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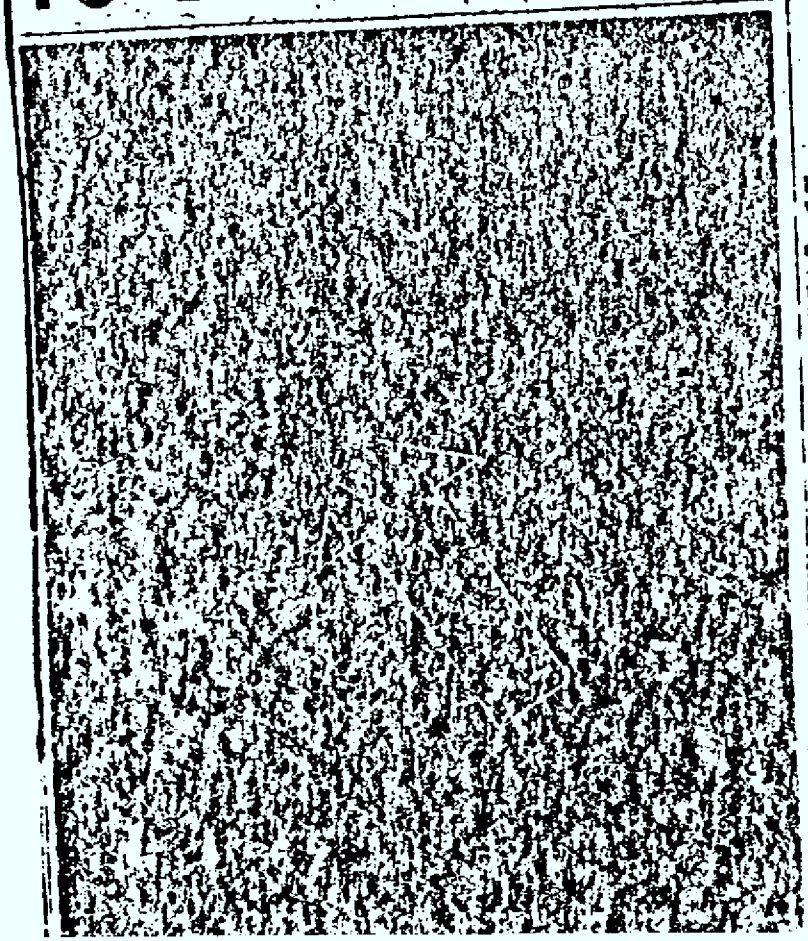
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For Birmingham and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and tomorrow with a few scattered showers this afternoon. High today 96, low tonight 70, high tomorrow 90.

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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.

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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-

STANDARD FORM

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 27, 1947

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. b7C

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". b7C

The Seattle Office is requested to advise Mr. [redacted] 4th Air Force, S-2, McChord Field, Washington. b7C

No further action is being taken by the Butte Office due to the time elapsing between the sighting of this object and the report.

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cc - Seattle

[redacted] 10/3/47

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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. _____

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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". b7C

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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Director, FBI 9/19/47
RE: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

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

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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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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

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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 LatestThing 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 13 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:

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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 southwesterly 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 b7C

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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

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Inspector
Post Office Department
Chicago 7, Illinois

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Alleged violation of Section 2360, P. L. & R., by des Arc 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 b7C such as a registry number, a search will be conducted in an effort to furnish you with the information desired.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
Chicago 7, Illinois
September 19, 1947.

T. H. Burkow
INSPECTOR
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CASE NO. 56114-F

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS: Alleged violation of Section 2350, P. L. & R., by Mas Arc Foundation; sale of information on flying discs.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

b7c [redacted] formerly of Lake Forest, Illinois, who may also have given a Chicago address at various times. b7c

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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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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] b7c
SECURITY MATTER - X

[redacted] (2) b7c

Enclosed herewith for information of Bureau and Butte Division are copies of the following received September 2, 1947, from [redacted], 4th Air Force, S-2, McChord Field, Washington: b7c

Letter to Military Intelligence Division, USA, McChord Field, Wash. from [redacted] dated 8/8/47, with enclosure of [redacted] "Report on a 'Flying Saucer'." b7c

No action being taken by Seattle.

b7c [redacted]

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cc: Butte

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427 W 3d Avenue
Spokane, Washington
August 8, 1947

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/ R. J. Madden

R. J. MADDEN
Division Plant Engr.
The Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co.

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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 NE¼ of NE¼ 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 thorefare.

