

**JOHN WILSON**

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

422 - Federal Office Building, Civic Center  
San Francisco 2, California  
September 19, 1947



**IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO**

**FILE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director R. M. LADD

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Dear Sirs: Federal Office Building, Civic Center  
San Francisco 2, California

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFERENCE #39 SEP 18 #39 G SEP 18 "Restricted" letter dated  
September 3, 1947, which was furnished to me by Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED]  
[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 Air on Investigations of Unidentified Incidents".

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 that are classified as "discs" on the ground and apparently not those which are viewed only as "discs" in the air. The action of the Bureau is to refer flying disc incidents to the Air Force Intelligence personnel for their investigation. The Air Force Intelligence personnel are designated to relieve the Chief of Staff Intelligence, Headquarters Air Force, of the duty of investigating flying disc incidents which, turned out to be a hoax, can be referred to the FBI and other agencies of Flying Disc Incidents".

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Director, FBI  
RE: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

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Very truly yours,

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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. 420 Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
Chicago 7, Illinois  
September 19, 1947.

CASE NO. 56114-F

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

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The subject involved in case of above description is [redacted] formerly of Lake Forest, Illinois, who may also have given a Chicago address at various times.

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Report on a "Flying Saucer" A

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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 Hermann in the rear seat, was proceeding northwesterly along the road leading from Canyon Ferry to Fork, Mont. in Montana some 25 miles N.E. of Helena.

about 12:05 July 29, 1947 sedan driven

When at a point approximately 1/2 mile N.E. of Canyon Ferry, (as shown on Forest and Highway Map) Bob Madden in the front seat and Karl Hermann in the rear seat, were proceeding northwesterly along the road leading from Canyon Ferry to Fork, Mont. in Montana some 25 miles N.E. of Helena. Suddenly, Karl Hermann pointed out a bright object in the sky. Steve Hermann immediately brought the sedan to a stop, and all three began scanning the sky in the direction pointed by Karl in an effort to see the "flying saucer", but without success. Karl Hermann then 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.

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.

Directly ahead, (N.E.) 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. The disc was in a distance of 200 ft. and is approximately 3 ft. in diameter, circular and of no great thickness - approximately 3 or 4 inches. Beyond an obstruction to further visibility it melted into thin air as if because of tremendous speed.

The sky was blue with scattered small clouds, the sun was shining brightly and the disc gleamed and shimmered in the bright sunlight as if covered with highly polished nickel.

After the "disc" disappeared from view, the sedan and its occupants proceeded northwesterly along the road, but could discern no evidence of the presence of the "disc" along or adjacent to that therefore covered with highly polished nickel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City  
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS.

DATE: September 15, 1947

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the Salt Lake Tribune dated September 14, 1947, relative to flying saucers, was that Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD CALDWELL and Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ANDERSON, Lovell, 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. P. E. Q. H. HUGHES and JOAN CROOKSTON of Logan who had likewise made separate reports of having observed these flying discs.

SUBJECT: 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 on September 8, 1947. 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 appearance to those reported in the Salt Lake Tribune. Mr. and Mrs. GAYLON CALDWELL, who had been playing bridge, resorted 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. P. E. Q. H. HUGHES and JOAN CROOKSTON of Logan who had likewise made separate reports of having observed these flying discs. Mr. ANDERSON informed that Mr. and Mrs. CALDWELL are presently en route to an unknown city in Nebraska.

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Mr. and Mrs. HALL believed these objects were traveling much faster than birds.

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In view of the information furnished relative to this matter, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

SMK:LMS It was determined that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. ANDERSON and Mrs. BESSIE HENDRICKS were not available for interview:

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Salt Lake City, Utah, is being advised by letter of the results of this investigation.

Military Intelligence Division, Fort Douglas,

no Further investigation is being conducted by this office.

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25 August 1947

**Lt Col George Garrett**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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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 "Top Secret".

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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".

