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

ADJACENT NOTES: [REDACTED] is a man of approximately 33 to 35 years of
age. From all appearances he is a very reserved type of person.
[REDACTED] has logged 2600 hours of flying time in various types of airplanes
up to and including, multi-engine aircraft. During part of the war years,
[REDACTED] was the Pilot assigned to the Twenty-third USAAF and stationed on<br>inian Island, in the Pacific. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [REDACTED] actually saw
what he states that he saw in the attached report. It is also the opinion
of the interviewer that [REDACTED] would have much more to lose than gain
and would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw something
before he would report such an incident and open himself for the ridicule
that could accompany such a report.

I note: Exhibit "A"
Statement of
at Boise, Idaho, July 12, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

On the sixth day of July, 1947, I received from

The Statesman Printing company, an assignment which was in substance:

"Conduct an aerial search of the northwest states in an effort to
see and photograph a flying disc. Conduct this patrol for so long a time
as you believe reasonable, or until you see a flying disc."

In accordance with these instructions, I took the Statesman’s airplane
and with as passenger, flew a seven and one-half hour mission
on the seventh day of July, 1947. This mission was without result. It
covered an area embracing the confines of the Samford plant in Washington,
and territory between and around Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, where
first reported seeing objects henceforth described as saucers or discs.

On the eighth day of July, 1947, I took an AT-S of the 190th Fighter
squadron, Idaho National Guard, of which I am a member, and flew to northern
Idaho, into western Montana briefly, to Spokane, Washington, and back
to Boise by way of Walla Walla, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon. This
search also was negative.

On the ninth day of July, 1947, I continued the search, again using a
national guard AT-S, this time centering my efforts over the Owyhee mountains
west and southwest of Boise, a portion of the Mountain Home desert on a tract
southwest of the Mountain Home army air base, thence into the Sawtooth moun-
tains, and back in the general direction of Boise on a line carrying me well
to the north of the Shaffer butte forest service lookout station, into the
Horseshoe Bend area, and thence back in a southwesterly direction to a point
between Boise and the village of Meridian, west of Boise a few miles.

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

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

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

I immediately centered my gaze on the object. At that time, due to its
erratic movement, I thought I was seeing a weather balloon. I called the
CAAF communication station at Boise, and asked if the weather station had
recently released a balloon. The reply from communicator Albertson was that
the bureau had not. I do not remember his exact words; I am under the
impression he said "not for several hours" or gave me the exact time of the
previous release, which was around 03:30 that day.
Upon hearing this response, I turned the aircraft broadside to the object, pulled the plexiglass covering to avoid any distortion, took my camera from the map case, and exposed about 10 seconds' duration of eight millimeter motion picture film. During the time the camera was at eye level, I could not see the object because of minuteness of scope introduced by the optical view finder with which the camera, an f/1.9 Eastman, was equipped.

Taking the camera away and once again centering my gaze on the object, I observed it to roll so that its edge was presented to me. At this time it flashed once in the sunlight. It then appeared as a thin black line. It then performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll, or a barrel roll, which instead of being completed, was broken off at about the 180-degree point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point, and I lost sight of it.

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

I forgot to look at my clock to determine the exact time I saw the object. The OA's log of radio contacts shows my first contact to have been made at 1217 hours. A few seconds elapsed between the time I first saw the object, and the time I called the OA's station. I subsequently related over the radio a description of what I saw, and communication received a recording of the conversation. I have not checked to determine the purpose of my relating over the air that I saw was to enable rapid transmission of the report to the newspaper, for at that time I was on assignment and my energies thereafter were devoted to (1) transmitting the information and (2) conducting a further search, which I did after landing for fuel and to make some telephone calls.

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

Immediately after sighting the object, I asked if there were other aircraft in the area. There was a P-51 of the 106th squadron practicing maneuvers in the vicinity of Loma, but that was behind me. A C-47 passed overhead, but I saw that aircraft go beneath me by some 2,000 feet. The P-51 in the vicinity of Loma proceeded to the area where I saw the object, at my request, and conducted a search. It was negative.

During the afternoon, flights of P-51s were sent out to cover the area, and one of them flew high altitude missions on oxygen. These searches were negative.

I was subsequently informed that personnel on both the United Air Lines side of Joven field, and on the national guard side, observed a black object maneuvering in front of the same cloud formation, which by that time had grown so that the clouds reached a probable height of 15,000 or 20,000 feet from a mean base of 12,000 or 15,000 feet, mean sea level. Three of these men were national guard personnel and I talked to them,
asking them to describe what they saw, before telling them my story.
In order to avoid suggestion or inference of a leading nature. They
saw the object (from the ground) while I was on my second search.
They believed the time to have been 14:00 hours. The object performed
in the same erratic manner, they said, as I observed.

The above is the extent of the story, and information concerning
myself is now in order.
I have approximately 2600 hours of flying time in equipment
ranging from primary training to B-29s. Of course, that does not in-
crease my powers of observation except as those practiced daily by
an airman. It does not make my eyesight any sharper except again as
to the incidental demands upon the eyes of a pilot.

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

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

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

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

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

The question remains, of course, whether I saw it. The motion-
picture film, developed and processed by [redacted] in the Eastman
laboratories at 241 Battery Street, San Francisco, showed no trace of
any object. [redacted] says that if it was more than a mile distant from me
at the size I described, the object would not have registered suffi-
ciently on the film to be shown. He said it probably was too far away
to be apparent even through great enlargement of the negative, and
enlargement in that case is limited because of the size of the film
and the fact I did not have any telescopic equipment on the lens. The
exposure was 1/16, stop set at infinity, at a speed of 16 frames per
second.

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

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

A chart is attached depicting the movements of the object as I
This statement is made voluntarily and freely, in response to the request of Mr. Brown and Captain Davidson, who called on me this morning.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 12th day of July, 1947.
This design portrays the movements of the object to which reference is made in the attached statement. At all times the object appeared as black. Positions (1), (2) and (3) show the jerky, rising motion. Position (4) is where the object rolled, presenting its edge to me. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).
1. On 12 July 1947, [redacted] of the United Airlines, was interviewed at the Boise Municipal Airport, Boise, Idaho. [redacted] was passing through Boise on a schedule flight at the time and had a 20 minute stop-over. [redacted] reiterated the statements originally made by him to the press as to what he had seen in the late evening of July 6th, when 5 minutes out of Boise on the route to Seattle, Washington. It is the opinion of the interviewer that due to the position he occupies, that he would be very strongly convinced that he actually saw flying disk before he would open himself for the ridicule attached to a report of this type.
1. On 10 July 1947, a check was made at the following locations in Palm Springs, California for the purpose of trying to locate:

- Palm Springs Police Department
- Palm Springs Water Company
- Palm Springs Gas Company
- Palm Springs Telephone Company
- Palm Springs Employment Office
- Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Royal Palm Hotel
- Palm Springs real estate offices
- City offices of Palm Springs including waste disposal, water rights, tax records, etc. No record of any of the above mentioned offices was found.

2. On 11 July 1947, a person named [Name Redacted] of Palm Springs, California, for the past 14 years was interviewed. [Name Redacted] stated that he had lived in Palm Springs for the past 21 years and that he was unaware of any person named [Name Redacted] having ever lived in Palm Springs. [Name Redacted] stated that due to the fact that Palm Springs is a resort area and due to the fact that in the summer months the only 3 to 5 thousand people resided in Palm Springs, whereas in the winter months 10 to 12 thousand resided in Palm Springs, it was very possible that [Name Redacted] could have lived in Palm Springs without being aware of it.

A check of Central Delivery records revealed a letter addressed to [Name Redacted] at Cicero, Indiana, postmarked at Cicero, Indiana, July 1947, at 3 p.m. The return address on the envelope was listed as Cicero, Indiana. The contents of the envelope were examined inasmuch as the contents was 3rd Class material and the envelope not sealed. The records were of a religious nature concerning the sad plight of American non-church members, the second coming of Christ and etc. [Name Redacted] was contacted by [Name Redacted] and stated that there was a person who had received mail through the general delivery office of the Palm Springs post office, but that the mail, other than the letter mentioned above, came through the Post Office approximately two years ago.

Based upon the information given, it was concluded that the mail was addressed to [Name Redacted] and had been addressed to. This mail was addressed to [Name Redacted] in care of a trailer camp located in Palm Springs. In visiting the trailer camp office, it was found that [Name Redacted] had been living in the camp for approximately two years ago. Investigation is continuing in an effort to locate [Name Redacted] and obtain a statement from him.

Incident
4AF 1206 I
14 July 1947
MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 15 July 1947, AAF BU (ORD), Squadron A, Hamilton Field, California, was interviewed and stated as follows: has been in the Army ten years and two months, twenty-six months overseas duty in the ETO, and has been in the Air Corps for about ten months. Stated that on 8 July 1947, he was going to Base Cleaners from his office and was passing along the sidewalk near the barracks of the ORD when he saw five or six men pointing toward the sky, but as he was used to seeing this around an Army Air Base, he paid no further attention to it until a lieutenant and a captain ahead of him stopped and pointed in the same direction. He stated that on glancing up he saw three objects traveling northeast across the sky. The objects seemed to be traveling faster than an ordinary flight of F-80s and he estimated the altitude between 8-10,000 feet and approximately 7-10 miles away. Stated that the two objects in the lead appeared to be round and of a very light gray color while the object in the rear seemed to be either rotating or rolling behind the other two. Stated that from a distance he could not tell exactly the shape of the one which was rolling as it appeared to be turning over and he couldn’t tell whether the object was flat. The only means he had of identifying it was the fact that it seemed to get brighter and darker as it appeared to roll. The objects were in sight approximately four seconds. As he was in a hurry, he did not stop to talk to the other men but he heard one of them remark that the one in the rear was certainly rolling fast. Was unable to identify any of the other men in the group who were reported to have seen the object. Stated that it was unlike anything he had ever seen and that he has been trying to convince himself that it was an optical illusion, and yet at the same time he is certain that he saw the object as described. (See Exhibit 1).

