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29 SEC	Fairfield Calif	2 Apr 49	CO Int	Project "Saucer", space inquiry, Rogue River Ore incident.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-14

DATE

REPORT MADE BY

TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(FLYING DISC)
Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon,
on 24 May 1949

REPORT MADE AT

PERIOD 29 July, 2 August 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

STATUS
CLOSED

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of Lt. [redacted], IG, 15th District OSI,
File No. 24-14, dtd

SYNOPSIS

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Gilbert Rivera, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], MacDUFF, Iowa, California, all signed statements to the effect that they saw an unusual and unidentifiable object in the sky. Three (3) character witnesses for Mr. [redacted] and Mr. RIVERA vouched for their reliability and responsibility. Radar units at Treasure Island and Fort Baker revealed that they had testing devices aloft on the date in question, 24 May 1949.

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DETAILS:

1. This is a joint investigation by S/A THOMAS E. KELLY and the writer:

AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA

2. On 2 August 1949, Mr. GILBERT RIVERA, Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"On 24 May 1949, at approximately 5:00 p.m., while fishing with several friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon, my attention was drawn to an object in the sky by Mr. Roy McBeth, one of the members of the party. To the naked eye this object appeared circular and standing on edge. I then focused a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars and saw that it was indeed circular and that we appeared to be looking upward at the bottom side of it. As nearly as was possible to tell, the object appeared about 5000 feet in altitude, and not more than a mile away. When I first observed it, object was moving very slowly. As I put the glasses on, it made a turn to the South, with no banking or leaning, and picked up speed. I then handed the glasses to Don Heaphy in order that he might see the object. Observed through the glasses, the object appeared to be made of silvery metal, either completely circular or somewhat oval. It was thin near the edges and thicker in the center. A triangular fin appeared to arise amidship and extended to the trailing end of the object viewed as it traveled. There were no openings visible and no sound was heard. There appeared to be no engines or motors, no landing gear, no other protruding parts other than the fin already described. The object was in sight for approximately one (1) minute. Sun was at our backs and there were no clouds."

/s/ GILBERT RIVERA
GILBERT RIVERA

WITNESSES:

/s/ S/A CHARLES E. BROOME

/s/ M. HELEN DAVIES

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DETAILS (cont'd)

3. On 2 August 1949, Mr. DON HEAFEY, Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"While fishing with a party of friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from its mouth at Gold Beach, Oregon, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 24 May 1949, my attention was called to an object in the sky. The object was to the East of us about one (1) mile, at approximately 5000 feet altitude. With the naked eye little but a glare and silvery glint could be seen. But after watching it for approximately one minute and a half I was handed a pair of 8-power binoculars by Mr. Gilbert Rivers. It was then possible to see that the object was roughly circular in shape and appeared to be 30 to 35 feet in diameter. It had somewhat the cross sectional appearance of a pancake, being thicker in the center than at the edges. A small triangular fin started approximately in the middle and grew gradually higher to the rear as the object traveled. When first sighted the object was moving very slowly. As I watched it through the glasses, it picked up speed and when it vanished from sight, approximately 90 seconds later, it was traveling as fast or faster than a jet plane. As far as could be seen, it had no openings or protuberances of any kind other than the fin and there was neither sight nor sound of any driving force. It was a clear day and no clouds in the sky, and the sun was at our backs as we watched the object which vanished in a southeasterly direction, mostly south.

/s/ DON HEAFEY
DON HEAFEY

WITNESSES:

/s/ S/A CHARLES E. BROOKS

/s/ M. HELEN DAVIES

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5. On 2 August 1949, ARTHUR FERGUSON and Miss HELEN DAVIES, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, stated they had known Mr. GILBERT RIVERA for approximately two (2) months, that he was not inclined to falsehood or exaggeration, in fact not inclined to talk much at all. They would be inclined to place considerable reliability in anything Mr. RIVERA had to say.

AT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

6. On 2 August 1949, Mr. GORDON HAL, 418 East Washington Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, stated he had known DON MURPHY for about six (6) or seven (7) years, that MURPHY was trustworthy and reliable in all of his talk and statements, and he would be inclined to give credence to anything MURPHY had to say.

7. On 2 August 1949, Mr. ALBERT GOMEZ, 431 McKinley, Sunnyvale, California, stated that he had known Mr. GILBERT RIVERA for about two (2) years, that he was inclined to believe that Mr. RIVERA was trustworthy in speech and manner, not given to wild talk or exaggeration in any form. He would place considerable belief in any statements made by Mr. RIVERA.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

8. On 2 August 1949, Air Force radar installations at Treasure Island and the military reservation at Fort Baker, both in the San Francisco area, sent aloft radar testing devices known as "kites" twice each day, at around 1000 and 1600. These devices are of aluminum sheet, approximately 5 feet on a side, roughly diamond shaped and containing a double set of triangular fins on the top side. These are carried aloft by gas filled

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AT IONE, CALIFORNIA

9. On 28 July 1949, S/A [redacted] obtained the following statement from ROY E. MacBETH, at Ione, California:

"During the latter part of May 1949, at approximately 1630 in the afternoon, while fishing in a boat on the Rogue River near Gold Beach, Oregon together with Don Heaphy, Richard Rivera, Elizabeth McBeth and my wife, my attention was attracted by a silvery object in the sky, traveling at a point of approximately 8000 feet in a southerly direction. The object, circular in formation as a silver dollar traveled without sound at a speed greater than that of a high speed or jet plane. Heaphy and Rivera used a binocular to view the object which was visible to the naked eye for approximately two minutes. Not using the binoculars I could not make out any irregularities of formation, or whether the object had a motor or motors, landing gear, or other items usually connected with a plane. It had an appearance of the conventional plane but in size would be of the diameter of the fuselage length of the DC-3 plane. I have fished in the general area a number of years and have observed various type planes flying in this area, but have never observed anything of this nature before."

/s/ ROY E. MacBETH
P.O. Box 838
Ione, Calif.

WITNESS: /s/ [redacted]
S/A 19th Dist OSI

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DETAILS (cont'd)

10. On 26 July 1949, S/A Thomas H. KELLEY obtained the following statement from [redacted], at Ione, California:

"While on vacation near Gold Beach, Oregon during the latter part of May 1949 and while fishing from a boat in the Rogue River in the late afternoon, my husband ROY E. MacBETH, called the attention of the group to a silver object, circular in shape, crossing the sky at a high altitude and a high rate of speed. I could not estimate its height and its size was as large as a large passenger plane the shaped like a shiny circular disk. No sound was heard and it crossed our range of vision in two or three minutes. The day had been clear, visibility was good and the sun was just setting. Other occupants of the party who observed the object were, Don Murphy, Richard Rivera, Elizabeth MacBeth and my husband. There was no sound and the object traveled on a direct course."

/s/ (Mrs.) [redacted]
P.O. Box 550
Ione, California

WITNESS: /s/ Thomas H. KELLEY
S/A 16th CIAC 051

Inclosures:

FOR OSI AREAS DEPT AT, AIR MATERIAL COMMAND, DAYTON, OHIO

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of Mr. GILBERT RIVERA dated at Moffett Field, California, 2 August 1949.

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FILE NO. 24-14 DATE

REPORT MADE BY

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PERIOD 26 July, 2 August 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(PROJECT SIGN)
Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon,
on 24 May 1949

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of S/A [redacted], 13th District OSI, File No. 24-14, dtd

SYNOPSIS

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/s/ M. HELEN DAVIES

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/s/ DON MURPHY
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WITNESSED:

/s/ S/A CHARLES E. BROOKS

/s/ M. HELEN DAVIES

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/s/ ROY E. MacBETH
P.O. Box 838
Ione, Calif.