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Department of the Air Force for their consideration.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge



**DATE** September 25, 1947

**SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS'92-4**

The Bureau requested the Air Force intelligence assistance to assist the Air Forces in attempting to arrive at an explanation of the above phenomena. The Air Forces indicated that the all-aged 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 bone 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. 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 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 Commanding Lieutenant General Stratemeyer, or Colonel H. H. Smith, Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Mitchell Field, New York, and is addressed to the Commanding Generals of the various Air Forces. This letter is entitled "Cooperation of FBI with Air on Investigations of Flying Disc Incidents." This letter states in substance that it was the original intent of the

02. The report states that the discs being found on the ground. Further, it indicates that the services, the tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be "ash can covers, FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down and whatnot." The many instances turned out to be "ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

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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 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. 6: : : E zzf

Attachment  
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1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has agreed to assist Air Force Intelligence personnel in the investigation of "flying disc" incidents in cooperation with AAFB investigation's Flying Disc Incidents. It appears to be a genuine incident.

2. It was the original intent of the AC/AS-2, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, to have the ADCA Air Forces would interview responsible observers whose names would be furnished by AAF, the FBI would investigate incidents of so called "disos" 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 cash can covers, toilet seats, and what not.

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CHARLES CHEN

INCL. 5000 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, advised as follows:

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Director, FBI

September 18, 1947

LENNIG COMPANY is about two and one-half miles southeast from Oxford Circle. The report of the fire does not seem to fit into the general pattern of the above-mentioned flying object, for it is noted that the flying object was allegedly traveling from a position northeast of Oxford Circle to a south-westerly direction in Philadelphia. It is pointed out that, to the best of his knowledge, there are no chemical companies located above mentioned flying object. It is noted that all of the companies in this area are several miles south of Oxford Circle. It is pointed out that, to the best of his knowledge, the investigation has been conducted, and no further action will be taken in the instant matter unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

FFB/ctg All logical investigation having been conducted, no further action  
 98-1762 taken the instant matter unless advised to the contrary by the  
 Bureau. -

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

FROM : SAC, Anchorage

SUBJECT: Flying Disks

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42-dated July 30, 1947.

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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.

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SUBJECT: Flying Disks

The first officer stated that his attention was attracted to the airborne object and he pointed it out to the second officer. The object appeared to be shaped like a sphere and did not give the impression of being saucer-like or comparable to a disk. The first officer stated that it would be impossible to give minute details concerning the object, but that it appeared to be approximately two or three feet in diameter and did not leave any vapor trail in the sky.

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Office of the Director of Intelligence to determine the Alaska Department, at Fort Richardson, Alaska, whether 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 object was noted to be traveling below the cloud formation.

The first officer stated that his attention was attracted to this airborne object and he pointed out his opinion 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 that from the altitude appeared to be approximately 10 feet in diameter and was in the horizontal position. The object was noted to be traveling below the cloud formation.

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The second officer stated that his attention was attracted to this airborne object and he pointed out his opinion to the first 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 second officer stated that it would be impossible to give minute details concerning the object, but that it appeared to be approximately two or three feet in diameter and did not leave any vapor trail in the sky.

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Re: Flying Disks "r&#39;~  
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In conclusion, the second officer pointed out that one of the remarkable features of this object was that it was traveling against the wind.  
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Re: Flying Disks  
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Director, FBI  
Re: FLYING DISCS

September 20, 1947

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1. In the above newspaper article, it should be noted that the employment of ARNOLD to investigate the appearance of flying discs, possibly to enhance the appeal of the stories, is possible therefore, that the entire flying disc theory was conceived by

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L. R. BRUMMETT. SID DECKER. FLYING DISCS. INTERNAL SECURITY

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PUBLISHED ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT L. R. BRUMMETT, BOX TWO FIVE FOUR RED-

MOND, WASH, AND SIDNEY DECKER, BOX TWO FIVE FOUR 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

AT 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 SEEN OVER REDMOND AND TRAVELED IN A NORTH-EAST DIRECTION

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THE OBJECTS AND CALLED DECKERS ATTENTION TO THEM AND ALSO POINTED THEM

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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  
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HE WATCHED THE OBJECTS FROM FIVE TO EIGHT SECONDS AT WHICH TIME THEY  
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DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. ACCORDING TO BRUMMETT THE OBJECTS WERE DESCRIBED  
AS BEING NOISELESS, HAVING NO WINGS OR TAIL, LIGHTER THAN ALUMINUM,  
TAPERED AT BOTH ENDS AND ONE STAYED A LITTLE BEHIND AND A BIT ABOVE THE  
OTHER AND BOTH MAINTAINED EQUAL RATES OF SPEED. FROM BRUMMETT'S OBSERVATION  
HE WAS UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE OBJECTS WERE FLAT OR ROUND. MRS  
MANIE ~~ENGLISH~~ STATED THAT WHEN BRUMMETT CALLED HER ATTENTION TO THE  
OBJECTS SHE TOOK A PASSING GLANCE AT THE SKY AND COULD OFFER NO  
DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN THEY LOOKED LIKE TWO SILVER BALLS TRAVELING  
AT A FAST RATE OF SPEED.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECURITY OFFICER, OCAMA, TINKER FIELD.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], Radio Corporation  
of America, Dallas, Texas. Residence: [REDACTED]

