years, setting up Electro magnetism & Earth potential which distorts normal Telegraph Communications. The lights are somewhat like a Fan & can be seen as far south as Equator-

It is my opinion that Flying Saucers are Electrically induced currents onto a space (small clouds) and causing it to glow-this cloud being charged Electrically and a magnetic polarity being same as the interceptor it can never be overtaken, and would if pursued gradually grow Dimmer & disappear giving the impression that it out distanced the pursuer with a great Burst of speed.

This is submitted as a theory as I do not have the power or facilities to prove or disprove. But I submit a suggestion whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear again Have the TV & all Broadcasts silenced from the air and check for results-this may not change immediately, as other Elements in this Build up can not be turned off or on at a given signal.

However I firmly believe that, if the idea as set forth in my crude way is submitted to more learned persons then I some solution is inevitable.

/s/ ~~_____~~

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

August 15, 1952

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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FLYING SAUCERS
OSI LIAISON

EX-25

Reurlet August 7, 1952, in which you stated that at a weekly liaison conference held in Philadelphia Major ~~_____~~ advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

OSI, as the official Air Force liaison agency, has agreed to accept reports regarding flying saucers and to transmit these reports to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where all information pertaining to flying saucers is coordinated. If Major ~~_____~~ still insists that he does not desire to receive reports regarding flying saucers, you should advise the Bureau and the matter will be discussed further with OSI Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

NWP:hke/hke
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Tele. Rm.
- Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: 8/7/52

At the weekly liaison conference held in the Philadelphia Office on August 5, 1952, Major [redacted] advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

JLK:ERG

*Letter to
SAC, Philadelphia
8/15/52
NWP*

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August 19, 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pontiac, Michigan
62-83894-294

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 5, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

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The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 1 - Detroit

Note for Detroit:

Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Bureau, in his letter, of his theory regarding flying saucers. It was Mr. [REDACTED]'s opinion flying saucers are manufactured by General Electric or General Motors Research Laboratories, consist of aluminum tanks filled with helium gas under pressure, and work on magnetic principles.

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Pontiac, Mich

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Flying Discs

F.B.I. Wash DC

Gentlemen: Dear Sirs

8-13-52
Let's examine
the O.S.I.
copy

I have a theory on the so called flying saucers.

I don't know where to write to express my opinion.

But yours is the best office in the land when it comes to investigations.

If and when I get ready to commit a crime I will expect to get caught but so be it.

If the flying saucers are real then in my opinion they are not from another planet.

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AUG 6 1952

I would be willing to bet any amount of money that any child or person

Electric of General Motors Research
Laboratories.

I am not an electrician all I know
about elect. is to grab a hold of one
wire at a time on alternating current
and let current strike me alone.

Its my opinion that there does
or what have you are aluminum
tanks filled with helium gas under
a lot of pressure and permanent magnets
(power full one) built on the sides
with the north poles outside.

When an iron or steel object approaches
them they are repulsed at the same
speed as the approaching object.

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When you look at it from that plane
you can see why you can never be caught
no matter how fast the pursuing plane
goes why retreat at the same speed.

One good way to check that would
be to have three planes to approach
at three angles.

The retreating
object could not cross in front
of any of the planes it would
have to go straight ahead.

you try and get the north pole of a
magnet and south pole to connect and
you will see what I mean
(over)

I've seen a steel bar, lying in space
at auto shows, it was nearly two
poles pushing against each other instead
of pulling together.

Or push your watch or a piece
of steel through a demagnetizer
and you will see what I mean.

If a plane were equipped with
a magnet of about two or 3 Gs
and the north pole pointed at the
nose of the plane or stuck out ahead
of the propeller a foot or two I think
those swarms would be caught.

Respectfully yours

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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SAUCEES

7/15 Aug 5 1952

Mr. Edgar Hoover

A few lines to let you know a few things that the Govern-
ment should know for all of US Lakes ps
stop the people from Broad casting how
far these flying saucers are going and
where they are being

them at the reason Russia is
invent some thing


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address

and is coming over
here by radio activity
and later they will
be sending the atomic
Bomb over here so try
to stop them are now
getting the distance
and they send out one
and then our people
tells where they see
at and that is all
they want to know
later on they will send
suicide planes without
air pilot here to bomb.



EX-125

Date: August 13, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE, RECEIVED
BY THE "CINCINNATI ENQUIRER"
PERTAINING TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

There is attached for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter a Photostat of a letter, written in German, received from an anonymous source, which was addressed to the [REDACTED]. A Photostat of the envelope, in which the letter was forwarded, is attached and indicates it was mailed on July 31, 1952, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

For your further assistance in this matter a translation of the attached letter from the German is attached.

Attachment

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 6, 1952

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FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-0)

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN GERMAN LANGUAGE RECEIVED BY
"CINCINNATI ENQUIRER" PERTAINING
TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

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[redacted] furnished the Cincinnati Office with the enclosed letter and envelope received anonymously at the [redacted] in an envelope postmarked 7-3-52 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that the enclosed letter is written in the German language, and I am also enclosing a rather loose translation of the letter as furnished by the [redacted].

In view of the widespread interest in so-called "flying saucers," I am forwarding this material to the Bureau, with the thought in mind that the Bureau may desire to have a careful translation made of the attached letter, and the results, if deemed advisable, made available to other Governmental agencies.

Enclosures (3)

EWY:LM

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copy sent to [redacted]
copy sent to [redacted]
copy sent to [redacted]

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[Signature]

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Folgende Waffentypen

Seit 1944- unprobierbare Waffen welche geliebt
nicht schon sehr erfindung hergestellt sind
und zur Zeit sich von sich selbst machen
auf dem V. Waffentypen welche in den D. Staaten
nicht bloß für den Krieg im Inneren sondern
in Deutschland hergestellt sind um die
Entwicklungsstufe der Waffen die nach
Schritte von einer Reihe von
offenbar die in der Befriedigung
und Kontrollgeräten für Fernbedienung
In der Zeit der Krieg sind auch
regelmäßig abgenommen diese Waffen
nach im Laufe der Zeit sind
von 20-35000 für die
Aber die deutsche Luftwaffe
Aggrate 17 davon
als eine Reihe von
die Entwicklung

H. Sch.

FLYING SAUCERS

Since 1944 there have been experimental weapons which should now be in production. The one about which there has been so much discussion is a V-Weapon which has a disc-like round body, about 48.50 metres in diameter and has by way of emission 45 to 50 automatic (word not legible). With the setting off of the disc these rotate around a spheroplexi-glass sphere in the center in which are located the (word not legible) and guiding apparatus for distance flights. Inside the sphere there is also enough space for high explosive atom bombs. These weapons (word not legible) and show an effective range from 30 to 35,000 kilometres. V-Weapon Konstruk (Technician?) Riedel (or Riedet), Germany, says it is a typical V-Weapon on which he himself worked

I am positive that the truth is better than keeping it in ignorance.

H. Sch.

This letter is written apparently by a not highly literate undeveloped handwriting. It is my opinion that he is

he has written. If I were handling this, I should turn his letter over to the FBI or some other investigating agency to see if he knows anything more.

F.I.

August 4, 1952

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August 14, 1952

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62-83894-291

Mrs. [redacted]
EX-25 Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 1, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - 1 - Pittsburgh (Attachment)

NOTE!

Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mrs. [redacted]

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August 1, 1952

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I have been hearing so much about the objects called Flying Saucers that I begin to speculate as to whether we are the only Nation or county to witness such a display.

Of course it could be that those odd objects are pest filled Radar controlled waiting to be punctured. We have been so accused by another Nation that no doubt they have devised some diabolical plan to test on us.

I am not inclined to pass those over lightly, because I believe that these gadgets can be made and controlled to the extent of great numbers in groupings.

Also, I believe it is very unwise to make public the locations of sightings as many folk are prone to worry, and a state of mind like this is exactly what our enemy is seeking.

Any one wise enuf to perfect such would not only know their travel distance but also their location, therefore no talk or publications could benefit us in that.

I hope that someone has had the integrity and foresight to learn where if in any other country these 'things' have been seen.

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Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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E. J. [unclear]

August 19, 1952

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EX-25

Mr. [redacted]
New York City

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of July 31, 1952. The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

EHM:kc

100-21 - New York (Attachment)

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Office of the Director
New York City

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July 31, 1952
OST
E.H.K.

July 31/52

Department of Investiga-
tion
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

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Am sorry hearing
and reading to; much
noise about the mistaking
of "Lying Plates"

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government of U.S. is going
to catch a picture of the
mysteriously
"Flying Plates"

by the radar detectors.
I say impossible!!!! ???

Ja!!! Ja!!! You please
and excuse me, for my
laughing.

If you would please
refer I wrote to you about
sixth months before. How
you would not be in
troubles with what
happens in the atmosphere

Ja!!! Ja!!! Ja!!!

I say if you please

3.
and may excuse me again
because I laugh of this

Mystery that put in
troubles my government.

Just I was waiting for
this to write to you again.
Now you are in the line
because you don't know
what happens.

The letter that you
"refused" from Washington
to me; was sended again
to the Organization of
the United Nations
at the New York State.

So if you like to know
about the "Living plates"
look for that letter that
should be there. And also

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about some other things
I talk in the same letter.

Ja!!! Ja!!! Ja!!!

I have to laugh because
I know that the peace comes
very soon after. I explain
this mystery to my lovely
government of the United
States of America.

Nobody can explain the
mystery of the "Flying Plates"
in a sincerely truth before
one. Just make a try with
the scientific people; and
I'll call for one.

Sincerely with all my
love

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City

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL FLASHES DURING ELECTRICAL STORM, JERSEY SHORE, PA., JULY 28, 1952

*off
Auk*

[REDACTED] COMPLAINANT

FLYING OBJECTS

At 2:15 AM on July 31, 1952, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Jersey Shore, Pa., telephonically advised that in the early morning of 7-28-52, during a severe electrical storm in the area of his residence, he had observed seven unusual flashes in the sky, each flash being accompanied by a loud report.

Complainant, who appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants, called as a result of recent newspaper stories regarding phenomena allegedly observed during past week in this country.

Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with the complainant.

Actions:

File.

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Date: August 12, 1952
To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.
1 - 83894-288
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: FLYING SAUCERS

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Attached are two copies of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] dated July 31, 1952, addressed to the War Department, c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Mrs. [redacted] letter has been acknowledged and she has been advised of this referral.

[Signature]
Enclosure

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF _____

DATE 9/1/77

Note On Yellow Only:

Previous material concerning flying saucers furnished OSI. (62-83894)

TOC: jdt

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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W.D. Palestine Indian
July 31/52

Federal Bureau of Investigation
The War Dept
Washington D.C.

put
my

Gentlemen: OF FLYING SAUCERS

Since reading & hearing
over Radio about the
"flying saucers";

I am compelled to write
to you -

I am a strong believer in
our Almighty God & Christ

I have the RECORDED 50 2 502-83894-288
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had.

I feel that these saucers are
filmed from a secret camera
operated by something like
T.V. I do believe

W.D. Palestine

W.D. Palestine

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They are operating through
the Communist Party
right here in the, or
our United States, by radio
Every Group of saucers has
a picture, the best pictures
are kept for bombing
purposes.

Why we see them just
once & a while;

They don't want the
U.S. to catch on.

To my opinion they have
a way of causing them
to be invisible.

They can see them or
send them high; when
high they are invisible;
It could be from an enemy
plane, or from a tall
building in the United States
It could be the camera is
carried in to cities and
operated from tall buildings
the ones that some one
seen with a tail of fire
in the picture that is
kept.

So let's be on the look out
for the next one and
follow their path.

Please keep my name
confidentially.

WOT. GIB
(over)

When they were over Washington
D.C. it could have been from
the tallest building there.
You might start from
the first place they were
ever seen. trace back
you might find the
secret place.

And pray with out ceasing
"and have faith"
Our good Book. says donot
let our secrets be known.
When praying & trusting
in God pray secretly
unto him.

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TRUE COPY

New Palestine Indiana
July 31, 1952

c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation
The War Dept
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Since reading & hearing over Radio about the "flying saucers," I am compelled to write to you -

I am a strong believer in our almighty God & Christ our Lord.
I have the faith Daniel had.

I feel that these Saucers are films from a secret Camera operated by something like T.V. I do believe, They are operating through the Communist Party right here in the, or our United States, by radar Every Group of Saucers has a picture, the best picture are kept for bombing purposes.

Why we see them just once & a while; They dont want the U.S. to catch on. To my opinion they have a way of causing them to be invisible.

They can Lower them or send them high; When high they are invisible; It could be from an enemy plane, or from a tall building in the United States. It could be the Camera is carried, in to cities and operated from tall buildings the ones that some one seen with a tail of fire is the picture that is kept;

So lets be on the look out for the next one and follow their path.
Please Keep my Name confidentially.

/s/ [REDACTED]

P.S.

When they were over Washington D.C. it could a been from the Tallest building there. You might Start from the first place they were ever seen - trace back you might find the secret place.

And pray with out sceasing "And have faith" Our good God - says do not let our secrets be known, when praying & trusting in God pray secretly into him.

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Date: August 8, 1952

EX-129

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS;
"FLYING SAUCERS"
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are attached two copies of a letter dated August 1, 1952, from [redacted] Post Office Box 526, Charleston, South Carolina, regarding "Flying Saucers."

Miss [redacted] communication has been acknowledged and she has been informed of this referral.

No investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

Attachment

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Miss Gandy

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TO : MR. A. H. E. MONT

RE: July 29, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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PURPOSE:

To advise at the present time the Air Force has failed to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in its research regarding numerous reports of flying saucers and flying discs sighted throughout the United States.

DETAILS:

Mr. N. W. Philcox, the Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative, made arrangements through the office of Major General John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to receive a briefing from Commander Randall Boyd of the Current Intelligence Branch, Estimates Division, Air Intelligence, regarding the present status of Air Intelligence research into the numerous reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs.

Commander Boyd advised that Air Intelligence has set up at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Technical Intelligence Center which has been established for the purpose of coordinating, correlating and making research into all reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs. He advised that Air Force research has indicated that the sightings of flying saucers goes back several centuries and that the number of sightings reported varies with the amount of publicity. He advised that immediately if publicity appears in newspapers, the number of sightings reported increases considerably and that citizens immediately call in reporting sightings which occurred several months previously. Commander Boyd stated that these reported sightings of flying saucers are placed into three classifications by Air Intelligence:

(1) Those sightings which are reported by citizens who claim they have seen flying saucers from the ground. These sightings vary in description, color and speeds. Very little credence is given to these sightings inasmuch as in most instances they are believed to be imaginative or some explainable object which actually crossed through the sky.

(2) Sightings reported by commercial or military pilots. These sightings are considered more credible

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by the Air Force inasmuch as commercial or military pilots are experienced in the air and are not expected to see objects which are entirely imaginative. In each of these instances, the individual who reports the sighting is thoroughly interviewed by a representative of Air Intelligence so that a complete description of the object sighted can be obtained.

(3) Those sightings which are reported by pilots and for which there is additional corroboration, such as recording by radar or sighting from the ground. Commander Boyd advised that this latter classification constitutes two or three per cent of the total number of sightings, but that they are the most credible reports received and are difficult to explain. Some of these sightings are originally reported from the ground, then are observed by pilots in the air and then are picked up by radar instruments. He stated that in these instances there is no doubt that these individuals reporting the sightings actually did see something in the sky. However, he explained that these objects could still be natural phenomena and still could be recorded on radar if there was some electrical disturbance in the sky.

He stated that the flying saucers are most frequently observed in areas where there is heavy air traffic, such as Washington, D. C., and New York City. He advised, however, that some reports are received from other parts of the country covering the entire United States and that sightings have also recently been reported as far distant as Acapulco, Mexico; Korea and French Morocco. He advised that the sightings reported in the last classification have never been satisfactorily explained. He pointed out, however, that it is still possible that these objects may be a natural phenomenon or some type of atmospherical disturbance. He advised that it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars. He advised that at the present time there is nothing to substantiate this theory but the possibility is not being overlooked. He stated that Air Intelligence is fairly certain that these objects are not ships or missiles from another nation in this world. Commander Boyd advised that intense research is being carried on presently by Air Intelligence, and at the present time when credible reportings of sightings are received, the Air Force is attempting in each instance to send up jet interceptor planes in order to

obtain a better view of these objects. However, recent attempts in this regard have indicated that when the pilot in the jet approaches the object it invariably fades from view.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

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Date: August 11, 1952

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dr. [REDACTED]
Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952,
at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back
waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a
formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number,
in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to
be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the
lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him
to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell
straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor
and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly
direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality
of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish
smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been
dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- DeLoach _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
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cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (52-0)

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 31, 1952

Dr. [REDACTED] Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952 advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that on July 27, 1952 at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the lake, suddenly dropped objects at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight down for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had a single trail of bluish smoke.

He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by [REDACTED], Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. [REDACTED] had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

Dr. [REDACTED] was referred to the FBI by [REDACTED] President of the First National Bank of Kokomo, Indiana, who advised that Dr. [REDACTED] enjoyed a good reputation in Kokomo.

UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter. The above is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau in the event they desire to communicate this information to the Air Force.

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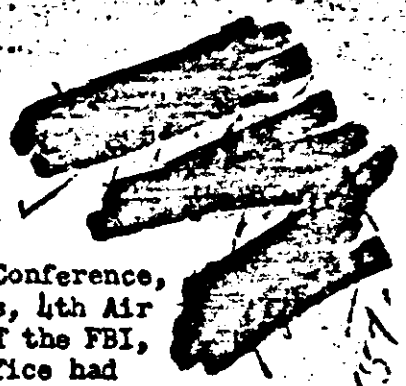
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 62-0
SUBJECT: AERIAL OBJECTS
"Flying Saucers"
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 29, 1952

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On July 28, 1952, at the Weekly Intelligence Conference, Captain [redacted], Office of Special Investigations, 4th Air Force Base, Bolling Field, advised the representative of the FBI, Washington Field Office, over the prior weekend, his office had received reports concerning the observation of aerial objects. Captain [redacted] referred to a phone call made to his office by Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, furnishing to OSI the identity of a woman who reportedly had observed an aerial object. [redacted] praised the WFO for the expeditious notification in this instance.

Captain [redacted], Colonel [redacted], superior office, and Special Agent [redacted] in a conference on July 28, 1952, discussed the matter of immediate notification of OSI. This conference resulted in the request by Colonel [redacted] and Captain [redacted] that in the event, whenever information is received by the FBI, in which it is alleged that someone has observed a "Flying Saucer", this information be immediately relayed to Captain [redacted] office. It is to be noted that this office may be reached by dialing Code 1261 and asking for Extension 509. Captain [redacted] said this number should be called under these circumstances at any time, day or night.

Captain [redacted] stated that the Air Force is greatly concerned about this matter of aerial objects and said that the Air Force Intelligence would appreciate the execution of the requested procedure, mentioned above. It is suggested that the Bureau bring this matter to the attention of its night supervisors, since these night supervisors also receive complaints from persons outside of the Bureau and may receive information concerning the observation of aerial objects.

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July 15, 1952

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Mr. [redacted]
Robinson, Illinois
6-8-874-273
Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of July 8, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, the subject matter of your communication does not relate to an activity within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I have, however, taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., who may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Copy of incoming to Secretary of the Air Force by form letter.

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Robinson, Illinois

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, District of Columbia

(Handwritten initials)

Dear Mr. Hoovers:

Perhaps this is a little out of your line of endeavor, however, I feel that perhaps you or your organization might be able to give me some information concerning the following matter.

From the first time it was written up in the press I have been keenly interested in strange celestial phenomena such as the flying disks popularly called "flying saucers."

Now out of all the thousands of people who have reported sightings not all of them have had too much to drink, nor could they have been victims of optical illusions, retinal retention, or hallucinations. Some of the objects sighted could not have been jet craft, guided missiles, or rockets, neither could they all have been weather instruments. Unretouched and undoctored photographs have given evidence that someone must have seen something.

It seems that both civil and military authorities are most willing to proclaim what the objects are not. I feel there is more to the matter than meets the eye. My decision to write you was based on the thought I would get straight answers.

Do you have any ideas or data on this subject? What are your opinions? If not, where might I write for such information? Any kindness, consideration, or information which you can extend toward me concerning this matter will certainly be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT :

DATE: June 4, 1952

INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS
BUREAU FILE 62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225

During my absence, at 11:50 A.M. today, [redacted] in the office of Dr. W. Pearson, called and talked with [redacted] Wick. [redacted] stated Pearson has been in contact with Dr. [redacted] (Phoenix telephone number [redacted]) concerning photographs which the above captioned took of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947.

[redacted] states that Dr. [redacted] told Pearson today that the FBI borrowed his negatives of the flying discs and when asked for their return the FBI told Rhodes the negatives were not available.

[redacted] asked whether there is any truth to this statement of [redacted] and what the FBI knew about him.

It appears that Pearson is interested in using the photographs on his television program and is desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to Dr. [redacted]

BACKGROUND:

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a Mr. [redacted], called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview [redacted] who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kinball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. [redacted] verified the fact that [redacted] came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel [redacted] of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist [redacted] not in investigating [redacted] INDEXED, but in simply talking with Dr. [redacted]

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By letter dated September 4, 1947, the Phoenix Office set forth in four pages the results of this interview and stated [redacted] had requested the negatives from [redacted] who did not have them in his immediate possession. [redacted] stated, however, he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning for transmittal to [redacted] at Hamilton Field, California.

cc - Mr. Belmont
REW:md

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

June 4, 1952

On the morning of August 30, 1947, [redacted] delivered the negatives to the Phoenix Office at which time they were accepted with the understanding they were being given to Mr. [redacted], a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [redacted] turned the negatives over to the FBI with the full understanding they were being given to the Air Force and he would not get them back. (62-83894-80, page 4)

On April 17, 1950, Mr. [redacted] advised the Phoenix Office that True Magazine would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to Air Force Intelligence. At that time Rhodes was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since they had been made available to this agency by the Phoenix Office on August 30, 1947.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the Phoenix Office advised the Bureau that on the previous date Mr. [redacted], OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called the Phoenix Office stating he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning the negatives since [redacted] had requested their return. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]'s recollection on the matter was "hazy." OSI requested and was given with Bureau approval a memorandum setting out essentially the information related above concerning this matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. [redacted] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [redacted] and in fact [redacted] knew full well the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

[redacted] was advised the FBI did not investigate this matter, did not investigate [redacted] and had no interest whatsoever in the matter other than to accompany the representative from Hamilton Field while interviewing [redacted]. [redacted] was told that for these reasons, of course, we had no information concerning the reliability of Rhodes.

[redacted] was most appreciative for receiving this information and said he would contact the office of Special Investigations of the Air Force for what assistance they might be to him. He said also he would straighten out [redacted], informing him the FBI only as a courtesy to the Air Force representatives received the negatives from him and transmitted them.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *WB*

DATE: June 17, 1952

FROM : *[Redacted]*

SUBJECT: *[Redacted]*

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated June 10, 1952, from Mr. *[Redacted]* to Mr. Belmont, which requested that OSI be contacted to determine if they turned over negatives of photographs of flying discs taken by the above-captioned individual to Mr. *[Redacted]* who works for Drew Pearson.

Lieutenant Colonel *[Redacted]* and Lieutenant Colonel *[Redacted]* of OSI were both contacted and both advised that no inquiries had been received by OSI from *[Redacted]*.

The Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative then contacted Colonel *[Redacted]* of Air Force Intelligence (A-2) who likewise advised that no inquiries had been received by the Office of the Director of Intelligence from *[Redacted]* or anyone in Pearson's office. It is noted that matters involving flying discs are handled by A-2. Colonel *[Redacted]* advised that it was possible that any inquiries made by Drew Pearson's office would be made in the Office of the Public Information Officer of the Air Force. However, Colonel *[Redacted]* contacted the Public Information Office, and he was advised that no inquiries had been received from Drew Pearson's office regarding flying discs and no photographs or negatives of photographs of flying discs had ever been furnished to Drew Pearson's office.

Colonel *[Redacted]* advised that ordinarily when information regarding flying discs is received by Air Force representatives in the field, the information is referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for research and correlation.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 10, 1952

FROM :

SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

PURPOSE

To recommend that Bureau Liaison contact OSI to determine whether photographs allegedly taken by the captioned individual of a flying disc in 1947 were furnished by OSI to the office of Drew Pearson.

BACKGROUND

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MEMO: [redacted] from [redacted]
Mr. King 6/17/52

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On April 17, 1950, Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Phoenix Office that True Magazine would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to Air Force Intelligence. At that time [REDACTED] was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since they had been made available to this agency by the Phoenix Office on August 30, 1947.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the Phoenix Office advised the Bureau that on the previous day Mr. [REDACTED], OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called the Phoenix Office stating he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning the negatives since [REDACTED] had requested their return. [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] recollection on the matter was "hazy." OSI requested and was given with Bureau approval a memorandum setting out essentially the information related above concerning this matter. (62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On June 4, 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] in the office of Drew Pearson, called and talked with Special Agent Wick. [REDACTED] stated Pearson had been in contact with the captioned individual concerning photographs which [REDACTED] had taken of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947. [REDACTED] stated the subject told Pearson the FBI borrowed his negatives and when he asked for their return the FBI told him the negatives were not available. [REDACTED] inquired whether there was any truth to [REDACTED] statement and what the Bureau knew concerning him. It appeared that Pearson was interested in using the photographs on his television program and was desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to the subject.

Mr. [REDACTED] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [REDACTED] and in fact [REDACTED] knew full well the [REDACTED] turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

[REDACTED] was advised the FBI did not investigate this matter, did not investigate [REDACTED], and had no interest whatsoever in the matter other than to accompany the representat from Hamilton Field while interviewing [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was told that for these reasons, of course, we had no information concerning the reliability of [REDACTED]

[redacted] was most appreciative for receiving this information and said he would contact the office of Special Investigations of the Air Force for what assistance they might be to him. He said also he would straighten out [redacted], informing him the FBI only as a courtesy to the Air Force representatives received the negatives from him and transmitted them.

It has been reported that Drew Pearson, on his television program of June 8, 1952, demonstrated photographs of flying discs. It is not known whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program are those referred to in the captioned case.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to bring our file in this matter to an up-to-date status and to resolve the question raised by the subject, it is recommended liaison contact OSI and determine whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program of June 8, 1952, are the photographs obtained from the subject in this case. Inasmuch as [redacted] indicated he would contact the OSI concerning this matter, it is believed highly probable that is where the photographs of flying discs were obtained by Pearson's office.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

28 MAY 1952

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Received from [redacted]
Date: [redacted]

ATTN: Mr. N. H. [redacted] Cox, Liaison Agent

RE: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted
General Area Ritchie Highway, South
Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 PM, 29
Mar 52 by Donald Stewart, 2241 Warren
Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

There is attached for your information a copy of a report by Special Agent Boyce Royal of this office dated May 12, 1952, in regard to the captioned subject.

[Large redacted block]

No further inquiry into this matter is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations.

Sincerely,

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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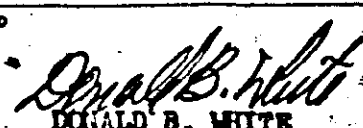
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-111	DATE MAY 12 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object, Ritchie Highway, SO. Baltimore, Maryland, 29 March 1952		REPORT MADE BY BOYCE ROYAL, S/A	REPORT MADE AT DO #4, Bolling AFB
		PERIOD 10, 11, 12 May 1952	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Hq. OSI
		STATUS RUC	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY	Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-4, paragraph 11.		
REFERENCE Telephone message CI Division Hq. OSI, 9 May 1952			

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Hq. OSI predicated on information received from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB that DONALD STEWART and (FNU) TYLER had observed unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952 in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland. Information relayed to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB by ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS who received it from LOU CORBIN, a news commentator, employed by station WFBR, Baltimore, Md. CORBIN interviewed, furnished information that DONALD STEWART, [redacted] and GEORGE TYLER III, [redacted], had been interviewed by him on 24 and 27 April 1952 and had reported sighting a disc-like aircraft at approximately 2045 hours, 29 March 1952 on Ritchie Highway near the intersection of US Route 301; that automobile engine stopped and paint cracked as aircraft hovered 200 feet above car. STEWART interviewed and related substantially the same story which he had given CORBIN previously. RAY FOY, Engineer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Md, interviewed, advised he had made complete examination of STEWART's vehicle at request of CORBIN; including examination with geiger counter and determined no unusual defects. AMOSS interviewed, stated had no direct knowledge of incident and had merely relayed information furnished him by CORBIN; advised that several residents, Gibbon Island, Maryland had heard unusual noises but none had observed any such aircraft. TYLER interviewed and confirmed statement given by STEWART however, upon reinterview, admitted that he had not been with STEWART at the time of the alleged sighting, and had not seen any such aircraft; advised that STEWART had asked him to tell that story and that he had done so. Interviews conducted along Ritchie Highway in vicinity of location where aircraft

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was allegedly sighted indicated no knowledge of any such craft. Anne Arundel County Police Department had no record of reports of described aircraft. STEWART in reinterview reaffirmed sighting and that TYLER had been with him at the time and had seen the aircraft. File checks re STEWART at local police agencies negative. b7c

[REDACTED]

CORBIN, ALBESS negative.