WITNESS: /s/ THOMAS H. KELLEY
S/A 19th Dist OSI

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/s/ (Mrs.) [redacted] MacBETH
P.O. Box 638
Ione, California

WITNESS: /s/ THOMAS B. KELLEY
S/A 19th Dist OSI

Inclosures:

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CO, CONAC, Biloxi Air Force Base, Mississippi (Director of Intelligence)
CO, 4th Air Force, Hamilton AFB, California (Director of Intelligence)
CO, USAF, Washington, D.C. (Director of Intelligence Requirements Div.)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

1. At 1600 PST 5 silver objects were reported circling over Silver Lake, Oregon by the Silver Lake Airport Tower Operator, Joseph Williams. The weather was reported as clear. The objects were observed by the tower operator through binoculars and were described to be round, silver colored with short wings, their speed varied as they circled. One C-47 aircraft was over Silver Lake at the time of sighting at 17,000 feet and the objects appeared to be much higher than the aircraft. The C-47 was contacted by the control tower operator for confirmation, but the objects were not visible to the pilot.

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In compliance with par. 1, ConAC Letter 200.1, 25 March 48, and par. 5 and 6, Letter Fourth Air Force, file OI-350.09/2, dated 1st Feb 49, the following information as relayed to this headquarters via the District Intelligence Officer, Thirteenth Naval District, is submitted:

"At 2100 hours on 30 July 1949, between Stevenson, Washington, and Troutsdale, Oregon, a group of unidentified lights were sighted by Northwest Airlines pilot Paul Thrush, 1610 S.E. Carlton Street, Portland, Oregon, while on a routine flight from Yakima to Portland. Thrush stated the object could have been two or three planes flying in very close formation, however, the red lights were on the wrong side for airborne aircraft. When Thrush circled the field to await instructions for landing, the object changed course about 60° and left the vicinity.

The co-pilot of the plane, C. J. Cole, also of Portland, sighted the lights but was not available for interview. Bernhard Basford, CAA traffic controller on duty in the control tower of the airport also observed the object. Basford reportedly observed

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from the ground tower. According to Thrush, Basford turned the airport spotlight on the object, which he thought at the time was a helicopter, to help guide it to a landing. However, the object disappeared at a high rate of speed and headed in a southeasterly direction when the light was focussed upon it. A description of conditions are as follows:

Weather: Clear, however object was sighted after sundown.
Sketches: None, since darkness prevented adequate observation.
Shape and size: Not determined because of darkness.
Color: Red lights steady, white light on occasion.
Speed: Two hundred miles per hour.
Heading: When first seen approximately 240°T. When last seen over Troutsdale, 50°T. There was not change in the lighting with the change of heading.
Maneuverability: Course and elevation did not change rapidly.
Altitude: 6000 - 8000 feet.
Sound: None observed - other sounds in own plane would have obscured sounds.
Exhaust: None observed."

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

VINFRED H. CALLIHAN
Major USAF
Intelligence Staff Officer

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8 Aug 45

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1. TO: (Following Offices and/or individuals in turn)

1.	Col Bailey — Natel Bailey
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4.	Bailey
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2. FROM:

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For your information & return.

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308TH WRA 35-09 1st Ind.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 308TH RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (WEATHER), Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Fairfield, California, 8 August 1949

TO: Director of Intelligence, 4th Air Force, Hamilton Field, San Rafael, California

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INTELLIGENCE
374TH RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (VLR) WEATHER
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Fairfield, California

5 August 1949

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

TO: Intelligence Officer
308th Reconnaissance Group (Weather)
Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base
Fairfield, California

1. On tuesday, 2 August, Lark Dog mission took off from this base 1330 PST. Flying at the prescribed course and altitude, (300 degrees, 1500 ft) near position no. 6 (4415N/13257W) what appeared to be contrails were sighted by members of the crew. Rising at a shallow angle, the formation appeared to ascend to a height of approximately 15,000 feet at which point it leveled out and continued on. Estimate of various crew members as to the length of these vapor formations varied, but the average consensus of opinion was that they were about 50 miles in length when first sighted, and grew by segments to a length of about 150 miles. These segments joined into one unit during the period under observation. The base of the information was obscured in low strato-cumulous-clouds. The weather at this point was clear with an undercast. Time of the sighting was 1729 PST.

2. The pilot turned the airplane to get a better view of the phenomenon and took photographs with a K-20 camera. Thereafter he returned to his prescribed course. The photographs are included herewith.

3. The following are statements by three key crew members:

a. (1st Lt Glen D. Mull, Aircraft Commander) "My attention was drawn by the navigator to what appeared to be a peculiar cloud formation at 10 O'clock high. (We were flying a true heading of 300 degrees). The cloud was made up of streaks, originating in some low clouds and ascending at a shallow angle to about 15,000 feet, and then ascending at an even shallower angle for another 2,000 feet for a distance of approximately 75 miles. My first impression was that they might be contrails. I took photographs with the K-20 camera, and then we didn't take any more notice of the formations for about five minutes. The second time I looked, a new streak had appeared about 30 miles ahead of the original one, continuing on at about the same angle as the previous one. Five minutes later those two streaks had joined."

b. (1st Lt John Watt, Navigator) "The formation seemed to be between 50 and 75 miles to the west. The westernmost part that we could see was very wide, with part of it obscured by clouds. It rose at a

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/s/ WILLIAM H TEAGUE
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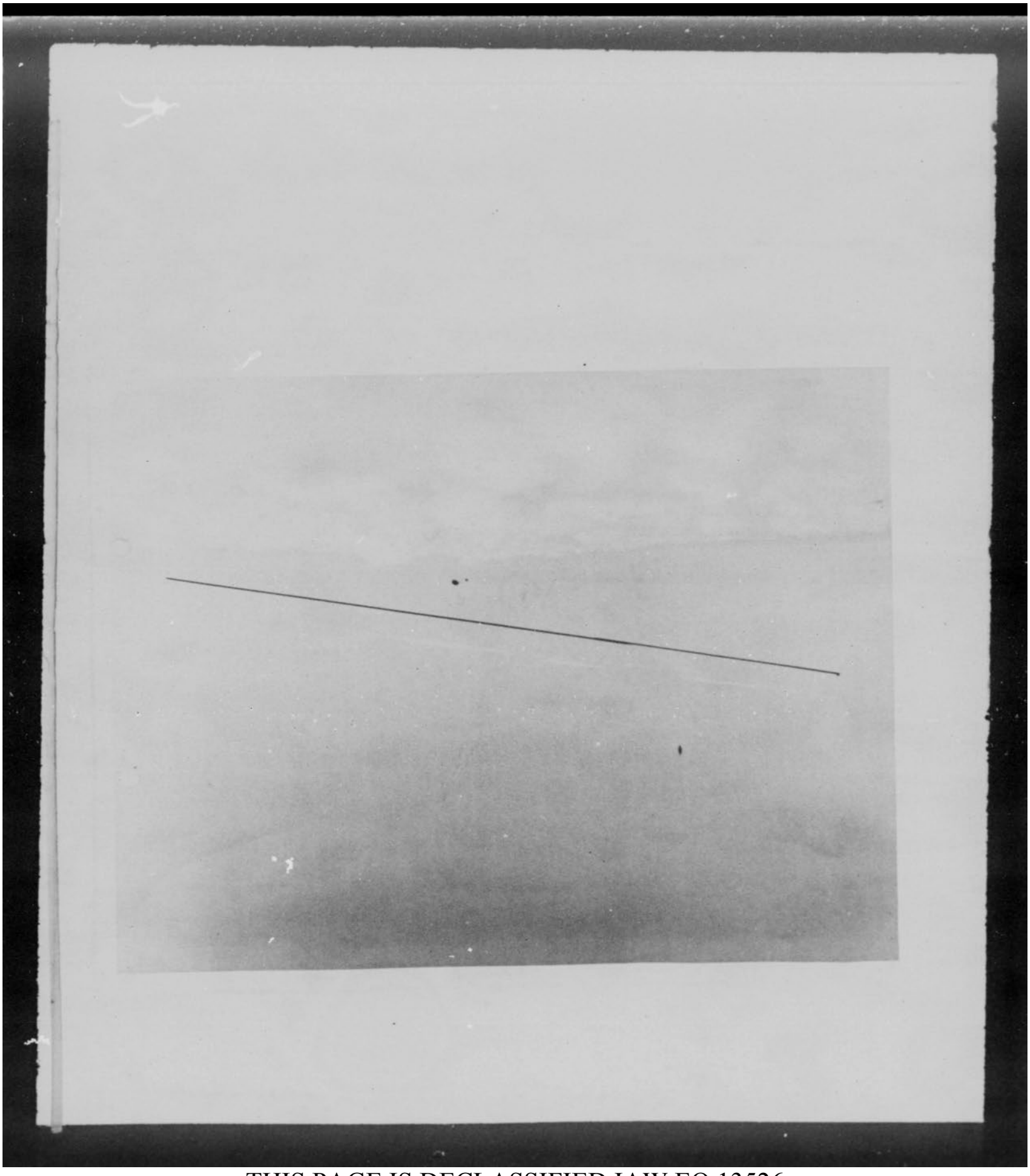