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

FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 15, 1947

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS.

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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 HALL, 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.

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:

[redacted], 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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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 Hq AMC, 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 AMC project. The other articles at the top of the photograph reading from left to right are identified as follows:

a. An outmoded 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 AMC 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:

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

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"Flying Saucer"

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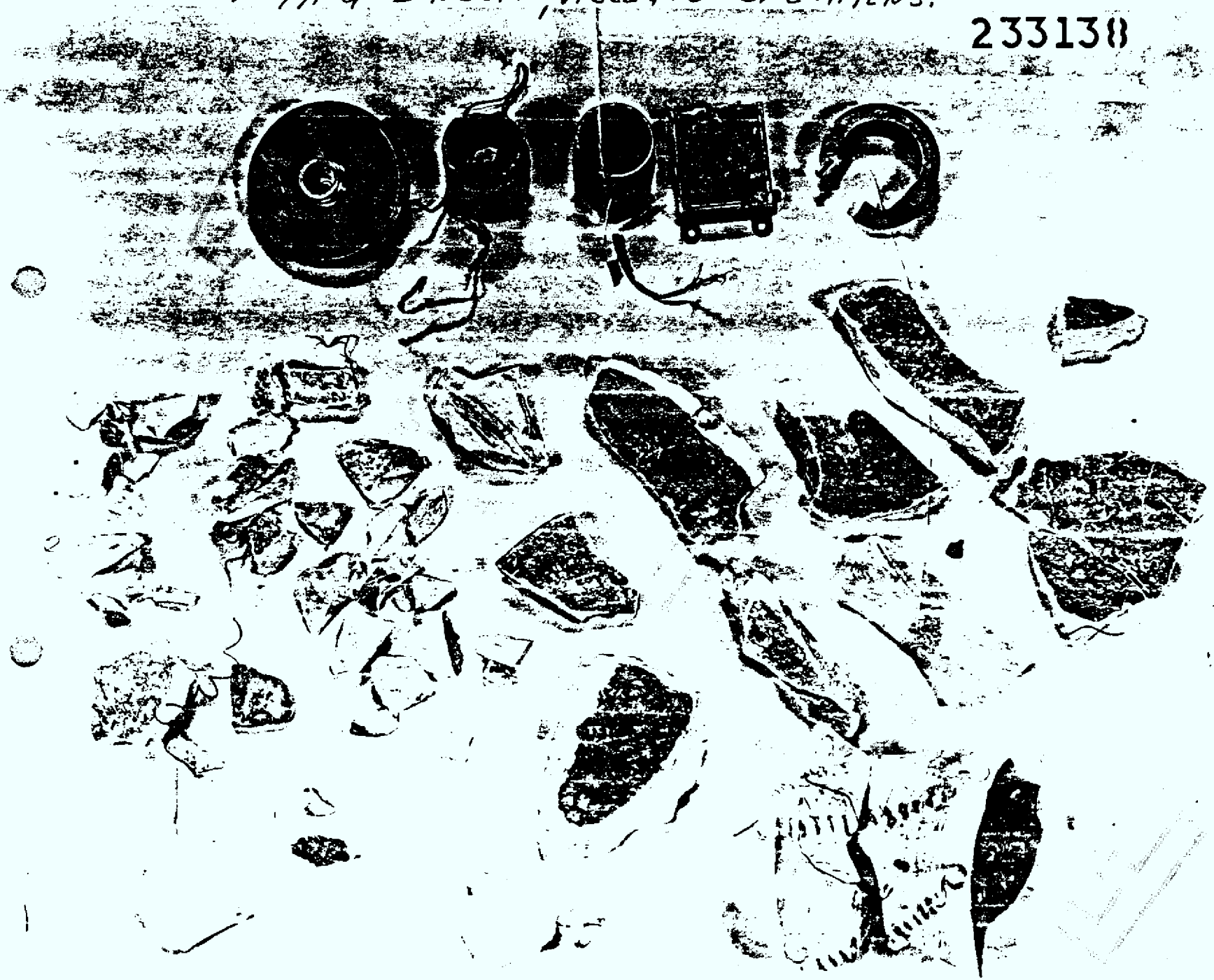
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STANDARD FORM 1, 84

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 1947

FROM : E. G. FITCH

SUBJECT: INSTRUMENT FOUND ON FARM NEAR DANFORTH, ILLINOIS

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 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~~ Air Force 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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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SEP 29 1947 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 25, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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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 Genrals, 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.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 18, 1947

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

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., [redacted] 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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[redacted] who is a retired police officer b7C
of the Philadelphia Police Department, advised as follows:

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, b7C
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.