] FBI check re TYLER,

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated upon a request from Headquarters OSI on 9 May 1952 from Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, predicated upon information received from Lt. Col. RAY W. TAYLOR, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, to the effect that Col. TAYLOR had received information regarding an unidentified aircraft which was reported to have been seen at 2245 hours, 29 March 1952, on Ritchie Highway, south of Baltimore, Maryland. Air Technical Intelligence Center advised that the information had been received from ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS, a civilian.

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents CLIFFORD P. JONES, OLIVER R. WEATHERHOLT, and the writer.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

3. On 10 May 1952 Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, Headquarters OSI, was interviewed and furnished the writer with a copy of a TWX received from the Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. Information contained in the TWX is summarized as follows:

The TWX represents a copy of a letter to the Commanding General, Project Blue Book, from ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS, [REDACTED] dated 24 April 1952. The letter stated that one DONALD STEWART, residing at [REDACTED], had observed an unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952. Present with him at the time of this observation was one FNU TYLER, believed to be a seventeen year old (17) high school student. The aircraft was allegedly observed while STEWART and TYLER were driving north on Ritchie Highway, approaching Baltimore, Maryland. It was described as shaped like a large pancake and was alleged to have hovered over the automobile, killing the engine. The letter also advised that STEWART had been interviewed by a LOU CORBIN, a radio announcer of WFBR, Baltimore radio station. CORBIN was described as a reserve CIC officer. The letter also stated that a GEORGE WASON and son, JOHN WASON, alleged to reside on [REDACTED], had also seen such an aircraft. A NELSON STRIEKCIROT and wife, and a Mrs. SALLY SYMINGTON HENDERSON and Judge and Mrs. HENDERSON were all said to have heard an aerial noise on 19 April 1952 at approximately 2300 hours. The Glenn Burnie Police were said to have had many similar incidents reported but laughed them off. b7c

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

4. On 10 May 1952 Mr. HUBERT KEITH, U. S. Weather Bureau, International Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that the weather map for 2226 hours, 29 March 1952, indicated clear sky, ~~NEW~~ winds - eight (8) miles-per hour; at 2256 hours, 29 March 1952, partly

cloudy, NNW wind - twelve (12) miles per hour; clouds aloft at one thousand (1000) feet, NWS - sixteen (16) miles per hour.

5. On 10 May 1952 Mr. LOUIS E. CORBIN was interviewed at radio station WFBR in Baltimore, Maryland, and stated in substance as follows:

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Mr. CORBIN advised that he had received information in the latter part of April to the effect that a DONALD F. STEWART, residing at [REDACTED], had, while accompanied by Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III, observed a strange appearing aircraft on 29 March 1952. Mr. CORBIN indicated that the source of his information had been a newspaper reporter for one of the local newspapers, whose name he did not divulge. CORBIN related that he had for some time been interested in the "flying saucer situation", and that it had been his intention to write a documentary program for broadcast concerning that subject. He said further that inasmuch as the above incident was the first one to be brought to his attention within that area, he determined to investigate it.

On 24 April 1952 CORBIN interviewed Mr. DONALD F. STEWART and ascertained that he was employed as a clerk by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He further ascertained that the date of observation was 29 March 1952; place, Ritchie Highway near the harness track; time, 10:45 PM; weather, clear; moon and stars out; approximate length of observation, two (2) minutes; estimated altitude, two hundred (200) feet. CORBIN obtained the details of the incident and set them down in a chronological order. A photostatic reproduction of the information obtained in that interview is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report. CORBIN also interviewed Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III relative to the above incident and made a similar writing, a photostatic reproduction of which is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report.

CORBIN advised the writer that he was acquainted with the editor of a civilian intelligence bulletin, Mr. ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS, to whom he communicated the above information. Mr. CORBIN further advised that he would not release any of the information publicly and did not intend to do so until such time as the authorities completed investigation of the incident. CORBIN related that when he had called the Anne Arundel County Police they had informed him that they had had numerous reports of that nature but had passed them off as harmless. CORBIN stated that he had had a friend of his, RAYMOND FRI, conduct a scientific examination of STEWART's automobile for the purpose of determining any unusual characteristics which might have been present. CORBIN advised that he was not a reserve CIC officer; however, he related that he had been an intelligence officer with the staff of General GEORGE S. PATTON in Europe and that he presently holds an inactive reserve commission as lieutenant colonel, O-375086.

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Mr. COR [redacted], during the course of the interview, made no mention of GEORGE or JOHN EASON, and when specifically questioned with regards to the two above individuals, he said that he did not recall either.

6. On 10 May 1952 the records of the FBI Field Office, Baltimore, Maryland, were reviewed and reflected that [redacted]

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[redacted] No information concerning reports of unconventional aircraft sighted during the past two (2) years were on record at the FBI Field Office.

7. Mr. DONALD FRANKLIN STEWART was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] on 10 May 1952, and with reference to the incident in instant case, he related in substance as follows: b7

STEWART, accompanied by his friend, GEORGE TYLER, were returning to Baltimore from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, via the Ritchie Highway, on 29 March 1952. They were in a 1949 Anglia Vampire, an English car, and were proceeding in a northerly direction, having just left a Howard Johnson Restaurant adjacent to the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Highway #301. While approximately opposite a harness track five hundred (500) yards north of the above named intersection, STEWART related, he observed a strange looking aircraft appearing on the horizon ahead of his automobile. STEWART described the aircraft as being a flat disk with a cupola or dome in the center of one side. He described the dome as having what appeared to be a small porthole on one side and the shadowy outline of what appeared to be a "hatch, similar to those found on a ship". He stated that this craft approached his vehicle from a northeasterly direction and hovered above his automobile.

He further described the object as being of a luminous silver color and emitting bright lights around the edges similar to neon tubing of high brilliance. He stated that at the time the incident occurred [redacted] b7

[redacted] he left the automobile and walked around the car several times [redacted]

[redacted] he advised that his companion, TYLER, remained in the automobile [redacted]

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above incident he had been engaged in distributing campaign literature with reference to was above campaigning in Glenn Bu. He, Maryland, and was returning to Baltimore when he observed the aircraft. During the course of the above interview STEWART appeared calm and answered all questions without hesitation and when subjected to questioning, did not change his statements in any particular.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

8. Mr. LOUIS GITEOS, [REDACTED], was interviewed on 10 May 1952, and stated that he has known STEWART all his life and has found no fault with him. GITEOS advised that STEWART comes from a good family and he would recommend him for a position of trust. GITEOS stated that he does not believe STEWART has ever been in trouble with the police. b7c

9. Miss MARY HOOVER, [REDACTED], was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that STEWART "shoots a lot of bull", usually bragging about himself and his accomplishments. Outside of talking too much, HOOVER believes that STEWART is honest, makes a good impression, does not drink, a good worker, and loyal to the government. She would recommend STEWART for a position of trust, but stated that she did not believe he could keep a secret. b7c

10. Mrs. LOUIS GITEOS, [REDACTED], was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that STEWART talks too much and likes to exaggerate. Other than that, Mrs. GITEOS would recommend STEWART for a position of trust. She considers him honest, loyal, and a good boy. b7c

11. Mr. RAYMOND FOX, Project Engineer, Engineering Department, Radioactive Detection Division, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed at the Maryland Yacht Club on 10 May 1952, and advised that during the latter part of April 1952 he examined the automobile described in the above paragraph with a geiger counter and could detect no radioactive reaction. He also stated that he examined the engine and all working parts of the automobile and was unable to detect any unusual defects or characteristics. He stated that the automobile had been repainted and that he was inclined to disbelieve the incident as it was related to him.

AT FERNDALE, MARYLAND

12. On 10 May 1952 Officer J. L. GAVIN, Anns Arundel County Police Department, Ritchie Highway Sub-Station, advised that the only report relative to instant investigation that he was aware of as being received by the department was purported to have been an observation during the latter part of March by the bridge keeper, Curtis Bay Bridge, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Officer GAVIN volunteered that the proximity of that area to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds resulted in frequent noises of explosions

and that the police department had many calls of inquiry but that they all, with the above exception, were reports of noise and not of the sighting of any such aircraft. Officer GAVIN stated that in his opinion it was highly unlikely that an automobile could stop for a period of three (3) minutes on a Saturday night, as during the time of the alleged incident, without several other vehicles passing by. He gave as his reasons that Ritchie Highway was an arterial highway for several outlying districts of Baltimore as well as being a portion of the north-south route from Baltimore to the Potomac Bridge, and that traffic was usually frequent at all times, and especially so during that part of the evening on weekends.

AT GIBSON ISLAND, MARYLAND

13. ULYSSES LOUIS AMOSS, Colonel, USA, Retired, residing at [REDACTED] was interviewed on 11 May 1952 with reference to his knowledge of above alleged sighting of an unconventional aircraft. He stated in substance that his knowledge was third-hand and therefore he was not in a position to give detailed information. He advised that he was informed of the above incident by CORBIN who, in addition to the information set forth above, had told him that a GEORGE MASON and his son, JOHN MASON, purported to reside on [REDACTED] also had information with reference to instant incident. b7c

AMOSS stated that the residents of [REDACTED] frequently heard noises in the night, reported like that produced by a large formation of conventional aircraft. Col. AMOSS described this noise as of a magnitude and intensity similar to a major bombing group of at least one hundred (100) planes. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. NELSON STINCHCOMB (whom he previously reported as STRICKIRUT), and Judge and Mrs. HENDERSON, Sr., and Mrs. SALLY HENDERSON SYMINGTON had all reported loud noises of the above type on the night of Saturday, 19 April 1952, and that he had included this information in his letter to General ACKERMAN only as miscellaneous data. He related that the noises occurred nightly but were particularly intense on Thursday nights. b7c

Col. AMOSS informed the writer that he had attempted to locate GEORGE and JOHN MASON but had been unable to contact them. He stated that there was no street designated [REDACTED] and that the nearest approximation of that name was [REDACTED]. He further stated that there was only one residence on [REDACTED] and that residence was presently occupied by a Mr. GEORGE REA, whom he was unable to contact. b7c

14. Attempts by the writer to interview individuals named in the preceding paragraph met with negative results.

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AT GLENN BAY, MARYLAND

15. Mr. ROBERT MEADOWS, Proprietor of a Shell Service Station, located at 1501 Ritchie Highway, approximately three hundred (300) yards north of the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952, and advised that to the best of his recollection he had been on duty in the station on the night the above incident was said to have occurred, and that to his knowledge no such incident took place. MEADOWS related that had the aircraft traveled in the direction as alleged, he would surely have observed it; or if he had not been on duty that night, he would surely have been informed of the incident by the man who had been on duty at the time. MEADOWS informed the writer that it was highly unlikely in his opinion that any three (3) minute period could elapse without the passage of several automobiles at the time the above incident was alleged to have occurred.

16. Mr. WILLIAM ROBLECKE, Jr., employee of Howard Johnson Restaurant, located at the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he had no knowledge of the above incident.

AT CURTIS BAY, MARYLAND

17. Mr. WAHLEN HOLLINS, Drawbridge Operator, Curtis Bay Bridge, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he is the regular drawbridge operator on the Curtis Bay Bridge on the 1600 hours to 2400 hours shift. HOLLINS stated he was on duty the evening of the 29th of March 1952 and that he had not observed, nor ever observed, any unconventional aircraft. HOLLINS further advised that he did not make a report to the Anne Arundale Police Department of such an incident.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

18. On 11 May 1952 Mr. GEORGE S. TYLER III, aged sixteen (16), [REDACTED] was interviewed at 1030 hours and repeated the same story as he related to CORBIN. One variance in the story was that the car engine did not stop until after STEWART and TYLER had gotten out. b7c

19. GEORGE S. TYLER, Jr., father of GEORGE S. TYLER III, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he believes the story is made up. TYLER stated STEWART is a peculiar person, and he has known him for several years. TYLER thinks STEWART made it up to get his name in the papers. TYLER also stated that Ritchie Highway is very crowded and more than one person would have seen it. Mr. TYLER thinks that if his son had seen it he would have discussed it with him or some other member of the family, but he did not do so. b7c

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20. On 11 May 1952 LOUIS F. TYLER, uncle of TYLER III, [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated that he does not believe his nephew's story. He stated that TYLER III can dream up fantastic stories at times. He believes it is a hoax and thinks his nephew was talked into telling the story. b7c

21. At approximately 1215 hours, 11 May 1952, GEORGE S. TYLER III was reinterviewed in the presence of his father and mother, at which time TYLER stated that STEWART had seen the "saucer" prior to the time of meeting him and that all the information which he had given was information that STEWART told him. TYLER advised that he did not see a thing and had reported the description of the aircraft as STEWART had told him. He stated that STEWART had told the sighting of the aircraft to him as they returned from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, to Baltimore, and asked him (TYLER) to affirm the report because he feared that no one would believe his story. TYLER advised that he called the newspapers, the Sun and the Post, to find out if anyone else had reported the incident, and was informed that several reports had been received. TYLER further stated that at first he believed the story STEWART had told him; however, he now believes that STEWART made it all up. TYLER averred that he had been in Glenn Burnie visiting friends and was waiting at a bus stop to return to Baltimore on the night of 29 March 1952, when he met STEWART who had been in Glenn Burnie posting campaign posters; that STEWART had offered to give him a ride back to Baltimore and he had accepted; that it was on the trip back to Baltimore that STEWART had related to him the sighting of the strange aircraft earlier in the evening.

TYLER stated that they left Glenn Burnie at approximately 2230 hours and had driven to Baltimore without incident; that they had made no stops along the road; [REDACTED] b7c

22. STEWART was reinterviewed at approximately 1315 hours, 11 May 1952, and stated that TYLER was with him and had witnessed the incident. STEWART denied emphatically any falsehood in the story and stated that the whole thing was the absolute truth.

23. On 12 May 1952 Special Agent OLIVER R. WEATHERHOLT interviewed Mr. HAROLD B. ISENOCK at the Griebel Motor Company, Light and Henrietta streets, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. ISENOCK stated that work was performed on STEWART's car on 8 May; that the work performed was adjustment of brakes, installation of clutch, adjust generator, repairing or taping the wires leading from the generator, change oil, and lubrication. He stated that the car needed only routine repairs and there was no indication of any unusual repairs.

Mr. ISENOCK advised that STEWART had traded at the garage regularly [REDACTED] Review of the [REDACTED] b7c

records at the garage reflected that the car had been serviced on 23 April, 8 December, 18 December 1951; and 31 January, 20 March, and 8 May 1952. The records reflected that the car had been brought in for routine check-ups and repairs. There was no indication in the records that the car had been repainted. Mr. ISENFLOCK stated that the car was still the same green color; however, he could not state as to whether it had been recently repainted. He did state he knew the car had not been repainted at his garage.

24. On 12 May 1952 records checks at the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore County Police, and Maryland State Police reflected no records of STEWART.

INCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI

1. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained from STEWART by CORBIN (with sketch).
2. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained from TYLER by CORBIN.

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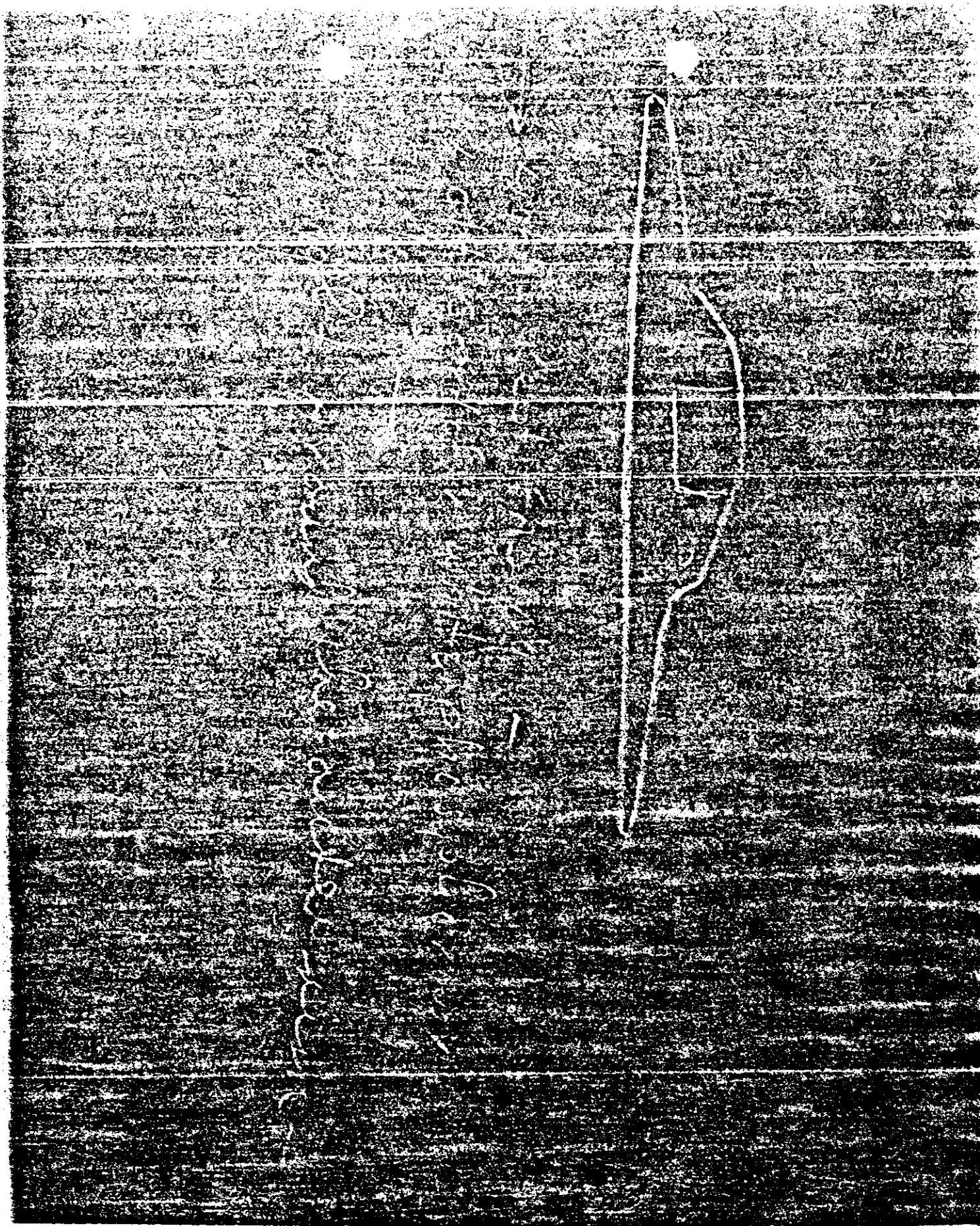
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notified concerning a curious object in the sky. The police have always
considered the source of such objects as being Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In all
events the police have not conducted a detailed investigation as a result of
my such call to their headquarters.

General Summary of... by "R.P."

Several checks of the automobile apparently indicated a
negative reaction... safe to conclude that something was observed in the
sky. A thorough examination of the witness suggests that it is unlikely he
could have made... story. His reported observations are thermodynamically
possible and fall into a logical sequence. Impossible at the moment to
identify object or its origin... possibly "ours".



TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]

JOB

EMPLOYMENT: [REDACTED]

DATE OF OBSERVATION: March 29, 1952 PLACE: Ritchie Highway, S. Hedges, Md.

TIME OF OBSERVATION: 10:45 P.M. WEATHER: Clear

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: A minute or so

ESTIMATED ALTITUDE: 10,000 feet or so

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

THIS WAS A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW. THE YOUNG MAN WAS REQUESTED TO REMAIN AT HOME TO WATCH HIS SISTER. HE WAS SUPPOSE TO COME TO STUDIO AS PLANNED EARLIER.

Attention was first attracted while driving north along Ritchie Highway toward Baltimore. In company with [REDACTED] friend, a slowly moving object was observed just ahead of the automobile. It was approximately 10:45 P.M. The engine in the car seemed to die and car drifted to a stop, the driver pulling slightly off the road. The object was approximately over the car and had no forward motion. It seemed to be tilted slightly and was giving off a yellowish-greenish light which faded and then became intense and then faded again. The outer edges of this object which seemed to be round, with a thickness toward the center, seemed to have what Mr. Tyler described as a shimmering effect. He said that he could not say for sure whether he had observed anything that looked like a port-hole. He stated he was not either whether there was another car in the exact location, but there might

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

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FBI LOUISVILLE

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MRP

DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE FLYING SAUCERS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. THREE WOMEN SAW A STRANGE OBJECTS FLOATING IN SKY OVER ASHLAND, KY. AT EIGHT FIFTY PM, EST, MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST FOR TWO OR THREE MINUTES. OBJECTS DESCRIBED AS LOOKING LIKE LARGE OYSTERS WITH FISHTAILS FLOATING LOW LIKE A CLOUD. THEY WERE OVAL IN SHAPE AND ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS COULD HAVE BEEN BALLOONS. THEY CAME IN OVER ASHLAND FROM THE NORTH, CIRCLED AND WENT BACK IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. ABOVE INFORMATION FOR BUREAU. NO ACTION HERE.

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Date: May 15, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
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The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISKS REPORTEDLY SEEN
IN VICINITY OF SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

The Savannah Office of this Bureau has been informed that at approximately 10:45 pm, May 10, 1952, four employees of the DuPont Company employed in the Savannah River Plant near Ellenton, South Carolina, saw four disk shaped objects approaching "the four hundred area" from the south which disappeared in a northerly direction. At approximately 11:05 pm on the same date the above-mentioned employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northerly direction. At approximately 11:10 pm a similar object was seen by these employees approaching from the north-east and disappearing in a southwesterly direction. A similar object was also sighted about 11:15 pm traveling from south to north by the same employees.

The disks were described by the above-mentioned employees as being approximately fifteen inches in diameter and yellow to gold in color. All of the objects were allegedly traveling at a high rate of speed and at a high altitude without any noise. The disk shaped objects referred to above which approached "the four hundred area" from a northeasterly direction was reportedly traveling at such a low altitude it had to rise to pass over some tall tanks which are in "the four hundred area." The employees referred to above advised the objects were weaving from left to right but seemed to hold a general course. According to these persons because of the speed at which the objects were traveling they were only visible for a few seconds.

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- Belmont _____
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- Parsons _____
- Quinn Tamm _____
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- Winterrowd _____
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The above data, which was previously furnished to your office through this Bureau's liaison representative, is being furnished for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter. No investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Intelligence Division

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Captain John A. Waters
Director of Security
Atomic Energy Commission
Room 805B
993 Third Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Tadd	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, FLYING DISC AT APPROXIMATELY TEN FORTYFIVE PM, MAY TEN LAST FOUR EMPLOYEES OF DUPONT CO., EMPLOYED ON SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT NEAR ELLENTION, S. C., SAW FOUR DISC SHAPED OBJECTS APPROACHING THE FOUR HUNDRED AREA FROM THE SOUTH, DISAPPEARING IN NORTHERNLY DIRECTION, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIVE PM, ABOVE MENTIONED EMPLOYEES SAW TWO SIMILAR OBJECTS APPROACH FROM SOUTH AND DISAPPEAR IN NORTHERNLY DIRECTION. AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TEN PM ONE SIMILAR OBJECT APPROACHED FROM THE NORTHEAST AND DISAPPEARED IN SOUTHWESTERNLY DIRECTION. ONE MORE OBJECT SIGHTED ABOUT ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM TRAVELLING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. EMPLOYEES DESCRIBED OBJECTS AS BEING ABOUT FIFTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, HAVING YELLOW TO GOLD COLOR. ALL OF THESE OBJECTS WERE TRAVELLING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED AT HIGH ALTITUDE WITHOUT ANY NOISE. EIGHTH OBJECT WHICH APPROACHED THE FOUR HUNDRED AREA FROM NE WAS TRAVELLING AT ALTITUDE SO LOW IT HAD TO RISE TO PASS OVER SOME TALL TANKS IN FOUR HUNDRED AREA. THIS OBJECT WAS ALSO FLYING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND WAS NOISELESS. WITNESSES STATED OBSERVED OBJECTS WEAVING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

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BUT SEEMED TO HOLD GENERAL COURSE. ALSO STATED DUE TO SPEED AND ALTITUDE THEY WERE ONLY VISIBLE FOR FEW SECONDS. SAVANNAH OFFICE IS NOT ACTIVELY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER AND IS FURNISHING THIS INFO TO BUREAU FOR WHATEVER ACTION THEY DEEM ADVISABLE.

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May 13, 1952

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Mr. [redacted]
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 7, 1952, has been received and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring your observations to my attention.

Since the matter you mention may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am referring a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., and you may wish to write him directly in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

copy of incoming sent to Dep't. of Defense by form

BIC:gr BN

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
c/o U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The motive of this letter is a sincere effort to help avoid useless waste of life, time and money. It is written with full respect to your pressing work, and to the ability of this country's scientific experts.

Although your responsibilities may not be directly connected with the intended text of this letter, I sincerely hope that you will consider the possibilities, and forward the suggestions to the proper authorities concerned.

For the past five years the general public has read, and ballyhoed newspaper articles related to the "Flying Saucers", and following the same trend of thought have ignored recent reports made by persons of undisputed experience and intelligence.

The possibilities of this earth being visited by ships from outer space have been lightly suggested by some, while others believe the "objects" belong to some nation on this earth. Granted that some such objects do even belong to this country, it is obvious that we, nor any other nation possess and fail to use, in time of war, such useful means as have been reported by the balloon experts connected with General Mills, Inc.

I am sure that these suggestions will bear scientific investigation and that they are entirely probable. Similar to Columbus and the egg - they may not have been given due consideration.

These "objects" of undetermined origin (not to be confused with our controlled weather balloons, etc.) are in all probability operated by the absorption, compression, and controlled emission of the sun's energy (basically electricity). As such, they probably carry a potential charge which is past our imagination. An earthly object approaching too close to the O.U.O. would have the same effect as grounding a high-tension wire, with the total destruction of both objects as a likely result.

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Assuming that some of these objects are from outer space, we would certainly benefit considerably by establishing contact with them, where as, if such a nation as Russia should acquire this knowledge before us we would certainly suffer as a result.

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Whatever means () over these objects posse they may attain speeds far in excess of our latest rockets. It will be futile to give pursuit, or to attempt any forceful approach.

From reports, we have no reason to believe these objects have anything but friendly intentions, also, they may be restricted as to the distance they may approach the earth without danger. It is also my belief that given an opportunity, they will approach an earthly object, at high altitude, as close as possible without danger to either themselves or the object.

If my theory approaches the truth, then these strange objects will be unable to establish contact with the earth without our assistance.

Taking the earth at an age of two billion years, having suffered worldly catastrophies, and set-backs, we may be as children compared to a planet of four billion years, or of equal age without catastrophies.

Our scientific laws have worked well for us, however, they probably do not hold true for all planets. Lacking water and trees in the beginning we would have been an entirely different world, perhaps even further advanced.

My background includes a good foundation in high-altitude flying, and in the field of electricity. Although I am well established in business, it is my desire to enter the field of research related to this subject.

My name is not for publication.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

Date: May 7, 1952

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To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED]

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On May 5, 1952, [REDACTED] called at this Bureau and advised that he is General Manager of [REDACTED] Netherlands. He resides at [REDACTED] He is residing at the Victoria Hotel, New York City, until May 16, 1952, when he will return to Europe.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he has a considerable interest in electronics and has been very much interested in reports circulated during the past year or two concerning the existence of flying saucers. He feels that there have been enough uncontradicted reports concerning such devices to indicate that they may exist in fact. He is also of the opinion that if they do exist they can be produced only by the United States or Russia or perhaps by the Republic of Argentina.

Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that he has given extensive thought to the manner in which these devices could be operated. He has concluded that since the disk shape is not suitable for conventional aircraft it would be used only because it would provide the greatest possible lifting surface. It is his opinion, therefore, that one of these devices could be operated only by reducing the air pressure above it which would cause it to rise in the air. He concedes that conventional machinery to cause such a reduction of pressure would be so bulky that its weight would prevent the device from leaving the ground. He concludes, therefore,

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that power to accomplish this end would have to be derived from the cracking of an atomic fuel such as heavy water.

