

DATE: Aug 25 1964

There have been three reports received from Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, involving reported sightings of flying discs.

The Los Angeles Office is being furnished with a photostatic copy of the report of Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] dated August 16, 1947 concerning the investigation conducted at the Muroc Flight Test Base, Muroc, California.

This Butte Office is being furnished with a photostatic copy of the report/Captain [redacted] dated August 19, 1947 which set forth the letter received from Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] Helena, Montana.

This officer is maintaining with Goldenfant and will furnish the Bureau with a subsequent report from him concerning the observations of Mr. [redacted] Sacramento, California, who has reported certain observations which he believes may involve a flying disc at Placerville, California, on August 14, 1948 #39:?"

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

Title Investigation of Flying Disc. INVESTIGATION MADE AT Mirco AAF, Mirco, Calif.

File No. 1208-1

CONTROLLING OFFICE Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field.

PERIOD COVERED 8 July 1947

Date 18 August 1947

CASE CLASSIFICATION Incident

STATUS OF CASE Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Investigation initiated at request of Air Defense Command reference ltr Hq ADC, dtd 7 Jul 47, file D338.5 ID, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

SYNOPSIS:

On 8 July 1947, approximately 1000 hours, two incidents occurred in the vicinity of Mirco Flight Test Base.

No further investigation of these incidents is being considered by this headquarters

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DONALD L. SPRINGER, Lt. Col., GSC
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The following is a statement given orally by
Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, given to
Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer, on 11 August 1947.

, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the
time to be paper and of no significance or the objects not important
enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the
Colonel to make any further reports justifiable.

This oral statement was given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/s harry d. black
CAPT. HARRY D. BLACK, MAC

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The following is a statement given by

Muroc Army Air field,

Muroc, California, statement given on 11 July 1947.

At approximately noon on 8 July 1947, my attention was called to an object in the air by I observed between five (5) and eight (8) miles to the North what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying caused the sun to reflect like an apparently aluminum colored surface. The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again. It climbed to a fairly high altitude and moved off slowly into the distance. The object appeared to be the size of a pursuit airplane but did not have the shape of a conventional plane. The time that the object was in view was approximately eight (8) minutes. This same object was seen by my wife at the same time.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/ thomas a. mcmillan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by
4144th AAFBU, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given
on 14 July 1947, to

This is my own written statement of what I saw on July 8, 1947.

I am NCO in charge of the this Field, and

About 09:45 he was returning from the Post Exchange when he called
to me to come outside and asked me to look up to where he was pointing
and to my surprise I saw two (2) flying objects which appeared to me like
two (2) flying disc or saucer shaped silver colored objects, flying in a
northwestern direction at speed approximately 350 or 400 miles per hour
and at an altitude of about 7500 or 8000 feet. I could not hear a motor
roar like one of our planes and it could not have been a balloon.

I am of good health and sound mind and this was no hallucination.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have
initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by
Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement
given on 11 July 1947, to Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIO S/A, this Station.

The following statement concerning the actual observance of what has
been termed as a "flying Disc" or a "flying Saucer" is true and correct and
it will be noted that the above mentioned observance was made by me per-
sonally while enjoying complete health in mind and body.

On Tuesday 8 July 1947, at approximately nine-thirty A.M. (09:30)
I was in conversation with personnel in the Post Exchange Office. My part
of this conversation was as follows:

So, I will
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Upon leaving the Post Exchange, I went directly to my Office and be-
fore entering heard one of our local aircraft in the traffic pattern.
Looking up, as I always do I observed the aircraft, and looked slightly
to the left, whereupon I observed two (2) silver objects of either a
spherical or disc-like shape, moving about three hundred (300) miles an
hour, or perhaps less, at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, heading
at about three hundred twenty degrees (320°) due north.

When I first observed these objects I called
who immediately came
to where I was standing. I pointed in the direction of the objects and
asked them the question "Tell me what you see up there." Whereupon, all
the three (3) with sundry comments stated, "They are flying Disc". To
further verify my observance I asked them to tell me in what direction the
objects were traveling, without indicating their direction myself, and again,
all three (3) in a consistent nature stated that the objects were moving
toward Mojave, California.

I had time to look away several times and renew my vision of the objects
to make sure that there were not any results of eye strain, or in any nature
an optical illusion. The objects in question were not repeat, were not air-
craft, the objects could not have been weather balloons released from this
station, since they were traveling against the prevailing wind, and since
the speed at which they were traveling and the horizontal direction in which
they were traveling, disqualified the fact that they were weather balloons.

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After the observance of these phenomenon and hoping that I might have time to enlist further witnesses, I immediately ran into the dispensary to get personnel who are Medical Officers to verify, for my own curiosity, the actual observance of these objects, but by the time I reached the back porch of the dispensary, who is a registered nurse, and about seven (7) other personnel were with me, the objects, had by that time, disappeared, due to the speed with which they were traveling. Upon further investigation, two (2) of us at the same time sighted another object of a silver spherical or disc-like nature at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, traveling in circles over the North-end. I called the objects to the attention of and pointed it out to the other personnel standing near by. All of us saw the object, with the exception of two (2) out of seven (7) personnel. All of us looked away from the object several times to make sure there was no eye strain or from permitting the object to become an optical illusion.

From my actual observance the object circled in too tight a circle and too severe a plane to be any aircraft that I know of. It could not have been any type of bird because of the reflection that was created when the object reached certain altitudes. The object could not have been a local weather balloon for it is very impossible that a weather balloon would stay at the same altitude as long and circle in such a consistent nature as did the above mentioned object.

I am familiar with the results of too constant vision of the sun or any bright object and am aware that optical illusions are possible and probable. I wish to make this statement that the above mentioned observance was that of actual subject matter.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by
Maroon Army Air Field, Maroon, California, statement given to
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, This station, on 13 August 1947.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the
XP-84 on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air.
Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object
that I assumed at first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at
it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward whirling
movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225
MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that
it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

I did not have time to chase it in a P-80.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats
or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and
is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS:

THOMAS A. MC MILLAN
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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The following is a statement given by
Wuroc Army Air Field, Wuroc, California, statement given to
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, this Station, on 12 August 1947.

At 11:50 hours, 8 July 1947, while the undersigned was sitting in
an observation truck located in Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, for the
purpose of observing a P-52 ejection seat experiment, the following
unfamiliarity was observed.