The wives of [redacted] and [redacted] verified the accounts of their husbands b7C
as to the above-mentioned object.

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] residence is located in the western part of Philadelphia. The [redacted] and [redacted] are not known to the above- b7C
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.

[redacted] called the "Inquirer", Philadelphia news- b7C
paper, 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.

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, b7C
INC., 5000 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, advised as follows:

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 September 16, 1947

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 southwesterly direction in Philadelphia. [redacted] 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Office Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

FROM : SAC, Anchorage

SUBJECT: Flying Disks

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.

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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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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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: 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 SHAVER 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 [redacted] 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 ARNOLD, a private pilot, sighted the first flying disc at Boise, Idaho. b7C

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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] 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] b7C

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L. R. BRUMMETT. SID DECKER. FLYING DISCS. INTERNAL SCURITY- [illegible]

AUGUST FOURTEEN [redacted] NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER PUBLISHED ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT L. R. BRUMMETT, BOX TWO FIVE FOUR REDMOND, 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 DECKERS 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 DESCRIBE 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 MAINTAIND EQUAL RATES OF SPEED. FROM BRUMMETTS OBSERVATI HE WAS UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE OBJECTS WERE FLAT OR ROUND. MRS MAMIE ~~ENGLISH~~ STATED THAT WHEN BRUMMETT CALLED HER ATENTION 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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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 20, 1947

FROM : [redacted] b7C

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 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. b7C

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachment [redacted] b7C

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advised Bureau concerned T.D.A.F. any investigation. He was advised that a report would be furnished Bureau upon completion of investigation by Bureau field. Request any derogatory information developed be furnished Bureau. 8/13/47 Letter could be identified with 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.)

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RE: Flyind Disc.

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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] 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 160° 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."

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[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.

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Memo to the Security Officer, OCAMA, Tinker Field, dtd 7/..../47, File 3724-I.

[redacted] 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. [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 further stated that the object appeared to be frosty white in color at all times.

[redacted] 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. [redacted] 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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Incident
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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 [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 b6 b6

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

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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 M. BROWN, S/A, CIC 4th AF

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SOME LIFE DATA ON [redacted] 56

I was born [redacted]. My father's name was [redacted]; my mother's maiden name was [redacted] 56 [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]

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 [redacted] or the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas. 56

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was [redacted] 56 [redacted] I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in [redacted] I was [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] 56 [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

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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] b6

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] since, b6 and I [redacted]

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from [redacted] b6 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 b6 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 b6 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.

FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director FBI

DATE: August 20, 1947

FROM : SAC Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

b7C [redacted]

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 (Morman 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

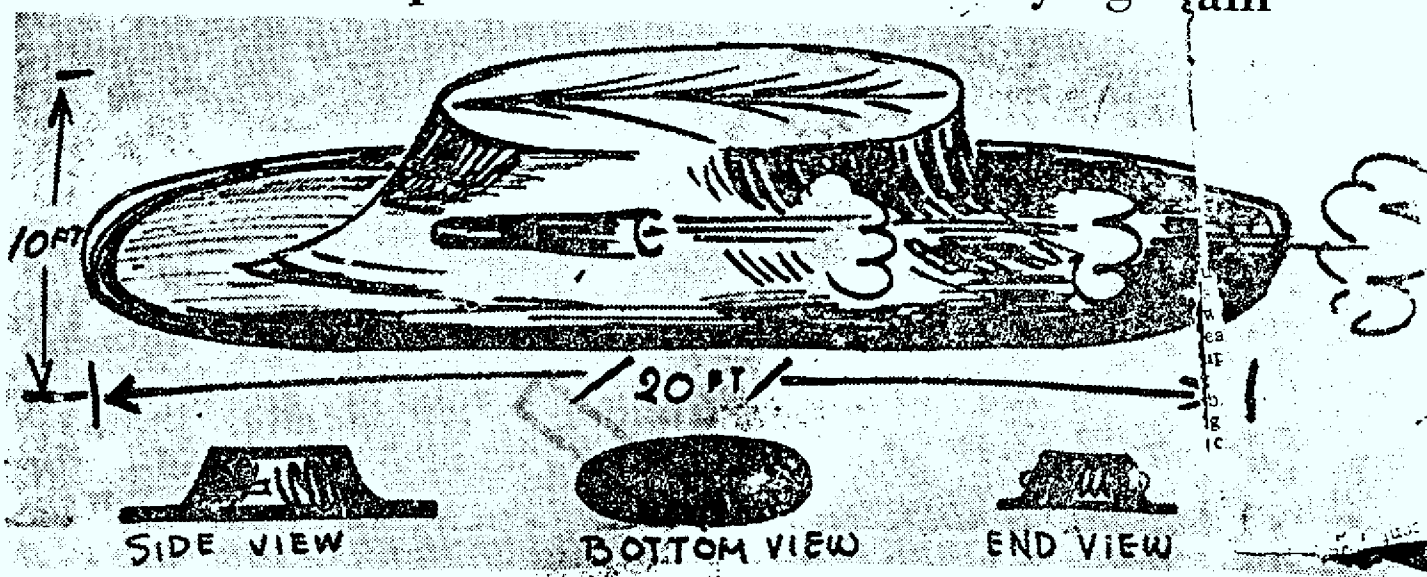
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Heads Up, Folks! The Discs Are Flying Again