» Q " : Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. ...&#2

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On 23 July 1947, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relating to his alleged sighting of a flying disc over the vicinity of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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] located in Dallas, Texas. Oklahoma City

On May 17, 1968, at approximately 0800 hours, [redacted] observed an object which he believed to be a small aircraft in the south-eastern area of the [redacted] airfield.

Subject page 88 advised a married man, [redacted] not arisen on the morning of 1/25/68, informed that on 1/25/68 his wife did not depart. 1/8

**Principaux thèmes de la recherche**

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stated to be that between the days of the first stay at, just after dusk, he had red lights in the night sky, and he was talking about the south.

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on the 10/10/2010 to SAVA. Related to that, let and his wife's neck get depressed

their residence and had started to enter their room and the driveway at 11:00 a.m. at GWA's office. It moved closer to the driveway and the driveway was closed.

3000 a man in a hooded sweatshirt, a rugger

subject to be born in the year when his first year can be over 60.

Between 10,000 and 40,000 feet above the ground, the effects of the explosion were related to the fact that the object was at a 46° angle from the horizon.

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We'll see his view approximately 15 to 20 seconds after he travelled at a speed - >>> ~

which he judged to be approximately three times that of jet-propelled aircraft.

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██████████ stated that there were no protrusions on this object and as it went by he listened for a sound of noise, and at one time thought he distinguished a swishing sound like the rushing of air. This swishing sound occurred a few seconds after this object had passed him. ██████████ averred this sound was not very loud and did not last very long, and it is very possible that the sound could have been his imagination or expectation, as he was not sure of the sound. ██████████ related that he called his wife to see this object but it had disappeared before she could focus her eyes on it. Subject stated that the object appeared to diminish in size and speed as it moved away, and it was moving in a direction of 350° to the north. Subject/██████████<sup>four</sup> stated that the object appeared to be frosty white in color at all times.

██████████ advised that he has held a pilot's certificate since 1934 and has been flying since 1929. He advised that he would be glad to answer any further inquiries and will cooperate in every way possible. ██████████ stated he was sure this object was not a meteor and in his opinion it must be radically built and powered, probably atomic.

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steaded. My grandfather, [redacted] also homesteaded in

Seeby, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles

along with [redacted]

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TO : Director FBI

DATE: August 20, 1947

FROM : SAC Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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 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 point or rounded top.

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 appear to taper off nor 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 point or rounded top.

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URIE further stated that the device 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, while URIE himself thought that it was more streamlined and curved. URIE said that the instrument came to a point or rounded top.

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This is an artist's conception of the flying disc seen by A. C. Urie sweeping through Snake River Canyon some 75 miles per hour. It seemed to be powered by jets emitting a fiery glow on both sides, and could well be the "flying saucer" seen by Urie and his son, Keith, 8, and Billy, 10, about 5 p. m. Aug. 13 going south on Snake River canyon at a height of about 75 feet from the canyon floor. Urie explained that the incident occurred while the two boys were coming across the river from the north side in a boat. He had been

# Flying Saucer Reported Flashing Down Canyon

## At 1,000 Miles Per Hour; Two Others Are Seen

**By JOHN BROSNAN**

Just as Magic Valley and the nation were starting to forget about the flying saucer, a new wave of speculation on the mystery, with vivid descriptions of discs they saw, swept through Snake River Canyon.

From A. C. Urie, who operates an asphalt business at six miles west of Blue Lake, came the most detailed account of the fast-flying objects the nation has yet produced.