In that connection he states that the ionosphere surrounding the earth radiates positive ions toward the earth's surface. Many of these are dissipated by combining with particles in the atmosphere with the result that positive ions are more concentrated near the earth's surface than higher above it. He reasons that a disk could be raised in the air by emitting a great quantity of negative ions through its upper surface and causing a decrease in pressure which would result in the pressure underneath the disk forcing it upward. He indicates that somewhere between the surface of the earth and the ionosphere this pressure would equalize at which point the disk could go no higher. It could then be moved horizontally by emitting negative ions in the direction in which it is desired to move.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he did not feel such a device could be remote controlled since it would probably not be possible to maintain radio contact with it. He feels, however, that the occupants of such a device would be fully protected since according to the electrical theory demonstrated by Faraday's Cage the current involved in the propulsion of such a device would concentrate itself around the edges of the disk.

The foregoing is furnished for your information.

(NOTE ON YELLOW: [REDACTED] was interviewed at 2:15 p.m. 5-5-52, by Supervisor [REDACTED] by reference from Mr. Nichols' Office. Bureau files contain no data identifiable with him.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : *WJG*

DATE: April 17, 1952

FROM : *[Redacted]*

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

For record purposes, it is desired to point out that the April 7, 1952, issue of "Life" magazine contains an article on page 80 entitled, "Have We Visitors From Space?" written by H. B. Darrach, Jr., and Robert Ginna relating to the captioned matter. For further reference purposes, a copy of this issue of "Life" magazine is maintained in the Bureau Library.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4-3-52

FROM: SAC, Memphis (62-0)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Flying Objects,
Nashville, Tennessee
INFORMATION CONCERNING

FLYING DISCS

Lt. Commander [redacted] U. S. Navy, temporarily residing at [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, advised SAA [redacted] of the Nashville Resident Agency on March 14, 1952, at approximately 2:15 p.m. of the following incident.

Mr. [redacted] stated that approximately 10:20 p.m. on March 13, 1952, while standing in the back yard of 1900 Graybar Lane and looking toward the moon, which was then in the southwest section of the sky, he observed an object which appeared approximately 20 degrees above the horizon. It [redacted] described this object as being circular in shape, approximately one-half the size of the moon, deep bright blue in color, very vivid blue. He stated the object had a slight reddish fringe on the aft end. The object appeared to be moving from the northwest to the southeast. He stated that the object was not in his vision more than three seconds. It made no sound. Lt. [redacted] stated that at the time he observed this, there were no clouds in the sky, the stars were out, and the moon was full. Lt. [redacted] stated that the only way he could describe it was that it appeared to be a very high powered spotlight on a cloud, but he did not believe this could have been the cause of that which he had seen because he had not seen any spotlight or any strong search lights there during the evening.

The above is being furnished for your information, and no action is contemplated by this office unless advised to the contrary.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-83894)

DATE: March 21, 1952

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18999)

SUBJECT: ⁰ FLYING DISCS
[REDACTED], INFORMANT

Mr. [REDACTED], an artist living at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois ([REDACTED]), advised SA [REDACTED] on March 11, 1952 that he saw a flying disc at 9:00 AM on March 6, 1952.

[REDACTED] stated that he was looking out of a window at his home which window faces south, when he saw a flying disc at approximately 7,000 feet above Fullerton Avenue. The angle of elevation of the disc above the horizon was about 45 degrees. The disc came out of a cloud in the east, stopped and hung motionless in mid-air for a split second, then flew due south at great speed.

He described the disc as approximately six feet in diameter, circular, white in color with a bluish tinge. The disc, he said, appeared to have been constructed out of a metal similar to aluminum. He also stated that he saw no exhaust, lights, or heard no sound connected with its movements. He noted nothing on it as to how it could maintain its even flight and believed it to have been radio controlled. He said it disappeared out of sight in approximately three seconds, estimating the speed at 600-700 miles per hour or more. He said it went so fast it appeared to flutter. When the disc disappeared from sight it was about the size of a golf ball on the southern horizon.

[REDACTED] made a sketch of the disc and the sketch and the above information were furnished to the local office of the Office of Special Investigations.

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On 10 September 1951 as AN/MPG-1 radar set picked up a fast moving low flying target (act alt undetermined) at approximately 1110 hours SE of Fort Monmouth at a range of about 12,000 yards. The target appeared to approximately follow the coast line changing its range only slightly but changing its azimuth rapidly. The radar set was switched to full aided azimuth tracking which normally is fast enough to track jet acft, but in this case was too slow to be resorted to. The target was lost in the NE at a range of about 14,000 yards. This target also presented an unusually strong return for an acft being comparable in strength to that usually received from a coastal ship. The operator initially identified the target as a ship and then realized that it could not be a ship after he observed its extreme speed.

On 10 September 1951, 1515 hours, an SCR 584, serial no. 433 tracked a target which moved about slowly in azimuth N of Fort Monmouth at a range of about 32,000 yds at the extremely unusual elevation angle of 1350 mils. (Altitude approximately 93,000 ft)

On 11 September 1951, 1050 hours, 2 SCR 584 serial nos. 217 and 315 picked up the same target NE of Fort Monmouth at an elevation angle of 350 to 300 mils at a range of approximately 30,000 yards. (Approximate altitude 31,000 ft) the sets track automatically in azimuth and elevation and with aided range tracking are capable of tracking targets up to a speed of 700 mph. In this case however, both sets found it impossible to track the target in range due to its speed and the operators had to resort to manual range tracking in order to hold the target. The target was tracked in this manner to the maximum tracking range of 32,000 yards. The operators judged the target to be moving at a speed several hundred miles per hour higher than the maximum aided tracking ability of the radar sets. This target provided an extremely strong echo at times even though it was at maximum range, however the echo signal occasionally fell off to a level below normal return. These changes coincided with maneuvers of the target.

Low flying aircraft

On 11 September 1951 at about 130 a target was picked up on an SCR 584 radar set serial no. 315 that displayed unusual maneuverability. The target was approx. over Navesink NJ as indicated by its 10,000 yard range, 6000 ft altitude and due N azimuth. The target remained practically stationary on the scope and appeared to be hovering. The operators looked out of the van in an attempt to see the target since it was at such a short range, however overcast conditions prevented such observation. Returning to their positions the target was observed to be changing its elevation at an extremely rapid rate, the change in range was so small the operators believed the target must have risen nearly vertically. The target ceased its rise in elevation at an elevation angle of approx 1500 mils at which time it proceeded to move at an extremely rapid rate in range in a southerly direction once again the speed on the target exceeding the aided tracking ability of the SCR 584 so that manual tracking became necessary. The radar tracked the target to the maximum range of 32,000 yards at which time the target was at an elevation angle of 300 mils. The operators did not attempt to judge the speed in excess of the aided tracking rate of 700 mph.

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FROM NEWARK

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Flying Saucers *Flying Saucers*

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED SEPTEMBER TEN AND ELEVEN, FIFTY
 ONE IN VICINITY FT. MONMOUTH, NJ. INDIC. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY IN-
 STANT, ANDREW J. REID, G-TWO FT. MONMOUTH, NJ, PROVIDED FOLLOWING RE-
 PORT OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED BY RADAR AT ABOVE ANY
 INSTALLATION. QUOTE ON SEPT. TEN, FIFTYONE, AN AN/MPG DASH ONE RADAR
 SET PICKED UP A FAST MOVING LOW FLYING TARGET, EXACT ALTITUDE UNDETER-
 MINED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TEN A.M., SOUTHEAST OF FT. MONMOUTH
 AT A RANGE OF ABOUT TWELVE THOUSAND YARDS. THE TARGET APPEARED TO
 APPROXIMATELY FOLLOW THE COAST LINE, CHANGING ITS RANGE ONLY SLIGHTLY
 BUT CHANGING ITS AZIMUTH RAPIDLY. THE RADAR SET WAS SWITCHED TO FULL
 AIDED AZIMUTH TRACKING WHICH NORMALLY IS FAST ENOUGH TO TRACK JET AIR-
 CRAFT, BUT IN THIS CASE WAS TOO SLOW TO BE RESORTED TO. TARGET WAS
 LOST IN THE N.E. AT A RANGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN THOUSAND YARDS. THIS
 TARGET ALSO PRESENTED AN UNUSUALLY STRONG RETURN FOR AIRCRAFT BEING
 COMPARABLE IN STRENGTH TO THAT USUALLY RECEIVED FROM A COASTAL SHIP.
 THE OPERATOR INITIALLY IDENTIFIED TARGET AS A SHIP AND THEN REALIZED
 THAT IT COULD NOT BE A SHIP AFTER HE OBSERVED ITS EXTREME SPEED.
 SEPTEMBER TEN, FIFTYONE, AN SCR FIVE EIGHT FOUR RADAR SET AT THREE
 FIFTEEN PM TRACKING A TARGET WHICH MOVED ABOUT SLOWLY IN AZIMUTH NORTH
 OF FT. MONMOUTH AT A RANGE OF ABOUT FORTYTWO THOUSAND YARDS AT THE
 EXTREMELY UNUSUAL ELEVATION ANGLE OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY HILLS,
 APPROXIMATELY NINETYTHREE THOUSAND ALTITUDE. 8 ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN,
 FIFTYONE, TWO SCR FIVE EIGHT FOUR RADAR SETS AT TEN FIFTY A.M. PICKED
 UP THE SAME TARGET NORTHEAST OF FT. MONMOUTH AT AN ELEVATION ANGLE

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OF THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED MILS AT A RANGE OF APPROXI-
MATELY THIRTY THOUSAND YARDS, APPROXIMATE/ALTITUDE THIRTYONE THOUSAND
FEET. THE SET TRACK AUTOMATICALLY IS AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION AND WAS
AIDED RANGE TRACKING AND CAPABLE OF TRACKING TARGETS UP TO A SPEED
OF SEVEN HUNDRED MPH. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, BOTH SETS FOUND IT IM-
POSSIBLE TO TRACK THE TARGET IN RANGE DUE TO ITS SPEED AND THE OPER-
ATORS HAD TO RESORT TO MANUAL RANGE TRACKING IN ORDER TO HOLD THE
TARGET. THE TARGET WAS TRACKED IN THIS MANNER TO THE MAXIMUM TRACK-
ING RANGE OF THIRTYTWO THOUSAND YARDS. THE OPERATOR SAID THE TARGET
TO BE MOVING AT A SPEED SEVERAL HUNDRED MPH HIGHER THAN THE MAXIMUM
AIDED TRACKING ABILITY OF THE RADAR SETS. THIS TARGET PROVIDED AN EX-
TREMELY STRONG RETURN ECHO AT TIMES EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE MAXIMUM
RANGE, HOWEVER, ECHO SIGNAL OCCASIONALLY FELL OFF TO A LEVEL BELOW
NORMAL RETURN. THESE CHANGES COINCIDED WITH MANEUVERS OF THE TARGET.
ON SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, FIFTYONE AT ABOUT ONE THIRTY P.M. THE TARGET WAS
PICKED UP ON AN SCR FIVE EIGHT FOUR RADAR SET THAT DISPLAYED UNUSUAL
MANEUVERABILITY. TARGET WAS APPROXIMATELY OVER NAVESINK, NJ., AS IN-
DICATED BY HIS TEN THOUSAND RANGE, SIX THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE AND DUE
NORTH AZIMUTH. THE TARGET REMAINED PRACTICALLY STATIONARY ON THE
SCHOPE AND APPEARED TO BE HOVERING. THE OPERATOR LOOKED OUT OF THE
VAN PAREND THE VEHICLE HOUSING THE RADAR SET PAREND IN AN ATTEMPT
TO SEE THE TARGET, SINCE IT WAS AT SUCH A SHORT RANGE, HOWEVER, OVER-
CAST CONDITIONS PREVENTED SUCH OBSERVATION. RETURNING TO THEIR OPER-
ATING POSITION THE TARGET WAS OBSERVED TO BE CHANGING IN ELEVATION
AT AN EXTREMELY RAPID RATE, BUT CHANGE IN RANGE WAS SO SLOW THE OPER-
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ATOR BELIEVED THE TARGET MUST HAVE RISEN NEARLY VERTICALLY. TARGET
FIXED ITS RISE IN ELEVATION AT AN ELEVATION ANGLE OF APPROX. FIFTEEN
HUNDRED MILS, AT WHICH TIME IT PROCEEDED TO MOVE AT AN EXTREMELY RAPID
RATE IN RANGE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. ONCE AGAIN THE SPEED OF THE
TARGET EXCEEDED THE AIDED TRACKING ABILITY OF THE SCR FIVE EIGHT FOUR
SET SO THAT MANUAL TRACKING BECAME NECESSARY. RADAR TRACKED THE TAR-
GET MAXIMUM RANGE OF THIRTYTWO THOUSAND YARDS AT WHICH TIME TARGET
WAS AT AN ELEVATION ANGLE THREE HUNDRED MILS. THE OPERATOR DID NOT
ATTEMPT TO JUDGE THE SPEED IN EXCESS OF THE AIDED TRACKING RATE OF SEVE-
HUNDRED MPH. THE WEATHER WAS FAIR WHEN THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE SEPT-
EMBER TENTH AND CLOUDY FOR THE SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH REPORT. UNQUOTE.
ABOVE INCIDENT OBSERVED BY THREE WITNESSES WITH EXCEPTION OF FIRST
INCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER TEN. ABOVE INFO FURNISHED BY REID AFTER AP-
PROVAL OF G-TWO, GOVERNORS ISLAND, NY, WITH REQUEST THAT INFO BE CO-
ORDINATED WITH AIR FORCE. REID ALSO ADVISED IN CONFIDENCE THAT ABOVE
REPORT RECEIVED BY HIM AFTER CONSIDERABLE UNACCOUNTABLE DELAY.

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CC Mr Belmont

February 23, 1951

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Philadelphia, Arkansas

62-83294-268
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 14, 1951, has been received.

While I appreciate the concern which prompted your writing in this regard, this Bureau does not have available for distribution any material concerning so-called "flying saucers." It was thoughtful of you to bring your observations in this connection to my attention.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

List of courses of study
SA and Clerical Job Sheets
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Personnel and Services of Lab

NOTE: The only record located in Bufiles indicated that correspondent requested and received descriptive material concerning the Bureau in 1949. Data presently enclosed is not duplicated.

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Feb. 14, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D.C. Flying Saucers

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Some time ago I wrote you a letter, and recieved a very nice reply. You said in your letter, if I had a question, to write you. Well, I have one.

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It is about Flying Saucers. I have been reading a book, "The Flying Saucers are Real" by Donald Keyhoe. He states that the Flying Saucers are from another planet. He says that the F.B.I. and Project Saucer has been working and trying to solve the flying saucer mystery. He says the Army has discovered some thing important and would like the comm. my ballam to collect it up. (Please turn to page 2)

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If you could give me some
information about the flying
saucers, I would appreciate
it. I somehow believe that the
army is trying to cover something.
The commonly story just doesn't
fit.

I truly admire the F.B.I.
and would love to become
a member of this fine organization.
Thank you very much.

Yours Truly,
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FEB 13 1951

FROM: NEAC PEPPERELL AFB WFLD

TO: CSAF WASH DC

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FROM: NEAC PEPPERELL AFB NPLD

TO : CSAP WASH D C

NR : EW 0212

10 Feb 51

(DTG 100400)

Unidentified object seen at 0055Z 10 Feb at 49 degrees
50 min north, 50 degrees 03 min west by crew of Navy 6501, VR1,
Potuxent River, MD. Originally seen as heavy light in distance
on the surface as lights of city. The yellowish light, like a
fire in color, approached rapidly and grew very bright and very
large with a semi-circular shape. It was on a true course of
about 125 degrees, plane on a true course of 225 degrees, as it
approached the plane it suddenly turned about almost 180 degrees
and disappeared rapidly over the horizon as a small ball. Speed
"was terrific". Seen fr an angle of about 45 degrees looking down
fr the plane. Crew all experienced North Atlantic fliers
[REDACTED], all saw object over a period of fr seven to eight min.
Plane flying at 10,000 altitude.

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TO : MR. [REDACTED] *E.H.M.*
FROM : MR. [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: February 26, 1951

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It is recommended the attached article which appeared in Look magazine January, 1951, be filed in captioned case for information purposes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR FBI
FROM: SAC KNOXVILLE

DATE: 2-10-51

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER
OAK RIDGE AREA, PROTECTION
OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

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Re Knoxville letter dated 12-13-50.

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For information of the Bureau, the below listed copies of
CIC, G-2 Third Army, pertaining to captioned matter are
forwarded herewith.

Report of SAC [redacted] CIC, dated 1-2-51, entitled
"Object Sighted Over Oak Ridge, Tennessee."

CIC reports dated 1-20-51, entitled. "Objects Sighted Over
Oak Ridge, Tennessee".

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**OBJECT SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE.**

(In compliance with letter AJACI-360.33 General, dated 15 November 1950, Headquarters, Third Army. SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, the following is submitted.)

A. Location and Time of Sighting:

Between 0820 and 0830 hours on 18 December 1950, on the Turnpike, within the controlled area, approximately one (1) mile from the White Wing entrance and Y-12 plant.

B. Weather at the Time:

At 0730 hours - wind from the Northeast, seven (7) miles per hour; temperature - 20 degrees F. according to the Atomic Energy Commission Meteorological Division.

C. Names, Occupations, and Addresses of Witnesses:

Dr. A. J. Miller, [REDACTED]
Dr. V. P. Calkins, [REDACTED]
Mr. J. Frank Conybear, [REDACTED] b6
Mr. A. O. Mooneyham, [REDACTED]
Mr. F. T. Bly, [REDACTED]
Lt. Col. John R. Hood, U.S.A.F., [REDACTED]
Cdr. E. W. Eribar, U.S.N., [REDACTED]
Maj. Walter L. Carss, U.S.A.F., [REDACTED]

D. Photographs of Objects, if available:

None.

E. Object Sighted:

A light emanating in the shape of a circle, of an intensity much greater than that of a bright moon, giving the impression of form in connection with the light. The light was white in appearance and did not show any signs of refraction into a band or continuous spectrum. This object was traveling in a Northwesterly direction, 15 to 30 degrees elevation above the horizon, and appeared to diminish considerably in size during thirty seconds of observation. To another group, the object appeared only as a bright reflection of the sun from an apparently metal surface. No accurate estimate of the object's size or range could be made from the observation.

F. Any other pertinent information:

Following is quoted from the Radar Log maintained by the McGhee Tyson Air Force Radar Station:

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2 January 1951

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OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE.

(Continued)

"0832 hours - Atomic Energy Commission reported aircraft over Northeast end of area - no paint. (Paint meaning indication on the radar scopes.)

"0839 hours - Small paint near Southeast corner of area on 190 degree. (Magnetic bearing of objects travel.)

"0845 hours - Lost contact. Fighter interception was attempted with negative results."

Attached hereto are two certified true copies of the statements made by the above mentioned observers.

Attachments - 2

STATEMENT

Following is a report of the sighting of an unidentified object in the Oak Ridge Area by the undersigned. On the morning of 18 December 1950, the following personnel were riding to their work at NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., in the S-50 Area at Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were riding in the front seat; [REDACTED] were in the rear.

At approximately 0827, while riding southwest on the turnpike just outside the restricted area, [REDACTED] sighted a very bright reflection through the windshield of the car. [REDACTED] who was sitting beside [REDACTED] and whose attention was attracted by [REDACTED] looking at the sky, sighted the same reflection. [REDACTED] then called the attention of the remaining occupants of the car to the reflection. Of these, [REDACTED] also sighted the reflection, but [REDACTED] did not sight it.

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The reflection was visible through the front windshield of the car only for a moment because, shortly thereafter, the road turned to the right. The corresponding turn of the car so placed the relative position of the reflection that it would not be seen through the left front window, which was frosted. The windshield, however, was not frosted and permitted excellent vision.

The object appeared only as the bright reflection of the sun from an apparently metal surface, such as might be expected from an aircraft at a great distance. No accurate estimate of the objects size or range could be made from the observation. It appeared to be west-southwest of Oak Ridge Townsite at an angle of elevation of about 25 degrees from the level.

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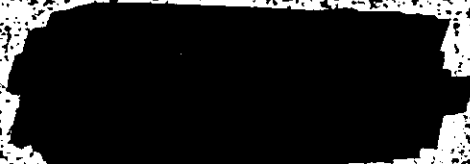
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December 28, 1950

SUBJECT: Visual Observation on December 19, 1950

TO: Mr. William G. Frey
Assistant to the AF Plant
Representative for Security
Office of the AF Plant Representative
Air Material Command
NEPA Division
Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation
Post Office Box E
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

1. On December 18, 1950, at sometime between 0820 and 0830, the following NEPA employees were riding in a vehicle on the Turnpike within the Controlled Area toward the NEPA Project approximately one mile short of the "Y" cutoff to White Wing entrance and Y-12:



2. The passengers, with the exception of [redacted], who did not attempt to participate in the viewing, observed a light emanating in the shape of a circle, of an intensity much greater than that of a bright moon, through the windshield of the vehicle. The viewers had the impression that there was form in connection with the light rather than merely a point source. The light was white in appearance and did not show any signs of refraction into a band or continuous spectrum. It appeared to be from 15 to 30 degrees elevated above the horizontal and on an azimuth between west and northwest, and appeared to be traveling in a northwesterly direction. The impression of its traveling is due to the fact that the object appeared to diminish considerably in size during the approximate thirty seconds during which it was viewed. The vehicle remained in motion and in following the course of the road, changed its relative position so that the object was viewed during the last few seconds from the side windows. As the vehicle proceeded down the road a near-by ridge obstructed the view of the object, and although the vehicle completed the turn toward K-25 at the "Y" intersection

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NEPA Division, P. O. Box 415, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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December 18, 1950

and the passengers had a relatively clear view at points along the road, the object was not viewed again. The observers were unable to estimate approximate size, speed, or vertical elevation; and, therefore, were not certain whether the object was over the Controlled Area or a considerable distance away. There was no vapor trail or any other visible condition within the vicinity of the object and there were no clouds which could have obscured it. The observers were unable to identify the object in terms of mass or shape, other than the circular appearance of the light. However, the circular area appeared to darken, starting at approximately 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock along the perimeter and continuing to darken along the perimeter and inner area until the light was concentrated in approximately 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock position of a very small diameter, at which point it appeared somewhat similar to a large star.

3. The observers were not in complete agreement as to whether the object was moving at a speed which caused it to diminish in size or actually was diminishing in size without any great velocity of travel due to the darkening effect described above.

NEPA Division
FAIRCHILD ENGINE AND AIRPLANE CORPORATION

s/ Gene A. Goedjen
t/ GENE A. GOEDJEN
Plant Protection Manager

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NEPA Division, P. O. Box 415, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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WILLIAM B. GRAY, SAC, Knoxville, Tenn.

**OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE**

(In compliance with letter AJAGI-360.33 General, dated 15 November 1950, Headquarters, Third Army, Subject; Unconventional Aircraft, the following is submitted.)

- A. Location and Time of Sighting: From 1605 hours for about three (3) hours, on 14 December 1951, on the Radar Scopes of the 663rd AC and W Squadron, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- B. Weather at the Time: At 1600 hours on 14 December 1950--"Ceiling-2100 feet; Broken overcast; Seven (7) miles visibility; Temperature- 37 degrees F.; and Wind - Southwest at thirteen (13)miles perhour.
- C. Names, Occupations, and Addresses of Witnesses: Personnel of the 663rd AC and W Squadron, 30th Air Division, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, who were on duty at the time. Their occupations are Radar operators, Supervisors, and experts.
- D. Photographs of Objects, if available: No photographs taken. See "F" below.
- E. Object Sighted: A group of targets blanketed the Radar Scopes in the area directly over the government Atomic Energy Commission projects at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These objects could not be identified from the radar image and a perfect fighter interception met with negative results.
- F. Any other pertinent information: Lt. Robinson of the 663rd AC and W Squadron, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee took photographs of the scope readings with a personal, four (4) by five (5) Speed Graphic Camera, using Plus-X civilian procured film, a lense opening of F-2.5, and a shutter speed varying from twenty (20) to forty-five (45) seconds. The negatives were printed and forwarded to the 30th Air Division, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, which installation printed the negatives and sent copies thereof to the 663rd AC and W Squadron. The numerous targets can readily identified from the permanent radar echos by comparing the photographs. (B-2)

SOURCE: Personnel and logs of the 663rd AC and W Squadron, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee.

111th CIG Detachment, FA 18, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, Tennessee

**OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE**

(In compliance with letter AJACI-360.33 General, dated 15 November 1950. Headquarters, Third Army, Subject; Unconventional Aircraft, the following is submitted.)

- A. Location and Time of Sighting: On 1247 hours on 20 December 1950.
- B. Weather at Time of Sighting: At 1200 hours on 20 December 1950; Ceiling - 2700 feet; broken overcast; Seven miles visibility; Temperature - 37 degrees F; Dew Point - 31 degrees; and Wind - Calm.
- C. Names, Occupations, and Addresses of Witnesses: Personnel of the 663rd AC & C Squadron, and the 5th AN Fighter Squadron, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee
- D. Photographs of Objects, if available: None
- E. Object Sighted: The radar log of the 663rd AN and C Squadron, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee contained the following entry: "20 December 1950. 1247 hours. Small point in area (Oak Ridge Controlled Area). Very, very slow. Made perfect intercept (with F-82 Fighter aircraft) and orbit surrounding small smoke cloud."
- F. Any other pertinent information: This report is made because of its possible aid in determining the identity of the numerous unidentified objects sighted over Oak Ridge, Tennessee

SOURCE: Personnel of 663rd AC & W, Squadron, McGhee Tyson, Knoxville, Tennessee, and the log of the 663rd AC&W Squadron.

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OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER OAK RIDGE,
TENNESSEE

(in compliance with letter AJAGI-360.33 General, dated 13 November 1950, Headquarters Third Army, Subject; Unconventional Aircraft, the following is submitted.)

- A. Location and Time of Sighting: At 2145 hours on 16 January 1951.
- B. Weather at the Time of Sighting: Clear; visibility twenty (20) miles; Temperature - 37 degrees F.; and Wind - Southwest at five (5) miles per hour.
Winds aloft: At 2000 feet - 240 degrees at 3 knots
3000 " - 210 " " 3 knots
4000 " - 209 " " 5 knots
- C. Names, Occupations and Addresses of Witnesses: 663rd AC&W Squadron Personnel who are Radar operators. AEC Patrol Personnel, policemen at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Captains L.C.M. Clevenger and Wm. Aiken, Controllers of 663rd.
- D. Photographs of Objects if available: None
- E. Object sighted: Two bright objects in the sky, one of which was east of McGhee Tyson Airport and the other was west. The object to the east was a light, brighter than any other star, emitting intermittent glows of various colors in the color spectrum. An aircraft attempted interception and found that he was heading directly for a star. Weather personnel explained that the spectral reflection of the star was caused by the volume of atmosphere and physical matter, together with heat, which must be looked through to see a star close to the horizon. These phenomenon caused refraction of the light rays from the star thereby reflecting a continuous spectral change of light color.
The light to the West was observed through a twenty (20) power spotting scope and the light seemed to be descending. It took about one hour to descend behind trees making it disappear from the sight of observers. Captain Clevenger stated that this light, when viewed through the spotting scope, took on many peculiar forms, with lines, cores, tails, etc, therein, thus generally fitting the description of all "flying saucers" ever described to him.
Shortly after this object disappeared from sight (behind trees) AEC personnel at Oak Ridge, Tennessee reported they had sighted an object about twelve (12) miles Southeast of the K-25 Plant in the Controlled Area. They also observed the aircraft which had been sent for interception but stated the aircraft was "too far north". The aircraft made no identification, and AEC personnel later reported that they had observed a star.

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TENNESSEE

F. Any other pertinent information: The Commanding Officer of the 663rd AC&W Squadron, 30th Air Division, McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, in a letter to his Commanding Officer on 17 January 1951, Subject; Report of Unusual incident 2145 hours 16 January 1951, stated:

1. In compliance with telephone instructions from the ADCC 17 January 1951, the following unusual incident report is herewith submitted:

Time Date-16 January 1951

1915: An unusual airbourne object was sighted approximately 10 miles WTW of the station, the lighted object was very similar to a star but much brighter and slightly larger than other visible stars at the time, as observed the object seemed to be approximately 6,000 feet above the terrain and descending slowly. As the object appeared to be over or near the Oak Ridge Area, the AEC Patrol Headquarters was notified and their ground observer alerted. About this time some interference was noted on the Radar Scope (AN/CPS-11 in the approximate area of the observed object; however, no interference was noted on the height finder (AN/CPS-4) (See attached Form 117 dtd 17 Jan 1951

1925: Object still apparently descending, F-82 scrambled to attempt interception, still no report from AEC Headquarters.