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 wom hats, such as a "flying saucer" creation. (Drawing by Vic Goert staff engraving)

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Flying Saucer Reported Flashing Down Canyon At 1,000 Miles Per Hour; Two Others Are See

By JOHN BROSNAN

Just as Magic Valley and the ...nation were starting to let go of ...ampposts after reeling under a ...elter of flying saucer reports, two more Twin Falls county men re... ived 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 Filer, also saw two circular objects coasting along at a great height near Salmon dam 40 miles upstream west of Twin Falls.

Here is Urie's eye-witness description 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 become concerned about what w... laying them, and had walked do... toward the river to see if they w... all right.

"I had a side view at a dista... of about 300 feet and almost le... level with the thing," Urie ... tinued. "Two of my boys, K... and Billy, were below me and t... also saw it at about a 45-d... angle. They both got a bette... a side view, and we were all ... ing at it from the south side of ...

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'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 [illegible] of a light sky blue [illegible], [illegible] fiery glow at the middle of the top of hood. It was [illegible]

"The canyon [illegible] 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 also seen them and I know that they're not just imagining [illegible] trying to get their [illegible] Urie emphasized.

"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 Filer 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."

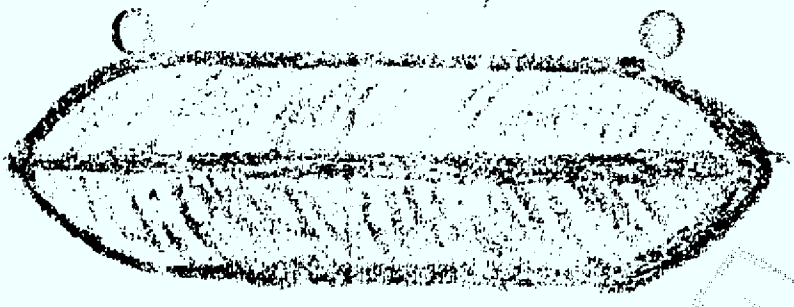
His general description, however, corresponded closely to those of hundreds of persons who reported seeing flying saucers after Kenneth Arnold, Boise businessman, had touched off the deluge by telling of coming upon nine disc-like objects while he was flying in his private plane in Washington.

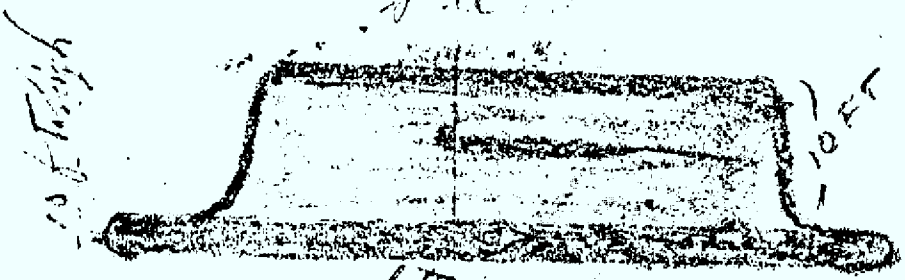
Thereafter, the nation became increasingly flying saucer conscious, creating a state of mind that made it possible for four teen age Twin Falls boys to cause a mild sensation when they built a model flying disc and tossed into a local yard July 10. This was subsequently revealed as a hoax, following investigation by the army and FBI.