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

1 Incl: Exhibit 1.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON, Capt, AC, OIC CI, AAF
September 4, 1947

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: Mrs. [redacted] Informant b7c

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

EDWARD SCHREINER
SAC

Enc.

[Redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:       
FROM:     
SUBJECT: Mrs. Informant

DATE: 9/17/47

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

"TIRED OF HUMAN NONSENSE DON'T WAIT ATOMIC WAR DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER ARTEMIS LATE THIS YEAR."

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that no further action be taken in connection with this matter in view of the opinion expressed by the City Editor of the "Newsday" that the letter received by him signed "Radio Ham" was from some local "screwball."
7/12/47 Wednesday

COUNTY
IRRITANT
from our Mail Box

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

—No Foolin.

Carbles
Westbury—Bellmore Radio
Ham’s message seems to be from
some gentleman occupying an
Olympian height. As with many of
those erudite souls, the sender can-
not resist including a few “gurbles”
in his code. Is our Ham guilty?
Here is your message: TIRED OF
HUMAN NONSENSE WON’T
AWAIT ATOMIC WAR DISTURB-
ING SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT
FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET
UP WORLD UNDER MARTIANS
LATE THIS YEAR.

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

—Stephen M. Schuster.

(Other ungarblers got “outlaw”
(ATLAW) instead of “await,”
“disrupting” instead of “distur-
bing.” Miss Rita Flood of Pot
Washington expects the world
order to be set up under “mis-
mer.” Is Radio Ham satisfied?

ENCLOSURE

RECROED 15 SEP 6
FILL SALT LAKE CITY

DIRECTOR

Urgent

FLYING DISCS: NEWS ITEM IN SALT LAKE TIMES OF TEN TH INSTANT REFLECTS THAT EIGHT DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT LOCAL AIRPORT SAW THREE DIFFERENT FLIGHTS OF FLYING DISCS BETWEEN TEN O'CLOCK AND ELEVEN TEN PM MONDAY, EIGHTH INSTANT. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AND DETAILS WILL BE ADVISED.

RECORDED 12-1-83 9/4/92

5:00 PM OK FILL BREAK BE CAREFUL
WASHINGTON FROM SF14AN 8-6-47 12-09 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

ELVING DISCS, SM-X. RE PORTLAND TELETYPede REFERENCING PHONE CALL FROM MR. LAUD AT BUREAU ONE PM AUGUST FIFTH LAST. A-TWO SAN FRANCISCO UNABLE TO VERIFY. LT. COL. A-TWO HAMILTON FIELD, IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION BY A-TWO IS THOUGHT BY A-TWO TO BE RETURNING FROM KELSO, WASHINGTON AREA HAVING GONE TO KELSO UPON LEARNING OF DEATHS OF AAF INVESTIGATORS MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELETYPede. HE PLANNED, UPON DEPARTURE, TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF AAF INVESTIGATORS OR REINTERVIEW PERSONS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TEL- ETYPE. SPRINGER WILL BE CONTACTED UPON HIS RETURN AND EX-56 BUREAU ADVISED.

KIMBALL EX-56

RECORD 6-2-83874-91
FBI SEATTLE

DIRECTOR AND SAC'S CHICAGO AND BUTTE URGENT

FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], TACOMA, SM DASH X, REMYTEL AUGUST SEVEN LAST. [REDACTED] UNITED AIRLINES PILOT, INTERVIEWED RE ASSOCIATIONS WITH [REDACTED] IN TACOMA, W.N., FROM JULY THIRTY-ONE TO AUGUST THIRD LAST. [REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED PREVIOUS PUBLICITY FOR HAVING SEEN FLYING DISCS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS ON JULY FOURTH LAST IN COMPANY WITH HIS CO-PILOT, [REDACTED], DURING ROUTINE UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT OUT OF BOISE, IDAHO. [REDACTED] RELATES THAT HE WENT TO TACOMA, W.N., FROM SEATTLE ON THURSDAY, JULY THIRTY-ONE LAST IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] AT TACOMA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MET ARNOLD ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE FIRST TIME ON JULY FIFTH LAST IN OFFICES OF SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCE WHERE BOTH WERE INTERVIEWED RE FLYING DISCS THEY HAD SEEN, AND ON SECOND OCCASION IN BOISE, IDAHO, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO WHILE HE, [REDACTED] WAS PASSING THROUGH ON ROUTINE FLIGHT. ON THIS LATTER OCCASION, [REDACTED] WAS IN COMPANY OF CAPTAIN...
FBI, SEATTLE 8-747 5-20 PM PST RH

DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHICAGO AND BUTTE

URGENT

FLYING DISKS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], TACOMA,

SM DASH X. REMITTED AUGUST SIX, LAST CAPTIONED FLYING DISKS.

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

[REDACTED] LATER WROTE ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL SAMPLES
STATING HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ANALYZE THE MATERIAL.

AND [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS AFTER THE FLYING DISK STORIES STARTED THE LATTER
PART OF JUNE, LAST, CONTACTED THEM BY PHONE AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, SAYING
HE WOULD PAY FOR AN EXCLUSIVE STORY IF THE MATERIAL WHICH THEY HAD SENT
HIM WAS FRAGMENTS OF A FLYING DISK. [REDACTED] WROTE A
LETTER IN WHICH HE STATED THE MATERIAL WAS PART OF A FLYING DISK.
AND [REDACTED] THIS STATEMENT WAS ENTIRELY FALSE. [REDACTED] AND
STATE THEY WERE CALLED BY [REDACTED] IDAHO TO MEET WITH
HIM AT THE WHITHROP HOTEL, TACOMA, WASHINGTON ON JULY THIRTYFIRST,
LAST. THEY STATE [REDACTED] CALLED IN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM

55 OCT 1
RELATES THAT HE AND  MADE SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO GO OUT TO MAURI ISLAND WITH  ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, BUT WERE PUT OFF BY FOR VARIOUS REASONS, STATES THAT REPORTER OF TACOMA TIMES AND OF UNITED PRESS OFFICE TACOMA INFORMED HIM AND OF THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS, AND FROM ACCURACY OF THE INFO TRANSMITTED BY THESE ANONYMOUS CALLS, BELIEVES THEY WERE MADE BY EITHER . ADMITS CALLING HIS PERSONAL FRIEND AVIATION EDITOR OF CHICAGO TIMES, ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST LAST, TO INFORM HIM OF THE TACOMA INCIDENT AS PER A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM THAT SMITH WOULD LET IN ON ANY FLYING DISC STORIES WHICH HE MIGHT RUN INTO. ALSO ADMITS THAT HE TOLD REPORTER OF IDAHO STATESMAN IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST SECOND LAST, THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT DROWN WERE CARRYING FRAGMENTS WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. SAYS THAT TOLD HIM ON SATURDAY NITE AUGUST SECOND LAST THAT HE,  IF CONTACTED BY THE ARMY OR OTHER AUTHORITIES WAS GOING TO SAY THAT THE ENTIRE STORY WAS A HOAX. STATES THAT HE TOLD HIS COMPLETE STORY TO MAJOR OF MCCORD FIELD, TACOMA, ON SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST THIRD LAST, AND THAT LEFT TACOMA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WHO ARE BOTH TACOMA NEWSPAPERMEN MENTIONED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE CONTACTED FOR VERIFICATION
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BEEN PUSHING THE PUBLICITY ON THE FLYING DISK STORIES. STATES
THAT WAS EITHER THE FIRST OR ONE OF THE FIRST TO CLAIM HE HAD
SEEN FLYING DISKS. AND STATE THAT ADMITTED RECEIVING
MONEY FROM TO COME TO TACOMA TO CHECK THE DISK
STORY. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, THE BUTTE OFFICE
AT BOISE, IDAHO, WILL OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE BOISE STATEMAN'S PAPER AND WILL INTERVIEW
BOISE FOR WHAT INFORMATION
HE HAS AS TO THE ABOVE FACTS AND WHAT INFORMATION HE FURNISHED
AND THE BOISE STATEMAN REGARDING THE TACOMA MEETING AND THE SABOTAGE
OF THE B TWENTYFIVE. THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO WILL INTERVIEW
REGARDING HIS CONNECTIONS WITH
AND AND AND WHAT INFORMATION EACH FURNISHED TO HIM
WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION
FURNISHED THE CHICAGO TIMES. THE SEATTLE OFFICE AT SEATTLE WILL
INTERVIEW
ALONG THESE SAME LINES. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN WHAT INFORMATION THE
WILCOX
ACC IN ORD PLS
WA 9-39 PM OK FBI WASH DC VH
CG OK FBI CG MDG
BT OK FBI BT VGW
DISC PLS
W. B. I.
[Signature]
Mr. Ladd

[Handwritten Notes]
October 3, 1947

Bieber, California

Dear b7c,

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

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

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Some of the things and lots of things which look off color to me. Of course, this is a whole lot of color to the other side. For them, it's read by the public is rather startling.

I just want to ask about this. I do not believe it myself. How could Germany and Japan do anything now they have they are policed and guarded?