1930: Similar object observed 15 to 20 miles east of station; seems to be ascending rather than descending.

1935: AF 7177 (locally home'd and piloted by assigned sq officer), C-45 enroute CEA to tys, requested fixed to steer to tys - A/C fixed 25 miles SW of station; Pilot Major Raymond C. Care - AF 7177 requested to investigate object east of station.

1945: AF 7177 sighted subject object and reported it to be a star

1945: F-82 orbiting S/E corner of Oak Ridge Area no electronic or visual observation still no electronic observation by station 47.

1946: Visual observation reported by Oak Ridge Ground Observers, 12 miles southeast of K-25 area (This is in the SE corner of Oak Ridge Area) F-82 in sight and is north of object. F-82 vectored south toward object no contact, electronic or visual. Object report 2400 feet above terrain by Oak Ridge Observers.

1955: Oak Ridge Patrol Headquarters reports that observed object determined (to be a star)

7 January 1951

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to be a star.

2000: F-82 reports clear sailing and no restrictions to visibility,
still patrolling area for possible pickup of object, still no joy."

NOTE: This is an extract of the information listed in logs kept at
the Radar Site by Radar Personnel. (B-2)

SOURCE: Personnel as in "C" above.

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FROM: CGUSARAL FT RICHARDSON ALASKA FROM ARCSI

TO: DEFTAR WASH DC FOR ACOPS G2

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Flas Air Comd reports military jet pilots vic Fairbanks while over Weeks International Field at an altitude of 3000 feet observed a flash of light, yellow in color at an altitude between 25,000 and 30,000 feet. Horizontal distance to object was aprx 50 miles. Soon after flash a dark brown smoke appeared to rise or climb at an angle of 40 degrees. At the leading edge of the smoke at aprx 100 feet appeared an object either cigar shaped or a fuselage without wings travelling at terrific speed. Pilots started pursuit on heading of 210 degrees mag, indicating 380 at every steep climb. Pursuit continued until pilots reached village of clear and lost sight of object. Meantime object gained altitude and speed and disappeared because of distance of aprx 50 to 55,000 feet. Color of smoke brown, color of object dark and no reflection from sunlight. Pilots asured of shape because of perfect silhouette against the sun. One pilot had object in view aprx 4 1/2 mins. First sighted at 150026Z. Coordinates 64 degs 13 mins North, 149 degs 30 mins West. A.C. info will be fwd when obtained.

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DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS
AT OAK RIDGE, October 20, 23, 24, 26, 1950
PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

Flying Saucers

Re: Oct 18, 1950.

Submitted herewith is copy of CIC reports on above caption matter. Further information as received will be forwarded to Bureau.

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RE FLYING SAUCERS. THIS OFFICE VERY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE, RICHMOND, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PUT ON IMMEDIATE HIGH ALERT FOR ANY DATA WHATSOEVER CONCERNING FLYING SAUCERS. CIC HERE STATES BACKGROUND OF INSTRUCTIONS NOT AVAILABLE FROM AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE, WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF REASON FOR ALERT LOCALLY, BUT ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER MUST BE TELEPHONED BY THEM IMMEDIATELY TO AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE. CIC ADVISES DATA STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED.

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Nease
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RADAR DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER OAK RIDGE OCTOBER TWELVE, NINETEEN FIFTY, PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS. USAF RADAR INSTALLATION AT KNOXVILLE AT ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM, EST, OCTOBER TWELVE, PICKED UP INDICATIONS OF ELEVEN OBJECTS AND PERHAPS MORE TRAVELING ACROSS CONTROLLED AREA OF ATOMIC ENERGY INSTALLATION AT OAK RIDGE. ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS VARIED FROM ONE THOUSAND TO FIVE THOUSAND FEET, COURSES FROM SOUTH SOUTH EAST TO SOUTHEAST, AND DENSITY FROM READING MADE BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO AIRCRAFT EQUAL IN SIZE TO C FORTY SEVEN, SPEED FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES PER HOUR. FIGHTER PLANE ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT IN FIFTEEN MINUTES AND RADAR SCREEN REFLECTED CONTACT, BUT PLANE REPORTED NO OBJECT COULD BE SEEN EITHER VISUALLY OR ON PLANE'S RADAR SCREEN. AEC PATROL WAS ALERTED BUT NO OBJECTS COULD BE VISUALLY SIGHTED BY THEM OVER THE AREA OTHER THAN THE AIR FORCE INTERCEPTOR. OSI AND EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND ARE CHECKING INCIDENT. NO REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR RADAR READINGS YET DEVELOPED ALTHOUGH OPERATORS ARE EXPERIENCED RELIABLE PERSONNEL AND RADAR SET IS IN PERFECT OPERATING CONDITION. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISCS

[REDACTED]

October 20, 1950, he, his wife, and daughter, who reside at [REDACTED] New Haven, went out of their home into the back yard at approximately 6:15 p.m. His young daughter called his attention to a star which was moving, and Mr. [REDACTED] noted a sphere-like object directly overhead that gave a steady golden-orange glow. He stated that this object was very high, being between ten to twenty thousand feet high, possibly higher. The glow given off was very steady, not blinking, and the whole sphere itself glowed in about the same consistency. He witnessed this object for approximately twenty seconds, during which time it traveled in a westerly direction toward New York City. It then veered in a southerly direction, as if crossing Long Island, or possibly in such a direction that it might have been traveling over Long Island. He lost sight of this object as it disappeared behind trees.

He advised the size of the object was approximately ten times the diameter of Venus, which was shining very brightly that night. He stated it was a very clear night and that all the stars in the sky were twinkling, as compared to the steadiness of the glow given off by this object. He advised that the object did not appear to diminish in size as it traveled farther away, but appeared to maintain about the same size as when he first

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noticed it directly overhead. The same steady orange glow persisted during the entire time that he witnessed it. Although this object was actually cut from his sight by nearby trees, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that it was so far away at that time that he probably would have lost sight of it very shortly. The object made no sound whatsoever, and there seemed to be no attachments or projections of any kind. Mr. [REDACTED] stated the object was a complete circular ball. He had no idea as to the method of propulsion, but advised that at the time it seemed to change directions, probably over New York City, and that it seemed to back up and go forward, possibly two or three times, in order to execute a change of direction. There were no clouds in the sky which interfered with his vision, and he could not comment as to whether or not this object penetrated or circumvented clouds. The object left no trail of any kind, and Mr. [REDACTED] mathematically calculated its speed at between 400 and 700 miles per hour, depending on the height, which he stated he could not accurately compute. He advised that he could not recall any odors and had no idea as to the construction of the object.

To Mr. [REDACTED]'s knowledge, the only other persons in this area to have witnessed the object were his wife and daughter. Immediately upon sighting the object, Mrs. [REDACTED] ran to the door of neighbors occupying the same house as the [REDACTED] to bring them to the yard. However, these neighbors did not witness the object, since it disappeared before they got outside.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he is a Chemical Engineer and has fifteen years of experience in research and development. He is not a pilot, but has done considerable flying, and has also done considerable reading, including technical data concerning flying saucers and discs. He understands from reading the above matters that the star Venus is often mistaken by observers for flying saucers, and he pointed out that he feels that he is familiar with astronomy and did not confuse the object he saw with Venus, since he also recalled seeing Venus in the sky on that particular evening, and compared the size of this object as being ten times Venus' diameter. He also stated that he computed the speed at which this object was traveling by using points in his area, such as roof tops and tree tops, together with the distance he walked on the ground in order to keep the object in sight.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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25 May 1950

SUBJECT: Summary of Observations of Aerial Phenomena in the New Mexico Area, December 1948 - May 1950

TO: Brigadier General Joseph F. Carroll
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In a liaison meeting with other military and government intelligence and investigative agencies in December 1948, it was determined that the frequency of unexplained aerial phenomena in the New Mexico area was such that an organized plan of reporting these observations should be undertaken. The organization and physical location of units of this District were most suitable for collecting these data, therefore, since December 1948, this District has assumed the responsibility for collecting and reporting basic information with respect to aerial phenomena occurring in this general area. These reports have been distributed to the Air Materiel Command, USAF, in accordance with Air Intelligence Requirements No. 4, and to other interested military and government agencies.

2. There is attached, as a part of this summary, a compilation of aerial phenomena sightings that have occurred mostly in the New Mexico area and have been reported by this District Office subsequent to December 1948. This compilation of sightings is not a complete record of all reported observations, but includes only those in which sufficient information was available to justify their inclusion. The observers of these phenomena include scientists, Special Agents of the Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, airline pilots, military pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, military personnel, and many other persons of various occupations whose reliability is not questioned. This compilation sets forth the most important characteristics with respect to each observation and evaluates each sighting into one of three classifications, (1) green fireball phenomenon, (2) disc or variation, and (3) probably meteoric.

3. There is also attached an analysis of the green fireball occurrences in this area made by Dr. Lincoln LaFaz. Dr. LaFaz is the

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Director of the Institute of Meteoritics and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of New Mexico. He was Research Mathematician at the New Mexico Proving Grounds under an OSRD appointment in 1943 and 1944, and Technical Director of the Operations Analysis Section, Headquarters, Second Air Force, 1944-45. Since 1948, Dr. LaPaz has served on a voluntary basis as consultant for this District in connection with the green fireball investigations.

4. On 17 February 1949 and again on 14 October 1949, conferences were held at Los Alamos, New Mexico, for the purpose of discussing the green fireball phenomena. Representatives of the following organizations were present at these meetings: Fourth Army, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, University of New Mexico, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, University of California, U. S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Geophysical Research Division Air Materiel Command USAF, and the Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF. A logical explanation was not proffered with respect to the origin of the green fireballs. It was, however, generally concluded that the phenomena existed and that they should be studied scientifically until these occurrences have been satisfactorily explained. Further, that the continued occurrence of unexplained phenomena of this nature in the vicinity of sensitive installations is cause for concern.

5. The Geophysical Research Division, Air Materiel Command, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently let a contract to Land-Air, Inc., Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, for a limited scientific study of green fireballs. The results of this scientific approach to the problem will undoubtedly be of great value in determining the origin of these phenomena.

6. This summary of observations of aerial phenomena has been prepared for the purpose of re-emphasizing and reiterating the fact that phenomena have continuously occurred in the New Mexico skies during the past 18 months and are continuing to occur, and, secondly, that these phenomena are occurring in the vicinity of sensitive military and government installations.

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1. Summary of Sightings
 2. Photo of Sighting No. 175
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 3. Ltr fr Dr. LaPaz to Lt Col
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 4. Graph indicating maximums

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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- 12. Apparent construction _____

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- 14. Size of object _____

- 15. Luminosity of object _____
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- 16. Color of object _____
- 17. Sound _____

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- 19. Speed _____
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- 21. Effect on clouds _____
- 22. Tactics or maneuvers _____

- 23. Manner of disappearance _____

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY SECURITY SERVICE
LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

DATE _____ 195__
(Day) (Month)

1. Name of Observer _____
Last First M.I.
Station assigned _____ Section _____
Home Address _____ Telephone _____
Names of other known observers _____

2. Time and date of sighting _____ hours _____ 195__
Day Month

3. Point of observation _____

4. Direction of object from observer _____

5. Distance of object from observer _____

6. Angle of elevation from horizon _____ degrees

7. Direction of flight of object _____

8. Time in sight _____

9. Number of objects _____

10. Shape of object _____

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TO : MR. LADD *J*
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: October 19, 1950

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The matter of flying saucers was discussed by Special Agent [redacted] with Major General Joseph F. Carroll of OSI on October 16, 1950, at which time General Carroll advised that insofar as he has been able to determine the Air Force is not working on any type of "flying saucer" or "flying disk". General Carroll stated that the Air Force is working on high altitude rockets and jet aircraft. He stated these experiments may account for some of the reports concerning flying saucers but that the Air Force is not apparently working on anything which is the cause of the many flying saucers reports. He stated that the Air Force program for investigating reports concerning flying saucers, etc., has been reinstated at Wright Field and that any pertinent information of interest coming to his attention will be furnished to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing is for your information.

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DENVER--A CONSTRUCTION WORKER AT LOS ALAMOS, N.M., HAS REPORTED THAT A STRANGE "BLINKING OBJECT" SOARED OVER A HIGHLY RESTRICTED AREA OF THE BIG ATOMIC ENERGY CENTER.

LEE ROBINSON OF THE ARMEX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SENT THE DENVER POST A COPY OF A MIMEOGRAPHED FORM WHICH HE USED TO REPORT THE OBJECT TO THE AEC.

THE FORMS ARE PREPARED BY THE AEC FOR "REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AT LOS ALAMOS."

THE ORIGINAL THREE-PAGE REPORT, ROBINSON SAID, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY SECURITY SERVICE SEPT. 12., THE DAY ROBINSON AND EIGHT OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE ARMEX COMPANY SAY THEY SAW THE OBJECT.

ROBINSON SAID HE AND THE OTHERS WERE EATING LUNCH WHEN THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT PASSED OVER. HE SAID IT "WAS NOT A BALLOON OR A CONVENTIONAL TYPE OF AIRCRAFT."

ROBINSON SAID THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 20,00 FEET. IT ALTERNATELY FLASHED BRIGHT AND BLACK AT INTERVALS OF TWO SECONDS, HE SAID, AND WAS VISIBLE FOR THREE MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS.

THE SPECIALLY MIMEOGRAPHED FORMS INDICATED THE AEC IS HIGHLY CONCERNED WITH UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS OVER THE PROJECT. THE FORMS CONTAIN SPACES FOR INFORMANTS TO REPORT ON LUMINOUSITY OF OBJECT, APPARENT MEANS OF SUPPORT AND PROPULSION AND "ODOR" OF THE OBJECT.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
[REDACTED] INFORMANT

The following is being brought to the attention of the Bureau so that it may be referred to the Department of the Air Force in connection with instructions set forth in SAC Letter No. 38, Series 1949, dated March 25, 1949.

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Avenue, New Haven, was interviewed in connection with other official business and furnished the following information:

He advised that on Friday, October 20, 1950, he and his wife and daughter, who reside at [REDACTED] New Haven, went out of the back door of their home to the back yard at approximately 6:15 P.M. His little daughter called his attention to a star in the sky that was moving and Mr. [REDACTED] noted a sphere-like object directly overhead which gave a steady golden orange glow. He stated that this object was very high between ten to twenty thousand feet, possibly higher. The glow given off was very steady and not blinking and the whole sphere itself glowed in about the same consistency. He witnessed this object for approximately twenty seconds during which time it traveled in a westerly direction toward New York City and then when Mr. [REDACTED] believed that possibly it was near or over New York City, it then veered in a southerly direction as if crossing Long Island or possibly in such a direction that it might have been traveling over Long Island. He lost sight of this object as it disappeared behind trees in his vicinity. He advised that as to the size of the object, it was approximately ten times the diameter of Venus, which was shining very brightly that night. He states it was a very clear night and that all the stars in the sky were twinkling as compared to the steadiness of the glow given off by this object. He advised that the object did not appear to diminish in size as it traveled farther away from him but appeared to maintain about the same size as when he first noticed it directly overhead. The same steady orange glow persisted during the entire time that he witnessed it. Although this object was actually cut from his sight by nearby trees, Mr. [REDACTED] states that it was so far away from him any way that he probably would have lost sight of it very shortly due to distance had the trees not intervened. The object made no sound whatsoever

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and there seemed to be no attachments or projections of any kind, just a complete circular ball. He had no idea as to the method of propulsion but advised that at the time it seemed to change directions, probably over New York City, that it had seemed to back up and go forward, possibly two or three times in order to execute a change of direction. There were no clouds in the sky that interfered with his vision of this object and he could not comment as to whether or not this object penetrated or circumvented clouds. The object left no trail of any kind and Mr. [redacted] mathematically calculated its speed at between four hundred and seven hundred miles per hour, depending on the height which he stated he could not accurately compute. He advised that he could not recall any odors and had no idea as to its construction. To his knowledge the only other persons in this area to have witnessed this object were his wife and daughter. Immediately upon sighting the object, his wife ran to the door of neighbors occupying the same house as the [redacted] to bring them to the yard. However, these neighbors had not witnessed the object as by the time they got outside the object had disappeared.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he is a Chemical Engineer, has fifteen years of experience in research and development. He is not a pilot but has done considerable flying and has also done considerable reading, including technical data concerning flying saucers and discs. He understands from reading the above matters that the star Venus is often mistaken by observers for flying saucers and he pointed out that he feels that he is familiar with astronomy not to confuse the object he saw with Venus as he also recalls Venus in the sky on that particular evening and compared the size of this object as being ten times Venus' diameter. He also states that he computed the speed at which this object was traveling by using points in his area, such as, roof tops and tree tops together with the distance he walked on the ground in order to keep the object in sight.

Mr. [redacted] was advised that the Bureau would turn this information over to another agency and indicated that this was according to his approval. He specifically requested that no public announcement or comment be given to the fact that he had reported seeing the above object. Mr. [redacted] appeared to be a very reliable and sincere individual and evidences considerable technical knowledge and experience in reporting the above incident.

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STAFF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

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Also Air Comd reports military jet pilots vic Fairbanks while over Weeks International Field at an altitude of 3000 feet observed a flash of light, yellow in color at an altitude between 25,000 and 30,000 feet. Horizontal distance to object was aprx 50 miles. Soon after flash a dark brown smoke appeared to rise or climb at an angle of 40 degrees. At the leading edge of the smoke at aprx 100 feet appeared an object either cigar shaped or a fuselage without wings travelling at terrific speed. Pilots started pursuit on heading of 210 degrees mag, indicating 380 at every steep climb. Pursuit continued until pilots reached village of clear and lost sight of object. Meantime object gained altitude and speed and disappeared because of distance of aprx 50 to 55,000 feet. Color of smoke brown, color of object dark and no reflection from sunlight. Pilots assured of shape because of perfect silhouette against the sun. One pilot had object in view aprx 4 1/2 mins. First sighted at 150026Z. Coordinates 64 degs 13 mins North, 149 degs 30 mins West. LOR info will be fwd when obtained.

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Upon receiving the above information from Mr. [REDACTED] he was advised that this Bureau would turn the information over to another Government agency. Mr. [REDACTED] indicated his approval of this action, but specifically requested that no public announcement or comment be given to the fact that he had reported seeing the above object.

The above information has been furnished to your office for your confidential information and assistance in connection with the captioned matter. It is requested that no dissemination be made of this information.

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Summary of Observations of the ...

Number	Date	Time	Number of Observations	Reliability of Observations	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course Relative to Vertical	Color	Train or Path of Motion	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Number of Distinct Flashes	Remarks
29	7 Mar 1949	0200	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N 100 E	550 above horizon	Vertical	White	None	None	None	Ball like flash	Basketball	"Fixed flash"	1	
30	7 Mar 1949	0204	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	From horizon to S 60° W	210 above horizon	Vertical	White	None	None	None	Ball like flash	about 10' dia	"Fixed flash"	1	
31	7 Mar 1949	0115	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N 40° E	650 15' above horizon	Vertical	White	None	None	None	Ball like flash	Flash bulb	"Fixed flash"	1	
32	7 Mar 1949	0130	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N 15° W	270 30' above horizon	Vertical	White	None	None	None	Ball like flash	Basketball	"Fixed flash"	1	
33	7 Mar 1949	0200	2	65	Camp Hood, Texas	S 20° W	260 above horizon	Vertical	White	None	None	None	Ball like flash	Flash bulb	"Fixed flash"	1	
34	7 Mar 1949	0145	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N 60° E		Dropped vertically so around	Orange	None	2 secs	None	Teardrop	2' by 1'		1	Observed behind trees

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Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course to Vertical	Color	Train or Tail	Duration	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Remarks
38	1940 Mar 19	0103	1	Camp Hood, Texas	From N 56° W to S 61° W	From 150' above horizon	Traveled in arc	Reddish black	Yes		None	None w/ tail			Disappeared
39	15 Mar 1940	2150	1	Albuquerque, New Mexico	NE to SW or SE to NE	200' above horizon	Descending slightly	Fluorescent greenish white	Yes	2-4 secs	None	Length 2 diameter			
40	14 Mar 1940	0500-182	1	Marlene enroute fr Honolulu to Canton Is		60°-120° above airplane at 5,000'	Horizontal			10 secs	None	None like bulb	750 in 9 secs		
41	27 Mar 1940	1800	1	Tucson, New Mexico	E to W	High in sky approx 300' above horizon		Amber	None	25 ints	None	Long & narrow			Faded out in distance
42	27 Mar 1940	1800	1	Montoya, New Mexico	E to W	About 750' above		Cranberry flame	None	10 ints	None	Long & narrow	Length about 1/6 meter, width about 1/6 length		Faded out in distance

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Summary of Unexploded Aerial Bombs, 1st District (cont)

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Serial	Date	Time	Location of Bombs	General Location of Bombs	Direction of Flight	Altitude	Course	Shape	Color	Time of Burst	Direction of Motion	Sound	Remarks	Disposition
6	Apr 21 1952	2200	Phoenix, Arizona	Phoenix, Arizona	Horizontal	4000 - 5000'	Descending slowly in vertical manner	75 sec	Green	None	None	None	None	Exploded
7	Nov 23 1952	2200	Vaughn, New Mexico	Vaughn, New Mexico	Horizontal	10,000'	Descending slowly in vertical manner	2 sec	Bright white	None	None	None	None	Exploded
8	Dec 6 1952	2155	Las Vegas, New Mexico	Las Vegas, New Mexico	Horizontal	Slightly above 9,000'	Horizontal slightly descending	2 sec	White	None	None	None	None	Exploded
9	Dec 8 1952	2200	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Horizontal	10,500'	Parabolic curve	2 sec	Green	None	None	None	None	Disappeared
10	Dec 8 1952	2255	Scandia Base, New Mexico	Scandia Base, New Mexico	Horizontal	10,500'	Slight falling arch	2-3 sec	Green	None	None	None	None	Faded out
11	Dec 8 1952	1035	Las Vegas, New Mexico	Las Vegas, New Mexico	Horizontal	10,500'	Horizontal	2 sec	Bright Green	None	None	None	None	Faded out

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Summary of Sightings of Unknown Aerial Phenomena, 17th District OSI (cont)

Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	Reliability of Observers	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course Horizontal or Vertical	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Character of Appearance	Evaluation
12	1948 11 Dec 1950				Good River, Oregon				White & white			Yes	Wash			Flash, white like thunder	
13	12 Dec 2102	5			15 miles south of Las Vegas, New Mexico	N to S	10 - 15 miles	Horizontal	Very bright green		2.1 - 2.5 secs	None	Ball	Amplitude		Probe into 3 or 4 small fragments & disappeared	
14	20 Dec 12054	4			Los Alamos New Mexico	N to S	Great height descend- ing	90° to horizon	White green or bluish white		1-2/3 secs	None	Ball		High speed	Disappeared behind mountain	
15	22 Dec 10451	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to S	Descend- ing	Descending	White		sev. secs	None	Star	Star	Slower than falling star	Disappeared w/ greenish flash	
16	1949 8 Jan 1730	1			Albuquerque New Mexico	SE to NW	1500' - 2000'	Horizontal	Bright white			None	Diamond	App. 2' long	Much faster than a jet	Disappeared	
17	6 Jan 10310	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W	5 to 50' from observer	Horizontal	Brilliant green		2 secs	None			High speed	Disappeared behind mountain horizon	
18	30 Jan 1764	App. 200			El Paso, Texas	NW to SE	30 - 50' from observer	Horizontal	Green			None	Ball			Probe into pieces	

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Summary of U.S. Navy Rocket Launches, 1/21/65 to 1/27/65 (cont.)

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Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course Horizontal to Vertical	Color	Area of Observation	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Character of Movement	Remarks
19	30 Jan 1965	1755	200	Roswell, New Mexico	W to E	2000'	Horizontal	Blue-green	None	None	None	None	None	moving slowly	Disappeared to south. Disintegrated in lower atmosphere	65
20	30 Jan 1965	1800	200	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W	1500-2000'	Horizontal	Green	3-15 sec	15-20 sec	None	None	None	Stationary then fell in slight curve to W.	Disintegrated	65
21	30 Jan 1965	1800	15	W. North, W. North, W. North	E to S	1300'	30° downward from horizon	Green	1-7 sec	1-7 sec	None	None	None	Stationary then fell in slight curve to W.	Disintegrated	65
22	30 Jan 1965	1800	2	Alamogordo, New Mexico	W to E	1500'	Horizontal	Blue-green	None	None	None	None	None	Stationary then fell in slight curve to W.	Disintegrated	65

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Summary of Reports of Unmanned Aerial Reconnaissance, 17th December 1951 (cont)

Date	Time	Height of Observation (feet)	Direction of Flight	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course relative to horizontal	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent size	Apparent speed	Number of Disappearances	Remarks
23	17 Feb	1000	Southward	Griggs, New Mexico	Vertical climb then levelled off	Griggs	Vertical	White	Yes	None	None	Circle	Medium	Disappeared	1	65
24	17 Feb	1000	N to E	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Vertical	Albuquerque	Vertical	Dark light	Yes	None	None	Round	1 ft	Disappeared	1	65
25	27 Feb	1000	N to E	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical	Los Alamos	Vertical	Green-White	Yes	2 sec	None	None	None	Not as fast - disappeared abruptly	1	65
26	2 Mar	0010	N to S	Las Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical	Las Alamos	Vertical	Bright green	Yes	2 sec	None	None	None	Very fast	1	65
27	3 Mar	0159	Straight down	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical	Los Alamos	Vertical	Bright green	Yes	2 sec	None	None	None	Disappeared behind trees	1	65
28	6 Mar	2100	N 74° W N 81° W	Camp Hood, Texas	Vertical	Camp Hood	Vertical	Blue-white light	Yes	None	None	None	None	Not known	1	65

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Summary of Sightings of Unknown Aerial Phenomena, 17th District OSI (cont)

Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	Reliability	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course (Horizontal to Vertical)	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Manner of Disappearance	**Evaluation
80	1949 28 Jul 2045		1	b5	Killeen Base, Texas	N to S	300 above horizon		White w/ tint of blue	Yes	3-5 secs	None	Round w/ tail	Size of evening star	Unable to estimate	Faded out	b5
81	28 Jul 2253		1	b5	Killeen, Texas	S to E	300 above horizon		2 pr- dman- ately white. 1 had orange glow to tail	Yes	11 at 2-3 secs w/ 2 at 10-12 secs	None	Round w/ tail	Tennis ball		Faded out	b5
82	28 Jul 2254		1	b5	Killeen, Texas	E to NW	300 above horizon		Initial- blue turning white	None	15-20 secs	None	Round	3 times size evening star		Faded out like light	b5
83	30 Jul 2135		1	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	SE to E	350 to horizon	Climbed in arc	Blue-white	Yes	2-2 1/2 secs	None	Like rocket tail		2 - 2 1/2 secs to cover arc of about 150	Faded out	b5
84	30 Jul 2204		1	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	SE to SW	App 300 above horizon	Straight flight loss in altitude	Freedom- inely white w/ blue tint	Yes	2-3 secs	None	Round w/ tail	Evening star or planet	Very fast	Gradually faded out	b5

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Summary of Sightings of Unknown Aerial Phenomena, 17th District OSI (cont)

Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	*Reliability of Observers	General Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course Horizontal to Vertical	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Number of Times of Disappearance	**Evaluation
68	8 May 1949	App 1430	1	bs	Tucson, Arizona	SW to NE			Silvery	None	6-10 secs	None	Round & flat	25' in diameter	750-1000 mph	Faded from view	bs
69	12 May	2115 2130	1	bs	Alamogordo, New Mexico	.	50 or 40' above horizon		White with greenish tinge	None	4 mins	None	2 fuzzy stars	2 diameter of full moon		Vanished	bs
70	15 May	App 1700	1	bs	Tucson, Arizona	E to W	5000'	Horizontal	Black	None	8-10 secs	None	Round solid flat	3 - 4' in diameter	500-1000 MPH	Behind aircraft	bs
71	2 Jun	0040	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W	7000' - 20,000'	Descending	Green	Yes	1 sec	None	Ball of light				bs
72	11 Jun	2057	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico	SW to NE	250' above horizon		Green then red at end of flight	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None		Size of star			bs
73	20 Jun	2010	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E			Green turned orange red before vanishing	None	3 secs	None	Round			Extinguished	bs
74	20 Jun	2010	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	Directly overhead		Blue green	None	1-1/2 secs	None				Vanished as the orb faded.	bs