The undersigned was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2)
P-52's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing to carry
out a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object,
white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy.
The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and
dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower
than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed
for the parachute which was ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell
it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, to-
ward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined,
but appeared slower than the maximum velocity 50-80 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit
observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct ovular
outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have
been thick fins or knobs. These crossed each other at intervals, suggest-
ing either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propeller arcs, engine noise, or other clueable (?)
or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, re-
sembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a
parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of
vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 50
seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four
(4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:
- Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
(Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a man-made object, as evidenced distaintly by
the outline and functional appearance.

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2. Its size was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.

3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of two (2) pages, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/ thomas a. mc millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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APPENDIX

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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The following is a statement given on 14 July 1947, by

Maroc Army Air Field, Maroc, California.

I am fully aware of my Civil and Constitutional Rights, and understand prior to making this statement.

On Tuesday morning 8 July 1947, at approximately 10:00, while typing some cards, and taking care of my routine work, called me, along with to the front of B.O.Q. "A" Bldg. Pointing up in a direction directly above me he asked us to explain what we saw. There were two, silver colored disc like objects flying toward Mojave, California, one direct back of the other, at a speed of about 300 to 400 miles per hour, having an altitude of approximately 8000 feet. I listened carefully for a few minutes, and heard no drone, such as should be heard from any aircraft. I also cast my eyes to another direction and looking back to the same spot, I was able to distinguish the same objects again. Having assured myself that there was no eye-strain, I was convinced these objects were not weather balloons due to the horizontal position in which they were flying. Nor could they have been birds of any nature, due to the definite reflection from the sun rays.

I have been on this base, considering an absence of six months, approximately eighteen months, and am familiar with all type aircraft.

About three or four minutes, after these flying objects had nearly disappeared, I glanced around and sighted another flying object, similar to the above mentioned objects. This flying object was silver colored and was in the shape of a disc. Unlike the first two this object was flying in a tight circle, neither losing nor gaining altitude, at approximately eight thousand feet, therefore I was convinced it could not have been a weather balloon, and because of the tight circle it could not have been any type aircraft.

This statement was given freely and voluntarily without threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

I am of sound mind and body, and swear that this statement is true and correct.

WITNESSES:

s/s Thomas A. Mc Millan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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The following is a statement given by
4144th AAFBU, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given
on 14 July 1947, to

On the eight of July 1947 at ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning
I observed personally two (2) flying disc, flying in a north west direction
at an estimated altitude of seven or eight thousand feet, traveling at
approximately three or four hundred miles per hour.

Just a few minutes before this I was in the Billing Office and
First Lieutenant Joseph G. McHenry called me and two (2) others out-
side. He then asked us what we saw. I saw two (2) objects with my own
eyes, and I am now and was then in perfect physical condition. I have
20-20 vision and I am positive these two (2) objects could not have been
Aircraft, weather balloons or birds. Due to the altitude in which they
were flying, they gave off a definite reflection from the rays of the sun.

In addition to these two (2) disc I saw another object a few
minutes later at the same altitude doing certain maneuvers such as flying
in a tight circle. The two disc had already disappeared. This object to
my knowledge of aircraft could not have been an airplane because of the
very tight maneuver it was undergoing. I have been flying in and have
been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I
seen anything such as this. If necessary I can and will swear to this
statement.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have
initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s Thomas A. McMillan
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-1
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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20 August 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Disc.

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

1. The attached letter was received by this office from Mr.
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
Company, on 15 August, 1947.

2. No further investigation will be made of this reported inci-
dent by this headquarters.

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As indicated.

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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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Report on a "flying saucer"

At or about 12:05 P.M., July 29, 1947, a sedan, driven by Steve Hermann 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 York, both in Montana some 25 miles N.W. of Helena.

When at a point approximately 2 mile N.W. of Canyon Ferry, (as shown on Forest Service Map to be in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 10 T10N R1W) Karl suddenly shouted "See it! See it! There's a flying saucer!" Steve immediately slowed down and gradually brought the sedan to a stop, he and Bob meanwhile scanning the sky in the direction pointed by Karl in an effort to see the "flying saucer", but without success.

Approximately ten seconds elapsed between the time Karl reported seeing the "saucer", coming over the horizon at high speed from the southwest, (Karl first thought it a meteor) and travelling northwesterly, 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 Northwest 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. in diameter, circular and of no great thickness - approximately 3 or 4 inches.

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

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

It is to be remembered that the dimensions as stated above were as they appeared to the observers some 2 or 3 miles from the "disc" and the true dimensions must be considerably greater.

14/ R. J. Madden,
R. J. MADDEN,
Division Plant Engr.
The West. Tel. & Tel. Co.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

407 U. S. Court House
Seattle 4, Washington
August 18, 1947

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

CHICAGO INVESTIGATION

Home State Department of Justice

Dear Sir:

The following, in general, are the facts regarding the flying disc story that started by [redacted] which subsequently resulted in news stories by the Chicago Times, the Boise Statesman and the Chicago Times that a [redacted] Army Intelligence officers was shot down or sabotaged over Kelso, Washington on August 1, 1947 because it was carrying some flying disc fragments.

The original story, as related by [redacted] was to the effect that [redacted] while patrolling in his boat near Maury Island, Washington, sighted six flying discs, one of which fluttered to the earth and disintegrated, showering his boat with fragments which caused some damage to the boat and killed his dog. [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] of the Chicago Daily News Company which publishes Fantastic Adventure Magazine in Chicago, sending him fragments of the flying disc and the above story. [redacted] requested Trans-Radio News in Chicago to carry the story as related by [redacted] who telegraphed [redacted] confirming [redacted] story. [redacted] then engaged [redacted] Boise, Idaho, who was the first to report sighting the flying disc and whom [redacted] had previously made a contract for a story regarding the flying disc, to come to Tacoma and check the story as related by [redacted].

[redacted] came to Tacoma, Washington July 30, 1947 and flying disc story that started following day, July 31, with [redacted] and [redacted] who were in the area. [redacted] called to attend the meeting [redacted] who was in the area. [redacted] had also reported seeing flying disc fragments, and Army Intelligence was carrying some flying disc fragments.