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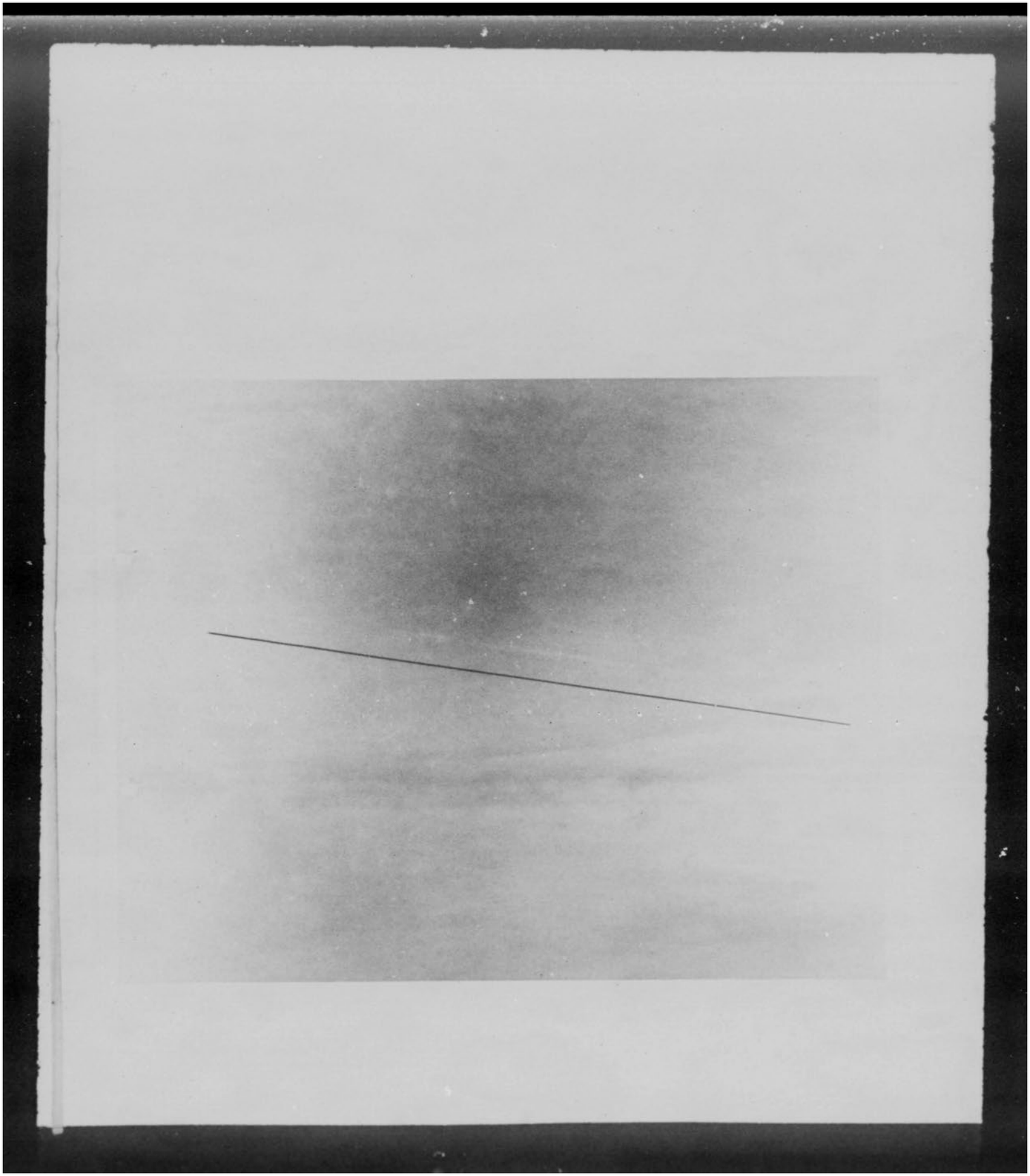

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HEADQUARTERS
325TH FIGHTER GROUP, ALL WEATHER
Moses Lake Air Force Base
Moses Lake, Washington

AO 18 October 1948

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Disc" Sighting.

TO : Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attention: [illegible]

1. Pursuant to the provisions of ConAC Letter 200-1 dated 26 March 1948, the following report of a "Flying Disc" sighting is submitted:

a. Reported location and time: About 1 mile south of Moses Lake Air Force Base at about 1500 on 18 October 1948.

b. Weather (at 1430): Scattered clouds at 5,000; scattered deck at 20,000; visibility 50 miles; temperature 75; dew point 18; relative humidity 29%; surface wind SSW 7K; 5,000 ft variable 5-10K; 10,000 ft W to NW 5-8K.

c. Witnesses: Hugh E. Elkins and E. Wayne Libby, barbers at the Bell Hotel Barber Shop in Ephrata, Washington.

d. Description: A single disk shaped object of unknown size but dull aluminum in color was seen heading NNW on a straight course at an altitude of about 10,000 ft, or about twice the average altitude of two jet fighters which were in the sky at the same time. The object was visible before disappearing at the horizon, for 30 to 60 seconds and was travelling at 2 to 3 times average jet fighter speed. There was no sound and no exhaust trail. The object was in view during about the same time that one of the jet fighters was making a 180 to a landing at MLAFB.

2. Pilots Robert W. Gillespie, 2d Lt USAF and R.T. Bond, 2d Lt USAF of the 83d Fighter Sq, jet confirmed flying acrobatics south of MLAFB at from 10,000 to 17,000 ft altitude. Lt Gillespie landed his F-80 No. 48735 at 1440 and Lt Bond landed F-80 No. 48701 at 1515. The officers saw nothing unusual.

3. The 637th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was operating its radar warning equipment at the time but the log shows nothing except the two F-80s in the air at the time. The officer in charge states that the limitations of his equipment would preclude his stating that there were no other objects in the air at the time.

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Information to:
CG 4th Air Force, Att: Dir of Int
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CLARENCE W. PARHAM JR
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HEADQUARTERS
78TH FIGHTER WING
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California

IO 373.5 31 October 1949

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California
Attention: Director of Intelligence

Under the provisions of Par 4b(2), ConAC Letter 200-1, dated 10 October 1949, the following report of information on "Flying Discs" is submitted:

(1) Location and time of sighting: Two (2) miles north of Novato, California (38 07 - 122 35) at 1230 hours PST, 30 October 1949.

(2) Weather at the time: CAVU.

(3) Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

Major Lee W. Wright, Serial No. and organization unknown, San Bernardino Air Force Base, California.

M/Sgt Cayus P. Peterson, AF-6444205, Hq & Hq Squadron, 78th Fighter Wing, Hamilton Air Force Base, California.

(4) Photographs of Object: None available.

(5) Sketch of objects' configuration:

(6) Objects sighted:

(a) Number: One (1)

(b) Shape: Round solid disc

(c) Size: Fifty (50) feet in diameter.

(d) Color: White (not silver or bright).

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Ltr., Hq 78th Ftr Wing, Sub: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs", dtd 31 Oct 49 (Continued)

(e) Speed: Five hundred (500) miles per hour.

(f) Heading: 270 degrees T

(g) Maneuverability: None observed; it was moving on a straight and direct course.

(h) Altitude: Approximately 5,000 feet.