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52	1949 6 May	2040 2130	1	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	W and N	App 1200' dropping to 440'		Altera- ting pinkish to green	None	50 mts	None	Round	1/2 dollar diminich- ing to short quarter size	Very slow	Faded from sight	b5
53	6 May	0105	1	b5	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to S	50 above horizon	was going down at an angle of 30 - 35°	Green	None	Frac- tion of a sec	None	Round	App 1/8 size of full moon	Very high rate of speed	Disappeared west of Jemez Mts.	b5
54	7 May	2025 2105	4	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	SE	1300'		Green- white	None	40 mts	None	Dia- mond shape	5 miles width	Covered 15 mils in 40 mins. horiz.	Dimed and went out	b5
55	7 May	1940	1	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	N and E	1000'		Reddish greenish white	None	57 sec	None	Dia- mond shape	5 miles width	Covered 20 mils in 57 secs horiz.	Dimed and went out	b5
56	8 May	2008 2017	1	b5	Camp Hood, Texas	N and E	1500'		Reddish greenish white	None	9 mts	None	Dia- mond	2 mile width	10 miles in 8 mts	Dimed and went out	b5
57	8 May	0930 1100	4	b5	Tucson, Arizona	W, 90° turn to the N	4000 to 20,000	Horizontal then rapid climb at 45° angle	White	None	10-20 mts	None	Metall- lic circu- lar	40-75' in dia- meter	Motionless then jet than jet	Climed at 45° angle until out of sight	b5

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57	1949 20 Apr	App 1745	3	BS	Tucson, Arizona	NE to SE or SW			Silver	None	12 - 40 mts	None	Cigar or sa- usage block; shape	From L-29 to a city block	300 - 600 mph	Escaped from view	BS
58	30 Apr	2215	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W	500 above horizon		Blue green	None	2 secs 30	None	Round	Length of moon	2 second's 2 degrees	Next out	BS
59	3 May	2143	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	100 - 150 above horizon		Bright white light		10 secs	None			Very fast up to 1,000 mph		BS
60	3 May	2126 2153 2205	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	100 - 150 above horizon		White		5 - 7 secs each time	None		Large - similar to size of air- plane landing lights	Very fast		BS
61	3 May	2126 2140	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	ENE to NW	100 - 150 above horizon		2126- white 2140- red		5 sec 1st; 2 sec 2nd	None		2126-base- ball dia- mond lights, 2140- slightly larger than firebox lights	Same speed as aircraft landing		BS

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51	12 Apr 1930		1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico	SE to NW	200' above horizon		White	None	6 secs	None	Round	1/8 size of moon	150 in 8 secs	Extinguished	BS
52	15 Apr 1930		1	BS	El Paso, Texas	Straight up	About 300'		Grayish	Yes	15 mts	None	Thin smoke trail	Very thin		Dissipated	BS
53	18 Apr 1930		2	BS	Flagstaff & Williams, Arizona	NW	App 12,000' to one. 75 - 100 miles to other observer		Greenish blue		1 - 2 secs	None	Ball like	100 watt light bulb		Disappeared behind obstacle	BS
54	22 Apr 1930		1	BS	Cliff, New Mexico	N to E	200 drop-ping slowly		Aluminum	None	2 mts	None	Round, flat thin, disc-shape	Over 15' in diameter		Disappeared behind mountains	BS
55	24 Apr 1930		5	BS	White Sands, New Mexico		25-350'		White light yellow		50 secs	None	Ellipsoid		Tremendous rate of speed	Disappeared due to distance	BS
56	27 Apr 1930		2	BS	Mariner, New Mexico	2 groups going N, 2 groups going E	All above 30,000'		Silver white	None	4 mts	Yes	Round	Very small	Very fast well above speed of sound.	Disappeared from view	BS

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Number	Date	Time	Number of Observers	Reliability of Observers	General Location Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course	Color	Duration of Observation	Shape	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Character of Movement
1	1947 17 Jan	0700	1	BS	Impact on flight deck line between breast and wing	Almost vertical descent level by "convincing" H to S	200' - 300'	35° above horizon Descending	Brilliant white	2 - 3 secs.	None	Compare w/planet Venus on unusually clear nights	Apparent speed	Discernible
2	Letter rare 1947	0200	1	BS	Vaduz, New Mexico		200' - 300'	Recordedly in vertical	Brilliant white	None	None	Large than basketball	Stationary	Discernible
3	1948 27 Jul	0830 0845	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico				Purely luminescent		Flat and round		Stationary at times	Discernible
4	4 Aug	0200 0800	2	BS	North New Mexico, Oregon	North New Mexico to SE	5500'	Horizontal line	Green			Softball	720 mph	Extremely fast

REMARKS: Reliability of Observers: V2 - Very Reliable R - Reliable U - Unknown Reliability
 (2) "None" or "Discernible" (3) "Probably Meteor"

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Number	Date	Time	Observer	Area of Occurrence	Apparent Direction of Flight	Apparent Altitude	Course or Direction	Color	Rate of Fall	Duration of Observation	Sound	Apparent Size	Apparent Speed	Character of Disappearance	**Evaluation
44	27 Mar 1950	1815	1	Tuencuari, New Mexico	E to W	Close to horizon		Bright orange	None	15 sec	None	Long		Traced out of sight in distance	65
45	27 Mar 1950	1800	1	Tuencuari, New Mexico	E to W	500' above horizon		Orange fire	None	15 sec	None	About size of Golf ball		Disappeared behind hills	65
46	31 Mar 1950	2130	1	Camp Cook, Texas	SW	2000'		White	Very		None	Small		Disappeared	65
47	5 Apr 1950	2200	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	400' above horizon	Arc	Green w/red after glow	None	1-2 sec	None		Apparent speed	Disappeared behind hills	65
48	6 Apr 1950	1205	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	SE	About 15,000'		Green	None	5-6 sec	None		Very fast		65
49	7 Apr 1950	0133	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W	200 yds fr top of hill		Green	None	20 sec	None		Very slowly		65
50	7 Apr 1950	0100	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N			Green	None	5 sec	None		Very slowly		65

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Report No.	Date	Time	Number of Observers	General Location of Observers	Direction of Flight	Approximate Altitude	Course Relative to Horizontal	Color	Train or Trail	Duration of Observation	Sound	Appearance	Approximate Speed	Approximate Altitude	Character of Disappearance	Remarks
86	1949 Mar 7	1830	1	Madison Rock, Arizona	N	40 - 4500 to horizon		Red (fire) in con- sider shading to blue at edge	Yes	6-8 secs	None	Ball 3' in dia- round-meter sub- spher- ical	200-300 mph	3'	Disintegrated	b5
87	1949 Mar 8	1836	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	12,000' to 15,000'	Horizontal	Bright white with green- ish tint	Yes	1-2 secs	None	None	App 300 mph		Disintegrated	b5
88	1949 Mar 9	1836	1	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	4,000 above terrain	Descending at 45° angle	Intense white light alum- inum colored	Yes	Very short	None	ellipti- cal pointed at ends	Slower than twin-en- gined plane		Disappeared behind trees	b5
89	1949 Mar 10	0105	1	Camp Hood, Texas	From S 50° E to S 54° E	From 500' above horizon to 540' above	Trottoled in arc	Tale white light	Yes	None	None	Round- ish head w/hazy smoky trail				b5

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96	1949 10 Aug	2035	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S		Level flight	Yellow to orange	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None		Like headlight of car	50° in 2 secs	Cut out	65
97	10 Aug	2035 2207 2220 2240	2	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N to E	300 - 450 above horizon	Level flight	White	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Round w/tail flare	Large	Greater speed than plane	Burned out	65
98	10 Aug	2040	1	65	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S	300 above horizon	Horizontal w/slight arc	Orange w/white tail	Yes	3 - 5 secs	None	Rocket	20 mm. tracer ammo.	Very great similar to falling star	Light gradually diminished	65
99	10 Aug	2100	2	65	Killeen Base, Texas	S	300 above horizon coming up	Continued climb at 30° angle until disappearance	Bright orange	Yes	5 secs	None	Reddish ball with long fiery tail	Lead size		Disappeared	65
100	10 Aug	2100 2215 2215 2250	2	65	Camp Hood, Texas		400 - 700 above horizon	1, 3 & 4 almost horizontal 2 almost vertical	White with orange	Yes	1 sec for each one	None	Round with trail	Large star	Great speed	Went out like a light	65

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109	10 Aug	2200 2230	1	BS	Camp Hood, Texas	S to N	300 above horizon	Level flight	White w/yellow trail	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Oval	Size of shooting star	300 mph or faster	Faded out	BS
110	10 Aug	2240	1	BS	Camp Hood, Texas	N to S	6,000' or more	Straight flight with gradual incline	Light reddish-minish to light yellow	Yes	2 - 3 secs	None	Round w/jagged trail	Much larger than shooting star		Burned up and disappeared	BS
108	11 Aug	2030 2045 2052 2105 0010	3	BS	Camp Hood, Texas	E to S	45 - 60° above horizon	Generally a level flight	White	Yes	3 - 5 secs	None	Flash like a rocket or trailing flare	Star size	Faster than any plane observed	Went out with a bright light	BS
111	12 Aug	0010	2	BS	Willecca Base, Texas	Due N in arc	45° above horizon	Straight & level flight w/ascent & descent	Bluish white	Yes	10 secs	None	Broken circle resembling signal flare	Head size		Sudden disappearance	BS

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85	6 Aug 1979	2000	1	BS	Las Cruces, New Mexico	E to W			Bluish Green	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Round	larger than falling star		Disappeared behind building	BS
86	6 Aug	2000	1	BS	Las Cruces, New Mexico	E to W	2020" to 5040" above horizon	Curve going up then following in almost vertical direction	Reddish blue & green	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None	Round	App 6" in diameter		Disappeared gradually	BS
87	6 Aug	2000	1	BS	Alamogordo, New Mexico	Vertical	2020" to 7035" above horizon	Straight vertical flight	Bright white slight reddish cast	Non	3 secs	None	Round	1/2 size of moon		Exploded then pieces died out	BS
88	6 Aug 2005		1	BS	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W	204" to 1207" above horizon	100 off vertical	White	Yes	2 secs	None	Round	Large as auto spot-light at arm's length		Disappeared behind building	BS
89	6 Aug	2015	1	BS	Alamogordo, New Mexico	SW		Straight flight approx 200 vertical decl line	Whitish yellow (red trail)	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	Twice size normal falling star	Extremely fast - twice as fast as falling star	Disappeared behind mountain	BS

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90	1949 6 Aug	2030	1	bs	Alamogordo, New Mexico	N		Constant slight curve earthward	White (bluish)	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	App small- er than clenched fist	Similar to falling star	Went out	bs
91	6 Aug	2020	1	bs	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Descend- ing to earth verti- cally	15° above horizon	Descending to earth vertically	Green	None	1 - 1 1/2 secs	None	Round to pear shape	500 watt bulb about 1/5 mile away	10° in 1 1/2 secs at 2 miles	Disappeared	bs
92	6 Aug	2000	1	bs	White Sands, New Mexico		40° above horizon	Straight line to earth	Obstr- ver color blind	None	1 sec	None	Round	Half size of finger- nail at arm's length	Slightly faster than ordinary falling star	Disappeared toward sand dune	bs
93	6 Aug	2000	1	bs	Alamogordo, New Mexico	200°	30° above horizon	Long slow curve to earth	Bluish Green	Yes	1 sec	None	Round	Tip of thumb at arm's length		Burned out	bs
94	10 Aug	0010	2	bs	Killeen, Bast, Texas	E to W	30° an- gle headed down	30° angle headed down	Blue	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Oval	Head size		Sudden disappearance	bs
95	10 Aug	2030	1	bs	Killeen Base, Texas	N to S	30° above horizon		White	Yes	5 secs	None	Simi- lar to comet			Disappeared	bs

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113	18 Aug 1945	2300	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Almost straight fall	500' overhead	Almost straight fall	Bright green w/red-dish tail	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Much larger than meteor		Burned out		BS
114	18 Sep	0025	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico		300' above horizon		Yellow red		6 secs	None	Round baseball	Size of baseball		Fast & appeared to disintegrate	BS
115	16 Sep	0230	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	3,000'	Horizontal	Orange	None	15 secs	None	Ball shape	Larger than falling star	Faster than airplane falling	Disappeared completely	BS
116	11 Sep	2015	1	BS	Sandia Base, New Mexico	W to S	450' above horizon		Dark yellow	None	3 - 4 secs	None	Round baseball	Size of baseball	Unknown		BS
117	19 Sep	0900	2	BS	Tucson, Arizona	N	App 4000'		Grayish white	None	2 mts	None		2 to 3 ft across	600 mph	Failed from view	BS
118	27 Sep	0300	1	BS	Sandia Base, New Mexico	From SE	450' above horizon	Traveling tangent to earth	Bright blue to white	None	1/4 secs	None	Round	About size of softball at 300 yds.	450' in 4 secs.	Obscured by building	BS
119	27 Sep	0200	1	BS	Sandia Base, New Mexico	To the N	100' above horizon		Yellow	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Round baseball at 25 yds.	Same rate as shooting star	Died out		BS

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117	1949 27 Sep	0300 L	1	bs	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SE to NW	15° - 20° above horizon	Traveling in arc to- ward earth	Bright Green	None	2 secs	None	Round	Same size as perime- ter fence light at distance of about 200 yds.	45° in 2 secs.	Erlightened then went out	bs	
118	27 Sep	0130 L	1	bs	Sandia Base, New Mexico	S to E	200 above horizon	Made a con- tinuous arc toward earth	Dark blue	Yes	2 secs	None	Coni- circular w/ tail twice the diameter	Looked like a sky rocket	50° in 2 secs.	Went out	bs	
119	27 Sep	0130 L	1	bs	Sandia Base, New Mexico		450 above horizon	Moving tangent to earth	Green	None	1 sec	None	Round	Fast at arm's length	200 in 1 sec	Went out	bs	
120	30 Sep	2257 L	1	bs	Sandia Base, New Mexico	S to W	500 to horizon		Yellow orange	None	2 - 3 secs	None		Slightly larger than shooting star	200 - 300 mph		bs	
121	2 Oct	2110 L	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico		20,000 - 30,000 ft above horizon	Went up & then down	Bright Green	Yes	3 secs							bs
122	3 Oct	1745 L	1	bs	Los Alamos, New Mexico		150 above horizon	Descended in slight arc	Dark Green	None	30 secs	None	Round	Big ball			Disappeared before kills	bs

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123	1949 6 Oct	1800 1845	1	65	Mescalero, New Mexico		180 above horizon		Green	None	7 - 9 secs	None	Round	2 size of thumb at arm's len- gth	Moving slowly	Disappeared behind a hill	65
124	6 Oct	1758	1	65	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		Straight angular descent	Bluish white possi- bly lt. green tint	None	4 secs	None	Circu- lar	3 times the size of Jupiter or Venus	50 per sec.		65
125	6 Oct	1800	1	65	Alamogordo, New Mexico		400 M or 500		Green	None	5 - 6 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball at arm's len- gth			65
126	6 Oct	1750	1	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W		Curved des- cent ap- proaching vertical	Green- ish white	None	1 sec	None	Simi- lar to very flare	2 size of thumb at arm's len- gth		abrupt	65
127	6 Oct	1750	1	65	Marion, New Mexico	E to W		Horizontal	Green- ish white	None	3 - 4 secs	None	Round	1 1/2" - 2" in diam- eter	App. that of meteor	Went out like like elec- tric light	65
128	6 Oct	1750	1	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	NE to SW		At tail end of its course it arched over and fell	Brilli- ant green	None	10 secs	None	Tear drop			Seemed to burn out	65











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129	1949 7 Oct	2120	1	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Straight vertical drop	350 above horizon		Yellow to green	None	1 sec	None	Round	Half a moon	Drifted 18° in 1 sec	Retinal Sandia contains	65	
130	10 Oct	0406	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	SE to NE	3,000' above observa- tion pt.	Parallel to surface of earth	Brill- iant white	Yes	4 - 5 secs	None	Small	Small	Appeared to be slower than a meteor	Disappeared	65	
131	10 Oct	0107	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	W to E	450 above horizon		Bluish Green	Yes	15 secs	None	Round	Size of first at arm's len- gth	Slow	Died out	65	
132	10 Oct	0107	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SW to NE	450 above horizon	Executed dives	Green- ish blue w/red sparks trail- ing	Yes	4 secs	None	Round	Size of first at arm's len- gth	Slow	Exited out	65	
133	10 Oct	0107	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	N to NE	450 above horizon		Green	None	15 secs	None	Round	Size of first at arm's len- gth	Slow	Burned out	65	
134	11 Oct	2210	2	65	Roswell, New Mexico	Appeared moving to NW & angl- ing slight- ly to E		Maneuvered up & down	Light Green turned orange	Yes	45 secs	None	Round	Size of baseball				65

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135	1949 11 Oct 1045	2 1100		 b5	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to SE	If size of B-29 appeared to be 150,000'		White	None	10-15 secs	None	Round dish shape	2" in diameter at arm's length	Very fast compared w/falling star	Faded from view	 b5
136	12 Oct 1115	3		 b5	Roswell, New Mexico	S to NE	3,500'	Smooth arc	White (silver)	None	45-60 secs	None	Round probably elliptical		Faster than jet aircraft	Went beyond range of vision	 b5
137	12 Oct 1115	3		 b5	Alamogordo, New Mexico	Appeared from S & veered off to NE	If size of B-29 appeared to be 35,000'	Smooth arc	White or aluminum	None	45-60 secs	None	Round ball	35,000' 4" in diameter	1,500 mph	Faded from view	 b5
38	12 Oct 1340	4		 b5	Tucson, Arizona	From NE to SW	30,000'	Horizontal	White or silver	None	15 secs	None	Round	50 - 100' in diameter	1,000 mph	Faded from view	 b5
138	14 Oct 1420	3		 b5	Los Alamos, New Mexico	W to E	20,000'	Level flight just above horizon	Greenish blue-white trail	Yes	2 secs	None	Round	Appeared as a 12" disc		Burned out	 b5

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140	1949 14 Oct 2021	2			Albuquerque, New Mexico	N to S		Horizontal	Red orange	Yes	10 secs	None	Round	1/3 - 1/4 size of moon		Broke into 2 pieces & disappeared	
141	14 Oct 1410 1415	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N			Front-Green & silver Rear - Red Blue	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None		1/8 size of full moon	300 mph or more		
142	21 Oct 2130	1			Roswell, New Mexico	SE to NW	300' above horizon		Very bright white	None	20-30 mins	None			Unknown		
143	22 Oct 0228	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	NE to SE	On horizon		Bright green	2 secs	2 secs	None		4 times size of a star	150 mph	Disappeared behind a hill	
144	22 Oct 0220	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical	50 - 100 ft.		Green	1 sec	1 sec	None	Like flare	Small		Went out	
145	10 Nov 1000	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	Disappeared to N			2 objects bluish green			None			Stationary but disappeared with speed of meteor	Disappeared after vict	
146	19 Nov 2152	1			Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical			Green then yellow	2 secs	2 secs	None					

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147	1949 19 Nov	2152	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Vertical			Green		2 secs	None					BS
148	25 Nov	2000	6	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W	15° - 10° above horizon	Downward 10° from the hori- zontal	Yellow- ish Green		2 secs	None				Disappeared behind mt.	BS
149	27 Nov	1800	1	BS	McIntosh, New Mexico	Vertical	Less than 2,000'	Vertical descent	Green	None	1 sec	None	Shaped like a signal flare	Same as falling signal flare		Same as signal flare	BS
150	27 Nov	1700	1	BS	Winslow, Arizona	E to W	300' above horizon		Bright Blue- white	Yes	3 - 4 secs	None	Eye shape	held at arm's len- th	3 - 4 secs to cover 150 - 200' of horizon	Diminished cut	BS
151	27 Nov	1719	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W	30 - 50' above horizon	Slowing descent	Blue- white	None	1 - 2 secs	None	Round	Pencil eras- er at arm's length	50 - 70 in 1 or 2 secs	Went out then on then cut again	BS
152	27 Nov	1749	1	BS	Socorro, New Mexico	E to W	100 - 400' above horizon	Are	Falc green to pale blue	Yes	5 secs	None	Round	Quite large	Slower than meteor	Faded out gradually	BS

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153	1849	1805	1	65	Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		In an arc downward	Green fringe of orange light	None	2 secs	None	Circular	Somewhat larger than Venus		Disappeared behind building	65
154	4 Dec	1935	1	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E to W		Nearly horizontal	Green	None	2 - 3 secs	None	Round	Marble at arm's length		Shot out like a candle	65
155	2 Dec	1936	2	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to NE		Sloping descent	Green		1/5 sec	Yes	Round			Disappeared behind Mt. ...	65
157	5 Dec	1930-1945	3	65	Carrizozo, New Mexico	E to W	400 above horizon	In dive	Blue-green			None	Tear-drop		Very slow	Disappeared	65
158	3 Dec	2240	1	65	Tularosa, New Mexico	E to W		Smooth arc downward	Blue w/velvety red toward tail	Yes	1 sec	None	Streak of light	Appeared of little longer than length of lead pencil at 6'		Appeared to hit ground near Tularosa, New Mexico	65
159	15 Dec	1830	1	65	Paragonia, New Mexico	Dipping vertically	500 ft.	Vertically down				None	Circular			Disappeared	65

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150	1949 13 Dec	2005 S			Alamogordo, New Mexico	Stationary then began to move downward slowly and to right	5,000'		White amber red green	None	9 mts	None	Circular	1 - 1 1/2 times size of average st. light at a distance of 6 miles		Object took on brilliant green color, picked up speed and faded from view
151	1950 15 Jan	2230 Z			Alamogordo, New Mexico	E to W		Up & down and horizontal	White changed to green & red	None	45 mts	None	Star like	Slightly larger than planet Venus	Moved app. 150 to 200 ft during 45 mins it was observed	Stopped observation
152	1950 17 Jan	2215 Z			Corona, New Mexico	From SE to SW		Descending	Yellowish white orange blue	Yes	10 secs	None	Round ball shape	Same as cup 6" in diameter at arm's length	Compared w/fast jet fighter	Disappeared behind mt. range
153	1950 18 Jan	2020 Z			Los Alamos, New Mexico		80° - 40° above horizon	Horizontal	Inconspicuous green	Yes	2 secs	None	Oval with trail			Disappeared behind trees

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163	1960 8 Jan	2220	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Due W	600 above horizon	Straight course	Bluish white	Yes	2 secs	None	Point- ed	Appeared as a point	100 per second	Luminosity stopped suddenly	65
164	9 Jan	2225	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico		750 - 800 above horizon	Straight line	Green- ish white	None	3 secs	None	Round	-4 to -5 compared to Jupiter	250 per second	Behind horizon	65
165	12 Jan	1905	3	65	Holloman, New Mexico	To W		Changed altitude erratic- ally	White changed to green & red	None	5 mts	None	Star like	About same size of Venus		Discontinued flashing	65
166	13 Jan	0605	3	65	Holloman AFB, New	E to W		Erratic- ally up & down	White changed to green & red	None	Short time	None	Star like	About same size as Venus		Disappeared w/daylight	65
167	27 Jan	1715	1	65	Socorro, New Mexico	W		Ascending at about 50° angle	White streak	None	30 mts					1/2 that of a fireball rocket at close range	65
168	7 Feb 1960 2015		2	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	SSE to E	400 - 450 above horizon	Horizontal	Reddish green	Yes	4 - 6 secs	None	Round clon- gated trail	Wider size of opening star	About same as falling star	Faded out in atmosphere	65

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169	1950 7 Feb	1945-2000	2	BS	Between Thurston & Kirtland AFB, New Mexico			Flat Trajectory	Fire- ball white	Yes	2 - 4 secs	None			Over 1,000 mph	Faded out suddenly	BS
170	15 Feb	1530	1	BS	Sandia Base, New Mexico	From NW to W	45° downward above horizon		Appear- ed red & green	Yes	30	None	Round	That of a normal marble	Like shooting star trail	Faded out	BS
171	12 Feb	0510	5	BS	Holloman AFB, New Mexico			Climbed	White and orange	None	1 hr 44 mts	None	Round to cone shape	Size of coffee cup at arm's length		Stopped observation	BS
172	20 Feb	0550	2	BS	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Station-	1,000' above 9,000' mt.	Stationary	White	None	5 mts	None	Round	App size of dialler held at arm's length	Stationary	Disappeared from view behind cloud	BS
173	24 Feb	1550	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico	To W or SW	20° to 23° above horizon	Straight flight	White	None	1 1/2 mts	None	Round	Compared in size to up- per dark portion of moon as it rises in E	1 1/2 mts. to cover 29		BS

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1	1950	1400	1	BS	Albuquerque, New Mexico	E by SE	About 200' above horizon		Bright white	None	20-30 secs	None	Round	Compared w/size of weather balloon as it disappeared in distance	Very slow	Faded out of sight	BS
2	1950	1930	1	BS	Datil, New Mexico	NT			White changing to red & green	As 2 hrs	2 hrs 30 mts	None	Round		10 per 2 mts.	Disappeared	BS
3	1950	1800	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E then turned W	25,000-30,000'	Straight up	White, kept flashing like a flare in air	None	20 mts	None			Very fast	Went straight up out of sight	BS
4	1950	1800	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W, W to E, then st. up	30,000'	Straight up	Silvery white	None	20 mts	None				Went straight up out of sight	BS
5	1950	1710	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Erratic generally NE	20,000-30,000'		Silvery white	None	15 mts	None	Sawyer stepped if at 20,000-30,000'		As fast or faster than sound	Disappeared	BS

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179	1950 24 Feb	Between 1315 and 1400	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Circled then E	Considerable altitude		Aluminum	Yes	2	None	Spherical	Rather large	Erratic	Unknown
180	25 Feb	1545 - 1555	12	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Heading toward Ground	300 - 350 above horizon		Flashing - silver	None	3 secs to 2 mts	None	Circular like plane fuse-lamp	Small airplane	From very slow to very fast	
181	25 Feb	2115	1	65	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Toward S	App. 2000 above horizon	Almost vertical	Bright white	Yes	1 1/2 secs	None	Teardrop	3 tires size of a star	Slightly slower than falling star	Appeared to burn out
182	25 Feb	0800	1	65	Dubil, New Mexico	NE			White	Yes	30 mts	None	Round		10 per 2 mts	Disappeared behind mountain
183	25 Feb	1410	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	1 to 3 miles at 3000 above horizon		Metallic	None	2 mts	None	Along 10 - 15'		40 mph	Went below horizon

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184	1950 25 Feb 1945	1	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N to SWS	Very high		White to silver	None	30 secs	None	Circular	About size of piece of 1/2" height	Very fast	Disappeared into glare of sun	BS
185	25 Feb 1950	1	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S or SW	12,000'		Metallic	None	few secs	None		As large or larger than average plane	Fast	Faded from view	BS
186	25 Feb 1955	14	14	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	N2 to SW	Overhead at from 4 to 10 miles	Traveled w/a fluttering motion	Silver	None	few secs to 2 mins	None	Round	Very from 2" to small size of plane	Very fast 500 - 1500 mph		BS
187	25 Feb 1955	1	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	E to W			Shiny silver		10-15 secs	None	Round	About size of 2-25 inch ball	Slow speed	Disappeared behind tree	BS
188	10 Mar 1950	6	6	BS	Phoenix, Arizona	SE	40,000-50,000'	Moved upward at COP angle	Aluminum or quick silver	Yes	10 mts	None	Oval or oblong	Size of ball	Extremely high	Disappeared	BS
189	5 Mar 1950	4	4	BS	Vaughn, New Mexico	Traveled 195C		Straight flight	White	None	1 hr 25 mts	None	Round	Prints of ball at arm's length	190 to 200 mph	Ceased observation	BS