The Urie saucer was seen by him and his son, Keith, 8, and Billy, 10, about 5 p. m. Aug. 13 going south on Snake River canyon at a height of about 75 feet from the canyon floor. Urie explained that the incident occurred while the two boys were coming across the river from the north side in a boat. He had been

come concerned about what was laying them, and had walked toward the river to see if they could get a better view of it. It was of about 300 feet and came to level with the thing. Urie said, "Two of my boys, Keith and Billy, were with me and they saw it too. It was a white, saucer-shaped object with a central hub and a wide, flat rim. It seemed to be powered by jets emitting a fiery glow on both sides, and could well be the 'flying saucer' seen by Urie and his son, Keith, 8, and Billy, 10, about 5 p. m. Aug. 13 going south on Snake River canyon at a height of about 75 feet from the canyon floor. Urie explained that the incident occurred while the two boys were coming across the river from the north side in a boat. He had been

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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 saucer-shaped object of a light sky blue color and, like a fiery glow at the base, the top of hood. It was seen at about 10:30 a. m."

The canyon floor is rough at that particular point, and it rode up and down over the hills and hollows at a speed indicating some type of control faster than the reflexes of man. It is my opinion that it is guided by instruments and must be powered by atomic energy, as it made very little noise—just a s-w-i-s-h as it passed by."

Urie described the size as about 20 feet long by 10 feet high and 10 feet wide, giving it an oblong shape. It might be described as looking like an inverted pie-plate or broad-brimmed straw hat that had been compressed from two sides.

Pressed for his candid opinion of just what it was, Urie said that he was convinced that there was something to this flying saucer situation. "I know a number of the people who have also seen them and I know they're not just imagining things. They're not just trying to get their names in the paper," Urie commented.

"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 travelling 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."







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Director, FBI  
Re: Flying Discs - Tacoma, Wn.

August 27, 1947

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Director, FBI [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 Hauri Island of the information available 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 Hauri 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] 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 [redacted] the following story, providing his name and the Harbor Patrols would be left out:

[redacted] 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 in diameter and in the center was a hole about twenty five feet. [redacted] stated that he assumed they were some type of a balloon. The object in the center seemed to be descending while the others followed. As the objects descended, he noticed holes around the inside of the object and what appeared to be windows. He stated that the object in the center descended about 500 feet and that suddenly, the circular 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. [redacted] stated that the object in the center had descended and touched the object in the center and which was lower, then rose, and took its place with the other objects on the other, according to [redacted].

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Director, FBI  
Re: **Unidentified Flying Objects**

August 28, 1947

H [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. He stated he did not know how the press knew he was in Tacoma had seen [redacted]

[redacted] informed that at 9:30 P.M. the next morning, July 31, 1947, [redacted] appeared at his hotel room and again asked him to come 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 [redacted] came to his hotel room, [redacted] had then informed about how he had seen an object resembling those seen by [redacted] [redacted] stated he had taken the patrol log #89; on July 23, 1947, and had gone to Maui Island and had found the beach littered with lava. [redacted] stated he had looked up and had seen a balloon-like object with a hole and windows which had disappeared behind 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 something, discs and let him see the fragments and hear [redacted] story. [redacted] consented, however, [redacted] readily agreed. He also stated that he had placed a call to Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON, 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.

He stated he flew to Seattle and got [redacted] and that Lieutenant BROWN and Capt. DAVIDSON [redacted] about 1:00 P.M. [redacted] advised that he had asked Lt. [redacted] and Capt. [redacted] that he had found out regarding the discs, and Lieutenant BROWN had [redacted] 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 DAVIDSON. He stated that after hearing [redacted] story, Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON [redacted] suggested that they all [redacted] Maui Island and look for the disc fragments. Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON, state [redacted] had to return to Hamilton Field [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]

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Unless advised to the contrary, no additional investigation is conducted in this matter, and it is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Seattle Office.

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Director, FBI  
Re: Flying Discs Tacoma, Wn.  
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August 27, 1947

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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¢ per word, 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. I have just read an account in the Chicago Tribune concerning an aerial train composed of at least 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.

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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,

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Boise, Idaho II-I-INDIE

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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!

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So you know your business, and you handled it like a major.

But I&#39;m giving you the easy part now and get the report on paper.

A check for your June 2h article b7c

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July 29, 1947

AIR MAIL

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Evansville, 1 Illinois

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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

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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 Elmer,  
Washington. My trip was delayed for an hour to collect for a larger radio  
transport that supposedly went down near or around the southern side of  
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 which was at only... angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five  
 miles. I know they must be very large to observe their shape at that  
 distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact, I com-  
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 one of... side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more great I became, as I  
 remembered... all objects...  
 to the ground or at higher altitude. I observed the chain of...  
 objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt....  
 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.