(i) Sound: None

(j) Exhaust trail or not: None

Remarks: Sgt Peterson and Major Wright were standing in the yard of the residence of Sgt Peterson at 1230 hours 30 Oct 1949 when the observations were made. Major Wright is stationed at San Bernardino Air Force Base, California and is not available for comment.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

R. M. KOLBENSCHLAG
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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7 Aug 49

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

(Captain Sherrill)
8 August 1949

Lt Phillips called at 1540.
Lt. Phillips reported a track was observed over Hanford Engineering works at 1530 and faded by 1533. Lt Phillips stated that the track was believed to be a cloud and not a track of an airplane. ~~XIX~~ Telephone connection was bad and static discharges interrupted the conversation. Lt Phillips called back in about five minutes and confirmed the statement that the track was actually believed to be a cloud due to some cloud formations. Lt Phillips stated that his instructions were to call 4th AF in all cases and asked if any further instructions were required. Track was traveling North East at about 4 miles per hour and was visible for about 3 minutes. Connection was static also on the second call interruptions were also encountered which forced Lt Phillips to keep repeating his message to the extent that a full detailed report was not ~~ensured~~ assured at this end.

Peter Berg
Maj. USAF
(Hq duty Officer 7 Aug)

Hold until written report received.

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FOURTH AF
FORM NO. 203
21 June 48

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
(See Office Instruction 100-1)

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CONVERSATION STARTED 12:30 CONVERSATION COMPLETED 12:38 DATE 8 Aug 49

BETWEEN Major (RANK) Dallenbaum (NAME) OF 25th ADiv Wg (OFFICE AND HQ)

and Colonel (RANK) Clark (NAME) DO (OFFICE) THIS HQ

SUBJECT(s) 1. Report of Objects Sighted
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3.

RESUME OF POINTS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Four or five silver objects reported circling over Medford. They had been viewed for 4 or 5 minutes and were still seen at time of call. Objects were silver in color and had short wings. Two reports received from Medford Tower.

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SIGNATURE: WILLIAM M. CLARK, Colonel, USAF
(Name and Rank)

DUTY ASSIGNMENT: Asst DO

SECTION: DO TELEPHONE NO. 3003

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Letters from Mrs. Madeline Gwynne MERCHANT

AREA REFERENCE: Fourth Air Force Area

FROM: D/I, Hq Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB, Cal

DATE OF REPORT: 11 August 1949

DATE OF INFORMATION: 4 Aug 1949

EVALUATION: Unknown

PREPARED BY: E. F. BONVICIN, Major, USAF

SOURCE: Letters from Mrs. Madeline Gwynne MERCHANT

REFERENCES:

SUMMARY:

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918 N.E. 18th St
Oklahoma City 5, Okla
Aug 4, 1949

Officer in Charge, AAF
Hamilton Field, Calif

Dear Sir: (Incl McChord Field)

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(5) Secure copies of San Francisco papers quoting the unusual character of this lightning seige.

(6) Secure any photographs of lightning bolts which might have been published in the northern Calif. press, or whatever source possible.

(7) Continue to note such unusually heavy ionization, and all details. Note whether these occurances are in direct lines with occurances of visible "flying saucers," reported in the press.

Send data to Wright-Patterson Tech. Intelligence, Att: A.J. Hemstreet.

Thanking you kindly, I am,

Sincerely,

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cc/ McChord Field Intelligence,
Tacoma, Wash.

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(Re: MCIAXO-3, Wright Field,
Tech. Intelligence.)

Dear Sir:

In the July 31, 1949 issue of the Portland Oregonian, Portland, Ore. Page 1, col. 7, is a story reporting one or more objects "unidentified," as being observed at Portland, Vancouver and Camas. Also, an object seen by the crew of a Northwest Airlines Martin 202 en route from Yakima to Portland, is described as passing the airplane swiftly at the time plane speed was 220 MPH.

I feel sure that you have already secured all available data on appearances of the object, or objects, including an inter-section drawing of the Martin 202 location in relation to the flight path of the object.

However, this letter is to call your attention to another phase of related subject matter, which will greatly assist in confirming previous data in your general locality and in other localities. This is the starting of forest fires from lightning bolts occuring when there are no clouds present.

In the same issue of the Oregonian, same page, col. 6, is a story on lightning bolts starting forest fires at the following places:

(1) Blue mountains, east of Pendleton, Ore. 500-acre blaze.
(2) Clover Creek area, west of Klamath Falls, Ore. 85-acre blaze.
(3) Lane county (no specific spot given) fire small outbreaks.

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AF FORM 112—PART I
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(CLASSIFICATION)

COUNTRY | REPORT NO. | (GRADE SLAVE)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency)

DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List indicators at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

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Sincerely,

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cc/ Officer In Charge, AAF
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918 N.E. 18th St.
Oklahoma City (5) Okla.
Aug. 4, 1949

Officer in Charge, AAF
Hamilton Field, Calif.

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(Re. McChord Fld)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a carbon of a letter to McChord Field Intelligence, suggesting that confirmation on the appearance on July 30 and 31 of unusual lightning bolts in Washington, Oregon and northern California, may afford excellent data on heavy ionization due to the presence of ray-forms, probably originating in eastern Siberia.

This type lightning, if news accounts here are true, of bolts occuring from cloudless skies, has appeared in other parts of the country. It is evidenced when the ball-form, or irregular-shaped form, of visible "flying saucers," "strange objects," etc. is affected by atmospheric conditions, with the energy being dissipated in lightning instead of a visible "saucer" or "disc."

Confirmation of the following is desired:

(1) 180 or more forest fires were set by lightning bolts in northern California on July 30 and 31. Secure locations. Note reports on the presence or absence of clouds on each location. Plot these on a detailed forest service map. Also, plot on larger northwest U.S. area map for correlation to other forest fires in Oregon and Wash. and to visible "object" locations, for checking with previous data indicating one or more sources from Russia.

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(2) Confirm from te Forest Service the number of deaths as being two, S.W. Spears and Bob Reynolds. This was on a construction project near Oroville. (It is not clear whether this was a Forest Service project, or a private project.) However, lightning set off an explosion, killing the two men.

(3) Confirm five persons injured due to lightning bolts.

(If the Forest Service has no reports on the men killed and five injured, please check the files of the San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle for July 31, also Aug. 1, for data, then follow leads through.)

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(5) Secure copies of San Francisco papers quoting the unusual character of this lightning seige.

(6) Secure any photographs of lightning bolts which might have been published in the northern Calif. press, or whatever source possible.

(7) Continue to note such unusually heavy ionization, and all details. Note whether these occurances are in direct lines with occurances of visible "flying saucers," reported in the press.

Send data to Wright-Patterson Tech. Intelligence, Att: A.J. Hebstreet.

Thanking you kindly, I am,

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cc/ McChord Field Intelligence,
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(Re: MCIAXO-3, Wright Field, Tech. Intelligence.)

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I feel sure that you have already secured all available data on appearances of the object, or objects, including an inter-section drawing of the Martin 202 location in relation to the flight path of the object.

However, this letter is to call your attention to another phase of related subject matter, which will greatly assist in confirming previous data in your general locality and in other localities. This is the starting of forest fires from lightning bolts occuring when there are no clouds present.

In the same issue of the Oregonian, same page, col. 6, is a story on lightning ~~fires~~ bolts starting forest fires at the following places:

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AIR [illegible] COMMAND
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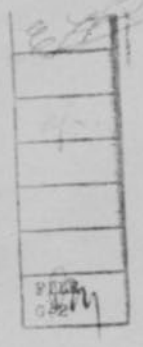
CI 350.09 3 August 1949

SUBJECT: Project "SAUCER"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIAIO-3
Commanding General
Continental Air Command
Mitchel Air Force Base, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Dir of Intell, Requirements Div
Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California
Attn: Director of Intelligence



In compliance with par. 1, ConAC Letter 200.1, 25 Mar 48, and par. 5 and 6, Letter Fourth Air Force, File CI-350.09/2, dated 18 Feb 49, the following additional information, as relayed to this headquarters via the District Intelligence Officer, Thirteenth Naval District, is submitted relative to subject matter contained in classified message, this headquarters, 25 AGO 71, dated 20 July 1949:

"Between the hours of 1430 and 1530 on 17 July 1949, the wife of Allan H. Smith, Associate Professor of Anthropology, College of Washington, Pullman, Washington, sighted an object, described by her as appearing to be a halo, spinning end over end, not in the plane of the disc surface, and moving rapidly in a general easterly direction. The halo, she believes, must have rotated with the object itself, for she received the impression that the two were combined.