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191	11 Mar 1950	0100	1	BS	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	App 270°	About 300' above horizon at distance of 50 miles	Straight flight	Changed from light orange to blood red to amber to light green	None	5 mts	None	Ping pong ball	Ping pong ball held at arm's length		Disappeared from view	BS
192	16 Mar 1950	1100	10	BS	Farmington, New Mexico	N to NE		Turned on their axis & maneuvered up & down	Bright luminous as tin foil	None	3-5 mts	None	Flat circular	1 to 6"	Faster than conventional aircraft	Discontinued observation	BS
193	16 Mar 1950	1000	10	BS	Farmington, New Mexico	NE	Over 20,000'	Skyward at 60°-90°	Bright aluminum	None	30 mts	None	Oval & oblong	1/16" - 1/8" held at arm's length	Faster than conventional aircraft	Gradually disappeared	BS
194	17 Mar 1950	0310	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Toward earth		Toward earth	Reddish then greenish yellow	None	1 sec	None				Appeared to fall to earth	BS
194	17 Mar 1950	0300	1	BS	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Toward earth		Level flight	Greenish yellow	None	3 secs	None	Round	1/2 size of full moon	Moderate	Like light going out	BS

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186	17 Mar 1950	0307	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Straight down		Straight down	Orange & Green	Yes	2-2 1/2 secs	None			Tremendous	Explosion on impact with earth or disintegration	65
187	17 Mar 1950	0310	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Formed an arc		Formed an arc	Green	None	5 secs	None	Round	Quite small	Free fall	Tail toward earth	65
188	17 Mar 1950	0310	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico			Seemed to climb, change color, start down & disappear	Green turning to yellow	None	5 secs	None	Spherical	1/4 size of full moon	Moderate	Suddenly	65
189	17 Mar 1950	0307	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	Earthward		Earthward		Yes	3 secs	None	Round	1/2 size of full moon	Extremely fast	Plunged to earth & 2 explosions were noted prior to disappearance	65
199	20 Mar 1950	0115	1	65	Clovis, New Mexico	From NW	Above 12,000'		White w/light blue	Yes	1 - 2 secs	None	Spherical		2,000 mph	Disappeared from view	65

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200	21 Mar 1950	1327 1	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	E to SW	App 450 above horizon		2 objects silver	None	10 mts	None	Round	App size of dime at arm's length	Excessive to jet flight	Gradually faded from view	65
201	21 Mar 1950	1300 1	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	NE to SE	40,000-60,000'		Varied from shiny silver to shady gray	None	30 mts	None	Round	Size of end of thumb at arm's length	About same as jet aircraft	Disappeared	65
202	21 Mar 1950	1315 1	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	E	750 above horizon		White	None	5 mts	None	Round	Smaller than fist at arm's length	App. 600 - 700 mph	Disappeared from range of vision	65
203	21 Mar 1950	1300 4 1330	4	65	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	SE to S	400 - 500 above horizon	Zig-zag motion up & down	Bright silver	None	1 mt	None	Round	Size of dime at arm's length	About same as fast jet aircraft	Disappeared from range of vision	65
204	22 Mar 1950	1100 11	11	65	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	SW changed to N	25,000 to 30,000'	Horizontal	Faded to brown	None	5 - 6 sec	None	Flying wing	About size of golf ball held at arm's length	Extreme high speed	Disappeared	65

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205	1950 22 Mar	0010 S	1	65	Sandia Base, New Mexico	SE to NW		Line parallel w/line tangent to the earth	Blue center with orange outer layer	None	1 1/2 - 3 secs	None	Round like ball from rear candle	1 1/2 secs 30° azimuth	Burned out		65
206	1 Apr	0420 L	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico	S to N	75° above horizon		White light	None	1 sec or less	None	Round		Disappeared behind building		65
207	17 Apr	1530 L	10	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico		2,000' above horizon	Maneuvered up & down & from side to side	Light green bright as tin foil	None	20-30 secs	None		1/16" at arm's length	Gradually went out of sight		65
208	1 May	1130 L	1	65	Los Alamos, New Mexico			Maneuvered up & down	Bright metallic	None	15-20 secs	None	roughly circular	Est. 5' in diameter	Slower than conventional aircraft		65
209	1 May	1510 L	2	65	Hirtland New Mexico	SE to NE	Approximately a few thousand feet	Was ascending downward	Silver metallic object	None	Not quite a sec	None	Cylindrical		Tremendous	Flash of brilliant white light	65

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105	12 Aug 1949	0445	1	BS	Killeen Base, Texas	SE to NE	300' above horizon headed down	Headed down	Reddish	Yes	2 - 3 secs	Yes	Trail of flame	Fairly long streak of flame	Faded away	BS	
106	14 Aug	2135	1	BS	Alamogordo, New Mexico		Appeared 250' Disappeared at 120'	10 - 15° vertical	Reddish orange	Yes	2 secs	None	Round	Larger than Venus	Disappeared	BS	
107	20 Aug	2130	2	BS	Douglas, Arizona	N to S	8,000' - 10,000'	Flat trajectory	Dull orange	None	6 - 10 secs	None	Round to oblong like inverted saucer	About size of single engine airplane	3500 to 4500 mph	Disappeared in distance	BS
108	21 Aug	2115 2150	5	BS	Egales, Arizona		45° at low level to 500' at high level	Horizontal to earth's surface	Dull orange	None	10 secs	None	After	App size of volley ball	10 times speed of jet planes	Disappeared in space	BS
109	25 Aug	1345	1	BS	Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona	SE to NE	App. 50,000'	Horizontal at 50,000'	Brownish gray color	None	30 secs		Semi-circular to triangular with rounded edges	Est. to be approx. 1 inch when observed at 3 ft.	Vertical rate of speed	Faded from view	BS

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to move horizontally. However, a strictly vertical infall is also very rarely observed in the case of genuine meteor falls.

3. An analysis just completed of the time distribution of the green fireballs so far observed permits us to add an 11th item to the list of differences given in paragraph 1 above. The graph of frequency versus local time which accompanies the present report shows that the maximum frequency of sighting of green fireballs (occurring at approximately 2030) coincides in time with neither the frequency maximum for ordinary meteors (occurring at approximately 0300) nor the frequency maximum for meteorite falls (occurring at approximately 1600).

4. Inspection of the graph referred to in paragraph 3 also will show that most of the green fireballs have been sighted in a time interval extending from about 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (MST). This concentration might be even more pronounced if it were possible to screen out of the secondary maximum, around 2 a.m. (MST), all ordinary meteors which have been mistakenly identified as green fireballs. That such misidentification has occurred is strongly suggested by the near coincidence in time of the secondary maximum of the green fireballs and the well established early morning maximum of the ordinary meteors.

5. Some significance may attach to the fact that the time interval alluded to in paragraph 4 extends from about 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ural region of the USSR. Since missiles moving with velocities of the order of those found for the green fireballs for which real path determinations have been possible would travel from the southern Urals to New Mexico in less than 15 minutes, a possible interpretation of the concentration of sightings referred to in paragraph 4 is that the green fireballs result from guided missiles launched from bases in the Urals in the morning hours before cloudiness due to convection or blinding afternoon dust storms can interfere with non-radar tracking, such as has been used by the Optical Trajectory Section at White Sands Proving Ground.

6. There is also a pronounced concentration of green fireball incidents on the four days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, almost all of the most widely observed incidents having occurred on Saturday or Sunday.

7. It is a curious and fairly well-established fact that there has been a distinct decline in the number of green fireball sightings during the last two months, within which the number of so-called "flying saucer" incidents in this region has attained an all-time high.

8. Although I have recently received from Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the Scientific Advisory Board a letter containing the statement "Frankly, I don't know of any U. S. experiments that would result in the appearance of these unconventional objects, and neither does Von Karman". I still

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consider the most probable explanation of the green fireballs to be the one given in the first of the three paragraphs below which are quoted from my letter of 1949, February 29, to Dr. A. L. Evelyn, Chief Atmospheric Physics Laboratory, Base Directorate for Geophysical Research. The last two paragraphs quoted below will summarize my recommendations concerning the green fireball problem:

"As a preliminary to setting down the proposed recommendations which you requested, I have very carefully reviewed all available fireball data (observers' reports, transit measurements, calculated real paths, etc.) covering incidents from those of December 5, 1948 to the extraordinary incident of February 7, 1950, which has been under intensive investigation for the last two weeks. As a result of this comprehensive review, particularly as it relates to the incident of February 7, 1950, I feel compelled to write you in somewhat different terms concerning my own part in the proposed fireball project than I had in mind when we last discussed this matter. In brief, I have come to the conclusion that, on the basis of the evidence now available to me, I would not be justified in recommending a fireball project. In my opinion, this evidence proves conclusively that the fireballs reported on fall into one of two categories: Those of the first category (the majority) are meteorite falls of unusual, but certainly not of impossible, magnitude, frequency and other characteristics; those of the second category (the minority) are U. S. guided missiles undergoing tests in the neighborhoods of the sensitive installations they are designed to defend. This interpretation of the latter category is the one that I proposed in answer to a question raised by Dr. Keller at the first Los Alamos conference on February 17, 1949. It was not taken seriously then and I doubt that it will be taken seriously at the present time. However, even if my interpretation of the unconventional fireballs is the correct one, it is obvious that those in position to confirm it should refuse to do so."

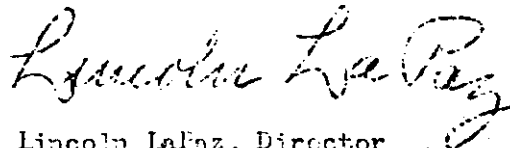
"Only one other point need be stressed, namely, that if I am wrong in interpreting the guided missiles as of U. S. origin, then certainly intensive, systematic investigation of these objects should not be delayed until the termination of the present academic year. Recent international developments compel one to sense the imperative necessity of immediate investigation of the unconventional green fireballs, in case you are in possession of information proving that they are not U. S. missiles."

"If such an immediate investigation were to be undertaken, I would recommend that Dr. Fred L. Whipple, of Harvard College Observatory, be placed in charge of the photographic phase of the investigation; that Dr. Peter G. Gillman, of the Dominion Observatory, be placed in charge of the spectrographic phase of the investigation;

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that Dr. L. A. Manning, of Stanford, and Dr. Killman be placed in charge of the radar investigation; and, finally, that Dr. William Crozier, of the New Mexico School of Mines, be placed in charge of dust collection and identification. On the basis of many intensive field surveys, I do not anticipate that ground search will lead to any recoveries, but in case such ground search is to be attempted, it should be carried out on the scale stressed in my conversations with you and Major Oder last month."

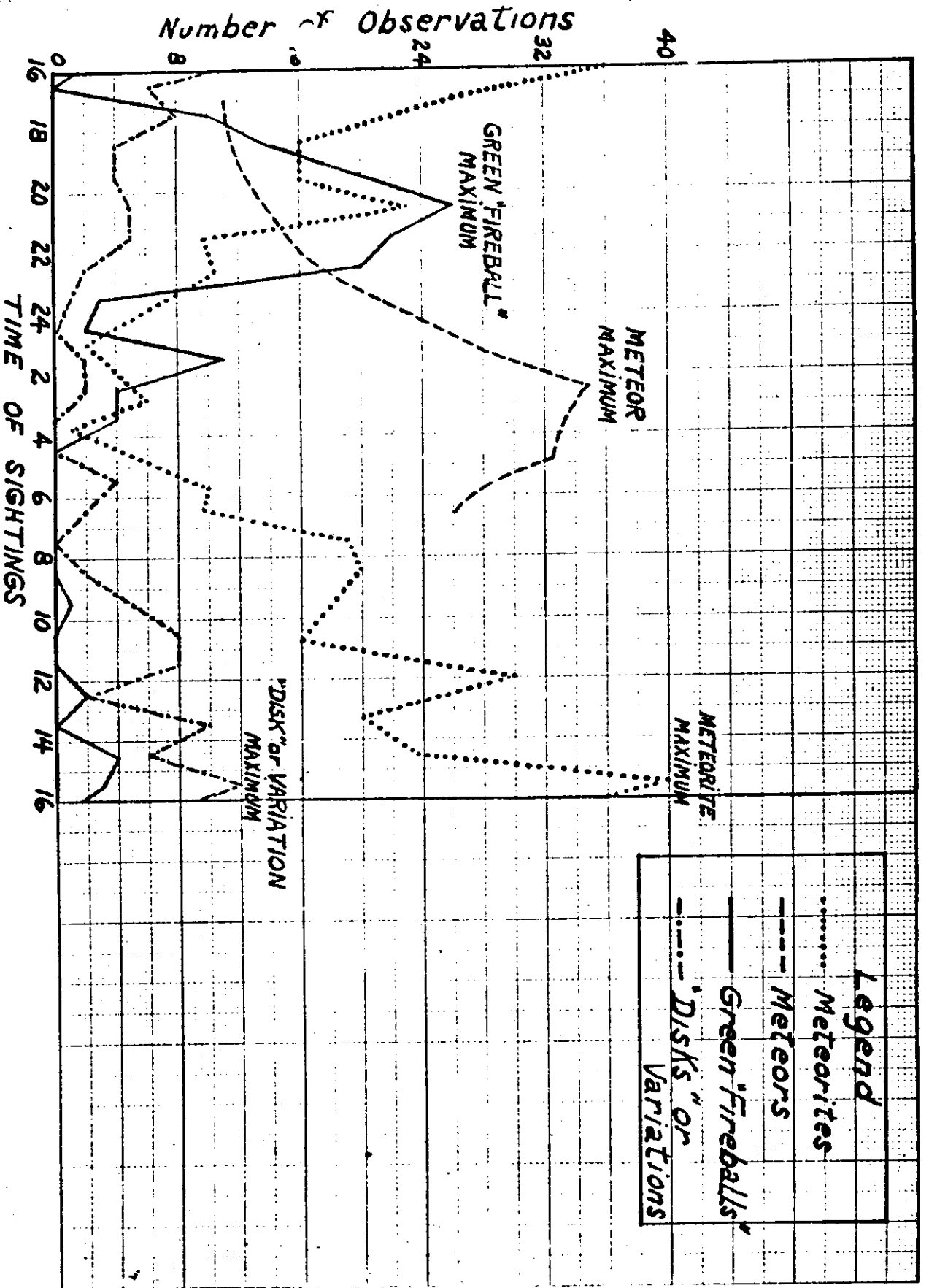
9. Although the above paragraphs were written some months ago, the recommendations contained in them are the ones I would urge you to consider at the present time. In conclusion, I should like to repeat the offer made at the end of my letter of February 20 to Dr. Wyckoff, namely to serve, if needed, as consultant on the green fireball project as suggested in Major Oder's letter to me under date of November 29, 1949, with the stipulation, however, that my service be on a voluntary basis rather than on the \$40 per day contract specified in Major Oder's letter.



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RADAR DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER OAK RIDGE OCTOBER TWELVE, NINETEEN FIFTY, PROTECTION OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS. USAF RADAR INSTALLATION AT KNOXVILLE AT ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE PM, EST, OCTOBER TWELVE, PICKED UP INDICATIONS OF ELEVEN OBJECTS AND PERHAPS MORE TRAVELING ACROSS CONTROLLED AREA OF ATOMIC ENERGY INSTALLATION AT OAK RIDGE. ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS VARIED FROM ONE THOUSAND TO FIVE THOUSAND FEET, COURSES FROM SOUTH SOUTH EAST TO SOUTHEAST, AND DENSITY FROM READING MADE BY LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO AIRCRAFT EQUAL IN SIZE TO C FORTY SEVEN, SPEED FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES PER HOUR. FIGHTER PLANS ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT IN FEW MINUTES AND RADAR SCREEN REFLECTED CONTACT, BUT PLANE REPORTED NO OBJECT COULD BE SEEN EITHER VISUALLY OR ON PLANES RADAR SCREEN. AEC PATROL WAS ALERTED BUT NO OBJECTS COULD BE VISUALLY SIGHTED BY THEM OVER THE AREA OTHER THAN THE AIR FORCE INTERCEPTOR. OSI AND EASTERN AIR DEFENSE FORCES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND ARE CHECKING INCIDENT. NO REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR RADAR READINGS YET DEVELOPED ALTHOUGH OPERATORS ARE EXPERIENCED RELIABLE PERSONNEL AND RADAR SET IS IN PERFECT OPERATING CONDITION. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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**RADAR DETECTION OF UNIDENTIFIED
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Flying Saucers

Remytel October 13, 1950.

There is being submitted herewith a copy of two reports made by District Representative of the OSI, 8th District, U. S. Air Force, with regard to the detection of unidentified objects by the means of radar, as set forth in referenced teletype. These reports continue to set forth additional reports concerning unidentified objects in the air space area over Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which to date have not been explained.

No investigation is being conducted by the Knoxville Office in this matter, but any further information received from OSI or from CIC representatives will be forwarded immediately.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCTOBER 13, 1950 URGENT

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FLYING SAUCERS. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISCREETLY DETERMINE THROUGH APPROPRIATE RELIABLE SOURCES OF YOUR OFFICE WHETHER ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AUTHOR OF THE BOOK QUOTE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ UNQUOTE IS IDENTICAL TO THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES IN THE TERRITORY OF YOUR OFFICE.

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my theory of the flying saucer is:

It gets its power from electricity generated by a gen generator, The generator is run from a revolving disc, therefore giving the flying saucers a disc like appearance.

By the use of gears the revolving disc is able to generate 10 or 20 times more power than is needed.

The faster the disc goes, the more power. By use of the new light weight electric motors, there is less weight, and less space taken.

The revolving disc is in side of a light shell. Forward motion of ship allows disc to revolve, generating electric power.

This way, the flying disc could fly almost any length of time.

Compressed air could be used to start power disc.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

ATTENTION: MR. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC REPORTED AT PHILADELPHIA ON 9/26/50

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FLYING SAUCERS

During the late evening hours of September 26, 1950, two Philadelphia police officers observed a peculiar phenomenon on Vane Boulevard near 26th Street when they saw a round object about six feet in circumference slowly float down to the ground.

The object had the appearance of a parachute and landed in a field, it being so light it did not even depress the weeds in the field. The object was lavender in color, described by the officers as dewy, sort of like soap suds, and evaporating within fifteen or twenty minutes after it landed. When touched by the officers, the substance composing the object disappeared, leaving nothing but a slight sticky substance.

This matter was reported to this office by the Philadelphia Police and for that matter, was subsequently carried in the Philadelphia press as "Flying Saucer Just Dissolves". *ced*

Mr. [REDACTED] of the Bureau was telephonically advised of the above by this office and issued instructions that the matter should be referred to Air Force Intelligence for handling and any investigation. Accordingly, Major [REDACTED] of the Philadelphia Office of OSI was telephonically advised of the above and no further action was taken by this office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 9, 1950

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
FLYING DISCS
GREEN FIREBALLS

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE

To advise you of the most recent information known to the Bureau concerning the captioned aerial phenomena.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that on August 23, 1950, I furnished to you a memorandum regarding Project Twinkle set up by the Department of the Air Force, with the assistance of Land-Air, Inc., at Vaughn, New Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining data regarding these unusual aerial phenomena which had been seen in the vicinity of sensitive installations in New Mexico. To date the Air Force has not advised us of any new developments in connection with this project.

[redacted] has been contacted by the Albuquerque Office and arrangements have been made in order that the Bureau will be advised in the event any information relative to these phenomena indicates any jurisdiction on the part of the Bureau.

According to Bureau files, an average of approximately three or four complaints have been received per month from June through September. These complaints were brought to the attention of OSI. A review of Bureau files does not indicate that there has been any increase in the sightings of these phenomena during or as a result of the war in Korea.

JURISDICTION FOR INVESTIGATION OF THESE PHENOMENA

You will recall the investigation to obtain information concerning these aerial phenomena is the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force. The Department of the Air Force is aware of our jurisdiction in matters relating to espionage, sabotage and internal security, and we have contacted OSI and requested them to advise us of any developments in connection with these phenomena which would be of interest to us as a result of our jurisdiction.

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POSSIBLE ORIGIN OF THESE AERIAL PHENOMENA

The Bureau has been advised in the past by OSI that many of the sightings reported to them were determined by investigation to have been of weather balloons, falling stars, meteorological phenomena and other air-borne objects.

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY BUREAU LIAISON FROM OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.
RE THE CAPTIONED MATTERS ON OCTOBER 9, 1950.

Bureau liaison determined on the morning of October 9, 1950 from OSI headquarters that the investigations of these aerial phenomena are being handled by OSI, Wright Field, Ohio. Their investigation of these phenomena fails to indicate that the sightings involved space ships or missiles from any other planet or country.

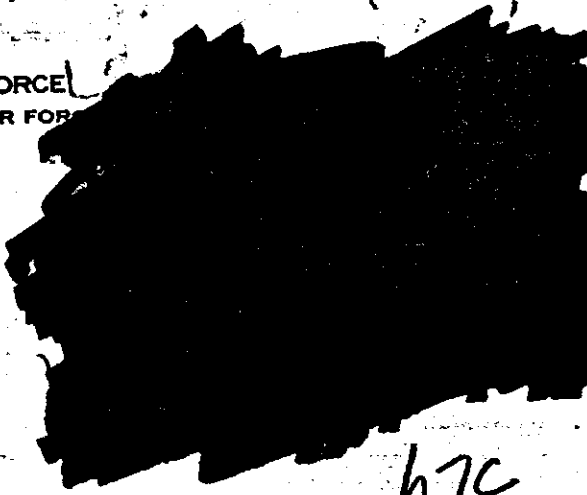
According to OSI, the complaints received by them have failed to indicate any definite pattern of activity. OSI further advised they are closely following the investigation of the captioned matters, and they will advise this Bureau of any matters of interest.

ACTION

None. The above is for your information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Flying Discs

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The inclosed letter, subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," is forwarded for your information and any cooperation you may be able to extend.

As indicated in the letter it is desired to place this subject in its proper perspective as part of the normal USAF requirement for information of air technical intelligence interest.

Respectfully yours,

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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8 September 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, ZI and Overseas
All United States Air Attaches

1. The United States Air Force has a continuing requirement for the reporting and technical analysis of observations of unconventional aircraft which might indicate an advance in technological progress of a foreign power. An unconventional aircraft, within the meaning of this directive, is defined as any aircraft or airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft type.

2. It is desired that information on unconventional aircraft be reported in the following manner:

a. A separate report of each incident will be forwarded. No information other than that bearing on the unconventional aircraft will be included in this report.

b. Priority of transmission accorded the report will be that appropriate in the judgment of the forwarding agency, according to its apparent authenticity and importance as intelligence.

c. Reports will be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.

d. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will include, as far as possible:

(1) A brief description of the object(s); its shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of disappearance, and other pertinent or unusual features.

(2) Time sighted in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.

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- (3) Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from air (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), or surface. Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described.
- (4) Location of observer during sighting, giving exact latitude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or reference to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with respect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.
- (5) Identifying information on observer(s) and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience, and any factors bearing on estimated reliability of the sighting.
- (6) Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at time and place of sightings.
- (7) Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.
- (8) Existence of any physical evidence; fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting.
- (9) Interception or identification action taken. (Such action should be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives.)

e. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will be followed up within ten (10) days by a written report on AF Form 112. This report will contain the same information specified in subparagraph 2d above in greater detail, and where feasible will include sketches and signed attested narrative statements of observers.

f. Written reports of sightings, where no previous electrically transmitted report has been submitted, will follow the same form as the written follow-up report described in subparagraph 2e above.

g. Any physical evidence of the sighting will be forwarded by most expeditious means to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attn: NCIS, under cover of a letter identifying the shipment with the report of sighting. Mention of the method and time of shipping of this evidence will be included in written report of the sighting.

3. It is desired that no publicity be given this reporting or analysis activity.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Info copies to:

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Sp Asst for Research & Intel, State

Director FBI

Director of CIA

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: September 27, 1950

FROM : MR. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Nichols _____
- Tracy _____
- Harbo _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Nease _____
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SAC Cornelius of Philadelphia called at 10:45 A.M. today and stated that yesterday evening while two officers of the Philadelphia Police Department were cruising in their scout car they saw through the windshield an object descending slowly to the earth which appeared at first glance to be a parachute.

When the officers first noticed the object, it was at tree-top level and was described as being six feet in diameter. It landed in a field near-by and the officers, upon examining it, noted that it gave out a purplish glow which was almost a mist. The officers summoned two other police officers. After looking at the object for some time they attempted to pick it up. The object broke, leaving a slight odorless residue. Over a period of about 25 minutes which the officers spent watching the object it completely disintegrated. The officers further commented that the object was so light that when it hit the field, it did not even bend the weeds or the grass it fell on.

Mr. Cornelius said that he has called the local office of the Air Force but the individual with whom he spoke there said he knew nothing about them and was not aware that his office was looking into reports of this type.

Mr. Cornelius desired to know what further action should be taken by him.

I told Mr. Cornelius that he was correct in referring this matter to the local office of OSI and that he should direct a letter to the Bureau incorporating all available information concerning the matter and that we here, upon its receipt, in turn would bring it to the attention of OSI Headquarters.

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To:

Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

FLYING SAUCERS

There is attached hereto for your consideration and attention a copy of a self-explanatory letter dated August 29, 1950, received by this Bureau from [redacted] of [redacted] Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

For your information, the letter from [redacted] has been acknowledged by this Bureau, and he has been informed his communication has been referred to your Department.

Attachment.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd
 FROM : A. H. Belmont
 SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AERIAL PHENOMENA IN NEW MEXICO MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 23, 1950

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Winterrowd
 Mr. Tele. Room
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Gandy

Flying Saucers

PURPOSE

To advise that: (1) OSI has expressed concern in connection with the continued appearance of unexplained phenomena described as green fireballs, discs and meteors in the vicinity of sensitive installations in New Mexico. (2) [redacted] of the University of New Mexico, reported that the phenomena does not appear to be of meteoric origin. (3) OSI has contracted with [redacted], Alamogordo, New Mexico, to make scientific study of the unexplained phenomena.

NATURE OF PHENOMENA

Observations of aerial phenomena occurring within the vicinity of sensitive installations have been recorded by the Air Force since December, 1948. The phenomena have been classified into 3 general types which are identified as follows:

1. Green fireballs, objects moving at high speed in shapes resembling half moons, circles and discs emitting green light.
2. Discs, round flat shaped objects or phenomena moving at fast velocity and emitting a brilliant white light or reflected light.
3. Meteors, aerial phenomena resembling meteoric material moving at high velocity and varying in color.

The above phenomena have been reported to vary in color from brilliant, white to amber, red and green.

Since 1948, approximately 150 observations of aerial phenomena referred to above have been recorded in the vicinity of installations in New Mexico. A number of observations have been reported by different reliable individuals at approximately the same time.

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RESULTS OF AN INQUIRY BY

University of New Mexico, submitted an analysis of the various observations on May 23, 1950. He concluded, as a result of his investigation, that approximately half of the phenomena recorded were of meteoric origin. The other phenomena commonly referred to as green fireballs or discs he believed to be U.S. guided missiles being tested in the neighborhood of the installations. [redacted] pointed out that if he were wrong in interpreting the phenomena as originating with U.S. guided missiles that a systematic investigation of the observations should be made immediately. [redacted] pointed out that missiles moving with the velocities of the order of those found for the green fireballs and discs could travel from the Ural region of the USSR to New Mexico in less than 15 minutes. He suggested that the observations might be of guided missiles launched from bases in the Urals.

On the basis of the investigations made by [redacted] and the Air Force, it was concluded that the occurrence of the unexplained phenomena in the vicinity of sensitive installations was a cause for concern. The Air Force entered into a contract with [redacted], Alamogordo, New Mexico, for the purpose of making scientific studies of the green fireballs and discs. It was pointed out in the summary furnished by OSI on July 19, 1950, that the unexplained green fireballs and discs are still observed in the vicinity of sensitive military and Government installations.

RESULTS OF AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION

The Air Force together with [redacted] have established a number of observation posts in the vicinity of Vaughn, New Mexico, for the purpose of photographing and determining the speed, height and nature of the unusual phenomena referred to as green fireballs and discs. On May 24, 1950, personnel of [redacted] sighted 8 to 10 objects of aerial phenomena. A 24-hour day watch is being maintained and has been designated Project Twinkle.