Sincerely,

[Name redacted]

[I had been posted overseas for three years and was a member of our local post and region here.]
Sept 19, 1947

Bieber, California

20.
The S. B. 21.
washington, D. C.

Recently a little paper was handed

[Signature]

to me called: "Kingdom Voice - The March Ahead." Printed in Los Angeles, Calif. Page 6-45-55 Metropolitan Station Office 1204 S. Hope St. L.A. This is official publication of the Temple of Jehovah.

Now there is an article called "The Flying Saucer Mystery." It states the the discs are sent by the Russians with the assistance of Germany, Japan, France, etc. Others sent from the North Pole. They are ugly planes flying very high. The pilots are quiet, strong men, etc. etc.
Office Memorandum

TO: D. M. LADD
FROM: [Censored]
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS AND FLYING DISCS

DATE: 8-8-47

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

Observations:

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

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

Action:

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In view of the recent Bureau Bulletin #42 dated July 26, 1947, however, there is attached a letter to the Chicago Office asking that they conduct the requested investigation.

Attachment
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. M. LADD
FROM: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 19, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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

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

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

Mr. subsequently discussed this matter with Colonel of the Intelligence Division of the War Department. Colonel stated that he had discussed the matter previously with General Chamberlin. Colonel indicated to Mr. that he has the assurance of General
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Chamberlin and General Todd that the Army is conducting no experimentations with anything which could possibly be mistaken for a flying disc.

Colonel [Name] of the Air Forces Intelligence subsequently contacted Mr. [Name] and indicated that he had discussed this matter with General Schulgen of the Army Air Forces. General Schulgen had previously assured both Mr. [Name] that to the best of his knowledge and information no experiments were being undertaken by the Government which could be mistaken for flying discs. Colonel [Name] indicated to Mr. [Name] that he had pointed out his beliefs to General Schulgen and had mentioned the possibility of an embarrassing situation arising between the Air Forces Intelligence and the FBI. General Schulgen agreed with Colonel [Name] that a memorandum would be prepared for the signature of General McDonald, A2, to General LeMay, who is in charge of Research and Development in the Air Corps. Colonel [Name] indicated that this memorandum will set forth the characteristics of the objects seen by various reliable individuals. The memorandum will then request General LeMay to indicate whether or not any experiments are being undertaken by the Air Forces which could possibly be connected with any of the observed phenomena. Colonel [Name] stated that when a reply is received from General LeMay, a communication will be addressed to the Bureau.

Mr. [Name] will follow this matter closely with Colonel [Name] and General Schulgen so that the Bureau will be promptly advised of all information regarding the flying discs, especially any information indicating that they are, in fact, an experiment of some Governmental agency.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 9-17-47

SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

Refer San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1947.

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

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

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

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

TO: D. M. BADD
FROM: [Redacted]

DATE: 9/16/47

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Attachment

[Redacted]

55 SEP 30 1947
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Liaison Section

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

Yours sincerely,

Geo. F. Schuken
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy, Asst. Chief of Air Staff-2

[Signature]

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

FLYING DISCS.

OCEAN VIEW, VA., REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING DISC AT SHOUNS, TENN., SEPTEMBER 1947.

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

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

ROBEY

END

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DIRECTOR URGENT

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

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: September 4, 1947

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. IADD

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

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

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

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

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

In view of the above, Special Agent of the Phoenix office was permitted to work with Mr. in the interview of . The results of the inquiry are set out hereunder.

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Phoenix, Arizona, owns and maintains the Phoenix file 62-213 at this address, and he related the following as occurring on the afternoon of July 7, 1947:

A storm had occurred in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947, and the clouds were at approximately 5000 feet, the color of which was grey and they resembled dense cumulus. A fifteen mile per hour wind was blowing. At approximately 5 p.m. on that date, Mr. was walking from his home to the and he heard a noise resembling a F-80 aircraft, apparently coming in a westerly direction. Upon searching the skies he observed to the northeast what appeared to be an odd shaped ship. He described this ship as being possibly 20 to 30 feet in diameter, traveling at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. It appeared to be making a spiral in a small radius of possibly one-half to three quarters of a mile. stated the sound which he first heard was no longer audible; that he hurriedly procured a 120 Brownie Box Camera from his shop, and as the aircraft completed the first circle he obtained a photograph. As the ship started on the second turn, it was in a northwesterly direction from his place and he again snapped a photograph, which more closely resembled the shape of the ship than photograph #1, this being designated as Exhibit II, as submitted to the Bureau with letter dated August 4, 1947, by the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff A-2 Intelligence, Hamilton Field, California. further described the direction of the ship by stating that instead of completing the lefthand downward spiral the ship banked to the right and disappeared into the clouds. He stated that just as it banked, he had snapped the second photograph, Exhibit II.

At the last point, which was at the time the ship made this turn, Mr. estimated it to be between 1,000 and 2,000 feet high. He further described the appearance of this ship as closely resembling a picture which appeared on the front cover of the May, 1947, issue of the Mechanics Illustrated Magazine, the only difference noted by Mr. being that the ship appeared to be flying backward.

Mr. also related that he did not associate the appearance of this ship with the numerous reports of flying discs. He related, however, that after a three minute interview with newspaper reporters the story that appeared in the local papers was "blown up" to the extent that he barely recognized the information furnished by him. explained that the aforementioned dimensions and distances were only estimated, pointing out, that his previous experience probably assisted him in making fairly close estimates. He related that he had been doing experimental work for the past ten years. He also stated he was employed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Washington, D.C. during the early part of World War II and left there the beginning of 1942. Upon his return to Phoenix, he was employed at Falcon Field near Phoenix which was leased by the British Government for training purposes. He instructed in instrument training, aircraft identification and gunnery practice. He explained that his hobbies have to do with science, physics, radio, electronics and astronomy. He produced a model which he had made of a radio controlled airplane. He related that most of his work consists of building transformers, but it is also necessary for him to depend upon his music ability for his livelihood.
In explaining the results of photographing the ship, Mr. stated that he was surprised that the object appeared dark on a light background; he fully expected that the object would be bright on a dark background. He described the light spot which appears in the center of the object (Exhibit II) as being a green house. insisted that the ship made no noise that was audible to his ear and he was unable to detect the presence of any propeller. He also related that after the newspaper release over Radio Station KAR, wherein statements were made that he, had stated Army officials were studying the photographs, and that it was a top secret, he attempted to determine the source of this release and the Radio station finally told him that it was a United Press release from Washington, D.C.

The following description of was obtained from observation and interrogation:

It should be stated that at the time of interview with , Mr. identified himself as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and exhibited his credentials. However, pursuant to a request from , he was introduced only as a representative of the United States government. His exact official connection was not made known to . Agent advised that he felt it was a peculiar procedure, but it was not his business. However, at the conclusion of the interview, Mr. requested Mr. to furnish him with the negatives and stated he would be glad to do so, but they were not in his immediate possession, and he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning. Mr. requested that the negatives be returned to him. Agent states that to this request, Mr. made no reply. Agent stated that after leaving Mr. he asked if the negatives would be returned to Mr. and stated that he doubted very much that they would be returned. Mr. then advised Mr. that before he, would accept these negatives that must be advised of Mr.'s identity and also advised that the negatives, if turned over to Mr., would not be returned to him.
Phoenix file 62-213

In view of which, on the morning on August 30, 1947, when Mr. [redacted] called at the Phoenix office to deliver the negatives, they were accepted only after he was advised that they were being given to Mr. [redacted], a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [redacted] turned the negatives over to this office with the full understanding that they were being given to the Army and that he would not get them back.

The Phoenix office did not receive the Bureau teletype of reference instructing that no joint investigation should be conducted until after the matter had been handled.

Inasmuch as military authorities have complete knowledge of the results of the interview with Mr. [redacted], no copy of this report is being designated for A-2.

JBB-kb

cc-San Francisco

62-213
September 11, 1947

Estill, South Carolina

Dear [Name]

The material which you submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination has been identified as powdered soapstone.

The unused portion of this material is being returned to you under separate cover via Registered Mail.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

JWM: HBL: smk
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. H. Ladd
FROM: W. P. Coyne
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER

DATE: September 4, 1947

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Baughman to Mr. Harbo, dated August 28, 1947, requesting advice as to the final disposition of material submitted by Mrs. Estill, South Carolina. It is noted that this material, which was reported to be a part of a flying saucer, has been identified as powdered soap stones.

It is recommended that the material be returned to Mrs. Estill, along with a letter advising that such has been identified as powdered soap stones.

RGF+LH

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The attached letter dated August 14, 1947 from Mrs. [redacted] together with the material which she reports to be part of a flying saucer was received in the Laboratory on August 19, 1947. The material which was submitted with Mrs. [redacted] letter has been identified as powdered soap stones.

Inasmuch as the Investigative and Security Divisions might possibly be interested in this matter, I request that you advise me as to the final disposition of the submitted material as well as the type of reply which should be made to Mrs. [redacted] letter.
Mr. Walter Winchell,
Postmaster
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

The enclosed letter deals with what are being called "discs."

You are not to mention the contents of this letter over the air, nor to any individual other than officials of the War Dep't., members of the FBI, or an American whose patriotism would rank with your own, and who might donate $10,000 or more for the purpose of my continuing the collection of field data concerning "discs," while time may remain in which to do so.

I have had respectful attention from the following persons:

Col. [Redacted]
Los Alamos, N.M.

Maj. [Redacted]
Los Alamos, N.M.

Mr. [Redacted]
Santa Fe, N.M.

Enclosure
Office of Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

September 8, 1947

The attached was sent to
the Director by Walter
Finchell.