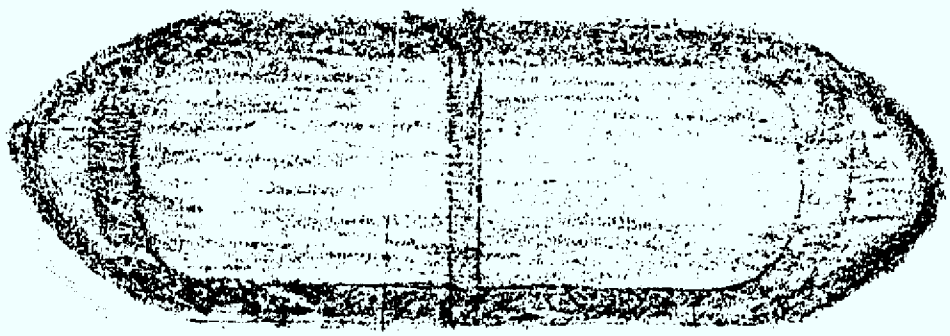
Thereafter the saucer reports tapered off into a few scattered incidents until the question was revived by this week's occurrences.

Speculation has 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."

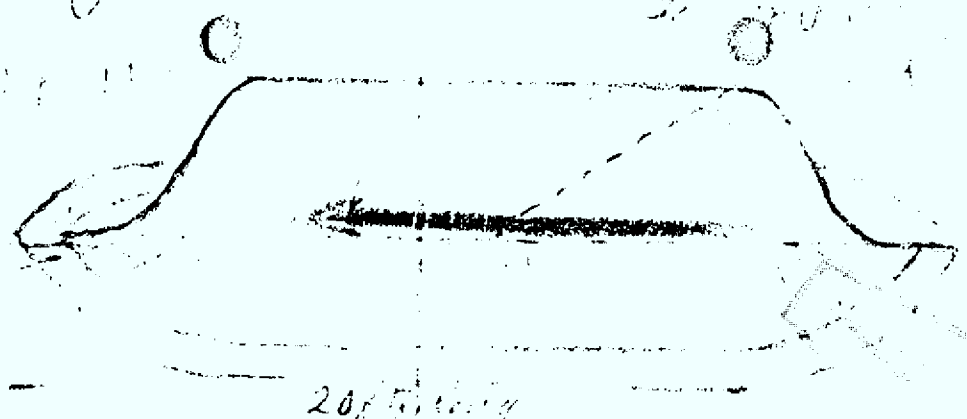






The bottom and side rails of the frame are made from 2 x 4 inch material at 16 inch centers at a distance of 10 inches from ground. Spreaders are 1000 lb. test [illegible]

A. C. URIE — (Courtesy Prairie Farmer)



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WASHINGTON 17 FROM PHILADELPHIA 8-7-47 9-30 PM DST

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT Flying Discs

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 WAS A JET ~~PROPELLED~~ 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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cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Baumgardner

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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. BARTLETT 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 ~~WAS~~BURNT 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

FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [redacted] b7c

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] Evanston, 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 finding of disc fragments by [redacted]

[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.

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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] by 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 Maury 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 Maury 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 Maury 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. [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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[redacted] 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 [redacted] b7C

[redacted] informed that at 9:30 A.M. the next morning, July 31, 1947, [redacted] appeared at his hotel room and [redacted] again asked him to go home and forget about the discs, that his story was not false, but that he had had enough trouble. [redacted] 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. [redacted] stated that when [redacted] came to his hotel room, they had an armful of fragments, and that [redacted] had then informed about how he had seen an object resembling those seen by [redacted] [redacted] 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. [redacted] stated he had looked up and had seen a balloon-like object with port holes and windows, which had disappeared into a large cloud. [redacted] stated that he asked [redacted] again to see the pictures of the objects; that [redacted] had again agreed to show them to him. [redacted] informed that he had then asked [redacted] if it would be all right for him to call a friend, [redacted] who had also seen some flying discs and let him see the fragments and hear [redacted] story. [redacted] dissented, however, [redacted] 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 [redacted] and that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON had come to his room about 4:00 P.M. [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 [redacted] b7C