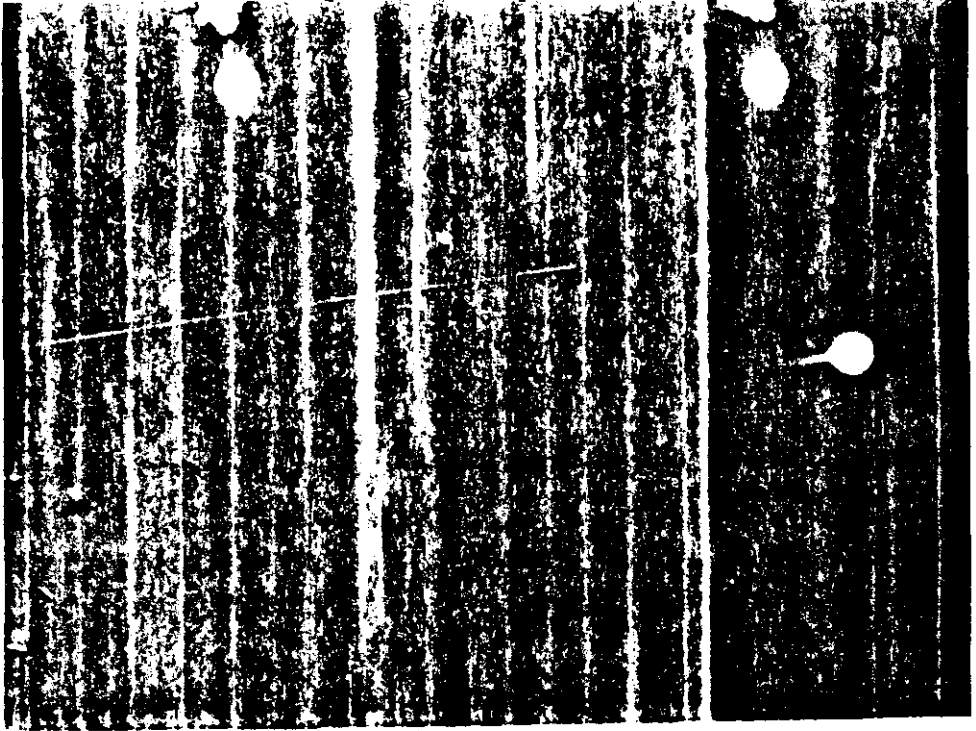
CONCLUSIONS

The Albuquerque Office, in a letter dated August 10, 1950, advised that there have been no new developments in connection with the efforts to ascertain the identity of the strange aerial phenomena referred to as green fireballs and discs. The Albuquerque Office advised that Dr. [REDACTED] Project Engineer, had been informed of the Bureau's jurisdiction relative to espionage and sabotage and arrangements have been made so that the Bureau will be promptly advised in the event additional information relative to this project indicates any jurisdiction on the part of the Bureau.

ACTION

None. The above is for your information.

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Sighting No. 175

Photograph of Unknown Aerial Phenomena taken at Datil, New Mexico by Col Lertis E. Stanfield, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico on 24 and 25 Feb 1950. An analysis of the above photograph was made by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, Head of the Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who reached the following conclusions:

- a. The angular diameter of the perfectly round luminous object Stanfield observed was approximately $1/4$ of a degree.
- b. The angular velocity of the object in the sky was greater than half a degree per minute.

Dr. LaPaz stated that on the basis of the results (a) and (b) above, the object seen by Stanfield was not the moon (for the angular diameter is too small), it was not Venus or any other planet (for the angular diameter was too large), and it was not a bright fixed star slightly out of focus (for the observed rate of motion is double that due to the diurnal rotation of the earth).

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
ALBUQUERQUE

INSTITUTE OF METEORITICS

May 23, 1950

To: Lt. Colonel Doyle Rees, Commanding Officer
17th District, O. S. I.

From: Lincoln LaPaz, Director
Institute of Meteoritics

Subject: Anomalous Luminous Phenomena (Seventh Report)

1. In the second report of this series, dated 1948, December 20, the writer listed ten significant differences between the bright green horizontally-moving fireballs observed in the interval 1948, December 5-20, and typical meteors. These differences were the following:

(1) The horizontal nature of the paths of most of the December fireballs is most unusual. Genuine meteors are rarely observed to move in horizontal paths.

(2) Again the very low height of the December fireball discussed in section 2 above sets it off in sharp contrast from the genuine meteors for which heights of the order of 40 or more miles are normally observed.

(3) The velocity determined for the fireball of December 12 is much less than the velocities determined from typical meteors (and yet is considerably greater than the speeds of the V-2 Rockets or jet planes or of conventional flares).

(4) In the case of meteorites that penetrate to as low levels as that determined for the fireball of December 12, the observed luminous phenomena are always accompanied by very violent noises. No noises whatever have been observed in connection with the various December fireballs so far investigated. (Note added on 1950, May 23: Possible exceptions to the noiselessness of green fireballs are the incidents of 1949, January 30, and 1949, December 4.)

(5) Genuine meteors normally show remarkable variations in brightness, beginning as fine thin hair lines, which are scarcely visible to the observer, and then brightening up to flash out near the end of their paths. In the case of the December fireballs most of the observers have reported that the green balls appeared almost instantly at their full brightness.

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Subj: Anomalous Luminous Phenomena (Seventh Report) May 25, 1950

(6) In the case of genuine meteors the paths are directed toward all points of the compass with equal frequency. On the contrary in the case of the green fireballs, plots of admissible approach sectors show that there is a very pronounced tendency for the paths to come in from the north half of the sky.

(7) The three groups of anomalous greenish luminous phenomena show a curious association with well known meteor showers, although none of these meteor showers normally produce extremely bright green fireballs, such as those recently observed. For example, the observation mentioned by Dr. Vonnig appeared near the maximum of the Quadrantid shower of early January, Dr. McCullough's observation of August was near the time of the Persid shower and the December observations all fell in the interval covered by the Geminid shower. This relationship might indicate an attempt to render the green fireballs less conspicuous by causing them to appear only when there is considerable meteoric activity.

(8) As noted in an earlier communication, the remarkably vivid green color reported for most of the December fireballs is rarely observed in the case of genuine meteors. In laboratory test this peculiar color seems to be identical with that given off by copper salts in the blowpipe flame. If this identification is correct, the wave length of the radiation from the green fireballs is near $\lambda = 5212\text{\AA}$.

(9) The duration estimates of between 2 and 3 seconds reported for the green fireballs are considerably longer than those (0.1 - 0.5 seconds) for the ordinary visual meteors, but shorter than the duration estimates invariably reported in the case of a genuine meteorite fall (5 to 30 seconds or even longer).

(10) For none of the green fireballs has a train of sparks or a dust cloud been reported. This contrasts sharply with the behavior noted in case of meteoric fireballs--particularly those that penetrate to the very low levels where the green fireball of December 12 was observed.

2. In the year and a half since this list was prepared, many additional observations have been made, the total number of objects now accepted as belonging in the green fireball category being 72. (Although this number constitutes nearly 50% of the incidents listed in the accompanying Summary, it constitutes less than 5% of the total number of unscreened observations reported to the writer.) Critical analysis of all green fireball reports now available shows that only one of the statements in the list given in paragraph 1 needs to be modified, namely, item (1). Within the last year, a considerable number of the green fireballs have appeared to fall vertically downward rather than

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted your letter of June 21, 1954; however, I am not in a position, as a matter of policy, to comment regarding the book you mentioned since it does not deal with a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

It is suggested that you consider the advisability of communicating with The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., for whatever information he can give you along the lines of your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent desired information concerning the book "Flying Saucers Have Landed" by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

6/21/54

Gentlemen:


A book was published in 1953 by
Norman Leslie and George Adamki

"Flying Saucers Have Landed"

Publishers - The British Book Centre,
New York City.

Is this book fact or fiction, are there
Flying Saucers from other planets landing
on the earths has the story told by George
Adamki about his contact with the man from
Venus any foundation in fact?

Please answer, many thanks,


Chicago 30, Illinois.

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SAC, Cincinnati

June 22, 1954

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Director, FBI (62-83894)

FLYING DISCS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurlet 6/8/54.

You are instructed to recontact [redacted], referred to in your referenced letter and advise him this Bureau has no jurisdiction concerning the investigation of matters relating to flying discs and that the United States Air Force has such jurisdiction. You are instructed to advise him this Bureau cannot approve or disapprove of his activities in connection with this matter and that the placing of this Bureau on notice as to his activities will not exonerate him in the event he engages in any fraudulent or criminal activities.

You are instructed to furnish the information set forth in your referenced letter to OSI locally and to the Bureau in a memorandum suitable for dissemination to OSI headquarters.

NOTE: [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, advised the Cincinnati office he is interested in flying discs and has recently met several persons who claimed to have had experiences with flying discs. He stated he intended to assist such persons in arranging for public meeting in Cincinnati, at which matters relating to flying discs will be discussed and that he expects the meeting will result in a "four thousand dollar take." He advised he believed the experiences alleged by the persons referred to above and that those persons would participate in the meeting. He stated he had been advised by the Air Force that it was its opinion claims made by the persons referred to above concerning flying discs and their experiences with same were fraudulent. He stated he wanted to put all federal agencies on notice in order that they could act to prevent the planned meeting re flying discs if it was deemed necessary by the Government.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6-8-54

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
FLYING DISCS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 6-7-54, [REDACTED] Cincinnati 23, Ohio, and Mr. [REDACTED] Cincinnati 12, Ohio, called at this office. Mr. [REDACTED] advised he is the operator of a beauty salon in the [REDACTED] Cincinnati, and Mr. [REDACTED] advised he is President of the [REDACTED] in Cincinnati. Mr. [REDACTED] did all the talking for the two men and he furnished the following information:

On 6-3-54 an ad appeared in the "Cincinnati Enquirer," a newspaper of general circulation, Cincinnati, Ohio, to the effect that on 6-11-54 a program would be presented at Taft Auditorium, Cincinnati, Ohio, on "The Real Flying Saucer Story." The advertisement which Mr. [REDACTED] exhibited disclosed no sponsor for this program and it was only noted on the ad that tickets for the program sold for \$2.00 per person and would be on sale at the Central Ticket Office in Cincinnati.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that although he belongs to no organization interested in flying saucers, he has been interested in this subject and has been interested to the extent that he desired to know the sponsorship of the program. He stated that he found out from the Central Ticket Office that the ad had been placed by [REDACTED] Ferndale 20, Michigan. He advised that he telephonically contacted [REDACTED] on 6-3-54 and [REDACTED] stated that he was only the agent for renting the hall and that he was acting on behalf of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that on 6-4-54 [REDACTED] called him back and told him that there had been a disagreement between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] over [REDACTED] arrangements for the sale of tickets for the program and the renting of the hall.

[REDACTED] advised that at this time [REDACTED] said nothing to discredit either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and indicated that their disagreement only concerned his placing the ad in the newspaper prior to having the tickets for the program available in Cincinnati.

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██████████ continued that ten minutes after he had talked to ██████████ on Friday, 6-4-54, he received a call from ██████████ and a Mr. ██████████ who confirmed to him that ██████████ was no longer associated with them, and who asked that ██████████ meet with them at a luncheon at the Terrace Plaza Hotel on 6-7-54.

Mr. ██████████, in explanation of his interest in this matter, advised that he had read such books as "Flying Saucers From Outer Space," written by DONALD E. KEHOE, retired major, U. S. Marine Corps, which book was published by Harper's Publishers, and a book entitled "Flying Saucers Have Landed," by GEORGE ADAMSKI, which book is published by Werner-Lowery Company in England, and is distributed by the British Book Center in New York City. He said that he has also heard broadcasts by persons he considers reputable news commentators, such as WALTER WINCHELL, FULTON LEWIS, JR., and FRANK EDWARDS, to the effect that reliable persons have reported observing flying discs or saucers. He said contrary to these reports, the U. S. Air Force has denied the existence of the flying saucer and he felt that persons such as ██████████ and ██████████ in presenting a program such as that contemplated, were either truthful or they were frauds. He stated that if they had a true story to tell, then he felt it was of such nature that it should be given as wide a distribution as possible, so that the people might learn the true facts regarding flying discs. He said, however, if their story was not true, then the holding of such a meeting as was contemplated would be a fraud on the general public. He estimated that such a meeting in Cincinnati might draw two thousand people, which, at \$2.00 apiece, would result in a \$4,000.00 take for the promoters.

To identify ██████████ ██████████ had with him two copies of the magazine "Valor," which he stated he got from ██████████, this magazine being self-identified as the "Golden Times Weekly," published by Soul Craft Chapels, Post Office Box 192, Noblesville, Indiana. The two issues which Mr. ██████████ had with him were numbers 15 and 16 of volume 6 of the publication, the number 15 being dated 2-6-54 and number 16 being dated 2-13-54. The number 15 issue contained an article concerning ██████████ in which he is identified as a truck driver from Redondo Beach, California, and it refers to an article dated 12-31-53, which appeared in the "Daily Breeze," a newspaper at Redondo Beach, California, which allegedly contained a description of an encounter

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which [redacted] had with a crew of assumed space explorers under the supervision of a ravishing woman commandant in the Nevada desert. The article also reflects that [redacted] allegedly was aboard flying saucers on eleven occasions. At the bottom of the first page of issue number 15 there appeared in what Mr. [redacted] stated was the handwriting of [redacted] the statement "This is a true story, a factual experience -- [redacted]"

The above mentioned article in "Valor" also reflected that [redacted] is 55 years of age and that his residence address is [redacted], Redondo Beach, California.

Mr. [redacted] also had with him a letter addressed to [redacted] from [redacted] of the Saucers Research Foundation, which letter reflected that that organization was holding a three-day convention June 4, 5 and 6, 1954 at the Carthay Circle Theatre in Los Angeles, California, and that it had invited [redacted] to this convention to say a few words concerning his experience. [redacted] was identified in this letter as business manager of [redacted] Hollywood 10, California.

Mr. [redacted] reiterated that he felt [redacted]'s story, if true, should be given wide publicity, but that if the story was false, then he should be prosecuted for fraud. He stated that he first took his information to the Air Force in the person of Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, whom [redacted] visited personally at [redacted] home in Fairborn, Ohio, on Sunday, 6-6-54. [redacted] indicated that he asked Colonel [redacted] if there were such things as flying saucers and if [redacted] story could be true, and he said [redacted] denied that there was such a thing as a flying saucer and indicated to him that DONALD E. KEHOE, the author of "Flying Saucers in Outer Space" was a fraud and that information is available in Washington that KEHOE is a fraud. He said he was advised, however, by [redacted] that the Air Force could take no action with respect to [redacted]

[redacted] continued that it was his intention to aid in the promotion of a meeting for [redacted] in Cincinnati. He advised that the original meeting scheduled for June 11 had been cancelled, and that he felt this meeting had such important information for the people as a whole that he was going to make every effort to make the meeting one of national

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significance. He said he intended to invite to the meeting all nationally prominent news commentators. He intended to try to get radio time to advertise the meeting but he did not wish to participate in this matter in any way if it would violate security regulations in any manner, or if [redacted] and his associates were in any way fraudulent. He stated that he so informed [redacted] at the luncheon meeting which was held at the Terrace Plaza Hotel on 6-7-54. They informed him that they were not afraid of an investigation; that [redacted] story was factual, and that they had no objection to [redacted] advising Government authorities regarding it.

Mr. [redacted] stated that his report to this office was part of his plan to inform all the Federal agencies he thought should know about the activities of [redacted]. He advised that in line with his contemplated plans that on the evening of 6-7-54 there was to be another meeting at the home of [redacted] Cincinnati 27, Ohio, at which meeting there would be Mr. [redacted], [redacted]. He said at this meeting they would plan a method of operation and make arrangements for this meeting of national significance. He said he intended to set the date of the meeting far enough in advance so that if any Governmental agency determined that there was fraud involved that agency would have sufficient time to act prior to the holding of the meeting. He advised he intended to keep a detailed record of all actions taken by this group, and that he would voluntarily furnish such information to the FBI.

[redacted] advised that he had not known and had not met either [redacted] or [redacted] prior to the events described above. He said that [redacted] identified himself as an archeologist and a writer for the magazine "Valor," who resides in Noblesville, Indiana.

He said that [redacted], whose first name he did not know, is also connected with "Valor" magazine in some way.

He was asked as to what interest "Valor" magazine has in [redacted], and whether [redacted] was sponsored by any other organization. He advised that he did not know the interest of "Valor" magazine in [redacted] and so far as he knew, [redacted] was acting on his own and had no organizational affiliations or sponsorship. He was asked as to what disposition would be made of receipts from a large meeting and he advised that he did not know what disposition would be made of the money. He said he understood that

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[redacted] had been on tour for some time and that the meeting scheduled for Cincinnati originally on 6-11-54 was to be the beginning of a new series of meetings.

The files of this office contain no information which can be identified with [redacted]

The indices reflect that by letter dated 2-7-52, Indianapolis file 61-5, the Indianapolis Office advised the Cincinnati Office under the caption of [redacted] " [redacted] , was at that time operating under the name of [redacted] with headquarters and printing facilities in Noblesville, Indiana.

With regard to [redacted] the indices of this office reflect that as of July, 1942, he was general manager of the [redacted] a mechanical packing firm at [redacted], Cincinnati.

No further action is being taken in this matter by this office, and the foregoing is for the Bureau's information and for the information of the Los Angeles and Indianapolis Offices.

DIRECTOR, FBI

6/18/54

SAC, SEATTLE

REPORTS ON ALLEGED SIGHTING OF SUBMARINES,
PARACHUTE LANDINGS, FLASHING LIGHTS, ETC.
ESPIONAGE

It has been the experience of this office that during this season, from now until winter, there is received a considerable number of alleged reports on sighting of submarines, flashing lights, parachute landings, flying saucers, etc. In every instance when such reports are received, the information is immediately disseminated to DIO, 13 ND, U. S. Navy; OSI, USAF; and R-3, U. S. Army.

Inasmuch as Seattle is the District Headquarters for the Intelligence Agencies in the Pacific Northwest, reports received, usually from the USCG, concerning incidents in the state of Oregon are immediately reported to that office as well as the Intelligence Agencies.

Many of the reports are of a nebulous type, impossible of corroborating, and of doubtful authenticity. Some, by preliminary inquiry and evaluation, prove to be without foundation. However, as stated above, reports of this type are immediately disseminated to the Intelligence Agencies without evaluation, followed by additional information as obtained.

This office has no control of the dissemination of these reports on a "spot" basis by the local intelligence offices to their Headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Bureau will recall the widespread dissemination given by the military agencies of "Radio Message March 13, 1953, Interpreted as Calling for Mobilization of Communist Party" (SAC Letter #23, dated 3/31/53).

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Bureau that in all instances immediate dissemination is made of all unusual incidents that appear to have any military significance. This office also acts as a coordinator on all reports to be certain that all interested agencies are cognizant.

The Bureau may be assured that it will be kept advised of all significant incidents as they arise but will not be bothered with every trivial incident that occurs unless instructed.

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RE: REPORTS ON ALLEGED SIGHTING OF SUBMARINES,
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6-18-54

OSI advises us that they have no interest whatsoever themselves in connection with these matters and that Operations of the Air Force doesn't even advise them. Colonel [REDACTED] District Commander, OSI, states that there is an evaluation at Wright-Patterson Field where the data is correlated, that the reports are handled from the Air Force here to that point in a routine fashion and that OSI gives no credence whatsoever to it because they have never had any previous experience of any kind as to anything arising out of the situation.

There is attached hereto a copy of a communication marked "CONFIDENTIAL" requesting data concerning the situation as well as several recent publications, some of which are issued by the Air Force itself. It is the opinion of Colonel [REDACTED] that the releases are a poor thing and create mass hysteria, but he says he has nothing whatsoever to do with the situation.

April 27, 1954

[Redacted]
Hilton, Kentucky

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of April 21, 1954.

Although I would like to be of assistance, it is not possible for me to express an opinion regarding the subject you mentioned since it does not relate to a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

You may desire, however, to communicate with The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., for whatever information he can give you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: First name salutation is being used since the correspondent indicates she is a seventh grade student. She requested the Director's opinion regarding Flying Saucers.

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April-21-1954
Milton, Ky.

Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington
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Dear Sir,

The seventh grade of Milton
Are studying about Flying Saucers.
and I would like to have your
opinion on them.

Sincerely Yours,

/S/

[REDACTED]
Milton, Ky.

Address on envelope
[REDACTED]

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April - 21 1954
Milton, Ky.

Flying Jaws

Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir,

The seventh grade of Milton
are studying about flying saucers.
and I would like to have your
opinion on them.

Sincerely yours

[Redacted signature]

Milton, Ky.

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Date: May 19, 1954

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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There is attached a copy of a memorandum dated April 12, 1954, captioned [redacted] which contains information furnished to the Newark office of this Bureau by [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] both of [redacted] East Orange, New Jersey. There is also attached a translation from the German language of the parts of the two letters furnished by [redacted] and his wife to the Newark office.

The files of this Bureau fail to reflect that any investigation has been conducted by this Bureau of [redacted]. In view of the information set forth in the attached memorandum dated April 12, 1954, and the translation of the parts of the letters referred to herein, no investigation is contemplated by this Bureau in this matter.

Attachment

cc - 1 - Records Administration Branch (Attachment)
Attention: Criminal Division
(by O-6 form on same date)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/12/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (62-0)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REGARDING NEW
PRINCIPLES OF AERO-DYNAMICS
ALOIS PIVEC - INFORMANT

Enclosed herewith are photostats of parts of two letters furnished by [redacted] and his wife, [redacted], both of [redacted] East Orange, NJ.

Both photostats are in German and concern the development of a new principle in aero-dynamics and alleged attempts by the Communists in Austria to obtain this information.

There is also enclosed a blind memo, setting forth the summary of the information in the letters and the circumstances under which they were obtained.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

The indices of the Newark Office are negative regarding [redacted]

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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

Item #1

12-21-53

[REDACTED]
New Jersey, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your brother will probably have communicated with you about me as we became acquainted with each other at a construction job. I told him a few things about inventions or utilization. Dear Mr. [REDACTED] be not angry with me because I am now turning to you. I hesitated such a long time as my wife does not wish to go abroad. Enclosed I am sending you 2 inventions, that is, ideas and I leave it to your own power of judgment whether one or both, or none of these inventions is suitable. If one seems to be profitable to you, you should apply for a patent in your own name as the best possible way and enter for me and for yourself 45% each of the net profit and 10% for your brother. I am giving you entirely a free hand, as you will undoubtedly try to attain the greatest possible profit.

And now, dear Mr. [REDACTED], I am taking the liberty of telling you something about an invention which the entire world wants to have. (I am only writing the most important facts.) Before the war I intended to make a toy, something which flies, and purely accidentally I discovered a hitherto unknown aerodynamic law. I experimented further. I improved and informed several comrades. They were enthused and emigrated to South America. There they tried it on their own responsibility. People were killed and they failed to perfect the incomplete invention. They approached me again. As they were only artisans, these flying machines were, of course, built primitively. The first experiments to fly with a motorcycle motor attained the result of 250-300 km. Not bad for the years 1938-39! With a powerful motor they then flew 2600-2800 km. (hour kilometers).

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After the war they came to me again and told me about their misfortune, that about 60% of all flights had been fatal. To make it very clear, they wanted to find out how I construct my flying apparatuses, because with a device, which endangers lives, they could not, of course, appear before the public, and, therefore, all this is still, so to speak, a private secret. In America, this flying machine is called "flying saucer," and since among my former comrades a quarrel broke out and they distrust each other and none of them has the intelligence, which this invention demands, they have not progressed over there.

I imagine that they have stubbornly adhered to some construction, that is, become involved in it that they cannot advance. It has taken me years to reach the point where I can already say with respect to the construction plan that now the machine is safe for flying. Thereby I am losing, however, some speed, but, in return for it, safety is secured and this is the main thing. This machine is so very simple in its construction that, if one gives me an engineer and experts, I can build this apparatus in 5 to 6 weeks at the most (but only experimentally for a crew of 1 to 3 men). Then this machine attains, with an automobile motor of 80 to 120 h.p. about 700 to 1,000 km. If a firm would exist, which does not shun the costs, I can, because of the simple construction of the machine, build the first machine immediately in such a manner that it exceeds the 2000 km. limit per hour.

Because of the new aerodynamic law it is possible without any difficulty (everything without propellers) to reach such speeds. Now the idea has come to me to build some kind of popular flying machine which is cheaper than an automobile. One does not need any starting or landing strip and one would have a travelling speed of about 500 to 700 km. per hour. I believe that America would be the most favorable place in the world for it. You will now understand that I am very anxious to establish contact with a firm which is greatly interested in this invention. But as I have no knowledge of English, it is for me, from the very beginning, an affair which will come to nothing. If you, dear Mr. [REDACTED] can start the matter, you will not have done it in vain. I am not niggardly and besides I want to go to the U. S. A. to realize there a still larger project for which I need co-workers. The circular flying machines shall bring me the money for my further future plans, for I believe popular flying machines, according to my model and besides 100% safe from crash, will be a gigantic business. I do not know the magnates over there; perhaps HENRY FORD or an airplane factory, possibly a helicopter plant would be interested in it.

But I shall announce the names of my comrades only after I have received a contract pertaining to license or gratuities and after my arrival in the U. S. However, it must be added that I shall not lay out the money for the passage if some firm accepts me for the construction of the flying machines. But in addition to all that I need someone who lives over there and who knows the English language, and now I am asking you, my dear Mr. [REDACTED], whether you can function as my manager as they say in the U. S. A. Well, you know that the manager receives payment, and I believe that you will enjoy working with me later on inventions when I am over there. Incidentally I mention that I took a course as a chemist. (The "Do" - apparatuses, later called fog - or rocket-missiles, originated with me and also many other things.) I hope that you can decipher my hieroglyphic script. Such small writing is not in my line. So that you may see that I am not exaggerating, I declare upon oath that the invention, known by the name of "flying saucer," is my own, that I know the men who are building these machines in South America, and that I can construct the above-described machine myself and attain at least 2000 km.

/s/ [REDACTED]

I hope that you will be interested in it. I am awaiting your communication very hopefully.

With friendly greetings,

Respectfully,

/s/ [REDACTED]

Item #2

1-21-54

[REDACTED]
Klagenfurt - West

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of 1-12, on 1-19. Many thanks for your efforts. With joy I have taken cognizance of the fact that you have already contacted American authorities concerning my invention. However, I have no great hopes, because I know that with the U. S. everything is defective, exactly as with the English. - Example: Already a long time ago I wrote 2 or 3 letters to the U. S. authorities at Salzburg and I was in Salzburg myself during the past year, but everything was in vain. - At the most, in response to my letters, some Russian agent comes; that is all. When I wrote in Switzerland at first to President TRUMAN and then to President EISENHOWER through an official bureau, also everything was of no avail. In the end, always Russian agents come. In May 1953, a big dirty pig arrived who wanted to make me believe that he would take me in an automobile to the emigration office for Austrians in Switzerland. He enraged me to such an extent that I hit him in the face with my fist. But he had also helpers and I am not sure how it ended. I awoke, lying on the ground, and all had disappeared. Several days ago a man approached me at my working place who only pointed a finger upon me, saying: "You!" When I looked at him; he quickly ran away. I could not recognize him, but seemingly he knew me. - But the English are even more stupid. I wrote to the local city commandant's office about my invention (just like to you) but no reply came. When at one time I accidentally listened to "Radio Canada," I learned about my statements. Those people said that one had finally succeeded (possibly Scotland Yard) to obtain exact data on the German flying saucers and that one would, therefore, establish a research station in Canada with English experts, etc. I wondered whether the entire world had gone crazy. I offer my invention for sale, and those people make such a noise about it! They will never perfect the machine without my data. Well, I let you know that I am somewhat in the bad books here; strictly speaking since 1937, because of our eagle, also called misfortune. Our coat of arms, the bird

of Austria, has in its claws hammer and sickle, and when I announced in 193(?)7 in public that the communist symbols also appear on our money, the gendarmery arrested me and told me that I was crazy. Since I repeatedly declared that a "red dog" sits in the government in complete secrecy, everything has failed. But that since then an information has always been based upon the word crazy, I do not believe, although I know that the communists have always guarded me very strictly. Furthermore, I accidentally (relatives) discovered the fundamentals of Russian atom physics (a law of nature, unknown to America) and, therefore, since 1933 all my attempts to get into the U. S. A. have been frustrated in every respect. I cannot journey to that country. Since I (relatives) also exactly know the most secret Russian communications methods (apparatuses) and the system, they are doing their utmost to prevent me from establishing contact with the U. S. A. I hardly believe that it will be possible by normal means. I shall not place myself into an airplane again! The Americans do not know how many Russian agents are with them. After I had written to the Pentagon about my invention, a rejection arrived. From Salzburg I have never received a reply. Seemingly, the English have lost my address and when I reported to the local FSS that I can construct the Russian apparatuses, I received...*)

*) Examiner's comment: This communication is incomplete.

[REDACTED]

On January 12, 1954, [REDACTED] East Orange, NJ, appeared at the Newark Office and advised that he had received a letter from one [REDACTED] West Austria, on about December 20, 1953.