The notations appearing
thereon read:

"Ack & F.B.I."

"Please excuse haste - Trying to
make airmail west."

Attachment

Bureau files fail to reflect any
record on a Mrs. [redacted]
letter. [redacted] 15 Sep 1947

(Handwritten: "Fish"
Signed: "B. X"
Dated: 29 Sep 1947)
And through the courtesy of [Redacted] a letter from Sec. of War Robert Patterson, War Dept., Washington, I

All were highly interested, appreciative, with the
general trend of contacts being, "This is fine. Go right ahead."

My point in writing you is to raise some money to
proceed with. No budgets seemed to allow for the unexpected, elusive
"discs."

Sen. Carl 

has been contacted by mail for an appropriation, but even if this
only requires one more week, it may be too late.

You may contact any of the above listed persons to
verify my contacts (excuse repetition word contact) during the past
four months. In other words, I began reporting directly to
Dr. [Scientific Head of Los Alamos, and Colonel et al, some time ago that this type aerial "disc" was a reality].
This material was considered confidential, and still is. I have been asked by [redacted] not to speak any further than material which has been published in the press. And I have chosen simply not to speak at all, except to a source which I consider might further my own work.

If you ask of the above persons, to ascertain whether or not I have made serious, materially valuable contributions, which may indicate much scientifically.... and which, if action can be continued soon enough, may a little later save our nation much.... please make inquiries quietly, and as promptly as convenient.

I must ask you not to speculate, even to yourself... but simply to act.

Do not mention in any manner, until release by the War Dep't, even the receipt of this letter, except to the above persons, or proper government officials there. Or, to one whom you know will make a donation.

Perhaps your savrest bet would be simply to telephone the JNL there, and let them telephone Francis Finley here for verification.

I promise you an exclusive, behind the scenes story when, and if, the War Dep't releases the material nationally. Meanwhile, your action now may save your own life, and that of others who may have wondered what a "disc" is.

Rest assured I have all the proper scientific and government contacts needed..... all I need is the wherewithal. I have the proper background to discuss the subject, secure the further field
data I now need, explain it technically, and secure proper action, provided I am given the means to do so.

I regret that I cannot be more specific now, but duty to country rests above.

I have met before with the mental reaction, "What? A woman handling this type material?" And my signature below will probably evoke the same response from you. So I assure you, yes, it is a woman who is coming in with the information which men have gone out to seek. And doing the proper thing about it.

Most respectfully,

[Signature]

Mrs. [Name]

cc/

P.S. Am a former newspaper person, and very proud of it. Am 39, but dress and feel some younger.

Again, I must ask you not to mention even the town from which this letter comes, as you may be endangering lives to so do. Simply ascertain my contributions, get some money to me, and wait. [Name] himself would give me a gas budget, if he were not so close himself.)
September 25, 1947

South Royalton, Vermont

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1947. An Agent of our Albany, New York, Office will call upon you in the near future for any additional information in your possession.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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EX-41
SAC, Albany

September 25, 1947

Director, FBI

F.I.I.N.S. DISC3

Informant 67C

Attached hereto are copies of an incoming communication from South Royalton, Vermont, and copies of acknowledgment of same.

It is requested that an Agent of your Office call on Mr. ______ to obtain any additional information in his possession concerning flying disc.

Enclosures

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 11

SEP 25 1947 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

62 93894 75
September 17, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

At 3:40 P.M. today I observed a so-called flying saucer. This occurred while I was half way up Rix Ledges north of Lebanon, N. H. As I was intently watching the honey bees circling in a patch of sky after leaving my bee box my attention was called to a floating object that appeared to be as large as a tennis ball and as white as cotton batting. This object approaches rapidly and noiselessly from the East and was followed closely by another object that appeared in size and shape like a saucer which maintained a constant angle of inclination to the ball and followed it at a constant distance. The two objects made an angle with my eye of approximately five degrees. They were in my vision for more than a minute when I lost them in the glare of the sun.

If I had seen this in the night sky with my six inch telescope I would have thought that the planets Venus and Saturn had suddenly gotten together and were traveling at great speed much nearer the earth.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Schools
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. D. M. LADD

FROM: [Redacted]

DATE: September 8, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated August 22, 1947, which indicates that Special Agent of the Liaison Section had contacted Lieutenant Colonel [Redacted] of the Air Forces Intelligence at which time Colonel Garrett advised that the Army Air Forces were conducting no research or experiments in the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho, on or about August 19, 1947. Colonel at that time indicated to Mr. [Redacted] that he would check with the Army area in order to ascertain whether or not they were conducting any experiments in this vicinity at that time.

Colonel [Redacted] has subsequently advised Mr. [Redacted] that he has been advised by the Army area that no such experiments were being conducted in the area of Twin Falls, Idaho, on or about August 19, 1947, which would in any way throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. [Redacted] of the Internal Security Section.

[Signature]

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Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 9-13-47

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY LETTER - X

Reference is made to my teletype dated 9-4-47, advising that Mrs. [Redacted], Oswego, Oregon, was reported to have seen a number of discs on 9-3-47 above Oswego.

She was interviewed and described the object which she has observed as follows:

While entertaining her 7 year old son and 10 year old neighbor child on her lawn, at about noon, [Redacted] and the children noticed approximately two dozen round silver objects high in the sky. [Redacted] stated she believed these objects to have been platter shaped rather than spherical and to have been considerably larger than an airplane of the same type which was flying in a different portion of the sky at the same time. She advised that these objects appeared to her to be at a great distance and constructed of some white metallic material.

[Redacted] attention was first drawn to the objects by an explanation from one of the children to the effect that the airplane was skywriting. The objects were grouped in approximately an arc about level with the sun and to the left of the sun as viewed by [Redacted]. They did not change positions during the 3 or 4 minutes which she observed them. Some of the larger of the objects appeared to rotate rapidly in the manner of a wheel. One of the objects was separated by considerable distance from the main group and while she was watching it, states this object began to fall and floated slowly downward until it was no longer visible because of trees on the horizon.

[Redacted] advised that she continued to observe the remaining objects until her eyes began to be affected by the brightness of the sky whereupon she went into her house and is unable to state what became of the group.
DIRECTOR

URGENT

OSWEGO, OREGON, REPORTED TO HAVE SEEN TWELVE TO FIFTEEN ROUND SILVER OBJECTS AT A HIGH ALTITUDE AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, SEPT. THIRD, FORTYSEVEN, ABOVE OSWEGO, OREGON, WHILE WATCHING A LOCAL PLANE FLYING OVERHEAD. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

BOBBITT

END

SHODD PLS

7-45 PM OK FBI WASH DC

EX-66
SAC, Springfield

Director, FBI

FLYING DISC

September 5, 1947

With reference to your letter, dated August 20, 1947, it is desired that you contact the appropriate Army officials and in the event they are not interested in receiving this alleged flying disc, it may be destroyed.

RGF: LH
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC Springfield
SUBJECT: FLYING DISC

DATE: August 20, 1947

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947 re the above.

For the Bureau's information a Mrs. [Name Redacted] of Saybrook, Illinois reported to this office the finding of a flying disc in her front yard at 6:00 A.M. on July 26, 1947.

It appears from investigation conducted by an Agent of this office that the stability of [Name Redacted] is questionable. However the alleged flying disc was obtained and it is apparently the concoction of some of the juveniles in the area. It is an old wooden platter, which has assembled on it a silver plate, a spark plug, a timer, and some old brass tubing. Photographs were taken of the same and there are six views enclosed herewith.

No doubt this was someone's idea of a prank.

The disc is presently being retained by the Springfield Office and will be retained pending receipt of Bureau advice relative to its destruction. The thought in retaining it was that perhaps the Bureau might desire to have it transmitted to Washington for any novel value it might have.

JBP:shg
62-0-1445
Enc. (6)
September 2, 1947

Florence, Alabama

Dear [Redacted],

Your letter of August 13, 1947, has been received, and I am most appreciative of the thoughtfulness which prompted you to communicate with me. For your information, no reward has been offered by any U.S. Government Agency for the location of "flying saucers." I regret that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Communications Section
Mailed 9/21/47
SL: 2 - 1947 P.M.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
11/18, 1917

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
7238 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hardly know how to go about trying to tell you what I want you to know. But I'll do my best. I know you are a very busy man, although I hope you will take time to read this letter and try to make a long story short.

Mr. Hoover, almost five weeks ago, I saw what we all call a "flying saucer" fly in my front yard at a distance of five or six feet from where I was standing. I saw it coming straight down, but it the street. It came flying at a terrific speed and exploded. I turned the pages of the newspaper to read the chief.
Mr. From 2 Don Sinner

What the police did with
What else you might tell us
That tells in my mind
You probably know all
About it. But I did that
I thought was right. I
Called the police at once and
Turned it over to them.
Then six or four days
Later it happened and I found
More of it in some fell grass
Nearby and I also carried it
to the police station.
If there is a reward for
Would I know you are
the one to see that I
Get it. Will you help
Me please. Very truly yours

Florence, Ala.
Office Memorandum

TO: Director
FROM: SAC, Portland
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY LETTER - X

DATE: September 5, 1947

Reference is made to my teletype dated August 15, 1947 advising that a Mr. [redacted] of Agate Beach, Oregon had reported on August 7, 1947 that he sighted what he believed to be a disc. Mr. [redacted] instead of [redacted], now residing in Newport, Oregon was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted].

Mr. [redacted] stated that on August 7, 1947 he was residing at Agate Beach, Oregon and that his house was very near the ocean beach; that at about 12:30 A.M. he was awakened by his son coming in and that while awake he noticed a bright glow of light across the sky out over the ocean. He stated that he immediately thought of flying discs and thought this might be one of the discs.