This report tallies with an item published in the Pullman Herald on 15 July, which reported an incident occuring on the afternoon of 12 July. A group of three men reported the incident and described the object as having been "big, shiny, and floating

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along toward the East in a kind of rolling motion, appearing very high and glinting in the sun as it rolled along". These men reported the object was in sight for fully five minutes".

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WINFRED H. GALLIENNE
Major USAF
Intelligence Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 1st FIGHTER WING
March Air Force Base
March Field, California

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SUBJECT: Report of Investigation of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California

In compliance with Paragraph 2, letter, your headquarters, File OI-452-1/127, dated 7 April 1949, attached is copy of Report of investigation, Subject: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object. Also inclosed is true copies of correspondence originating subject investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:
1. Rpt of Investigation
2. True Cpy of basic ltr and 1st Ind, req initiation of investigation, ANC

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HEADQUARTERS 1st FIGHTER WING
March Air Force Base
March Field, California

CI 2 May 1949

SUBJECT: Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. In compliance with 1st Indorsement to basic letter, File MNZ 360.112, Subject: Information of Unidentified Flying Object, dated 1 March 1949, the following report of investigation is submitted:

a. 1st Lt John F Smith, AO-2099366, Air Force Reserve Pilot, stationed with 703d Air Reserve Unit, Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno, California, was interrogated and submitted a written statement concerning his observation of an unfamiliar flying object. This observation was made in the vicinity of Sundberg Pass, forty (40) miles South of Bakersfield, California, at approximately 2030 PST, 28 February 1949. No other persons were found who had witnessed the flight of this object. Guide to investigation of unidentified aerial objects, which was furnished this office by Air Materiel Command, was used during the interrogation.

b. Lt Smith, a student of Industrial Arts at Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno, California, appeared to be an earnest young man, rather quiet and reserved, with no particular aptitude for self-expression. He is regarded as sober and respectable and enjoys a good reputation among his associates, in the school. In the opinion of the Investigating Officer, Lt Smith would have neither the inclination nor the ability to construct this report in a wild flight of fancy.

c. Lt Smith was first interviewed on 22 March 1949. He reported that at the time of the observation he had been seated in the left pilots seat of a T-11 aircraft, flying the return leg of a round robbin cross country proficiency flight from Fresno Air Terminal to Los Angeles and return. The object which he observed was roughly

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sausage shaped in that both the forward and trailing ends resembled a B-29 nose. The object was on a heading approximately North to South and approached Smiths aircraft from 12 o'clock, at which time he made his first observation. The object disappeared to the rear of the T-11 and then apparently it made a 360° turn around it as Smith made his second observation approximately fifteen (15) seconds later when the object appeared to his right and made a 180° turn in front of him, again disappearing to the rear. The total length of time for both of these observations was approximately twenty (20) seconds. The weather at the time was reported to be high thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet, vsby 10 miles. Temperature was 36, dew point 34, with a wind from the South at about eight (8) miles per hour. Vsby to the West was one (1) mile, with fog ceiling due to scattered stratus. Weather conditions were rapidly changing at the time. The object appeared at about 20° above the observers horizon. Its size in comparison to the hand held at an arms length from the face was about that of the index and third finger. The object had no definite color and no luminosity. There were no projections observed. There appeared to be no effect on clouds in the vicinity and Smith asserts that his attention was drawn to the object by the glow of a propulsion jet from the objects tail. Interrogation of experienced jet pilots reveal that at night no jet glow is visible unless observed from exactly behind the aircraft, looking right up the tail pipe. Smiths co-pilot was in the back of the T-11 at the time of the observation and saw nothing of the object. Smith attempted to contact another pilot flying a similar mission who was approximately ten (10) minutes behind him to ask him to watch for the object. Smith was answered by an unidentified voice over the radio whom he believed to be the pilot he was calling. Upon landing however, he discovered that although the other pilot had received his message he had not been able to contact Smith because of the interference created by the unidentified person answering Smiths call. The other pilot likewise observed nothing of the object.

d. It will be noted that the original report of this incident was sent to Air Materiel Command from March Flight Service Center. Investigation revealed that March Flight Service Center was informed of the occurrence by a report from Los Angeles Control Center. This Control Center probably received its information from one (1) or more of four (4) Radio Range Stations in the vicinity. These are the Bakersfield Radio, Lancaster Radio, Newhall Radio or Los Angeles Radio. It is believed that it was the operator on duty at one of these Range Stations that answered Smiths call, although he did not identify himself and no information of a more definite nature could be obtained.

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e. The following installations, both commercial and military in this area, were interrogated as to the possibility of any jet aircraft flights originating from their stations at the approximate time of the observation.

(1) Muroc Air Force Base, California
(2) Point Mugu USNAMTC, Point Mugu, California
(3) El Toro MCAS, Santa Ana, California
(4) Inyokern USNAMTC, Inyokern, California
(5) Hamilton Air Force Base, California
(6) 62nd Fighter Wing, Metropolitan Airport, Van Nuys, California
(7) 196th Fighter Sq, San Bernardino AFB, California
(8) U.S. Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California
(9) Lockheed Aircraft Corp, Burbank, California
(10) North American Aviation Inc, Inglewood, California
(11) Base Operations, this station
(12) 1st Fighter Group, this station
(13) 67th Tac Reconnaissance Wing, this station

All of this correspondence was answered and regarding the origin of any jet flights that could possibly have been in the area of the observation at the time the observation was made, was negative.

f. No radar sightings of the object were reported.

William R. Crooks

WILLIAM R. CROOKS
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

2 Incls:
1. Pilots Statement
2. Cy S.O. 54, appointing Investigating Officer

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HQ 1ST FTR WG, MARCH AF BASE, CALIF, SO 54 dtd 18 Mar 49.

7. The fol nmdd EM WM/USAF, orgn's indicated this sta having reenl in the AF dates indicated, for periods indicated, are auth reenl lv as indicated, eff dates indicated, and WT to destinations indicated. Upon compl of lv EM will report to proper orgn and sta.

T/Sgt Milton F McGahee AF6 359 922 1st Instls Sq, Ftr Det, 1st AB Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an indef period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 25 Mar 49, address: 835 Vermont Street, Bangor, Maine.

S/Sgt Albert T Schneider AF36 233 493 1st Sup Sq, Ftr Det, 1st M & S Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an inddf period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 22 Mar 49, address: 2223 West Garfield Ave, Milwaukee, Misc.

S/Sgt Lawrence Burgher AF35 469 360 1st Sup Sq, Ftr Det, 1st M & S Gp, enl 17 Mar 49 for an indef period, auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 22 Mar 49, address: Ashland, Maine.

S/Sgt Lewis B Thompson AF19 059 348 12th Tac Rcn Sq (VJ) 67th Tac Rcn Gp, enl 18 Mar 49 for 3 yrs; auth thirty (30) days lv, eff o/a 21 Mar 49, address: 9117-217th St., Queens Village, New York.

In accordance with Par 56 AFR 173-5 the FD this sta will pay in adv the prescribed mon allws in lieu of T a/r of five (05¢) cents per mile fr March AF Base, Calif, to destinations indicated and return.
TDN a 2190425 901-226 I 435-02 S99-999.
AUTH: AR 600-115 and AF Ltr 35-114.

8. MAJ 9301 WILLIAM R CROOKS AO-404 011 AM/USAF, Hq & Hq Sq 1st Ftr Wg this sta is aptd investigating Officer to investigate occurrence per auth CG, AMC, contained in 1st Ind to Letter, Subj: "Information of Unidentified Flying Object", File: DMZ 360.112, fr March Flight Sv Center this sta dated 1 Mar 49.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL DAVIDSON:

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST FIGHTER WING
March Air Force Base, California

18 March 1949

SPECIAL ORDER
NUMBER 54

E X T R A C T

1. Par 53 SO 30 this Hq dtd 11 Feb 49 is AMENDED by DELETING: "Sgt Domenico Farinella AF16 205 686 11th Tac Recn Sq (NI) 67th Tac Recn Gp". (Re: Trf of EM to AF ORD, Camp Kilmer, N.J., for Hq & Hq Sq 3rd Air Division, Burtonwood, England. (Shipment Number AH-M186(a)).