[redacted] was killed by [redacted] in his [redacted] at near [redacted] land, hsshington, sighted six flying discs, one which fluttered to the earth and disintegrated, showering his boat with fragments which caused some damage to the boat and killed his dog. [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] of the Chicago Daily News Company which publishes Fantastic Adventure Magazine in Chicago, sending him fragments of the flying disc and relating the above story. [redacted] requested Trans-Radio News in Chicago to carry the story as related by [redacted] who telegraphed [redacted] confirming [redacted] story. [redacted] then engaged [redacted] Boise, Idaho, who was the first to report sighting the flying disc and whom [redacted] had previously made a contract for a story regarding the flying disc, to come to Tacoma and check the story as related by [redacted].

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cation and should be in no way, carried as a news story and refused to furnish any information regarding these reports. He further stated that he advised the Boise Statesman shortly before, or at the time [redacted] left Boise to come to Tacoma to check on the flying disc stories with [redacted] that [redacted] should not come as the entire story was a hoax.

The following information was obtained from [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, [redacted]

It was the Tacoma Times paper which first issued a story on August 2 and subsequent stories intimating that the B-25 which crashed at Kelso, Washington on the early morning of August 1, had been sabotaged or shot down because of the fact that it carried flying disc fragments. [redacted] stated that on Thursday, July 31, at approximately 11:30 A. M. he received an anonymous phone call in which the caller stated that [redacted] and Army Intelligence officers were meeting in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel to check on the flying disc story from which fragments were obtained on Maury Island. [redacted] stated he turned around to speak to his editor and when he picked up the phone again the line was dead. He stated that the caller asked for [redacted] who was out at the time of the call. He stated that [redacted] called [redacted] at room 502 in the Winthrop Hotel and was advised by [redacted] that [redacted] was not in. [redacted] stated that on Friday, August 1, between 11:00 A. M. and noon, [redacted] had information regarding these reports. [redacted] stated that he advised the Statesman shortly before [redacted] the time [redacted] asked the caller if he would come to Tacoma to check on the flying disc stories. [redacted] said yes. That should then relate to the entire story was a hoax.

[redacted] room, 502, in the Winthrop Hotel; that the B-25 which crashed that morning in Kelso was carrying flying disc fragments obtained from California and that [redacted] officials had stated the plane was sabotaged or shot down. The caller then hung up after making some statement to the effect that he was a switchboard operator. [redacted] stated that he went to the Winthrop Hotel on Friday about noon and found that there was no male operator on duty. He stated he then went August 3 and subsequent stories intimating that the B-25 which crashed at Kelso, Washington on the early morning of [redacted] had been sabotaged or shot down because of the fact that it carried flying disc fragments. [redacted] stated that on Thursday, July 31, at approximately 11:30 A. M. he received a phone call in which the caller stated that [redacted] and Army Intelligence officers were meeting in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel to check on the flying disc story from which fragments were obtained on Maury Island. [redacted] stated he turned around to speak to his editor and when he picked up the phone again the line was dead. He stated that the caller asked for [redacted] who was out at the time of the call. He stated that [redacted] called [redacted] at room 502 in the Winthrop Hotel and was advised by [redacted] that [redacted] was not in. [redacted] stated that on Friday, August 1, between 11:00 A. M. and noon, [redacted] had information regarding these reports. [redacted] stated that he advised the Statesman shortly before [redacted] the time [redacted] asked the caller if he would come to Tacoma to check on the flying disc stories. [redacted] said yes. That should then relate to the entire story was a hoax.

he received the call for & in [redacted] which a [redacted] anonymous stated that he might have some information for him. [redacted] asked the caller if he was not the same party that had called the previous date and he said yes. [redacted] then replied that at that moment there was a big meeting in progress in room 502 of the Winthrop Hotel. [redacted] stated that Kelso was carrying flying disc fragments from California and that [redacted] officials had stated the plane was sabotaged or shot down. The caller then hung up after making some statement to the effect that he was a switchboard operator. [redacted] stated that he went to the Winthrop Hotel on Friday about noon and found that there was no male operator on duty. He stated he then

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refuse to furnish any further information.

On August 5, 1947 Special Agent [redacted] was contacted in the resident agency office, Tacoma, Washington by [redacted]. At this time [redacted] asked if the Seattle Office was investigating the crash of the B-25 and he was informed that no investigation was being conducted by the Seattle Office. [redacted] at this time related in a rambling story that he had picked up some strange rock formations which he had forwarded to a friend of his in the University of Chicago to have analyzed and that later, in some manner unknown to him, these rock formations had been reported as being fragments of a flying disc.

On August 7, 1947 [redacted] were interviewed at the Tacoma resident agency office. Both [redacted] at first denied any knowledge of how the rock formations which they had picked up to have analyzed became connected with the flying disc stories. Both denied making any statement to anyone that these rock formations were portions of a disc fragment. It was apparent from the start of the interview that [redacted] and [redacted] were not telling their complete and true connection with the flying disc story. They refused to give any definite information as to what they said or had done which caused them to become involved in a flying disc story, but gave evasive answers and repeatedly stated August 19, 1947 nothing to do with it and were at a loss to understand how they became connected with the flying disc story. They refused to furnish any further information they stated that in the early part of June they sent to [redacted] of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company which published the Fantasy magazine in August 5, and the Science Fiction magazine in Evanston, Illinois, [redacted] in the resident agency office and Tacoma, Washington. They stated they contacted [redacted] at this time asking [redacted] Seattle Office was [redacted] they stated that [redacted] and he was informed that no investigation was being conducted to analyze the samples. [redacted] at this time related in a rambling story that he had picked up some strange rock formations which he had forwarded to a friend of his in the University of Chicago to have analyzed and that later, in some manner unknown to him, these rock formations had been reported as being fragments of a flying disc. [redacted] flying disc and that he immediately sat down and wrote a letter to [redacted] which was in the latter part of June in which he stated the material was [redacted] flying disc. [redacted] claimed that [redacted] viewed at the Tacoma resident agency office. Both but being in his boat [redacted] denied and [redacted] knowledge of how the rock formations could they had picked up to have analyzed [redacted] became connected with the flying disc stories. Both denied.