Mr. [redacted] went on to say that he had no idea as to the shape or size of this object but that it appeared to be about five miles out over the ocean and that he was able to see it for about 15 to 30 seconds. He further stated that due to the darkness he could tell nothing about the speed of this object but thought it was traveling a great deal faster than any airplane he had ever seen. He informed that this glow of light was somewhat similar to "The Northern Light" which sometimes appears in the sky but of course not nearly as large and that it appeared to be going up and down, that is fluctuating in altitude as it traveled along. He stated it disappeared in the west, either falling into the ocean or disappearing over the horizon. He could give no other information concerning this object of light reported by him as possibly being a flying disc. Mr. [redacted] and shop in Newport.

RJP/6s
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC San Francisco and Phoenix

REPORT OF FLYING DISCS RE SAF HN#0 AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED], Phoenix, Arizona. SAF advise A-TAC Air Force NOT NECESSARY FOR [REDACTED] TO PROCEED TO Phoenix, THAT BUREAU WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW IF DESIRED, BUT JOINT INVESTIGATION NOT DEEMED NECESSARY. IF PROCEEDS PHOENIX IN SPITE OF ABOVE, ADVISE HIM YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT JOINT INVESTIGATION AND NOT POSSIBLE FOR [REDACTED] TO SIT IN ON INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED].

 Hoover
AUGUST 25, 1947 - URGENT

SAC BUTTE

FLYING DISCS. EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES AT ARMY AIR FORCES REVEAL THAT NO RESEARCH OR EXPERIMENTS WERE BEING CONDUCTED BY AAF IN THE VICINITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO ON OR ABOUT AUGUST NINETEEN. IN THE EVENT YOUR SOURCES IN THE ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCES INDICATE OTHERWISE ADVISE BUREAU PROMPTLY.

RECORDED C-2 - 18/31

HOOVER

RGF:EV EX:30

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Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:  D. K. Ladd                                DATE: August 22, 1947
FROM:  b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made the teletype from the Butte Field Division dated August 20, 1947, in the above captioned matter.

In accordance with your request, this matter was checked with Army Air Forces. Lieutenant Colonel b7c, advised Special Agent b7c that extensive inquiries with the Army Air Forces revealed that no research or experiments were being conducted by the AAF in the vicinity of Twin Falls, Idaho on or about August 19, 1947. Colonel b7c stated that he had no information which would throw any light on the matter reported in the teletype.

ACTION

It is suggested this memorandum be routed to the Internal Security Section to the attention of Supervisor b7c.

PG: b7c

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EX: 30
FBI BUTTE 8-20-47 3:22 PM LB

DIRECTOR URGENT

FLYING DISCS. BETWEEN NINE THIRTY AND NINE FORTY FIVE PM LAST NIGHT, AUGUST NINETEENTH, MR. AND MRS. [REDACTED], OBSERVED AN OBJECT RESEMBLING A FLYING SAUCER TRAVELING VERY RAPIDLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST SECTION OF THIS CITY. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER, ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW TEN SIMILAR OBJECTS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE FORM OF A TRIANGLE. AS THIS GROUP OF OBJECTS WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR IN THE OVERCAST SKY, THREE OF THE OBJECTS ON THE LEFT FLANK PEELED OFF AND PROCEEDED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE REMAINING OBJECTS IN THE TRIANGULAR FORMATION APPEARED TO CLOSE RANKS AND CONTINUE IN A NORTEASTERLY DIRECTION.

THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW ANOTHER GROUP OF THREE OBJECTS PROCEEDING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AGAIN IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE. THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER INFORMANTS OBSERVED ANOTHER GROUP CONSISTING OF FROM FIVE TO SIX OBJECTS, AGAIN IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION; PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN A NORTEASTERLY DIRECTION. A FEW MINUTES LATER A LARGE GROUP OF OBJECTS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN THIRTY FIVE AND FIFTY FLEW OVER THE CITY IN A NORTEASTERLY DIRECTION, AGAIN IN...
TRIANGULAR FORMATION. BETWEEN TWENTY AND TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE LAST GROUP WAS OBSERVED, SIMILAR OBJECTS WERE NOTED COMING BACK OVER THE CITY VERY RAPIDLY AND PROCEEDING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. AT THIS TIME INFORMANTS STATED THE OBJECTS APPEARED IN GROUPS OF THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN. AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] CALLED DETECTIVE [REDACTED] THE TWIN FALLS PD, A NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, WHO ACCOMPANIED BY ALSO MEMBERS OF THE TWIN FALLS PD, PROCEEDED TO THE [REDACTED] HOME WHERE THEY OBSERVED A GROUP OF TWELVE OBJECTS FLYING IN FORMATION OVER THE CITY IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. INFORMANTS, ALL REPUTABLE CITIZENS THIS COMMUNITY, UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HEIGHT OF OBJECTS OR SPEED, BUT CLAIMED THEY RESEMBLED ILLUMINATED FLYING SAUCERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE OBJECTS OBSERVED WERE NOT THE LANDING LIGHTS OF AIRPLANES NOR SHOOTING STARS. NONE OF THESE OBJECTS WERE SEEN TO COME TO EARTH NEAR TWIN FALLS AND NONE APPEARED TO BE FLYING IN AN ARC. NONE OF THESE OBSERVERS HEARD ANY SOUND AS THE OBJECTS PASSED OVER THE CITY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN LINE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED BUREAU BULLETIN NO. FORTY TWO, PARAGRAPH B, DATED JULY THIRTY LAST. IN EVENT BUREAU IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON
PAGE THREE

PART OF ARMY AIR FORCES WHICH MAY EXPLAIN THESE PHENOMENA, ADVICE WOULD
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IT IS BELIEVED CONTINUED APPEARANCE OF SUCH
OBJECTS WITHOUT OFFICIAL EXPLANATION MAY RESULT IN HYSTERIA OR PANIC
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

BANISTER

ACK AND HOLD PLS

5-31 PM OK FBI WASH DC WJR
The Director
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
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Air Force

Edward A. Tamm
5734
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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: BUREAU
FROM: Portland
SUBJECT: FLYING DISC SECURITY MATTER - X

DATE: 8-23-47

The following investigation was conducted at Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, Oregon on August 12, 1947. Roseburg, Oregon, operator of the Myrtle Creek, Oregon, advised that on 8-6-47 at approximately 6:15 PM while instructing a student in a take off at the airport, he noticed an object east of Myrtle Creek which appeared to be from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in the air. The sky was completely clear and visibility was excellent. He stated that the object glistened and appeared to be of aluminum sheeting. Upon noticing it he had immediately taken over the controls of the plane which at that time was at 400 feet, and proceeded East in an attempt to further observe the object. He advised that the object appeared to be climbing and traveling East at a high rate of speed which he estimated on a computer in his plane as 1,000 miles per hour. He believed the object to be spherical in shape and recalled noticing a darker object to the right the first time he saw it. He observed no vapor trails nor did he hear any noise from the object. After searching the area for approximately 10 minutes and his student returned to the airport and made another landing and take off. In practically the same position at 400 feet altitude, both saw the object in approximately the same position as seen before. He estimated the sphere to be 30 feet in diameter and stated when they first observed it it appeared to be so near he could fly right to it. However, the object sighted the second time disappeared in the same manner as the first had.

It is noted that served as a Lieutenant JC in the U.S. Naval Air Corps for about 3½ years, flying constantly on the Atlantic submarine patrol. He is a reputable citizen in Douglas County and is reported to be a qualified pilot.

Myrtle Creek, Oregon, verified the above information as furnished by stating that the first object sighted had been called to his attention when took over the controls of the plane at about 400 feet following his take off, but that they had both sighted the object on the second take off at the same time. described the object as a "silver ball or balloon" which he believed to be 8 miles east of Myrtle Creek, traveling East, and climbing very fast until it disappeared in approximately 45 seconds. estimated the sphere as being 50 feet in diameter and stated in his opinion the second object appeared to climb straight up.
He advised that he did not observe any evidence of motion such as vapor or trails, etc. and could hear no noise over the noise of his own ship.

Investigation in the vicinity of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, has failed to reveal any other person sighting the objects reported by ... No further investigation is being conducted.
Office Memorandum

TO: Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM: [Redacted]

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 11, 1947

There are attached two copies of a blind memorandum setting forth the facts relative to the reported air crash of two AAF officers investigating flying disc complaints.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a copy of this memorandum be furnished by the Liaison Section to the Air Force Intelligence.

Attachment

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with the Director on Wednesday of last week, at which time the Director advised that Los Angeles papers carried under a Washington date line an article indicating the Soviet espionage agents in the United States are under instruction to solve the flying discs. Such instructions were believed to be based on the assumption that the flying discs were a secret weapon of the Army or Navy. The article attributed the source of its information to a Federal investigative agency.

Pursuant to your instructions, liaison representatives have contacted the Headquarters of Military Intelligence, the Headquarters of the Air Forces Intelligence, Office of Naval Intelligence and CIG. All agencies denied any knowledge of the flying discs, as well as any knowledge of the basis for this article.

EGF: OME
The Director advised on August 14, 1947, that the Los Angeles papers were carrying headlines indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to determine the facts relative to the flying discs. The article carried a Washington date line and indicated that Red espionage agents had been ordered to solve the question of the flying discs, the Russians being of the opinion that this might be some new form of defense perfected by the American Military. The article further recalled that during the recent war pieces of tin foil had been dropped in the air for the purpose of off-setting the value of radar being used by the enemy forces and that these aluminum discs might be a new development along this line. The Director inquired as to whether the Bureau had any such information.