[REDACTED] stated that the letter requested him to attempt to sell a number of inventions, which he, [REDACTED] had developed. [REDACTED] stated that the request was to contact Aircraft Companies and Sewing Machine Companies in the United States and attempt to interest them in these devices.

According to [REDACTED] requested that no governmental agencies be contacted. [REDACTED] stated that the inventions, which [REDACTED] had developed were new type of sewing machine and a flying saucer. [REDACTED] stated that he came to this office because he felt that the flying saucer was of some importance in the national defense of this country. [REDACTED] stated that he has never met [REDACTED] but that [REDACTED] was given his name by [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] who resides in Graz, Austria, and who is employed at [REDACTED] Graz, Austria. [REDACTED] stated that his brother worked with [REDACTED] at one time, and he believes that [REDACTED] is a chemist or some type of engineer. [REDACTED] stated that the contents of the letter seemed fantastic to him and that if the letter were not written in such an intelligent manner, he would have doubted [REDACTED] sanity. He stated that [REDACTED] claims to have sold a new principle of aero-dynamics, which made it possible to construct a practical flying saucer and that [REDACTED] had developed a model that flies without the usual hazards. According to [REDACTED] the letter continues by stating that [REDACTED] has been in contact with other men throughout the world, who have been attempting to develop the saucer and that he has been the first to win real success.

By way of background, [REDACTED] stated that he was born in the vicinity of Leoben, Austria in 1925 and arrived in New York City on March 29, 1952 from Bremerhaven, Germany. He is employed at the [REDACTED] in Maplewood, NJ.

On January 30, 1954, [REDACTED] East Orange, NJ, appeared at the Newark Office and advised that she was the wife of [REDACTED]. She stated that another letter had been received from [REDACTED] by her husband, [REDACTED]. She stated that her husband did not want to furnish the information in this letter to the FBI. She stated that he was not aware that she was furnishing this information and wished to keep the interview confidential.

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██████████ stated that the letter received recently by her husband, from ██████████, contained information that ██████████ had been contacted by Communists in Austria, who wished to take him to Switzerland in order that he might further develop his new principle of aero-dynamics. According to the letter, ██████████ has continued to refuse any offer by the Communists and wished ██████████ to increase his efforts to sell ██████████ new invention in the United States.

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By way of background, ██████████ advised that she was born of German parents in South Russia and at the time of the German invasion of Russia, during World War II, she and her family were resettled in Germany. After the war, she married ██████████ and came to the United States with him.

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July 24, 1953

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Mackinac Island, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of June 30, 1953, was brought to my attention upon my return to the city, and I want to thank you for making this information available to me.

I wish to advise that the situation which you discuss in your letter does not pertain to any matter within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. Obviously, therefore, no representative of this Bureau conducted the interview with Mr. [redacted] which you describe relative to "flying saucers."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Cincinnati
Reurlet July 15, 1953.

NOTE: Mr. [redacted] letter of June 30, 1953, stated that a farmer named [redacted] of Circleville, Ohio, had reportedly seen a flying saucer and had been subsequently interviewed on the matter by representative of the FBI. Mr. [redacted] desired to know if this were true.

Bulet of July 9, 1953, to him was an "in-absence" reply, containing a note for SAC, Cincinnati to determine the basis of the rumor. Cincinnati letter of July 15, 1953, indicates that [redacted] was interviewed on July 14, 1953; at that time Stevenson indicated that he had been interviewed on the subject by one [redacted] of Columbus, Ohio, who made the statement that he (Grant) had once been "checked" by the FBI. Cincinnati files reflect no prior interview with the farmer, who is [redacted], Circleville, Ohio.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 15, 1953

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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (105-0)

SUBJECT: MR. [REDACTED]
Mackinac Island, Michigan
RESEARCH - CRIME RECORDS

ReBulet dated 7-9-53.

[REDACTED], Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, advised he is cognizant of a "flying saucer" report made by Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Circleville, Ohio. According to [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] reported that a saucer-shaped object had landed on his farm some time ago, and this report eventually reached local newspapers. In June, 1953, an individual discussed the matter with Mr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that this person did not, to his knowledge, represent himself to be an FBI Agent. The [REDACTED] further declared that he has known [REDACTED] all his life and that he is a prosperous, well-respected local farmer, who is considered trustworthy.

Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed 7-14-53 at which time he stated that shortly after he received some publicity regarding his report of sighting a saucer-shaped object, he was visited by one [REDACTED], who gave his address as [REDACTED] Tri-Village Station, Columbus, Ohio. According to Mr. [REDACTED] told him he was a salesman of television antennas, and that for over six years he had been pursuing the hobby of investigating "flying saucer" reports. He emphasized that he had no official connection with any part of the Government, but stated that he had once been "checked" by the FBI. Mr. [REDACTED] declared that [REDACTED] showed him pictures of "flying saucers" and told him he was writing a book on the subject, which would be published soon.

A search of the Cincinnati indices revealed no information identifiable with either [REDACTED]

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DATE: July 10, 1953
TO: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

The following information was furnished to the Atlanta Field Office of this Bureau at 5:45 A.M. on July 8, 1953, by Mr. [redacted] reporter. Mr. [redacted] stated Mr. [redacted] Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number [redacted], contacted him at the office of the [redacted] and advised as follows:

According to [redacted] he and two other companions, while travelling in an automobile on Bankhead Highway in the vicinity of Kableton, Georgia, encountered three small animals which they believed had landed from a flying saucer. Waters advised as he and his companion approached, the three animals started making their way back to what was believed to be a flying saucer. According to [redacted] two of the animals landed in the flying saucer but the third was killed when hit by the automobile in which Waters and his companions were riding.

According to [redacted] Waters displayed the animal which had been killed to him at the "[redacted]" newspaper office. [redacted] stated the animal did not resemble anything he had ever seen before but it looked as though it belonged to the monkey family. According to [redacted] the animal was approximately 21 inches long, had a rather pointed head, large ears and pinkish skin. [redacted] stated because of the early morning hour he was unable to locate a scientist to examine the animal, but he did have one of the leading veterinarians of Atlanta, Georgia, examine it.

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- Glavin
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- Gandy
- Mohr
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██████████ advised the veterinarian would not
con it himself but the veterinarian pointed out he had
never seen an animal in the monkey family without hair
nor had he ever seen a dead animal that did not turn
pale at death. According to ██████████ the veterinarian
stated the animal's tail was missing and that when he
had questioned others about the missing tail ██████████ had
seemed somewhat surprised and indicated it had possibly
been cut off in the accident. ██████████ stated there was
blood around the mouth of the animal, which resembled
human blood.

At the time ██████████ furnished the above informa-
tion to the Atlantic Office of this Bureau, he stated
neither he nor any member of the ██████████
newspaper staff had been drinking but had witnessed the
above. ██████████ stated he first thought ██████████ had tried
to pull a publicity gag in this matter; however, it was
██████████ opinion if this had been ██████████' motive, ██████████
would have timed his visit to the newspaper office better
as the newspaper was unable to print anything on the story
after midnight. ██████████ informed the Atlantic Office of this
Bureau that ██████████ would probably
run a story concerning the information set forth above.

It is noted your office was telephonically con-
tacted on the morning of July 9, 1953, by a Liaison rep-
resentative of this Bureau concerning the above matter.
The above is furnished for your information and no investi-
gation is being conducted in this matter by this Bureau.



The Little Man Who Wasn't

Edward Watters and two friends said they saw a flying saucer on U. S. Highway 78 near Atlanta, Ga., and several small creatures running toward it. They ran over one but the others entered the saucer and flew off in a blaze of light. Mr. Watters exhibits the "man from Mars" but an anatomy professor called it a skinned monkey.

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Washington Daily News 7/9/53

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(SAUCER)

ATLANTA--TWO BARBERS AND A BUTCHER PRODUCED A 21-INCH LONG "CREATURE" TODAY TO BACK UP THEIR TALE THAT THEY HAD SEEN A FLYING SAUCER AND THREE ELUSIVE LITTLE MEN AFTER CONSUMING ONE BEER A PIECE.

AN ANATOMY PROFESSOR SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE CORPSE THE EARTH MEN SUSPECTED WAS FROM OUTER SPACE APPEARED TO BE A MONKEY.

THE MEN WERE CONVINCED IT WAS FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD. THEY SAID THEY RAN INTO IT WITH THEIR AUTOMOBILE WHILE DRIVING ON A HIGHWAY NEAR HERE LAST NIGHT.

"RIGHT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY WAS THIS THING, SLOWING RED ALL OVER," SAID EDWARD WATTERS, 28-YEAR-OLD BARBER. "IT LOOKED LIKE A FLYING SAUCER PICTURE HE HAD SEEN IN A SCIENCE MAGAZINE. HE SAID 'THREE LITTLE MEN WERE RUNNING FOR IT,' WATTERS CONTINUED. 'THEY ALL JUMPED. TWO OF THEM MADE IT. I HIT THE OTHER ONE.'"

WATTERS SAID THE MACHINE SOON ROSE INTO THE AIR AND ZOOMED AWAY. HE SAID IT WAS NOT MORE THAN WAIST HIGH AND ABOUT HALF AS WIDE AS THE ROAD.

WATTERS' COMPANIONS, ARNOLD PAYNE, A BUTCHER, AND THOMAS WILSON, A BARBER, TOLD THE SAME STORY. WATTERS SAID THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT MIDNIGHT AFTER THEY HAD CONSUMED ONE BEER A PIECE.

DR. W. A. MICKLE, ANATOMY PROFESSOR AT EMORY UNIVERSITY, EXAMINED THE ANIMAL, WHICH HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. MICKLE SAID IT LOOKED LIKE A MEMBER OF THE "PHENUS MONKEY" FAMILY, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NO HAIR.

"IF IT'S A CREATURE FROM OUTER SPACE, THEY HAVEN'T INVENTED ANYTHING NEW," HE SAID.

WATTERS DECIDED TO FREEZE THE THING WITH DRY ICE AND PUT IT ON DISPLAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gearty
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Mr. Sizoo
Miss Gandy

FBI ATLANTA 7-8-53 11-0-2 AM

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DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

FLYING SAUCERS, MR. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT. THREE FORTYFIVE AM THIS DATE [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED

FOLLOWING -FANTASTIC TALE - ASSURING THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY MEMBER

OF [REDACTED] STAFF HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT HAD WITNESSED THIS

STORY. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

RD, NE, [REDACTED] CALLED ON HIM AT NEWSPAPER OFFICE

STATING HE AND TWO OTHER COMPANIONS WHILE TRAVELING IN CAR ON BANK-

HEAD HIGHWAY ABOUT MABLETON, GA. ENCOUNTERED THREE SMALL ANIMALS WHICH

THEY BELIEVED HAD LANDED FROM SOME PLACE IN FLYING SAUCER. [REDACTED]

INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT AS THEY APPROACHED THE THREE OBJECTS STARTING

MAKING THEIR WAY BACK TO WHAT HE BELIEVED A FLYING SAUCER, THAT TWO

OF THE ANIMALS ESCAPED IN SAUCER BUT THIRD WAS KILLED WHEN HIT BY TRUCK

AUTOMOBILE. [REDACTED] DISPLAYED OBJECT OR ANIMAL TO [REDACTED] AT NEWSPAPER

OFFICE. [REDACTED] STATED ANIMAL DID NOT RESEMBLE ANYTHING HE HAD EVER

SEEN BEFORE BUT LOOKED AS IF IT BELONGED TO MONKEY FAMILY. ANIMAL

MEASURED AND FOUND TO BE APPROXIMATELY TWENTYONE INCHES LONG, HAD

RATHER POINTED HEAD, LARGE EARS AND SKIN WAS PINKISH. DUE TO

EARLY MORNING HOUR [REDACTED] UNABLE TO LOCATE SCIENTIST TO EXAMINE

ANIMAL BUT DID HAVE ONE OF LEADING VETERINARIANS THIS CITY EXAMINE

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file 5: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATES VETERINARIAN WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF BUT VET POINTED
OUT HAD NEVER SEEN ANIMAL IN MONKEY FAMILY WITHOUT HAIR AS THIS ONE
NOR HAD EVER NOTED A DEAD ANIMAL THAT DID NOT TURN PALE AT DEATH.
VETERINARIAN STATED ANIMAL HAD HAD A TAIL BUT SAME WAS MISSING AND
QUESTIONING [REDACTED] ABOUT SAME [REDACTED] SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BUT
IT WAS POSSIBLY CUT OFF IN ACCIDENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED ^T THERE WAS BLOOD
AROUND MOUTH OF ANIMAL CAUSED BY ACCIDENT WHICH RESEMBLED HUMAN BLOOD
[REDACTED] FIRST THOUGHT [REDACTED] POSSIBLY TRYING TO PULL PUBLICITY GAG DUE
TO RECENT NEWSPAPER STORIES BUT BELIEVED HAD THIS BEEN HIS MOTIVE
WOULD HAVE TIMED HIS VISIT BETTER AS THEY WERE ^W ABLE TO PRINT ANYTHING
AFTER MIDNIGHT. [REDACTED] STATED NEWSPAPER WOULD POSSIBLY RUN STORY ON
ABOVE FACTS TODAY. ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] ABOVE
FURNISHED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PUBLICITY THIS DATE. NO INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED THIS OFFICE UCAB. MATTER REFERRED TO OSI OFFICE NINE
AM EST TODAY.

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LINE X SIX SHUD LAST THREE WORDS BE WHXX THERE WAS BLOOD
YES THANKS ALSO LINE 10 SHUD IT BE THEY WERE UNABLE.

YES OK TU

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625 MR. BELMONT
ATTN: [REDACTED]
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

July 9, 1953

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[REDACTED]
Mackinac Island, Michigan

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 30, 1953, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging its receipt.

Your communication will be brought to his attention promptly following his return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Gandy
Secretary

cc-Detroit, with copy of incoming.

cc-Cincinnati, with copy of incoming.

ATTENTION SAC: You are instructed to thoroughly check your files in an effort to determine whether or not the Mr. [REDACTED] referred to by correspondent has been interviewed by an Agent of your office. You should also furnish the Bureau any information which might assist in clarifying the story set forth by [REDACTED]. Sulet results no later than July 15, 1953, under caption "Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] 31 PM

[REDACTED] Mackinac Island, Michigan, Research (Crime Records)." 21

Follow-up made for July 16, 1953. 9/16 per Bureau letter 7/5/53

NOTE: Although inquiries regarding such phenomena are being handled by the Air Force at this present time, it is believed desirable to check the source of this rumor and following receipt of reply from Cincinnati, refer correspondent's inquiry to the Air Force. In 1939 and again in 1940 [REDACTED] invited the Director to attend the Michigan Hotel Convention, and both invitations were declined. An informant reported that in 1935 gambling on Mackinac Island was reserved for the Grand Hotel. 10/10/53

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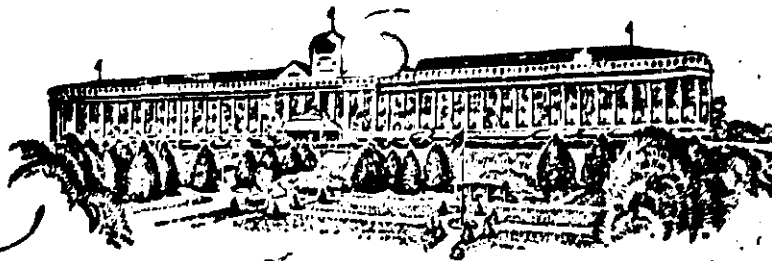
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Grand Hotel



WORLD'S LARGEST SUMMER HOTEL  MACKINAC ISLAND - MICHIGAN

June 30, 1953

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A relative of mine living in Circleville, Ohio has advised me of the following account.

Two years ago a respected farmer living near Circleville saw a lighted object dancing around, flying around in the air near his late at night in a pasture or field, -- a flying saucer. In due time this came to have general knowledge in the community, and about one year ago the story appeared in the Circleville newspaper.

Since then he is presumed to have been consulted with representatives of the F.B.I., so it is said there, and only three weeks ago or so it is said the F. B. representatives came to consult with him again. This time they brought pictures to show the farmer of various types of these flying saucers or space ships that have been apprehended by the government from time to time, and the farmer was able to identify one of them as the type of thing he had seen two years ago.

The farmer was told, as the story goes, by your representatives, that the particular flying saucer he identified is the type that is known to have been flown from the planet Mars, and that similar ships have been captured, and that your agency or the government hold captive one man at least in California, who was taken from one of these things from Mars. This Martian it is understood is now being taught how to speak English -- in California -- and taught American customs. It is said that it is apparent that this Martian comes from a civilization much more advanced than our own civilization.... and that this account has general knowledge as reported here in that community.

I understand that the farmer is a [redacted], that he is held in very high repute in the community, prosperous, conservative and of presumed sound mind.

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I can only believe that the account is a lot of nonsense, insofar as the F.B.I. telling the farmer that the government has captured several "flying saucers", and that they are from Mars, and that a Martian is being held captive in California. It would be apparent to me that if the government did have such knowledge, they would not confide such information to the farmer, -- and moreover that it is too utterly fantastic to credit with recognition as true. The farmer no doubt saw a "flying saucer", a light reflection or other light phenomenon such as the government has said all such things really are, and not a space ship from Mars or anyot place in outer space.

I am writing to hopefully secure your advice, insofar as you can properly advise me publicly as a citizen, of what the truth is in this story. I should like to get my relative there straight. And I am curious personally to know what the real story is about this farmer - Mr. [REDACTED] of the Circleville, Ohio area.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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Date: May 14, 1953

Director of Special Investigations
Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ILLINO SAUCERS

There is attached for your information and assistance in this matter a copy of a self-explanatory letter dated May 9, 1953, received by this Bureau from Mrs. [REDACTED] Watertown, Massachusetts. Mrs. [REDACTED] letter has been acknowledged by this Bureau and she has been informed that a copy of her letter has been referred to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate attention.

Attachment

cc - 1 - Boston (Under Separate Cover) (Attachment) (FOR INFO)

NOTE: Bureau files are negative re Mrs. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Hasturton, Mass.

May 9, 1953

Dear Sir:-

(Y)
(May 7th)

Thursday evening 9:25 PM I
left school (M. d. T) and
entered the parking lot along side
of the school. I happened to
wake up and I saw what
seems to be known as a flying
saucer. I assume you it was
not an air plane; a search light
was a falling star. It was round,
in shape & a rather orange color
it traveled horizontally at a
rather slow speed for just a
few seconds then disappeared.
just like that. I was not alone
at the time. another student was
with me & saw it. I can give
you his name if you
like it.

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When I arrived home I spent approx
one half hour calling C.D. & his family
throughout operations etc finally after
getting no answers I called the
Wendell police who merely informed
me they didn't know what I should
do about it. It came as rather a
surprise to me, I thought that
there was supposed to be somebody
in charge of all this. I do
not know to whom I should write &
in desperation am writing to you. I
do hope you will report this to the
proper authorities for me and I hope
you will suggest to the local C.D.
that they should have someone
or someone that a person could call
to report such findings. I would appreciate
very much a reply from you. May
I just add that I honestly don't know
what the unknown object was. I never
before saw anything like it. I would
be very happy to supply any other
information you would like.

Thanking you very much,

Sincerely,
[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Wendell, Mass.

May 14, 1953

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Watertown, Massachusetts

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 9, 1953, and I want to thank you for making the information contained in your letter available to me.

Inasmuch as the information contained in your letter comes within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force, I have furnished a copy of your letter to that Department for appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 1 - Boston

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NOTE: Bureau files are negative re Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Vertical list of names: Tolson, Boardman, Belmont, Ladd, Nichols, Clegg, Glavin, Harbo, Rosen, Tracy, Mohr, Winterrowd, Tele. Room, Nease, Holloman, Gandy

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TO
FROM
SUBJECT

DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, SAN JUAN (65-330)

DATE: 4/28/53

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED
11:30 AM, APRIL 8, 1953, FORT
BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO:
MISCELLANEOUS
FLYING OBJECT

On 4/27/53 a report was received from Major [REDACTED]
Wing Intelligence Officer, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico.
The substance of this report is as follows:

Five persons observed an unidentified flying object at 11:30
AM on 4/8/53 at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. Statements were
taken from all of the witnesses, among whom were three Captains
and a Sergeant of the U. S. Army, as well as a civilian. They
described the object as a bright star or a bright ball of fire
at a great height, and it was moving rapidly at the time it was
observed.

All of the witnesses observed one RB 36 aircraft which had been
flying in the area at the time of the sighting of this unidenti-
fied object. The Wing Intelligence Officer reported that there
were two RB 36 aircraft in the area at this time. These aircraft
were reported to be flying at 12,000 and 21,000 feet respectively.
None of the persons from whom statements were taken were able to
accurately describe the object, other than by the statements set
forth above.

This matter is being reported to the Bureau for information
purposes.

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March 23, 1953

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Valparaiso, Chile

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of March 4, 1953.

The interest which prompted you to make your observations available to me is sincerely appreciated. Since your communication may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Foreign Liaison Desk, with copy of incoming copy by form, Secretary of the Air Force.

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Valparaiso, March 4, 1953

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
United States, North America

Subject: Individual who may possibly be connected with
O flying saucers.

Dear Sir:

In writing to you who directs the influential Office of Investigation which has international connections, I would like to state the following:

1°-a) I had the opportunity to read in a "Chilean" police magazine, in the section entitled, "Perfect Escapes," the escape of Dr. LINKE (42 years old, widower, who sometime in 1950, in London, was arrested on the 8th floor of the Building of Departments (?). The reason for his detention was his possible collaboration with VLADIMIR VLASAV in "divulging to foreign governments English aviation secrets".)

In his attempt to get away, which occurred between 4 and 5 in the morning, a strange thing happened, "when the police came near the 8th floor, the whole building became dark, the elevators stopped and the telephones and loudspeakers became silent. When the police arrived on the 8th floor with their flash lights, they immediately went off. (Nevertheless, he was arrested at 6 A.M.).

b) Dr. LINKE escaped from the Kent Prison (a few days after he was imprisoned) and according to statements of the author of the article, which should be accurate, he did it in the following manner: Between 12 midnight and 2 A.M., in rainy weather, Dr. JULIUS LINKE disappeared under the following circumstances: the electricity, elevators, telephones, and flash lights of the guards would not function.

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According to the article, among other statements of the guards, was the fact that between midnight and 2 o'clock rain fell in torrents and for a few moments there was complete darkness because the lights went off. A guard tried to ring the alarm which would set off the siren, and it did not work; he yelled to another guard but did not get an answer, and his voice sounded very "distant"; although he tried to warn his chiefs personally, he could not run or even walk fast (he had to walk slowly).

2°).—A little before the fall of Berlin, "the motors of autos and trucks stopped unexpectedly," without any apparent explanation; after one hour they succeeded in starting them again. During this occasion it was commented that "something rare occurred in the atmosphere."

3° - About three months ago I read in a local newspaper about the "flying saucers," with the reservation that perhaps they would be speculating about the flying saucers; however, it is undeniable that they were telling the truth. It stated that, according to the article from a news agency, an officer and his associate who were flying a plane saw a "flying saucer." They followed it, but it, as in previous cases, whirled about and could not be reached. However, the flying saucer flew very high and then it began a rapid descent; it stopped a few seconds on the officer's airplane, paralyzing the motors of the airplane, (according to statements of the aviators). Later the disk flew very high and was lost from view, and the airplane motors began working.

Any inference from the above statements — according to my way of thinking, — that these facts may appear to be imaginary, is dispelled by the statements of various witnesses on each occasion, and therefore they are "scientific" facts.


If on two occasions paralyzation of electricity occurred, as well as what we may call paralyzation of vital forces (in the case of the guards), and in said cases "the interference of one person," Dr. LINKE, is inferred, why could not Dr. LINKE also be connected with the other two cases (2 and 3)?

It may be that all this is not in any way related and that the flying saucers are nothing more than what has been given as a scientific explanation, but the "strange force," about which our ancestors have not spoken to us in history, we cannot deny.

I submit for your full consideration all I have said, my only motive being "human interest for human affairs" and my desire for the progress of humanity, for a good future full of dignity and cosmic evolution.

Without further particulars, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Chile, South America

P. S. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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Date: March 12, 1953
To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: FLYING SAUCERS

At 9:05 p.m. on March 9, 1953, an individual giving his name as [redacted] telephonically contacted this Bureau and advised he had just seen a flying saucer near Bowie, Maryland. Mr. [redacted] was vague as to any details in this matter and would not furnish any information concerning his residence or the place from which he was making his telephone call. No additional pertinent information in this matter was furnished by Mr. [redacted]

The above is being furnished to you for your information and assistance in the captioned matter. No investigation is being conducted by this Bureau concerning this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 10, 1953

FROM : L. E. Martin

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
[REDACTED], INFORMANT

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[REDACTED] called from Bowie, Maryland, at 9:05 P.M., 3/9/53, to advise that he had just seen a flying saucer near that city. He was vague as to details and nonresponsive as to where he was calling from and as to his residence. When asked where he planned to stay tonight, at least, in order that Air Force might interview him if deemed advisable, [REDACTED] said the writer wanted to know too much and disconnected. Since no specific information was furnished and since the call may have been a prank, the Air Force was not advised. Since no identifying information was obtained, no attempt was made to check Bureau records.

Recommendation:

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Date: March 6, 1953

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS

The following information has been received by this Bureau from its representative in London, England, concerning the captioned matter:

Major [REDACTED] U. S. Air Force Base, Mildenhall, England, telephonically contacted the writer on February 14, 1953, regarding the new or revived interest in "flying saucers." He stated he did not have any new information to report but he knew of an incident that took place several years ago which this Bureau might desire to check.

This incident, according to Major [REDACTED] concerns an article or story on "flying saucers" which appeared in a small newspaper with limited circulation located at Jeffersonville, Delaware Township, Sullivan County, New York. He was unable to recall the name of the newspaper but was certain it is the only one published in that area. The story appeared in one of the early 1947 issues or in one of the issues during the last three months of 1946. It was written by a member of the U. S. Armed Forces and of significance is the fact that subsequent issues failed to follow it up by

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carrying additional stories on "flying saucers."
Also significant is the fact that it appeared in
a small and practically unknown newspaper.

Major [REDACTED] states he is merely reporting
this for what it may be worth.

The above data is being furnished to you for
your information and any action you desire to take in connection
therewith, inasmuch as this Bureau is not conducting any in-
vestigations relating to the captioned matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Murphy
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Date: February 17, 1953

To: Director, FBI

From: [Redacted]

Subject: "FLYING SAUCERS"

[Redacted] at the U. S. Air Force Base at Mildenhall, England, telephonically contacted writer on February 14, 1953, regarding the new or revived interest in "flying saucers." he stated he did not have any new information to report but did know of an incident that took place several years ago and which the Bureau may desire to check.

This incident, according to [Redacted], concerns an article or story on "flying saucers" which appeared in a small newspaper with limited circulation in the Township of Jeffersonville, Delaware Township, Sullivan County, New York. He was unable to recall the name of the newspaper but was certain it is the only one published in that area. The story appeared in one of the early 1947 issues or in one of the issues during the last three months of 1946. It was written by a member of the U. S. Armed Forces and of significance is the fact that subsequent issues failed to follow it up by carrying additional stories on "flying saucers." Also significant is the fact that it appeared in a small and practically unknown newspaper.

[Redacted] states he is merely reporting this for what it may be worth and is being forwarded to the Bureau for any action considered appropriate.

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Date: February 11, 1953

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING DISCS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are attached for your information in the captioned matter a Photostat of a letter dated January 20, 1953, received by this Bureau from Mr. [REDACTED] Franklin, Indiana, with the enclosures referred to therein, and a copy of this Bureau's reply to Mr. [REDACTED]

No investigation is being conducted by this Bureau in this matter.

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[Redacted]

Franklin, Indiana

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated January 20, 1953, has been received, together with enclosures.

Although I would like to be of service in connection with your request, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the scope of its prescribed authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will appreciate my inability to be of assistance to you in this regard.

The literature and letter you forwarded are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (2)

- cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming and copy of letter signed by [Redacted]
 - cc - New Haven, with copy of incoming and copy of letter signed by [Redacted]
- ATTENTION SAC's: (see next page)

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Mr. Tolson _____
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ATTENTION SAC's: Correspondent also enclosed a copy of the January 19, 1958 issue of "Space Review", the publication of The International Flying Saucer Bureau, indicating the address as Post Office Box 241, Bridgeport, Connecticut. This small periodical contains news of various I.F.S.B. groups throughout the United States and England and news items relating to flying saucers.

No references can be located in Bufiles on the I.F.S.B.; "Space Review" or [REDACTED]