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 Mauri Island on Sunday, August 3, b7C

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 Maury 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 McChord 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] in which [redacted] attempts to encourage Mr. [redacted] to continue his investigation into the flying discs. This letter is also being enclosed to the Bureau. Mr. [redacted] also gave SA [redacted] a copy of the article sent to Mr. [redacted] and to the Commanding General, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, regarding his sighting of the nine discs near Mount Rainier on June 24, 1947. This article is also being enclosed to the Bureau. [redacted] advised that he is vitally interested in this matter and knows that there must be something to the flying discsstory he stated that he will do everything in his power to help the Bureau in this matter. b7C

[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 th 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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305 STUDIO BUILDING
1718 SHERMAN AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

June 26, 1947

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]

In your reply, please use airmail.

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1718 SHERMAN AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

August 5, 1947

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 inthis 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 "ducks", 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!

[redacted]
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,

b7C [redacted]

This is a copy of the same article I sent to Com General, Wright Field Dayton Ohio

July 29, 1947

AIR MAIL

[redacted] b7c

Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am enclosing the material you requested together with photo copies, and also a sketch of my life history.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

This copy is the same as I sent to [redacted] b7c

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I was born March 29, 1915 in Scobey, Montana. My father's name was [redacted] My mother's maiden name was [redacted] I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family b7C moved to Scobey, Montana, where they homesteaded. My grandfather, [redacted] also homesteaded in Scobey, Montana, and became quite prominent [illegible] Daniels County, Montana. [illegible] counter.

I went to grade school and high school in 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 regional commissioner for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy, I was interested in athletics [illegible] b7C [illegible] and in 1932 and 1933 in the state of North Dakota. I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in fancy diving in 1932; I was a Red Cross Life Saving Examiner during the years of 1932, '33 and '34. I taught and [illegible] 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 [illegible] football [illegible]. I had little or no finances, [illegible] education 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, placing first with my dog in 1930 in the Lion's Club Dog Derby.

In 1938 I went [illegible] Ted [illegible], Inc., of Littleton, Colorado, a manufacturer of [illegible] sporting goods. In 1939 I was [illegible] distributor for the over a part of the western states, and in 1940

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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 over five 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. [redacted] on these my flying and did not fly again [redacted] until 1941. I was given my pilot certificate by [redacted] a senior CAA inspector at 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 a new Stinson airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field usage. 67C

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 it 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 623 cow pastures in mountainous regions, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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[redacted] b7C

The following story of what I observed over the Cascade Mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never wished nor wished any notoriety for just accidently 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 superiority of eye sight or judgment. It was just a normal report for any pilot.

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 cargo transport that supposedly went down near or around the southern side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington. (This transport was 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 Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the southward, searching all of the various ridges for this cargo plane and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

[redacted] 30 degrees turn to the right and above the little city of Elbe, turning 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 [redacted] pilots who were flying at a higher altitude, I turned [redacted] direction of Mt. R[redacted],

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[illegible], left [illegible] only one of my position [illegible] ly [illegible] 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 distant, and I should judge, at 14,000 feet elevation.

The sky [illegible] was as clear as crystal. I had not been [illegible] three 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 [illegible] which I looked [illegible] Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking objects flying [illegible] approximately 9,000 feet elevation [illegible] southerly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees north to south.

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 the [illegible] would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for them to strike the sun at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

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

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find [illegible] and I [illegible] I was determined to check their speed, as I had two definite points—Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams— I [illegible] objects and determine their speed [illegible] fifty miles.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my [illegible] clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object [illegible] passed to my left [illegible] Rainier. I watched these objects [illegible] as I had never before observed objects flying so close to the mountain tops, [illegible]

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[illegible] 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 [illegible] I was.

They flew in a way that I have observed geese to fly in a long 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 was [illegible]

[illegible] The most impressive thing about them as they flew along their path was the fact that I couldn't [illegible] 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 at right angles, to be between [illegible] 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 Thursday. In fact, I compared a sour fastener or cooling tool I had in my pocket with them - holding it up on the wind holding it up on the DC-4 that I could observe at quite a distance to my left - and they seemed to allow them the DC-4; but I should judge their span would have been as wide as the horizontal stabilizer on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I [illegible] [illegible] objects [illegible] to the ground at higher altitude. I observed the [illegible] objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between it. Mr. Adams 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.