I informed him that I had never heard of any information indicating that Soviet espionage agents had been instructed to obtain such information.

A check with the officials at G-2, ONI and at the Air Corps Intelligence was made and it was found that they had no information relative to such a story.

In accordance with the Director’s instructions, I advised Mr. Nichols that in the event any inquiries were made concerning such a story, that the story should be flatly denied in so far as the FBI was concerned.
July 21, 1947

[Address]

Dear [Name]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosure dated July 10, 1947.

I have instructed the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office to have a Special Agent call upon you for the purpose of obtaining further information in connection with this matter.

Your interest in calling this information to my attention is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]
Director

cc - New York (With information). There is no identifiable information in the files of the Bureau concerning the writer of this letter. The decoding of the message on the newspaper clipping was referred to the Laboratory, who subsequently advised that the writer's decoding was substantially correct. There is being set forth below the results of the Laboratory's decoding:

"THIRD OF IGNU NNESSNE WANT WAIT ATOMIC WAR DISRUPTING ORDER SOLAR SYSTEM SO SENT FLYING DISKS AND WILL SET UP WORLD ORDER UNDER VARTN'S LATE THIS YEAR."

The New York Office should interview the writer of this letter to ascertain from what newspaper the clipping in question was obtained. Thereafter, contact should be made with this newspaper to ascertain the identity of the person who sent in the coded message. This individual must be thoroughly interrogated to obtain information surrounding the alleged receipt of the coded message. The FBI should be promptly advised of the results of these inquiries.)
Gentlemen:

Enclosed you have a clipping which speaks for itself. I had nothing better to do so I tried to decode it for a joke.

By Accident
dated 14 Jul 1947

[Additional text illegible]
Triad of human nonsense
Don't await Atomic war
Disrupting order, order?
System to be sent flying pieces and will set up
World order under--
--late this year.

Please advise

Very sincerely,

ADDRESS

HICKSVILLE, L.I. (NOT LISTED)

b7c
Date 7/17 1947

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Mr. Long 7639
Mr. Parsons 7639
Mr. Baughman 7121
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No Comments.

Add substantively as per note in letter.

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SUPERVISOR

ROOM

21-83894: 4U
F. P. J.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir—

I was wondering whether there
rockets in which the young
students are sending mail or
messages from California to
Arizona would have any
connection with the DoD contract.

Spring Haven
Chester

July 9, 1947.
Calling for Decoders

Belfiore—About nine at night on July 4th I received the following shortwave message in code, origin unknown. I kept listening, and about an hour later the message was repeated letter for letter. I can't figure out what it means, but here it is:

DITER FO NUHMA SOESNENN
TWON LATWA NOTCIA WRA
RUSPIDGNIT DREOR LASOR
STEYNS SO STEN YLFNIG
SKIDS DAN WLL EST UP
WŁORD DREOR NERUD TIR
MANAS TEAL HIST ARYE.

—Radio Ham.

(Although we can't, but we hope it's legal.—Ed.)
August 1, 1947

Springhaven, Chester, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1947.

After a careful review of the contents of this letter it was ascertained that the information contained therein would probably be of interest to the War Department, therefore, I have taken the liberty of furnishing this information to that agency.

Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

(There is no identifiable information in the Bureau files concerning the writer of this letter.)

This letter referred to "flying saucers."
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, Seattle

URGE

Transmit the following message to:

REUTER AUGUST TWELVE. IT IS NOTED FROM INTERROGATION OF
CLAIMS THAT DURING THE CONFERENCE ON JULY THIRTY ONE THAT
AND APPARENTLY REPEATED THEIR FALSE STORY ABOUT THE MATERIAL
BEING FRAGMENTS OF A FLYING DISC AND ONLY ON SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST
SECOND DID ADMIT THAT THE STORY WAS A HOAX. IF SUCH IS THE CASE
IT WOULD APPEAR EITHER OR MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL
SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION AT THAT TIME THAT THE
MATERIAL FURNISHED TO CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN WAS ACTUALLY
PARTS OF A FLYING DISC. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR THAT AND DID NOT ADMIT THE HOAX TO THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BECAUSE IF
HAD DONE SO THE OFFICERS PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE ALLEGED
WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CLEARED UP A
REINTERVIEW WITH AND WHEN THIS POINT CLARIFIED NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION NECESSARY.

HOOVER

RGF: MJP

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URGENT

FLYING DISCS, S. M. - X. RETEL PORTLAND TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO,
AND SEATTLE AUGUST FIVE LAST. INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS MCCORD FIELD,
WN., ADVISE THAT IN THEIR OPINION AND FROM THEIR INVESTIGATION
THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE CRASH OF THE B- TWENTYFIVE AT KELSO, WN.
APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY A. M., AUGUST ONE LAST HAVING BEEN CAUSED
BY ANY SABOTAGE. THEY STATE THEIR INVESTIGATION INDICATES THE LEFT
ENGINE BURNED OUT AN EXHAUST STACK WHICH CAUSED THE WING TO BURN AND
BREAK OFF. THE LEFT WING AS IT BROKE OFF TORE OFF THE TAIL AND
THE PLANE CRASHED INTO THE GROUND KILLING CAPT. DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN
INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF THE FOURTH AIR FORCE WHO WERE RETURNING FROM
MCCORD FIELD, WN., TO HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE CREW CHIEF AND
A HITCHHIKER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY FROM THE PLANE. ONLY FOUR MEMBERS
WERE ABOARD THE PLANE, DAVIDSON AND BROWN BEING PILOT AND CO-
PILOT AND HAD NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE WHEN THE WING BROKE OFF. LT. COL. DONALD
L. SPRINGER, A TWO ARMY AIR FORCE OFFICER FOR THE FOURTH AIR FORCE,
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND BROWN
WERE SENT FROM HAMILTON FIELD TO INTERVIEW AT TACOMA, WN., REGARDING THEIR REPORT OF SEEING SOME FLYING
DISCS OVER MAURY ISLAND, WN., AND THAT THEY OBTAINED SOME OF THE DISC
FRAGMENTS. CRISHAN AND DAHL ARE PARTNERS IN A LUMBER BUSINESS AT
TACOMA, WASHINGTON.
CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN ON THURSDAY, JULY THIRTYFIRST LAST INTERVIEWED , FROM BOISE, IDAHO, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THAT REPORTED SEEING FLYING DISCS AND UNITED AIRLINES PILOT FROM SEATTLE, WN., WHO ALSO REPORTED SEEING FLYING DISCS. THIS INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY THIRTYFIRST LAST. CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RETURNING TO HAMILTON FIELD FOR AIRFORCE DAY AND HAD WITH THEM SOME OF THE DISC FRAGMENTS AS REPORTED BY AND .

RE. REPORTER PAUL LANTZ OF TACOMA TIMES, AND UNITED PRESS WIREMAN TED MORELLO OF TACOMA, RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS JULY THIRTYFIRST AND AUGUST FIRST LAST REGARDING THE MEETING AT THE WINTHROP HOTEL OVER THE DISCS FRAGMENTS AND THAT THE B- TWENTYFIVE WHICH CRASHED THE MORNING OF AUGUST ONE WAS SABOTAGED OR SHOT DOWN. INFORMATION AS YET NOT VERIFIED INDICATED THE ENTIRE STORY STARTED BY AND POSSIBLY TO PROMOTE SALE OF SLAG FOUND IN A GRAVEL PIT ON MAURY ISLAND, WN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO THE TACOMA TIMES AND THE UNITED PRESS, AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

WILCOX

END

11-33 IM OK FRI WA CH
SAC, Chicago

August 8, 1947

Director, FBI

FLYING DISKS

REC'GD

EX'GD

The War Department has furnished this Bureau with the following telegram dated July 5 at New York, New York:

"FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING FLYING DISKS SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CONTACT OF ILLINOIS WHO MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ORIGIN."

The War Department has furnished a memorandum entitled "Report on Flying Saucers", dated July 7, 1947, addressed to Commanding General, 32d AAF Base Unit, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., from John D. Schindler, Jr., two copies of which are attached. The War Department has stated that the incidents referred to in the attached memorandum are in the general vicinity of which was given as the address of in the above telegram.

It is, therefore, desired that the Chicago Field Division conduct appropriate inquiries regarding and in the event such inquiries do not reveal information indicating that he should not be interrogated, he should be interrogated for any information he might have relative to flying discs. It is desired that this matter be handled as soon as possible and the Bureau promptly advised.

Enclosure

Hf?mae
1. Attached hereto:
   a. Copy of unsigned telegram received by HQ, AAF 9 July 1947, in which it is indicated that Illinois may have information concerning the origin of the "flying saucers".
   b. Copy of a report on flying saucers which were observed by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes over southern Wisconsin.
   c. Map with indications as to proximity of the locations where the flying saucers were reported to have been seen in relation to Ill, that the time.
2. In view of the fact/the observation of the flying saucers was made corresponds closely with the date of the unsigned telegram, and considering the proximity of these to the points where the objects were observed, it is requested that be investigated to determine whether or not he has information pertaining to the origin of Flying Saucers,
7 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Flying Saucers.

TO: Commanding General
72d AAF Base Unit
Rolling Field
Washington, D. C.