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[redacted] information that [redacted] left before midnight. He stated that he returned to [redacted] room Friday afternoon for approximately one-half hour

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presently holds a Reserve Officer's commission as a Captain and that
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A check of the records of the Winthrop Hotel at Tacoma, Washington revealed that [REDACTED] giving his address as [REDACTED] Mountview Drive, Boise, Idaho rented room 502 from July 30 at 7:43 P. M. until

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[REDACTED]

The following information was obtained by Special Agent [REDACTED] in interview on August 12, 1947 with Captain [REDACTED] United Airlines pilot: It should be noted that Captain [REDACTED] has previously received publicity for having supposedly seen flying discs or similar objects on July 4, last, while on a routine United Airlines flight out of Boise, Idaho in company with his co-pilot [REDACTED] concerning this incident. Captain [REDACTED] states that they took off from Boise, Idaho at 3:12 P. M. and headed Northwest at 300 degrees and while still climbing at 8,000 feet, co-pilot [REDACTED] called his attention to some objects in the sky ahead of them about ten degrees left which neither one could identify. [REDACTED] states that he called a CAA radio operator at Ontario, Oregon and requested him to step outside his radio shack and see if he could see any of these objects overhead. The CAA radio operator replied in the negative.

Captain [REDACTED] states that he first met [REDACTED] on July 5 in the offices of the [REDACTED] where both were being interviewed concerning their sighting of flying discs. [REDACTED] states that he next met [REDACTED] about three weeks ago in Boise, Idaho at which time he, [REDACTED] was on another flight through United Airlines and had a ten minute lay-over there. On this occasion [REDACTED] was in company of Captain WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON and Lieutenant FRANK M. BROWN. [REDACTED] received publicity for having supposedly seen flying discs or similar objects. [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] took from Boise, Idaho at 3:12 P. M. and headed west at 300 degrees and while still climbing at 8,000 feet, co-pilot [REDACTED] called his attention to some objects in the sky ahead of them about ten degrees left which neither one could identify. [REDACTED] states that he called a CAA radio operator at Ontario, Oregon and requested him to step outside his radio shack and see if he could see any of these objects overhead. The CAA radio operator replied in the negative.

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[REDACTED] contact with [REDACTED] was on [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] at which time he asked to come over to Tacoma and join him as he was investigating a flying disc story someone had seen and some fragments were involved which light [REDACTED] in seeing. [REDACTED] On [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

he would fly over and pick him up at Boeing Field at about 14:00 P. M. and they flew to Berry Airport at Tacoma. [REDACTED] proceeded car line [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] was occurring.

The [redacted] story in Tacoma. [redacted] informed [redacted] at this time that after receiving this letter he had called [redacted] by telephone in Chicago as a result of which call [redacted] had forwarded him \$200.00 expense money for covering the story. Shortly thereafter, at about 7:30 P. M. [redacted] arrived at the Hotel room and the discussion began among the four men present as to what [redacted] had seen on Maury Island. [redacted] professed reluctance to tell the story, claiming that several unfortunate incidents had occurred subsequent to his seeing the flying discs and he believed the entire incident had brought him bad luck. In this connection he stated that four or five days subsequent to his sighting the flying saucers, [redacted] called at his home and had a conversation with him the course of which [redacted] was warned to keep all about everything in Tacoma. [redacted] 1-028-#39;1-8-#39; that after receiving this letter he had called [redacted] son had telephoned in Chicago as a result of which call [redacted] had been paid forward him \$200.00 expense money for covering the story. Shortly thereafter, at about 7:30 P. M. [redacted] arrived at the Hotel room and the discussion began among the four men present as to what [redacted] had seen on Maury Island. [redacted] professed reluctance to tell [redacted] story, claiming that several unfortunate incidents had

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Re: Recent Information of the Incident

A copy of this deposition is now in possession of the writer and is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau. It should be noted that this deposition is in no way as complete as the statement taken by the writer above and any setting out of this deposition in this communication would be superfluous. Copies of this communication are being sent to the Butte, Portland, San Francisco and Chicago Offices for their information only. Unless advised by the Bureau to the contrary, instant investigation is considered closed by this office.

For the information of the Bureau, Captain [redacted] Intelligence Officer, McChord Field, Ft. Lewis, Washington advised at the weekly O.N.I.-S.I.D.-F.B.I. Intelligence Conference that the Public Relations Officer at McChord Field had received a telephone call from an individual at Army Air Forces Headquarters at Washington, D. C., during which call the Public Relations Officer was requested to obtain a signed statement from [redacted] which could be published and thus publicly close the matter. Captain [redacted] further related that he had no additional information in this matter and that he did not handle it.

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b7c [redacted] being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says:

This is a narrative statement as to what took place in Tacoma from Thursday, July 31 until Sunday, August 3.

b7c Thursday I received a telephone call from Tacoma from a [redacted]. The gist of this conversation was that he thought it would be a good idea for me to come to Tacoma and listen to the story of two men whose names were [redacted]. This [redacted] had met two times previous -- once on July 5 at the office of the P.I. in Seattle for a very brief time and the second time in Boise, Idaho when I was passing through on one of my trips.

b7c In this conversation with [redacted] on the phone, I made the statement that it would be impossible for me to go over to Tacoma due to my going out to Salt Lake City the next morning. He said that he would fly over from Tacoma and pick me up at Boeing Field. I agreed to this proposition from [redacted]. At 4 o'clock I met [redacted] at the Boeing Field and we flew back and landed at Barry's Airport. We were picked up at the airport by [redacted] who drove the two of us into the Winthrop Hotel. We went up to Room 502 -- [redacted]

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[redacted] being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says: [redacted] put a telephone call into [redacted] and asked him would he come up to the room. A half hour later [redacted] made his appearance. [redacted] asked Mr. [redacted] to relate his story as to what took place on June 24. Mr. [redacted] was very hesitant about telling the story to me. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] were already aware of the statements that [redacted] had made previous. Mr. [redacted] made the statement to me that if any statement he would make relative to his story, if I would keep it confidential for two weeks, that he felt definitely that I would want to forge the whole thing. I made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that as far as was concerned, Thursday, I received a telephone call from Tacoma from [redacted] for at least two weeks.

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Mr. [redacted] called up and said if I would call him at 8:30 that evening, he would have some additional information for me. I called Mr. [redacted] at 8:30 that evening. He told me that this anonymous caller had again called a Mr. [redacted] of the [redacted] and said that one of the parties that Mr. [redacted] and I had come down to see was flown to Alaska. Also he made the statement Mr. [redacted] would be called to Wright Field Tuesday. This anonymous caller made the statement to Mr. [redacted] that this B-25 was shot down. Mr. [redacted] asked this person calling what his interest was. This anonymous caller made a statement - "Don't tell I am doing it for the newspapers. All I am interested in is seeing that this information gets back to New Jersey."