[illegible] I was flying [illegible] mountainous ridge, I [illegible] it and found it to be approximately five miles [illegible] I could [illegible] and the chain of these saucer-like objects was [illegible] five miles [illegible].

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I could quite accurately determine my position, that is the fact that there were some of high peaks that were a little this side of me as well as higher peaks on the other side of their vicinity.

In the first unit of the formation I passed the [illegible] snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my map once 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 landed there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of times my attention was called to [illegible] appeared to be shining reflections or even a light. When I looked directly at it, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window to observe them with a completely unobstructed view.

Even though two minutes seem like a very short time to observe nine round, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe [illegible] 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 five or ten minutes and while searching for this marine plane, which I had just observed high going through my mind. I became very tired, and [illegible] last look at Mt. Rainier I headed for Yakima.

I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which [illegible] myself [illegible] my mind. [illegible] two and one-half or three minutes — although, by the time I [illegible] it. During this time, were out of my range of vision so 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 adding a thought to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed the objects to be [illegible] snow covered mountains as well as Rainier.

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These three objects were flying approximately level, [illegible] 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 did not conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

[illegible] in the United States, there have been literally scores of accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say 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] editor of the Boise Daily Statesman, Captain [redacted] pilot [redacted] b7C Morrow of United Air Lines, and Captain [redacted] of United Air Lines both of whom only last night, July 29, 1947, made their observation on United Air Lines flight 105 westbound out of Boise.

It is my opinion that descriptions could not be very accurate when [illegible] the ground unless the object is cigar-like disc more or less of uniform height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed [illegible] objects could be mistaken as to their size; however, it would have been very difficult for the ground observers to observe for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of an optical disturbance 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 [illegible] objects have been observed in other portions of the world [illegible]

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California.

—— I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from [illegible] would never be of best value, to continue further with my story. [illegible] Yuba [illegible] tion, airport I described what I had seen to my pal Leland, [redacted] who is the [redacted] He listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me. b7c

I did not accompany— [illegible] Pendleton, Oregon that on a day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine that I had observed [illegible] scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided [illegible] now. 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 warned me that I wasn't crazy or going crazy.

I quote [redacted] a former Army Air Force pilot who is now operating dusting operations at Pendleton, Oregon "Had you observed, I am convinced, to be a type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government". b7c

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly [illegible] parts of the world; and, to date I have received [illegible] or ridicule or scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief that I have [illegible] pointed in the papers.