1. Following are statistics regarding reports by four witnesses while in flight in two airplanes.

2. Weather CAVU. Visibility exceptionally good. Scattered altocumulus 6000 feet.

3. First report: Time 1145 hours CST. Alt. of observer 600 feet above the ground. Altitude of saucer 4000 feet MSL. Observed period—First sighted over Koshkonong, Wisconsin. Flight was observed from town of Koshkonong to Elkhorn, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-five (25) miles in fifteen (15) seconds, which is a speed of three thousand nine hundred sixty (3960) miles per hour.

4. Second report: Time 1330 hours CST. Altitude of observers thirty-five hundred feet (3500) MSL. Altitude of saucer twenty-five hundred feet (2500). Observation period: Observers at West Troy, Wisconsin, flight observed from Eagle, Wisconsin to Muskego, Wisconsin. This flight covered twenty-two (22) miles in twenty (20) seconds, which is a speed of three thousand nine hundred sixty (3960) miles per hour.

5. Flight maneuvers: First observation—saucer descended vertically edgewise through altocumulus clouds, stopped at four thousand (4000) feet and assumed horizontal position and proceeded in horizontal flight from a horizontal position for fifteen (15) seconds covering twenty-five (25) miles and again stopped and disappeared. Second observations: Observed in horizontal flight in a horizontal attitude for a period of twenty (20) seconds covering twenty-two (22) miles. By this time the pilot had removed his camera from the glove compartment of his plane. The saucer disappeared and again reappeared approximately ten (10) miles farther along its course after six (6) seconds making its final disappearance.

6. The first two observers were an instructor and a student, having just taken off from Elkhorn Airport. The second two observers, one being [redacted] and a passenger.

ENCLOSURE John D. Schindler, Jr.
Maj. Air Corps, AAF-CAP Liaison Officer.
Col. Carl Colbrancon of the Intelligence Division of the War Department advised Special Agent C. L. Reynolds of the Liaison Section that the War Department has received a telegram, dated New York, New York, July 5, which follows:

"FOR FURTHER ACTION CONSIDER FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WHICH MAY HAVE \[censored\] \[illegible\] ORIGIN."

Col. Colbrancon furnished Mr. Reynolds with a copy of the memorandum titled "Report on Flying Saucers," dated July 7, 1947, addressed to Commanding General, 3rd Air Base Unit, Holling Field, Washington, D.C., from John D. Schindler, a copy of which is attached to this memorandum. The attached memorandum sets forth information and statistics regarding two reports of incidents of flying saucers. There is also attached herein a map of the Illinois River area which was furnished to Mr. Reynolds by Col. Colbrancon. Col. Colbrancon stated that according to this map, the incidents reported in the attached memorandum are in the general vicinity of \[illegible\] which was given as the address of \[illegible\] in the anonymous telegram received by the War Department.

Col. Colbrancon advised that in view of the fact that the observation of the flying saucers was made on July 7th and the date of the unsigned telegram on July 9th, together with the proximity of \[illegible\] to the points where the objects were observed, he directed the Bureau to conduct some investigation of Shaver to determine whether or not he has any information pertaining to the origin of the flying saucers.

Mr. Reynolds advised Col. Colbrancon that his request would be made known to you and the results of any investigation would be brought to his attention.

\[illegible\]

It is recommended that the field be directed to make inquiries regarding this incident, and if deemed advisable, interview Shaver regarding any information that he may have relative to flying saucers. The result of any investigation should be forwarded to the Liaison Section for delivery to the Intelligence Division of the War Department.

[Attachment]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 8, 1947

TELEMETER

WASH FROM CGO 8-8-47 800 PM RLS

DIRECTOR "URGENT"

FLYING DISC SIGHTED BY MRS. SECURITY MATER

CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN TODAY REPORTED THAT

CHICAGO REPORTED SEEING A DISC THREE THIRTY AM

TODAY SAILING ABOVE LAKE MICHIGAN OFF JACKSON PARK BEACH. LITTLE 6

UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY. FATHER IN LAW

AVENUE, ADVISED LITTLE SIGHTED DISC OVER

A MONTH AGO AND SHE IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE. NO FURTHER INQUIRY

CONTEMPLATED.

MC SWAIN

RECORDED

9-17-47

END ACK

500 JULY 1947 8-3

G. I. R. 9
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Ladd
FROM: [Redacted]
DATE: August 8, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Informants; 67C
FLYING DISC
MISCELLANEOUS

There is attached a memorandum setting forth the pertinent information received by the Detroit Office from and relative to "flying discs."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this material be personally delivered by the Liaison Section to the appropriate contact in the War Department.

Attachment
RGF: MAW: EW
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted] 252

RECORDED U 87894-55
August 8, 1947

FLYING DISCS

Information was received from the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, that on July 10, 1947, one [redacted] an employee of Dow Chemical Company since about 1922, brought some material to their Physics laboratory. He stated that about 5:15 P.M., July 10, he and his wife, Laura, were walking in a field when they heard a puff noise about one hundred feet away. They turned and saw a ball of white about the size of a bushel basket, resting approximately a foot off of the ground. The fire died out immediately and later Lane scooped up a three-inch piece of fused sand into a can for examination at their laboratory.

Upon interview by FBI Agents, [redacted] told substantially the same story, but [redacted] was reluctant to talk and very indefinite about what happened. There were marked discrepancies in their stories.

Dow authorities considered the story fantastic but have examined the material and state contents are: ordinary sand, not radioactive; but giving off ammonia gas; a small silver nugget almost pure except for sand mixed in it, not radioactive; melted or fused sand which gives off ammonia odor and little droplets of silver melted in sand and some grayish color material which is radioactive. The level of radioactivity in this material is extremely low. An employee of Dow, formerly employed by the Government at Los Alamos Project, stated the fused sand has some characteristics of Los Alamos sand, but he does not believe it is the same.

[Redacted] is known to have in his possession a small quantity of luminous paint, radio active, to be an amateur photographer and to have a limited knowledge of chemistry and physics. He is described as very peculiar, surly, Antagonistic to plant protection officers and interested in photography and electricity. Lane is white, was born May 7, 1902, at Ecorse, Michigan. He is 5'9½" in height, weighs 145 pounds, has brown hair, partly bald, served in the U.S. Army from 1918 to 1923.

Neither [redacted] will admit their story is a prank. However, neither are able to point out the exact location of this incident.

The Army Airforce Intelligence at Selfridge Field, Michigan, has been advised and the material has been turned over to them.
FBI DETROIT

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

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DISC, MISC. INFO RECEIVED FROM DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, MIDLAND,

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DESCRIBED AS VERY PECULIAR, SURLY, ANTAGONISTIC TO PLANT PROTECTION OFFICERS, INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND ELECTRICITY. IS WHITE, BORN MAY SEVEN, NINETEEN NAUGHT TWO, AT FREESOIL, MICHIGAN, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, PARTLY BALD, SERVED US ARMY NINETEEN EIGHTEEN TO NINETEEN TWENTY THREE.

NEITHER PARTY ADMITS STORY IS A PRANK, BUT HAS MENTIONED FLYING DISCS AND ROCKETS. ON INTERVIEW WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS MATTER AND NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE MATERIAL WAS FOUND. ARMY AIR FORCES INTELLIGENCE AT SELFRIEDGE FIELD, MICHIGAN, HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SUTEIF BUREAU DESIRES MATERIAL FORWARD TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

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CORRECTION LINE ONE WORD FOUR SHOULD RAXXX READ — LANE

6-16 PM OK FBI WASH DC WJR Called Laboratory

\[\text{Signature}\]

\[\text{Approved}\]
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director D. M. Ladd
FROM: SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated July 28, 1947 entitled as above forwarding a copy of a report furnished to me by Lieutenant Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, setting forth the results of inquiries made by his office concerning the reported sightings of flying discs.

As of further interest to the Bureau in this regard, there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947, and entitled "Investigation of Flying Disks," furnished to me by AC of S, A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, who is acting in the absence of, enclosing copies of reports of additional reported sightings of flying discs by persons in Oregon and Arizona, together with the results of their investigations in that regard.

It is noted that these investigations were conducted prior to the time Bureau instructions were issued that our own Bureau would conduct inquiries into the reported sightings of flying discs.

Copies of these reports are being forwarded to the Portland and Phoenix Offices for the completion of their files in connection with this subject.

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Phoenix (with enclosures - 3)
Office Memorandum  - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEWARK

DATE: August 13, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC REPORTED AT
HACKENSACK, N.J. NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 3, 1947 - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to the teletype from the Newark Division
to the Bureau dated August 4, 1947 stating that a "Flying Disc" had
been reported to have been seen at Hackensack, New Jersey on August 3
last by one

[Redacted]

Interview by Special Agent [Redacted] of this Division, stated
that on August 3 he had been standing with [Redacted], a soldier
stationed at Fort Dix, observing a "Ham" radio rig atop a two-story
house on Simons Avenue, Hackensack. It was approximately 7:45 p.m.,
and they were in this vicinity for the purpose of meeting [Redacted],
her girlfriend, one

[Redacted] commented that a child had apparently
lost its balloon. [Redacted] looked and about a block or a half block
away noticed a round, black object moving from south to north and
east of the spot where he and [Redacted] were standing. [Redacted] noticed
that it was moving too fast to be an ordinary balloon, but he could
not discern whether it was globular in form or a disc. He said it
was about thirty to forty inches in diameter moving north in a hori-
zontal plane about two hundred yards above the top of the hill at
Summit Avenue and Simons Avenue. It proceeded at a steady rate,
emitted no rays, and was moving fast enough to require them to turn
their heads steadily in order to follow it. [Redacted] girlfriend came
out about fifteen seconds after they first sighted it. They pointed
it out to her, and she said that it looked like a bird on the horizon
so small. It faded out of sight soon thereafter. [Redacted] said
that a line drawn along its apparent course of flight would go from
the vicinity of Bendix, New Jersey to a point west of Westwood, New
Jersey.