2. The fol named EM WM/USAF, orgn's indicated this sta WM o/a 27 Mar 49 on TDY for approx eight (8) days fr March AF Base, Calif, to Selfridge AF Base, Mich., to participate in ConAC Bowling Tournament. Upon compl of TDY EM will return to proper orgn and sta. It is mandatory that EM utilize all Gov't qrs and/or messing facilities available.

M/Sgt	Robert G LeSueur	AF6 854 769	1st Sup Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st M & S Gp
T/Sgt	Joseph L Castleman	AF19 309 649	Hq & Hq Sq 1st AB Gp
T/Sgt	Dennis S Novak	AF13 026 271	1st Food Sv Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st AB Gp
S/Sgt	Theodore C Schmidt	AF39 760 002	1st Sup Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st M & S Gp
Pfc	Edward E Monical	AF14 290 063	67th Sta Med Gp

Funds being furn by Army & AF Central Welfare Fund.
TBMA is auth.
AUTH: Ltr Hq 4th AF, file IW 353.8 dtd 8 Mar 49, Subj: "ConAC Bowling Tournament".

3. Par 31 SO 9 this Hq dtd 13 Jan 49 is REVOKED. (Re: 2ND LT HURDIS A SEVERSEN AO-682 908 reld fr asgmt Hq & Hq Sq 1st AB Gp).

4. Par 18 SO 27 this Hq dtd 8 Feb 49 is REVOKED. (Re: TDY of EM Hq & Hq Sq 1st AB Gp (IT)).

5. Exigencies of the sv having prevented the issuance of written orders in adv the VOCO 4 Jan 49 directing the fol named EM WM/USAF, Hq & Hq Sq 1st AB Gp this sta to proceed on TDY for approx one (1) day to Hamilton AF Base, Calif, as armed guards for the purpose of delivering garrison prisoners 1ST LT BRUCE J EVERETT O-204 763 WM/MSC, 67th Sta Med Gp this sta and 2ND LT HURDIS A SEVERSEN AO-682 908 WM/USAF, Hq & Hq Sq 1st AB Gp this sta to CG Hamilton AF Base, Calif, and upon compl of TDY EM will return to proper orgn and sta is hereby confirmed and made of record. (Off were conf sta guardhouse this sta pending approval GCM). Par 20c AR 600-375 will be complied with prior to departure fr this sta.

S/Sgt	Elmer B Clay	AF6 520 012
Cpl	James R McNeely	AF19 245 222

AUTH: Ltr AGS AAF, file IJ 253/32, Subj: "Transfer of General Prisoners", dtd 24 Dec 48.

6. T/Sgt Milton F McGehee AF6 359 922 WM/USAF, 1st Instls Sq, Ftr Jet, 1st AB Gp this sta is auth to ration separately eff 17 Mar 49. Confirming VOCO.

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STATEMENT

I am a Reserve pilot, 70[illegible] Base Unit, at Fresno, California. On the night of February 28, 1948, I was pilot of a T11 aircraft No. 7346 on a round-robin flight from Fresno Air Terminal, California, to Los Angeles and return. I departed Fresno 1825 hours with one crew member. At approximately 2030 PST while in the vicinity of Sandberg Pass, 40 miles south of Bakersfield, while flying on a northerly heading at an altitude of approximately 9,000 feet, I observed what appeared to be a jet-propelled aircraft of an unfamiliar type. Weather over Sandberg Pass was thin scattered clouds, visibility 10 miles, temperature 36, cloud covering at approximately 20,000 feet, dew point 34, wind south 7, altimeter 3007. The visibility west was 1 mile with fog ceiling and visibility variable due to scattered stratas drifting in the area. The object with the general shape of a wing approached head-on about 1500 feet above me, made a complete 360° circle, and left on a heading of 130° to my course. The object left a steady glow at the rear which I believed to be a jet exhaust. At the time the co-pilot was in the rear of the aircraft and at no time observed the object. I was unable to determine its distance from me due to darkness and climatic conditions. The object appeared about as big as two fingers at arms' length and it took about 40 seconds for object to make a 360° turn about my aircraft. During this maneuver I observed the object to be approximately 20° above my line of flight. The windshield of my aircraft was clear at the time the observation was made

When the object completed the turn and left, I immediately attempted to contact the pilot of another aircraft also on a round-robin about 10 minutes behind me. I was answered by someone whom I believed to be this pilot but I later learned that, although he had received my transmission, he had been unable to reply due to the interference of the unknown individual who was answering me. I was never able to identify the individual with whom I communicated. The other pilot that I was attempting to contact did not observe the object and to my knowledge I am the only person who made the actual observation.

John P. Smith

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1st Lieut., USAFR
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MARCH FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
March Air Force Base, California

DMZ 360.112 1 March 1949

SUBJECT: Information of Unidentified Flying Object.

TO: Commanding General,
Air Materiel Command,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, Subject: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs," dated 6 February 1948 and Flight Service Regulation 200-4, the following information of unidentified flying object is forwarded as received by March Flight Service Center from Air Route Traffic Control, Los Angeles.

a. 1st Lt. John T. Smith, pilot of Air Force 7346, T-11 on a round robin flight from Fresno Air Terminal, California, to Los Angeles and return, reported that he was circled by a jet propelled blimp while over Sandberg Pass, about 40 miles south of Bakersfield, California, at 2030 P, 28 February 1949. The speed of the object was estimated at 500 MPH, flying at an altitude of nine thousand feet. The object then disappeared on a heading of 180°.

b. Weather reported for Sandberg Pass at 2030 P was twenty thousand feet thin scattered clouds, visibility 10 miles, temperature 36, dew point 34, wind south 7, altimeter 3007. Remarks to the sequence weather were: Visibility west 1 mile, fog ceiling and visibility variable due to scattered stratas drifting over station. Conditions radically changing.

c. No other information of object's size, shape, speed, or color, is available.

s/ Ralph A. Reeve
t/ RALPH A. REEVE
Lt. Colonel, USAF,
Commanding

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Washington 25, D.C.
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Hq, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, March 11, 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, March Air Force Base, March Field, Calif, ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer.

1. It is requested Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements from all available witnesses to the sighting of the unidentified aerial phenomenon reported in basic letter.

2. Two (2) copies of "Guide to Investigation" are inclosed as an aid to the investigating officer in obtaining the desired data.

3. It is particularly desired that all questions of the "General Section" of the guide be answered.

4. Results of this investigation should be considered "Confidential" and interested personnel should be advised of the necessity of avoiding publicity in this matter.

5. Results of this investigation should be directed to Commanding General, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/ W.E. Goll
for t/ W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-14 | DATE

REPORT MADE BY CHARLES B. BROOKS

TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(PROJECT SIGN)
Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon,
on 24 May 1949

REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

PERIOD 17, 18, 19, 20 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB

STATUS PENDING

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of S/A CHARLES B. BROOKS, 19th District OSI, File No. 24-14, dtd 20 July 1949

SYNOPSIS

The Civil Aeronautics Authority, San Francisco, California, disclosed that there are numerous air carriers in this area, of which a very small per cent file any type of schedule or clearance for flights. Weather report for the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, not available in this area, but can be obtained from the Airways Communications Station, Medford, Oregon. No radar installations in the area of California or Oregon are near enough or powerful enough to have recorded unusual readings at Gold Beach, Oregon, on 24 May 1949. The Air Force Early Warning Radar Stations in the Bay Area reported nothing unidentified on 24 May 1949 for the Gold Beach, Oregon, area as these stations have insufficient range for that great a distance.