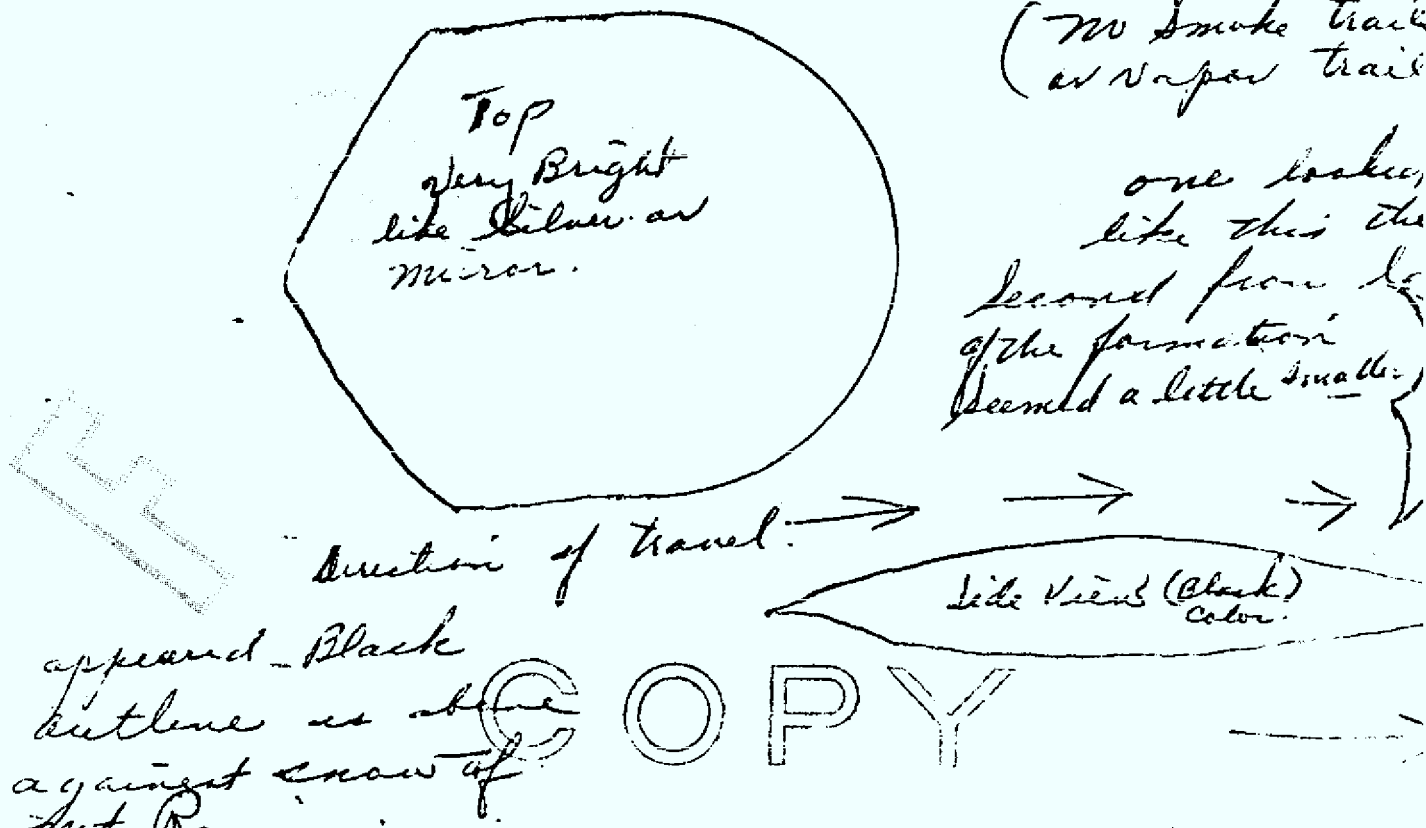
I look at this whole ordeal as not so [illegible] funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did observe something that at least Dr. John Lee [illegible] [illegible] does not exist. Even though I openly derided [illegible]

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and the FBI [illegible] accreditation 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 state that if our Military Intelligence had [illegible] 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 [illegible] people who told me [illegible] of wild yarns. I have buried them. I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as possible what I myself 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 Cullair airplane, which is a three place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured [illegible], being a comparatively high performance, high visibility airplane that was made for mountain work. The [illegible] plane is 33355.



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M NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 28, 1947

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

b7c [redacted]

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. b7c

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. b7c

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. b7c

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. b7c

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FLYING DISCS. ON INSTANT ~~DATE~~ DATE, [redacted] TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AND [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 ~~APPROXXXX~~ APPEARED TO BE DISCS, AND AT SAME TIME HEARD ROAR SIMILAR TO NOISE CREATED BY MOTOR TRUCK. INFORMANTS ADVISED OBJECTS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY AND ~~XXXXX~~ 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. 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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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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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.

DONALD L. [illegible]
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy [illegible]

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MOIC, Moon, dtd 20 Aug 47.

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Telephone message received from , Oakland Tribune:

, Sacramento 2, Calif, and insurance executive with the firm of McGuire and Willis, 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 bent-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 observers. 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.

, 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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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 (?) 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 Eldorado County, Calif. Arrangements have been made to meet at 1400, 20 Aug 47 at Placerville, Calif., for the purpose of going back over Cedar Ravine Road to locate the point where the object disappeared.

Bryden L. Moon, Special Agent, 4AF CIC

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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 question. 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.

Bryson B. Boon, Special Agent, 4AF CIC

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3. 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 2,500 feet to 3,500 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 observation. 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-5, be used in low level flight between the hours of 1100 to 1600. 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.

4. On 26 Aug 47, a check with , State Forest Service, Camino, 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 month.

Bryden E. Moon, Special Agent, 4AF CIO

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

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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. Sprager

DONALD L. SPRAGER
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy AC of S, A-2

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MOIC, Hubbard, dtd 9 Sep 47.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Berkeley, California, was interviewed 9 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 115th AAF HU (RT). 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 and had just landed from a routine training flight when called attention to an unidentified flying object that was following a P-80 aircraft at a terrific rate of speed. estimated the P-80 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-80 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.

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