[Redacted] also said that a man on the porch across the street
also noticed it and pointed it out to the women. [Redacted] said that
this man seemed excited but did nothing about it.

[Redacted] said that he was positive it was no optical illusion.
He was not facing into the sun and saw the object clearly. He also
said that he would have thought nothing of it except for the speed at
which it was traveling.
Letter to Bureau

August 13, 1947

Miss [redacted] stated that the event in question occurred at about 7:30 on the evening of Sunday, August 3. She said that she was in the house when [redacted] telephoned to her. She went out immediately, and they pointed out the object in question. She saw it just before it disappeared over the horizon, but she declared that it was in view from that time for approximately one minute. She said it was round and silver-blue in color and appeared to be revolving. She said that she did not recall making any comment that it might have been a bird and herself had no idea of what it could be. In view of the distance from which she noticed it, she said that it could not have been more than six inches in diameter but would have been much larger if she had been near to it. [redacted] said that she had never seen anything like it before.

She said that across the street the [redacted] daughter, were the only people sitting on the porch and she, herself, did not notice anyone pointing toward the object in question. The only other person around, to her knowledge, was [redacted] sister of [redacted] who remained in the house and did not see the object at all.

[redacted] stated that she was on the porch on the evening in question with her mother but did not notice any unusual object in the sky nor had any man been present there to point out the object in question.

The following information was received from [redacted] through interview by Special Agent [redacted].

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey, advised he was born April 12, 1930 at Jersey City, New Jersey and completed eight and one half years of school. He enlisted in the United States Army on May 29, 1947. His mother is [redacted] of Bergen County, New Jersey. He stated that on Sunday, August 3, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., he was standing outside the home of his girlfriend, [redacted], Hackensack, New Jersey, accompanied by [redacted], Hackensack, New Jersey, who is his sister's fiancé. He said that he and [redacted] were looking at the radio antenna on a home near the [redacted] address when they noticed an object
about two to three feet in diameter moving rapidly about two hundred yards off the ground. He said he thought at first it was a child's balloon, but when he noticed there was no wind and the object had no strings to it, he decided it was something else. He stated the object was moving in a steady, straight path, going north, and he said there was no exhaust or indication of any motive power for the object.

He said they observed the object for fifteen or twenty seconds. He could not give a description of the object's color or the material it was composed of but said it looked more like a large, flat child's cup than anything else he could think of, as the object was oval on the top and came to a point on the bottom side. He stated "maybe it's a flying saucer." He said he had never seen anything move through the air quite like this object, and he had no idea where it came from.

He stated that neither he nor had had anything to drink, and there was sufficient light for them to observe the object very clearly.

The "Flying Disc" was reported by of the Hackensack Police Department. He advised the writer that his Department had taken no further action nor had they received reports of the object in question from any other source. It may be noted that no other Police Department in the vicinity has brought to the attention of this Division any information regarding this matter.
UFO

SECTION 3
TO: MR. IADD

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: October 9, 1947

There are attached hereto photographs of various reports received by the Air Corps in connection with the above-captioned matter. These photographs were made available to Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section by Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] of the Intelligence Division of the Air Force for completion of Bureau files.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum be made available to Supervisor [redacted] of the Internal Security Section for his information.
HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MICHIEL FIELD, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Classification (cancelled) [changed to ] effective on 21 Nov 77
under the authority of

12 September 1947

ACSI, USAF

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was received 12 August 1947 from
New Hyde Park, Long Island, relative
to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947.

On 4 August 1947, [redacted], an employee of Pan American
Airways, Inc., was the first pilot of a Constellation type aircraft on a
flight from Gander, Newfoundland, to La Guardia Field, New York.
He took over the aircraft at Gander, Newfoundland and departed at approximately
1230 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time for La Guardia Field, New York. At
1600 P.M., at a position approximately midway between the Everett (Mass.) Pan
Marker and the Bedford Radio Beacon (Everett is 3 miles NW of Boston, Mass.,
and Bedford is 15 miles NW of the same city) both
sighted unidentifiable flying objects. To the best of
the following weather conditions existed at that
time: Visibility was good; cloud coverage was from 6-8/10ths, with tops at
10,000 feet; and the wind at the 8,000 feet level was estimated as being
270/25 miles per hour. The aircraft was at 8,000 feet; airspeed 265 mph;
and the course was 244 degrees, magnetic.

[Redacted], who was sitting in the co-pilots seat (the right side of
the cockpit) first called [redacted] attention to a bright orange object,
which was on the right side of the plane, and slightly below the level of the
aircraft. [Redacted] was unable to see the object, as he had no visibility to
the right and down, from his position. [Redacted] immediately glanced out his
side window and noticed, at a 45° angle to the left, and unidentified flying
object. It was about one mile away at an altitude of approximately 7,800
feet. [Redacted] banked to obtain a better view of the object. The object
was under observation for approximately 30 seconds, and during this time was
viewed by [redacted] described the object as being about the length
of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape, and having a
bright orange hue. [Redacted] stated that the object had a definite shape, and
that there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation as there would be if
the orange color were the exhaust from a rocket, or a jet aircraft.
[Redacted] estimated the course of the object to be 200° magnetic, and that the object
was travelling at approximately 150 mph. [Redacted] lost sight of the object,
when a cloud came between the aircraft and the object. The pursuit of the
object was not continued, inasmuch as it would have necessitated a departure
from the established airways.
**Agent's Notes:***

This is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Training Program, having graduated from Maxwell Field, Alabama, with the Class of [redacted]. Since graduation, [redacted] has flown for Pan American Airways and, at this date, has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. [redacted] appears to be a calm, intelligent individual, not given to flights of fancy, or easily swayed by what he has previously read in the newspapers as regards reports of this type. [redacted] had a fear of publicity and was hesitant to even tell his story lest he become the object of ridicule. [redacted] was questioned as to the possibility that what he sighted might have been a tow target, a pilot balloon, or a radiosonde device used for meteorological purposes. [redacted] stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonde devices and tow targets, while on flights; the object observed on this flight definitely was not one of them.

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15 September 1947

Classification (cancelled) (changed to __________), effective on __________, under the authority of __________ by __________.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947, was received 10 September 1947 from __________, Jackson Heights, New York.

On 4 August 1947, __________, an American Airways Inc., was the navigator of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Denver, Colorado, to La Guardia Field, New York. At 1800, at a position approximately 10 miles W. of Boston, Mass., __________ sighted a flying object which he was unable to identify. At this time, __________ was sitting in the co-pilot's seat, and looking out the right side for other aircraft that might be in the vicinity. __________ stated that when he first sighted the object it appeared to be about 3 miles away, and at least 1,000 feet below the level of the Constellation. __________ believes that he studied the object for about 30 seconds before he called the pilot's attention to it. __________ described the object as being a deep gold in color, and that its' surface reflected light. It appeared to be about 15 feet in length, and from 2-3 feet in depth, elliptical in shape and blunted at the ends. __________ estimated the speed of the object as being 175 miles per hour, and that it was travelling in an easterly direction, on a course of approximately 110° magnetic. __________ then told the aircraft commander that there was an unidentified object to the right, and began to lose sight of the object. At this point, __________ told the captain, explained that he was unable to see the object on his side, and __________ was able to see the object on his side. __________ stated that he did not believe that it was the same object that he had viewed a short while before the last sighting, and that the object was not visible from view by the wings and tail section of the Constellation. __________ stated that the pilot then righted the plane, and the entire incident transpired in less than a minute and one-half.

The weather condition at the time of sighting was as follows: about 5/10th scattered cumulus, with tops at 10,000 feet; visibility 10 miles; and at flight level, west at about 15 mph. The flight level of the aircraft at this time was 8,000 feet; TAS 270, and the magnetic course was 090°.

AGENT'S NOTES: __________ has been employed by __________ for the past __________ years as a Navigator, and during the war worked with __________.
in conjunction with a contract flying for the AOC. He states that he
has flown with [redacted] on a number of occasions, and he considers him
to be a very stable person; completely reliable, and not given to
"flights of fancy".

Related report: "A Summary of Information, 13 September 1947", by ANC,
subject, "Unidentified Flying Objects" (interview [redacted].

Previous Distribution:
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- [Redacted] (3 copies)
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Report on Local "Flying Disc"
D333.5 HO (8 Jul 47) 2nd Inf

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. H. SMITH
Colonel, GSC
Aat Chief of Staff-Intell.
From detailed study of reports select 1 for their impression of veracity and reliability. Several conclusions have been reached:

(a) This "flying saucer" situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon. Something is really flying around.

(b) Lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know.

(c) Whatever the objects are, this much can be said of their physical appearance:

1. The surface of these objects is metallic, indicating a metallic skin, at least.

2. When a trail is observed, it is lightly colored, a Blue-Brown haze, that is similar to a rocket engine's exhaust. Contrary to a rocket of the solid type, one observation indicates that the fuel may be throttled which would indicate a liquid rocket engine.

3. As to shape, all observations state that the object is circular or at least elliptical, flat on the bottom and slightly domed on the top. The size estimates place it somewhere near the size of a C-54 or a Constellation.

4. Some reports describe two tabs, located at the rear and symmetrical about the z-axis of flight motion.

5. Flights have been reported, from three to nine of them, flying good-formation on each other, with speeds always above 300 knots.

6. The discs oscillate laterally while flying along, which could be snaking.