After I finished the conversation with Mr. [redacted] I went over to the United Press and talked with Mr. [redacted] and had him read back to me the conversations that he had had with this anonymous caller. But no opinions at this time were voiced either by me or Mr. [redacted]

Sunday morning I called a Major [redacted] of S-2 McChord Field and asked him to meet me at the Winthrop Hotel at 11 o'clock. I met this Major [redacted] at 11 o'clock and we drove to a small shop on the Tacoma Highway where this anonymous caller was located. He told me that this anonymous caller drove back to the Winthrop Hotel where Major [redacted] was introduced to him. Mr. [redacted] and I departed from the Winthrop Hotel Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30. Also made statement to Wright Field Tuesday.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

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b7c In the early part of June 1947 we picked up some strange rock formations from a gravel pit on Laury Island, Washington. We sent a box (cigar) of these fragments to [redacted] of Venture Magazine at Evanston Illinois to have it analyzed.

b7c Later [redacted] wrote and asked for additional samples stating that he had failed to have them analyzed.

b7c Around the later part of June a few days after the first disc stories started [redacted] contacted us by phone. He told us not to tell the newspapers about the fragments and he would pay for an exclusive story if the fragments could be from a flying disc.

One of us told him the fragments could have been from a flying disc.

August 14, Just after our phone conversation [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] setting out some notes etc. regarding the fragments and indicating they could have come from flying discs. [redacted] voluntary statement to an [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director
 FROM : Mr. M. Ladd
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 14, 1947

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In connection with your request to be advised as to the facts concerning newspaper reports of flying discs in the Portland area and the reported conference of army officials in Portland concerning flying discs, the Portland Office has advised that Leaveritt G. Richards, aviation editor of the "Oregonian," has stated that Captain William L. Davidson and Lieutenant Frank M. Brown of the Fourth AAF Headquarters, San Francisco, were in Portland on July 27, 1947. While in Portland they interviewed Dick Rankin, an experienced pilot, who had reported that he observed, on June 11, a formation of ten flying discs over Bakersfield, California. Richards added that Davidson and Brown had also interviewed the following four experienced pilots who were among the first to report seeing discs, Kenneth Arnold, businessman from Boise, Idaho; Captain E. J. Smith, a co-pilot; Ralph Stevens, United Airlines pilot; and Dave Johnson, aviation editor, Idaho "Statesman." In order to determine the purpose of this investigation, Richards contacted Major General Twining of Wright Field, Ohio, and from him gained the impression that the AAF instituted this investigation to wash out the disc reports since they are definitely not of AAF origin.

On Friday, August 1, the plane in which AAF investigators, Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown, were flying, crashed at Kelso, Washington, and both were killed. The wreckage was screened by RAF Intelligence from McChord Field. The "Tacoma News Tribune" and through them the United Press out story that the plane was carrying parts of a disc which had struck a boat owned by Harold Dahl and Fred Chrisman. It has also been inferred that this plane was sabotaged to prevent these disc parts from being examined. Richards added that Davidson and Brown had also interviewed the following four experienced pilots who were among the first to report seeing discs, Kenneth Arnold, businessman from Boise, Idaho; Captain E. J. Smith, a co-pilot; Ralph Stevens, United Airlines pilot; and Dave Johnson, aviation editor, Idaho "Statesman." In order to determine the purpose of this investigation, Richards contacted Major General Twining of Wright Field, Ohio, and from him gained the impression that the AAF instituted this investigation to wash out the disc reports since they are definitely not of AAF origin.

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August 14, 1947

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On July 31 and August 1, a total of [redacted] and [redacted] was received by a [redacted] and the [redacted] [redacted] Tacoma ' giving information regarding the meeting at the Winthrop Hotel over the disc fragments. Relative to [redacted] that the B-25 had been shot down by [redacted] killed Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown, inferring that this was done by the [redacted] and possibly the [redacted] to cause the intelligence officers to believe the flying disc fragments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-29-47

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JULY 7, 1947
SECURITY MATTER (X)

Reference is made to Boston teletype to the Bureau dated July 18, 1947.

The original informant, has advised that a spectrographic examination has been completed of the metal particles referred to. They were determined to be of an iron cast which had been subjected to a very high degree of heat. The heat caused scales to be formed on the cast iron which were originally thought to be of some metallic alloy.

The scientist examining the particles concluded that if they had come through the air from a great height, the pieces as they were found then most of the heat would have been taken from them by the time they reached the ground and no scales would not have resulted. It is noted they landed approximately 750 feet from a railroad track and inquiries were conducted by MIT to determine whether or not the particles could have been originally a part of a liner in a smoke stack or some other part of the steam engine. These inquiries resulted in positive information that the particles did not come from a train or locomotive. Measurements of the four pieces examined revealed that they had most likely been originally all part of one hollow cylinder, eight inches in diameter and three sixteenths of an inch in thickness. It was noted that one piece falling from a great height would have still retained a good part of its heat and probably would have smashed when it hit the ground. A scientist, whom [redacted] has advised that a spectrographic examination has been completed of the metal particles referred to. They were determined to be of an iron cast which had been subjected to a very high degree of heat. The heat caused scales to be formed on the cast iron which were originally thought to be of some metallic alloy. This unidentified scientist did not so conclude to the exclusion of all other possibilities.

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A scientist, whom [redacted] did not identify by name called that cast cylinders of similar measurements had been used in New Mexico on research work on a guided missile project. However, this unidentified scientist did not so conclude to the exclusion of all other possibilities.

It is interesting to note that the examination at MIT was actually conducted by [redacted] who furnished the information in all major details that supplied by above. The man at MIT is gathering through friends all additional pieces of the original cylinder available. These will be turned over to the Boston Office. No further examination is being conducted by MIT and no effort is being made to reconstruct the original cylinder.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, San Francisco
Atten: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

DATE: September 4, 1937

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

AIRMAIL

Enclosed for your information are copies of two letters from Lt. Col. [REDACTED] of A-2, Hamilton Field, California, dated August 27, 1947, with attachments reporting the sighting of "flying discs" on Guam, and result of A-2 investigation at Tacoma and Kelso, Washington. b7c

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Info to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b7c
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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

AAPDA
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27 August 1947

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SUBJECT: Re Flying Disc.