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DETAILS:

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NOTE: Since such a large percentage of these flights file no type of clearance and the majority of them are operating without schedule, it is deemed inadvisable to check on them in the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, around 1700 hours, 24 May 1949. Such an operation does not seem feasible in view of the fact that many of the cities between the Bay Area and Gold Beach, Oregon, and north of Gold Beach could have had such a flight, and in all probability the large percentage of these had no flight plan or clearance filed.

2. On 19 July 1949, information was received from the Aerological Station and Forecast Center, U. S. Weather Bureau, San Francisco Air Port, South San Francisco, California, that the weather report for the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, for 24 May 1949, and the teletype sequence for same may be obtained at the Airways Communications Station, Medford, Oregon.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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AT MEDFORD, OREGON

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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3. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

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PERIOD 17, 18, 19, 20 July 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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TITLE
UNIDENTIFIED AIR CRAFT
(PROJECT 2105)
Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon,
on 24 May 1949

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of [redacted], 19th District OSI,
File No. 24-14, dtd 20 July 1949

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FROM: CO, Flight Service Center, McChord AFB, Washington 311900Z

TO : CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MCIAX-3
CG, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, New York ATTN: Dir of Intelligence
CG, 4th AF, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California ATTN: Dir of Intelligence

Following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted: A. Vicinity of Portland Oregon, Troutdale Oregon and Mt. Hood Oregon from 2100P to 2130P 30 July. B. Sky clear visibility unlimited. C. (1) Capt. Thrush, Pilot Northwest Airlines, NWA Dispatch Office Portland Oregon (2) Robert Henery, Tower Operator Portland Airport, Box 1807 Portland Oregon (3) H.W. Penhallegan Civilian Instructor Pilot. Western Skyways Troutdale Oregon, 4422 SE Brookland, Portland 6, Oregon (4) B.J. Brasford, CAA Tower Operator Portland Airport Box 1807 Portland Oregon. Mr. Brasford has the names of 4 other witness of the incident. D. Not available E. Not available F. (1) 1. (2) Undetermined (3) Undetermined (4) Object displayed 2 redlights and 1 white light (5) From 0 to in excess of 210 MPH (6) Object maneuvered and hovered in the vicinity of Portland and Troutdale for period of 30 min and was last seen proceeding East

(7) Object was seen to be able to maneuver as Helicopter (8) 2,000 Ft to 7,000 Ft. (9) None reported (10) None reported G. At 2100 Portland Tower reported an object displaying 2 red lights and 1 white light hovering just South of Columbia River where Bonneville Power lines cross the river. It appeared to drop 2 white flares and seemed to ease closer to Portland. The object hovered in this area approx 30 min and then disappeared to the East. Believing the object might be in emergency Portland Tower stacked 4 Airliners over the

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airport. The Pilots of these 4 Airliners saw the object and their names and addresses are available from Mr. Brasford. Capt. Thrush the Pilot of NWA Martin 202 reported that while flying Westbound toward Portland in the vicinity of Mt. Hood at 7,000 Ft. he saw an object displaying 2 redlights and 1 white light. This object appeared to have unconventional lighting so he gave chase to the object and reported the object ray away from him going in the same direction at great speed. Capt Thrush reported he was indicating 210 MPH at the time he was attempting to catch the object. This occurred shortly after 2130P. Mr. Penhallegan reported that he saw the object while in the traffic pattern at Troutdale Oregon at an altitude of 1300 Ft. indicated and that the object appeared to be 500 Ft to 800 Ft. above him and at an estimated distance of 20 miles to the East.

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TO : CG, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, New York
ATTN: Dir of Intelligence
CG, 4th AF, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California
ATTN: Dir of Intelligence

The fol report was sent to CG AMC Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio and CG Flt Svc Wash DC. "The fol report of unidentified flying objects is submitted: (A) 10 miles Northwest Mountain Home, Idaho 241205M. (B) 241130P MUO 50 scattered visibility 30 miles. (C) Harry Clark, Airport Manager, Nampa, Idaho. (D) None. (E) None. (F) (1) 7. (2) V shape like Flying Wing. (3) Larger than an F-51 with dark circular stfucture where pilot normally sits. (4) Not given. (5) Fast in excess of F-51. (6) Heading West. (7) Not given. (8) 8500 to 10,000 ft. (None) Not given. (10) Not noted. (G) Mr Clark was enroute in an acft from Burley Idaho to Nampa Ideho, objects had no visible propellers. PART 2. Supplemental report of unidentified flying objects is submitted: F. (1) 7. (2) Delta wing circular in rear. (3) Larger than F-51 (4) Slightly darker than normal aluminum skin. (5) Estimated at 600 MPH or more. (6) Approximately 300 degrees when objects passed them they made a 180 degree turn to approximately 120 degrees. (7) No maneuvers were noted other than 180 degree turn. Objects made no bank during turn. (8) Reporting pilot was cruising at 10,000 Ft and objects were slightly below and approx ½ mile to the left. (None) None heard. (10) None visible. G. Leading edge of dark circle was approx ¼ the distance rearward from the apex of the Delta Wing. The reporting pilot made a 90 degree turn and dropped below the objects at which time he sighted a bulge on underside of surface with a curvature of approx 15 degrees. When objects were first sighted before the turn was made the outer wing surfaces appeared to move

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 26-14 DATE JUL 20 1949

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(PROJECT SIGN)
Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon,
on 24 May 1949

REPORT MADE AT Fairfield-Suisun AFB

PERIOD 24 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN Fairfield-Suisun AFB

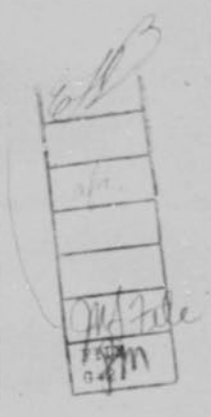
STATUS PENDING

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, DO # 19, upon receipt of report from Security Officer, N.A.C.A., Moffett Field, California, dated 14 June 1949. Mr. GILBERT RIVERA and Mr. DOS ESAFHY stated that on 24 May 1949, while fishing in the Rogue River, Oregon, they sighted an object which they described as being round and approximately thirty (30) feet in diameter, and at an altitude of 5000 feet, traveling at a leisurely speed, increasing to approximate speed of a jet aircraft.



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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by District Commander, SO # 19, upon receipt of report from Security Officer, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Moffett Field, California, dated 14 June 1949.

AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA

2. On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. GILBERT RIVERA, Drafting Section, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was ascertained: On Tuesday, 24 May 1949, at 1700, P.S.T., Mr. RIVERA and four (4) other persons, while fishing two (2) miles upstream (East) of the mouth of the Rogue River, at approximately the same direction and distance from the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object which is described as follows: When first sighted it appeared to be a glitter about four (4) miles away laterally, at some 5000 feet above the ground which at that point was at sea level or approximately so. The object was then examined through a pair of 6-power Navy type binoculars. Observation time about 90 to 120 seconds. Object appeared round and shiny, something like a fifty-cent piece, viewed from below and to one side. Object's color was silvery and it appeared round in a plan view. The object seemed to be solid with no visible openings and was about 50 feet in diameter as nearly as could be judged. Just before Mr. RIVERA handed the glasses to Mr. DRAPHY, the object made a turn on its vertical axis with no tilting or banking and started to move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sign of exhaust or propeller; no driving force could be seen or felt and no sound was heard. The object at no time contacted or came any closer than 5000 feet, approximately, to the earth, and when last seen was disappearing in a southeasterly direction, accelerating to an approximate speed of a jet plane. There were no protuberances other than a slight fin which seemed to start amidship and come back flush with the trailing edge viewed as the ship drifted. No radio antenna or windows, port holes, or any other protuberances, gaps or openings were visible. The only land mark near the sighting point was a rock formation locally known as "Elephant Rock", approximately 700 yards S.E. of where the boat in which Mr. RIVERA and party were anchored.

3. On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. DON DRAPHY, a machanic on a 1- by 3-foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was obtained: On 24 May 1949, at 1700 hours, P.S.T., approximately 2 to 2 1/2 miles upstream from the mouth of the Rogue River,

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AT [redacted]

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, [redacted] AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will obtain weather report for Gold Beach, Oregon, area on date of sighting of object.