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 well as higher points on the other side of their position.  
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In the first unit of the film, during the period the position - out of  
 sight - covered a distance of 11.1 seconds. I looked at my stopwatch and found it  
 showed that they had traveled the distance in one minute and forty-two  
 seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confi-  
 dent. I thought there would be a correction of what I saw.

...of some of the objects which I saw through the glass  
seeing reflections or even a image. This I was able to do at first,  
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seconds. Even those objects \$15-  
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but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window to observe  
the within a completely unobstructed view."

... like a very short flash of light ...  
... observed ...  
... within his sight probably at least fifty  
or sixty times.

I continued to search for this crime plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this missing plane, which I had given the name of "E28-39-2", I became very disoriented, and then I ran into a wall. I became very disoriented, and then I ran into a wall. I became very disoriented, and then I ran into a wall.

I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which  
 were only a half or three minutes — although, by the time they reached  
 the sun they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape  
 or form. Of course, when the sun reflected light on one or two or three of  
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These objects were holding in a constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, much 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.

throughout the United States, there have been in our various accounts written by some of those observers that I can justifiably say we 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 Elkhorn City, the locomotive engineer in Illinois, Mr. [REDACTED]

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Los Angeles Daily Examiner, 12-31-13, contain [redacted] b7c  
 were seen. Type of [redacted] 3-11-12, 2-8-1920, [redacted]

mm, in respect of the conventional  
 &#39; only last night, July 25, 1947, made  
 Their observation on United Air Line flight 105 westbound out of Boston.

It is my opinion that descriptions could not be very accurate  
when from the ground where the saucer-like disks were at quite a great  
height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed  
the objects could have seen the same thing; i.e., they could have  
seen very difficult-to-recognize ground to observe the objects.

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air observers I would judge and very accurate.

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and Europe from my friends who say that the Jews have been a curse to the world.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
SUBJECT: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
RE: PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION DISCS

DATE: August 28, 1947

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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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**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 9-15-47

FROM: SAC, San Francisco  
**SUBJECT: REPORTS DISCSG**

Reference is made to my letter dated August 26, 1947, and August 26, 1947, enclosing a copy of a letter dated September 1, 1947, from L. C. Colon, 41A Foreign, August 20, 1947, and August 26, 1947. The memorandum contains information regarding observations of [redacted] of Sacramento, California. **b7c**

Also enclosed letter dated September 1, 1947, from Colonel [redacted] with a [redacted] dated September 9, 1947.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] of Boise, Idaho, who has been [redacted] in the [redacted] of [redacted] has expressed 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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September 1947

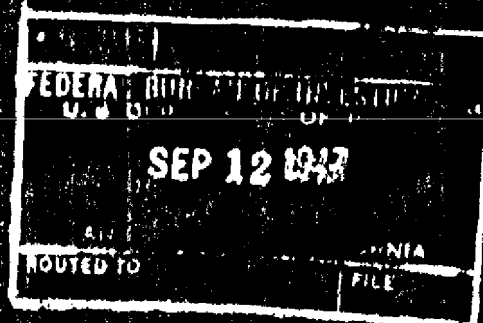
SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

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

Attached MOIC for your information.

1 Incl  
MOIC Moon, dtd 20 Aug 47.

*Donald L. Spalding*  
DONALD L. SPALDING  
Lt. Colonel, AF Reserve  
Deputy AG of A-2



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1050 hours 18 August 1947

Telephone message received from

Oakland Tribune:

Sacramento 2, Calif., and insurance executive with the firm of Mohr and Mills, of Sacramento, reported the following incident:

At 4 P.M. on August 14, while driving on Cedar Ravine Road, 4 to 5 miles southeast of Placerville, Calif., he, accompanied by his wife, observed a "vapor" trail moving from north to south. Closer observation revealed a piece of "shiny metal" at from 500 to 1000 feet altitude moving at a "high rate of speed". The object appeared to be more "rocket-shaped" than disc-shaped. It appeared to be approximately 8 feet in length and was "tilted in a semi-circle".

The object struck the ground with a "puff of black smoke" about 100 feet below the top of a hill which was approximately 750 feet ahead of the automobile driven by the observer. An intervening canyon prevented investigation of the location where the object was observed to have landed.

The observer is able to identify the location where the object was observed to land.