TO:

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

1. Following is extract from the Weekly Intelligence Summary,
Air Transport Command, Washington 25, D. C., dated 20 August 1947,
Copy No. 120, Article 1, pg 1:

FLYING OBJECTS IN GUAM Unidentified flying objects have
been observed by three American enlisted men of the 147th Air-
ways and Air Communications Service Squadron at Harmon Field,
GUAM. The men report that at 1040 hours on 14 August 1947 the
two objects, which they describe as small, crescent shaped and
traveling at a speed twice that of a fighter plane, passed over
them on a zig-zag course in a westerly direction at an approxi-
mate altitude of twelve hundred feet. The objects disappeared
into clouds and a few seconds later a similar object possibly
one of those previously observed, emerged from the clouds and
proceeded west. No further details have been reported."

2. For your information.


DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, GSC
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SUBJECT: Investigation of Hamilton Field, California

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AIR RESCUE SERVICE
DETACHMENT 8 (62d AAF BG)
McChord Field, Tacoma, Washington

4 August 1947

SUBJECT: Final Mission Report

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Rescue Service
MacDill Field, Florida

1. MISSION NUMBER
2. NATURE

a. At 0400 PST, 4 August 47, ARMY FLIGHT SERVICE notified this detachment that a plane had been seen to crash and burn thirteen (13) miles south of KELSO, Washington.

3. ACTION TAKEN

a. 1 Aug 47. At 04:30 PST, AFS received information from Mr. O. C. Clark, local sheriff of KELSO, Wash., that the scene of the crash was fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles east of KELSO in the vicinity of OGJLE CREIK. The KELSO Chief of Police saw an aircraft fly low over the town, then crash and burn to the ground. The time was about 0230 P.M. A check of aircraft known to be in the vicinity revealed that B-25 #1316 had departed MCCORD FIELD at 0212 PST for HAMILTON FIELD, California. The weather was reported as CFR. A full moon made visibility exceptionally good. The pilot's name was CAPT. W. C. DAVIDSON; the plane carried three (3) additional persons. The Base Operations Officer and Base PIO were notified. This detachment began organizing a ground party of base personnel to supplement that being formed by the KELSO Chief of Police. At 0500 information was received from KELSO by AFS that ground fog in the valleys at the scene of the crash was preventing a ground party from locating the plane. Since no communication had been received from B-25 #1316, it was assumed that it was the plane reported as crashed. ARS C-47 was pre-flighted to transport the Army ground party to KELSO but a check of the field conditions there deemed it advisable to use a smaller aircraft. Of the two C-45s available, one belonging to AFS was unserviceable after a night flight; the other, belonging to AAGC, was ready even though a responsible officer of that organization was not present to authorize the flight. For at KELSO prevented take-off until 0600 PST. The ground party, led by CAPT. W. L. LITTELL and CAPT. T. R. FORBES, consisted of six men including a medical technician and a photographer. At 0600 PST, the KELSO Chief of Police notified AFS that a passenger of the crashed airplane was in his office and had confirmed that a plane had been seen to crash and burn thirteen (13) miles south of IELPO, Weehington 6° B'22° 55'P1.

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Subject: Final Mission Report

4 August 1947

5. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

a. GROUND ACTIVITY

(1) Total man hours by ARS Personnel in field 72

(2) Total man hours by other Army Personnel (estimate) 300
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(3) Total man hours by civilian personnel (est) 150

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(4) No. of miles driven by Army Vehicles 503

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(3) Total hours flown by Army aircraft 500

(4) Total man hours by civilian personnel 150

(5) No. of miles driven by Army Vehicles 593

c. Summary: AC#39;I#39;IV1 +

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On 31 July 47, [REDACTED] of the Idaho Daily Statesman, telephoned Lt. Brown requesting he return to Tacoma because [REDACTED] believed he had some very vital information on the flying disc.

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11- [REDACTED] were not available for interview while this officer was in that area, although every effort was made to contact them.

Further investigation of this particular incident was left with Mr. Brady, Resident Agent, FBI, Tacoma, Washington.

It was apparent from newspaper clippings, telephone calls to this officer, and conversations with Major Sander, that a United Press correspondent, of the Tacoma Times, was instrumental in keeping this case alive. This officer and Major Sander, although quoted many times in the press, did not discuss this matter with the press during the period of this report. that 1 mm:

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ATTENTION NOTE: This officer, in the company of Major Gander, boarded the aforementioned boat where it was docked in the Tacoma harbor on 6 Aug 47. A hand rail was missing, but the area where the hand rail was previously fastened had been painted over with several coats of paint and was cracked by the weather. The deck and roof of the cabin was of a very thin construction and the cabin further had glass on the front and sides. It is this officer's opinion that if any of the objects presented by █████ as samples of the material dropped by the flying disc had hit this boat, it would have certainly been necessary to replace the foredeck and the cabin roof. The foredeck area was very heavily coated with several coats of paint and had deep weather cracks that would take several seasons to acquire. ... QC.

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ADDITIONAL NOTE: A record check was made by telephone by Mr. Brady with the Seattle Field Office, FBI, for records on [REDACTED]. The check on Mr. Crisman was negative. The Seattle FBI indicates indicated that a Harold Dahl had been charged with two incidents of illegal wearing of the uniform and one with theft of national property. It could not be determined at the time whether Harold A. Dahl, the subject of this report, is the same person as the Harold Dahl of the FBI incidents, one and the same.

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July 22, 1947

Holiso, Idaho

Dear Mr.

Quite obviously you have been ribbed so much you'd like to forget the flying saucers--but I'd sure like to have your personal story, your photo, pic of your plane, etc, as I asked before. And you won't be made to look silly, because there's more to this than the newspapers and the "experts" have made of it.

Besides the article, I have another proposition. You seem to get around quite a bit, and if you can make a trip to Tacoma, Washington at all feasible, I'd be willing to pay expenses plus a nice amount to make it worth your while.

I'd want you to see

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and two other seamen, on a patrol near Merry Island, off Tacoma, saw six discs, one in trouble, witnessed an explosion, saw falling stuff which smashed their wheelhouse and searchlight and landed on the beach. They sent me samples which Chicago U has failed to analyze. I want a picture of the beach and the stuff that landed there (about twenty tons, they said). And I want somebody who'll get the truth, to find out if these boys are on the up and up. You could do that, I hope you will. If agreeable, please write and perhaps we can talk business. I think you'd like to prove this thing too!

Anyway, I still want that article!

Sincerely yours,

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LT FRANK M BROWN, A-2 (RPT A-2)

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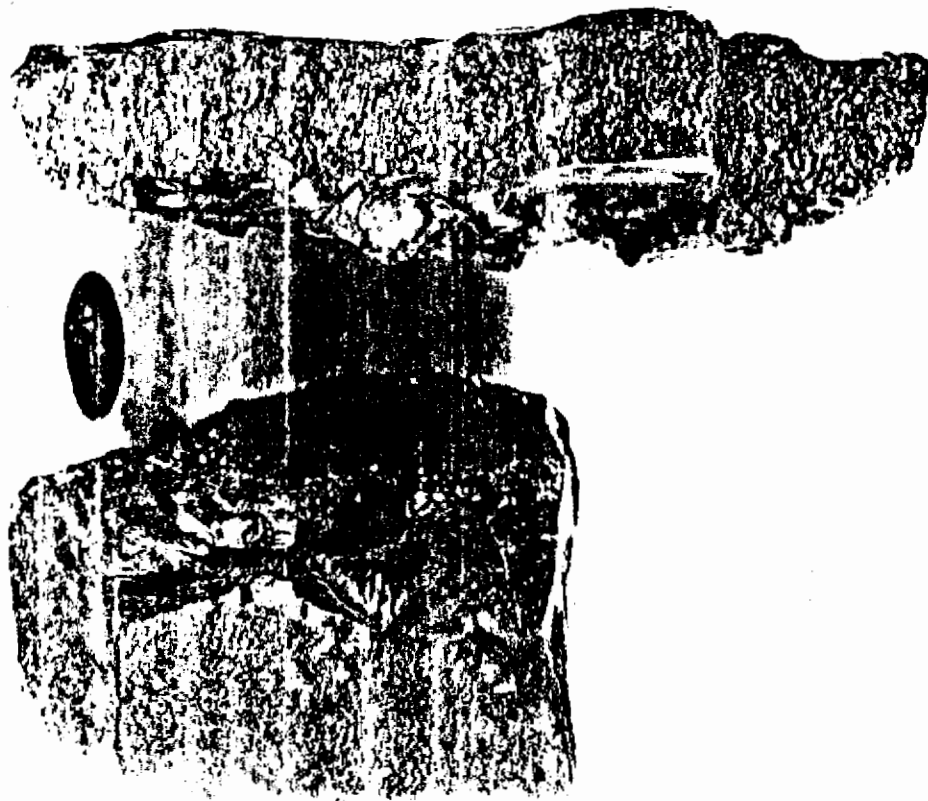
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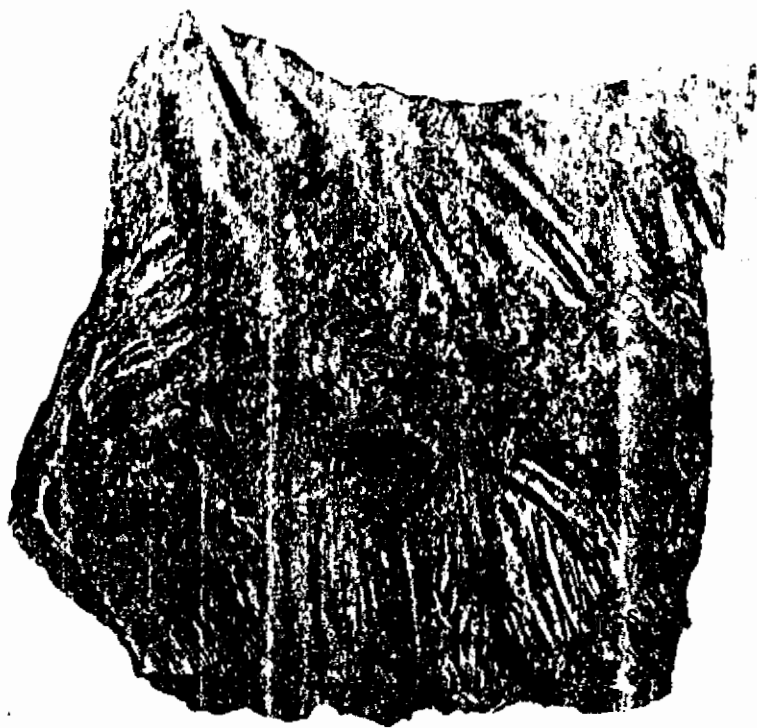
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PORTLAND, OREGON, August 20th 1947

Lt. Col. Donald L. Springer, Assistant Staff

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June 8, 1949
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RE: FLYING DISCS
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Refer Phoenix letter to Bureau, dated September 9, 1947,

captions, **REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS**, for the attention of Assistant
Director D. M. HARRIS.

On one REPORT OF FLYING DISCS, for the attention of Assistant
Director [redacted] setting forth the representative of the Air Force
[redacted], from Hamilton Field, Ohio, result of interview re con-
sultation with Mr. [redacted].

[redacted]
Phoenix Arizona, concerning his observation and photographing of an
object which was considered by the Air Force of significance from all
security standpoint.

On June 7, 1949, Mr. [redacted] OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called at this office, advising that he had been requested by [redacted] Air Force to obtain information concerning [redacted] OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called at this office [redacted] apparently, has requested the Air Force to return the photographs [redacted] b7C b7D

formatting concerns interviewance, advised that he requested that OSI return the 7-11-69 letter #30 matter, stated his recollection was "fuzzy" on the matter. OSI is anxious to secure the substance of information in the Phoenix file concerning this hit; recollection of same has been made available upon request. A copy of the information has been furnished to the FBI & Res. furnished the substance of the information in order that he may make it available to the OSI at San Francisco setting forth this information has been prepared by this office and is attached hereto. The Bureau is requested to advise if such memorandum should be made available to OSI.

A memorandum setting forth this information has been prepared by this office and is attached hereto. It is requested that you advise such manner and date as may be required.

Attachment - 1 to Phase I - No. 89-11-100-1 & 89-9

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SAC, Phoenix

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§* Re: June 8, 1949 captioned "Flying Diarr"

It is believed that the reference appearing in the first line of your referenced letter to the Bureau is incorrect. Complete details concerning the matter referred to in your referenced communication appear in a letter from your office dated September 18, 1947 and not September 9, 1947.