He is a University of California graduate, and is personally known by members of the Oakland Tribune staff. He is a brother-in-law of (of Southern California)

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4AF-1208-I  
20 August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 20 August 1947, this agent and Special Agent Hubbard interviewed [redacted] 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. [redacted] wife was in the front seat of the automobile and [redacted] 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 [redacted] saw a white smoke trail out of the corner of his eye. In searching for a rocket ship (P80) he saw an object, four to six feet in length, ten to fourteen inches wide, and of a metal color, bright like highly polished chromium. In relation to the travel of the automobile the object was first seen at 1030, and when the object reached a point at approximately 1200, it was engulfed in a puff of dark gray smoke about ten feet in diameter. The object was traveling at a terrific rate of speed and seemed to be in a very shallow dive. When the puff of smoke appeared, the object disappeared completely and there were no particles seen to have fallen from the smoke. The point where the object was engulfed in the smoke was about eight hundred yards distant (in front of) [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 [redacted] concurred in the information obtained from [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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. [redacted] is in the process of moving to a ranch near Placerville, Calif., and his new address will be [redacted] Placer County, Calif. Arrangements have been made to meet [redacted] at 1400, 26 Aug 47 at [redacted] Placerville, Calif., for the purpose of going back over Cedar Ravine Road to locate the point where the object disappeared.

Dryden A. Moon, Special Agent, AF/CIC

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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.

Brydon L. Moon, Special Agent, 4AF CIC

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36. On 26 August 47, S/A Hubbard and this agent contacted Placerville, California.

After traveling Cedar Ravine Road to a point nine miles southeast of Placerville, known as Buck's Bar, decided that the place from where he had observed the object on 14 Aug 47 was nearer to Placerville. After a thorough check of the road, believed the spot where he had observed the object to be on the ridge just north of Hobber 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 Hobber Creek. This point of observation lies 38° 42' 45" North Latitude and 120° 47' 15" West Longitude. The elevation at this point is 2,000 feet above sea level. The horizon from this point in the south is formed by a series of mountain peaks which lie generally through 38° 39' 45" and which are on the south side of Squaw Hollow Creek, a distance of four miles, and ranging in elevation from 2,300 feet to 2,500 feet above sea level. was not definite as to what part of the field of view he had seen the object and indicated that it could have been as far as the horizon. Any object, or particles of an object, that saw, if on the ground on the field of view, would be in a six square mile area of wooded, mountainous terrain which is full of canyons and ravines.

AGENT'S NOTES: This agent believes that could have seen an aluminum surfaced conventional type aircraft which, due to the distance at which he observed it, distinguishing features were not seen because of the bright reflection and the short period of 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-3, be used in low level flight between the hours of 1100 to 1800. was very cooperative and expended much of his own time in an effort to be of as much service as possible. will communicate with the AC of S, A-2, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, in the event of any report of aircraft wreckage in the area.

48. On 26 Aug 47, a check with State Forest Service, Canby, California, and Forester, Federal Forest Service, Placerville, California, provided the following information: There has been no forest fires or reported aircraft crashes in the area in question within the last month.

Bryden E. Moon, Special Agent, 4AP CIO

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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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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:

1 Incl:  
MOIC, Hubbard, dtd 9 Sep 47.

*Donald L. Springer*  
DONALD L. SPRINGER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

Berkeley, California, was interviewed 5 September 1947 at his place of employment, the University of California, concerning flying objects he reported to have seen on 29 July 1947 while with the 415th AAF BU (RT).

He stated in substance that he was a 1st Lt in the Reserve and that on the 29th of July 1947 shortly after 12 noon he had just landed from a routine training flight when

he called attention to an unidentified flying object that was following a P-50 aircraft at a terrific rate of speed. He estimated the P-50 to be flying at approximately 250 miles per hour on a preliminary approach to landing at Hamilton Field. In estimation the object he saw following the P-50 maintained a speed of three to four times that of the aircraft. A moment later a second object appeared and flew a course described as something similar to a fighter aircraft's maneuvers when accompanying heavier ships, or a left to right movement, over the object first sighted. He 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.

He could not estimate the size of the objects nor actual altitude, though he did not believe them to be beyond six thousand feet. He 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", he stated that he was, and that he was certain the objects he reported seeing were not of this nature.

AGENT'S NOTES:

He is a former officer of the U.S. AAF and a B-29 pilot of considerable experience. He 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. He is in charge of Berkeley, California.

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