Pursuant to your request, you are granted authority to furnish the attached blind memorandum which was forwarded to the Bureau with your referenced letter to appropriate representatives of the Arizona State Police.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
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§.EEE2\$. Your approval is requested in order that the attached letter and memorandum can be forwarded to the Phoenix Office, authorizing that office to furnish the requested information to Mr. [redacted] OSI representative, [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona. b7c
f92u' attached memorandum OSI representative, [redacted] b7d
Background. [redacted]

Background: In July 1947, [redacted] was jointly interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] (Bureau Agent) and [redacted], A-2 representative from Hamilton, California. The purpose of the interview was to secure from [redacted] information and photographs of a flying disc, which had been sighted from photographs by [redacted] California. The purpose of the interview was to secure from [redacted] and photographs of the results of the interview and subsequent events are contained in the attached memorandum submitted by the Phoenix Office.

"The complete results of the interview and subsequent events are contained in the attached [redacted] OSI representative at Phoenix, Arizona, has requested the Phoenix Office to furnish him complete facts relating to this interview, which are to be subsequently forwarded to [redacted]. b7C
[redacted] representative at Phoenix, Arizona has requested [redacted] b7D
[redacted] refuse him here, has been questioned concerning his right to see his separately held records. The Air Force's records are "hazy" according to Mr. [redacted] who has been questioned regarding the matter. According to [redacted] b7C
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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS AND SAUCERS
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For the Bureau's information, several citizens in the community of Alexandria, Louisiana, have recently reported seeing flying discs. The Alexandria, Louisiana daily paper has carried numerous articles concerning this.

At a recent meeting of the Young Mens Business Club in Alexandria, a member suggested that the club should try promoting a convention or flying saucer. This particular comment appeared in the Alexandria paper and was picked up by the APes.

Mr. [REDACTED], a member of the Young Mens Business Club, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that since the APY lease, they have received a large number of inquiries from parts of the United States. [REDACTED] states that the interest of the people is evidenced by their inquiries about convention particulars, stating they are flying saucer seers and want to attend such a convention.

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This gentleman further advised that in view of the volume of inquiries coming in, it appears that the YHC might have to hire an employee to handle all the correspondence. It might be noted that he advised a representative of the Air Force from Barksdale Field, Louisiana, has inquired as to plans of the saucer convention, stating that they are interested in furnishing an observer if such a convention were held.

This information is being furnished the Bureau, as it is possible such an enterprise may cause people to falsify that they have been flying discs or flying saucers. Such falsifications might be made so that they might attend such a convention or become official delegates thereto.

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██████████ advised that he had interviewed ██████████ at the time ██████████ came to the office since ██████████ had interviewed ██████████ at the time. He said that he then learned for the first time that the first inquisition had taken place near Scranton, Pennsylvania, and had occurred about six months previously. This caused the ██████████ to withdraw his proposition had taken place near Scranton, Pennsylvania and ██████████ to withdraw from the case. On a question of jurisdiction, ██████████ was advised that any further action on his part should be referred to the State Police authorities.

At the same time, [redacted] furnished [redacted] with the results of the analysis which had been made of the ash submitted, and which analysis had been made by [redacted], Chemical Laboratory, Room 875, City Hall. This report reflected that the ash contained Magnesium, Iron, and calcium in the form of silicates, sulphur and carbonates. [redacted] was advised that no further action on his part should be referred to the State Police authorities.

[redacted] #39; interrogated at this place: ' p. '

authorities. - [redacted] #39: [redacted] was interviewed at his place of business, [redacted] #39: [redacted] the [redacted] #39: [redacted] Broad Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At this time he advised that he had received the sample of ash from a friend, [redacted] #39: [redacted] Wayne County, Pennsylvania, which had been made by [redacted] #39: [redacted] Chemical Laboratory, Room 88 #39: [redacted] through the mail. He said that Lake Ariel is about one mile south of South Canby, near Scranton, Pennsylvania. He stated that [redacted] #39: [redacted] his report reflected that the ash contained [redacted] #39: [redacted] house had burned about six months ago, that the fire had occurred at night during a storm and that a large object had struck the roof and ignited the Aluminum, Iron, and Calcium in the form of silicates, sulphur and carbonates. [redacted] #39: [redacted] the ground in less than an hour.

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He said that he had vast experience in the fire business that these details had been furnished by letter from ██████████ at the time a sample of the ash was forwarded to him and he said that he had received the sample of the ash from that the ash might be a part of a military flare or a flying saucer". Vania, through the mail. He said that Lakariel is about one mile south of South Canada, near Gorant, Pennsylvania. He stated that associates in the engineering field about one month ago characteristics of same type of a flight during a storm in the harbor a considerable number. He stated that the mass of white ash residue had remained ignited for a period of twelve hours. b- He also stated that he did not think there had been an explosion but that a loud noise had probably been caused by the persons creating the fire as these details were obtained by the fire. He said that he had a quantity of ash of this type in his laboratory and he said that he was not a scientist in his opinion that the ash might be part of military flare or flying saucer".

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adv'sed that he had been employed by the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge until 1943. He was entirely rational. He discounted the theory that a portion of a meteor had struck the house on the basis of the chemical analysis made by the City Chemical Laboratory. He discounted the theory that a portion of a meteor had struck the house on the basis of the analysis made by the City Chemical Laboratory.

authorities, he had written to [redacted] and suggested that any further inquiries be directed to the State Police. The suggestion of the City

authorities, he had written to [redacted] and suggested that any further inquiries be directed to the State Police. The file of the Philadelphia Office reflect that the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service were negative to an inquiry concerning [redacted], OFM [redacted]. The files of this office likewise reflect that [redacted] letter received August 14, 1947 requested of this office the identity of a powder or dust used in [redacted] this office.

office likewise reflect that [redacted] letter received August 14, 1947 requested of this office the identity of a powder or dust used in [redacted] this office. Inasmuch as there is no indication indicated within the Bureau's investigation, there is no further investigation being conducted in this matter. However, the ash residue obtained from the [redacted]

is being forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for an interest or study. The Laboratory may desire to conduct relative to flares or in connection with the possibility of the presence of "flying saucers".

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