2. Will make interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.

3. Will check airline scheduled and unscheduled flights in Gold Beach, Oregon, vicinity on date of sighting.

4. Will check local flight schedules of privately owned or military aircraft that might have been in that vicinity on date of sighting.

5. Will check possibility of testing devices used by some Government agency aloft in that area.

6. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

7. Will check radar stations for sightings of any objects at that time and place.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will contact Mrs. [redacted] through husband [redacted], a druggist at Lone, California, and obtain statement re sighting of object. No other address known.

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AT GOLD BEACH, OREGON

1. Will interview Mrs. [redacted], Gold Beach, Oregon, and obtain statement re sighting of object.

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CG, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, N.Y.
CG, 4th AF, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California
CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

25ADD71. At 1330U 18 July 49 1 object described as a Flying Disc was sighted at Pullman, Wash by a Mr Allen H. Smith, Assoc Professor of Anthropology the State College of Wash. Weather not given. Mr. Smith states A: shape round & unknown. B: color shiny white. C: disc surrounded by halo and seemed to turn end over end. D: moved rapidly. E: traveling in Easterly direction. Maneuverability and altitude not known. No sound could be heard left no exhaust trail. Detailed report follows.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

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15 June 49

Arthur B. Freeman
Security Officer
Ames Aeronautical Laboratory
Moffett Field, California

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Receipt of your letter of 13 June 1949 with enclosures is acknowledged.

The matter of an unidentified object has been referred to the proper agency for further investigation.

Your interest in directing this matter to our attention is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

S. F. BONVICIN
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF.

June 13, 1949

TELEPHONE: YORKSHIRE 7-5581

Director of Intelligence,
Fourth Air Force,
Hamilton Field, California.

Dear Sir:

There is attached a report by Mr. Don Heaphy, recounting the observation by several employees of this Laboratory of an unusual object apparently in flight. Mr. Heaphy is employed in this Laboratory's 1- by 3-foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel and is therefore necessarily somewhat familiar with high-speed flight configurations. Therefore it was considered advisable to forward Mr. Heaphy's report to you inasmuch as the observers were undoubtedly competent.

Please acknowledge receipt of this report.

Very truly yours,

Arthur B. Freeman,
Security Officer.

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TUESDAY MAY 24TH ABOUT 7:00 P.M.
2½ MILES UP ROGUE RIVER FROM MOUTH IN OREGON
WAS VANTAGE POINT.

When my attention was called to an object in the sky it appeared like a round thing about such as a round mirror with the sun shining on it and the mirror standing on edge. With the naked eye the appearance never changed. It appeared to be stationary when I first saw it. There was another party looking at it with a pair of 8-power glasses during this time.

As it started to move slowly to the right and it was at an up angle of about 60° I took the 8 power glasses and looked. With the glasses there was no glare. It was flat and round like a pancake and a little thicker in the center than on the edges but appeared to be flat on the bottom. The pancake part seemed to be slightly oblong and instead of being on edge it was lying flat. I would say it was 25 or 30 feet in diameter. The edge had a outward round radius and looked about 1 foot thick. The trailing edge as it traveled had a rough appearance. As it traveled I noticed a fine shadow from nothing about midship and becoming heavier

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as it reached the trailing edge of the pancake but it did not protrude past the edge. The fin appeared small in relation to the rest. The fin was round on top and a inward radius on the side. The fin looked fairly thick midship and very thin at the rear.

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It looked as if it was built out of aluminum and some of the metal looked a little dirty.

I looked very close for propellers or a jet stream but could see none. We listened very close for a noise but there was no sound of any kind. It appeared to be at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. I looked at it about two minutes or more with the glasses until it disappeared in the distance. The last ½ minute or so I watched it, it looked as though its speed was about like a jet plane.

There were five of us watching it. Two of us looked at it with the 8 power glasses.

I could see no openings such as doors or windows or holes of any kind.

Don Heaphy 1X3

Also observed by -
Gilbert Reyda (drafting section) and three others.

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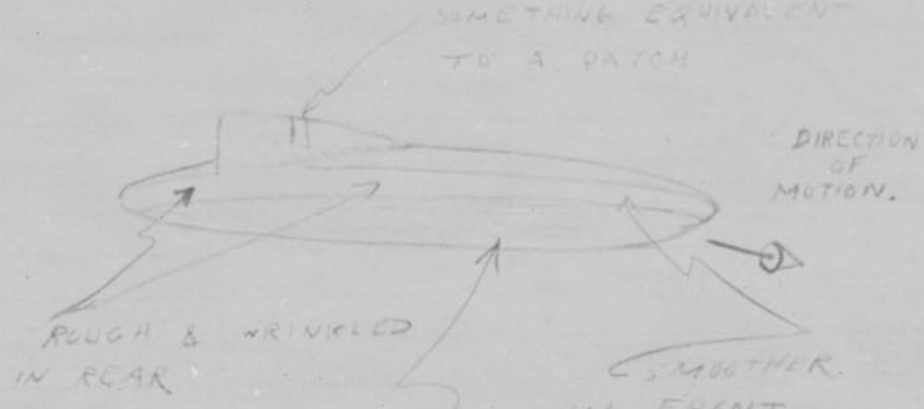
NO PROPELLERS, JETS, OR OTHER PROPULSIVE MEANS. ABSOLUTELY NO SOUND.



SURFACE APPEARED DIRTY AND SPOTTY IN COLOR

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Fourth Air Force	Security Officer, Nat Advisory Comm for Aeronautics, Moffett Field, Calif

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
14 June 1949	13 June 1949	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
E. P. KENNICOTT, Major, USAF, Dir of Intell	11. Arthur R. Freeman, Security Officer

REFERENCES (*General number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List indorsers at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

Following is copy of letter and inclosure re sighting of unconventional aircraft:

"NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS, Ames Aeronautical Laboratory,
Moffett Field, California. 13 June 1949

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Washington 25, D. C.

Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory
Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Flight Propulsion Research Laboratory
Cleveland Airport, Cleveland 11, Ohio

Director of Intelligence,
Fourth Air Force,
Hamilton Field, California.

Dear Sir:

There is attached a report by Mr. Don Keaphy, recounting the observation by several employees of this Laboratory of an unusual object apparently in flight. Mr. Keaphy is employed in this Laboratory's 1- by 3-foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel and is therefore necessarily somewhat familiar with high-speed flight configurations. Therefore it was considered advisable to forward Mr. Keaphy's report to you inasmuch as the observers were undoubtedly competent.

Please acknowledge receipt of this report.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Arthur R. Freeman,
Security Officer. "

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Director of Intelligence Hq 6AF, Hamilton AFB, Calif	Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF PAGES

INCLOSURE:

"Tuesday May 24th about 5:00 P.M. — 2½ miles up Rogue River from mouth in Oregon was vantage point.

When my attention was called to an object in the sky it appeared like a round shiny object such as a round mirror with the sun shining on it and the mirror standing on edge. With the naked eye the appearence never changed. It appeared to be stationary when I first saw it. There was another party looking at it with a pair of 8-power glasses during this time. As it started to move slowly to the right and it was at an up angle of about 60° I took the 8 power glasses and looked. With the glasses there was no glare. It was flat and round like a pancake and a little thicker in the center than on the edges but appeared to be flat on the bottom. The pancake part seemed to be slightly oblong and instead of being on edge it was lying flat. I would say it was 25 or 30 feet in diameter. The edge had a outward round radius and looked about 1 foot thick. The trailing edge as it traveled had a rough appearance. As it traveled I noticed a fin starting from nothing about midship and becoming higher as it reached the trailing edge of the pancake but it did not protrude past the edge. The fin appeared small in relation to the rest. The fin was round on top and a inward radius on the side. The fin looked fairly thick midship and very thin at the rear.

SEE ATTACHED SKETCH:

It looked as if it was built out of aluminum and some of the metal looked a little dirty.

I looked very close for propellers or a jet stream but could see none. We listened very close for a noise but there was no sound of any kind. It appeared to be at an altitude of about 8,000 feet. I looked at it about two minutes or more with the glasses until it disappeared in the distance. The last 1/2 minute or so I watched it, it looked as though its speed was about like a jet plane.

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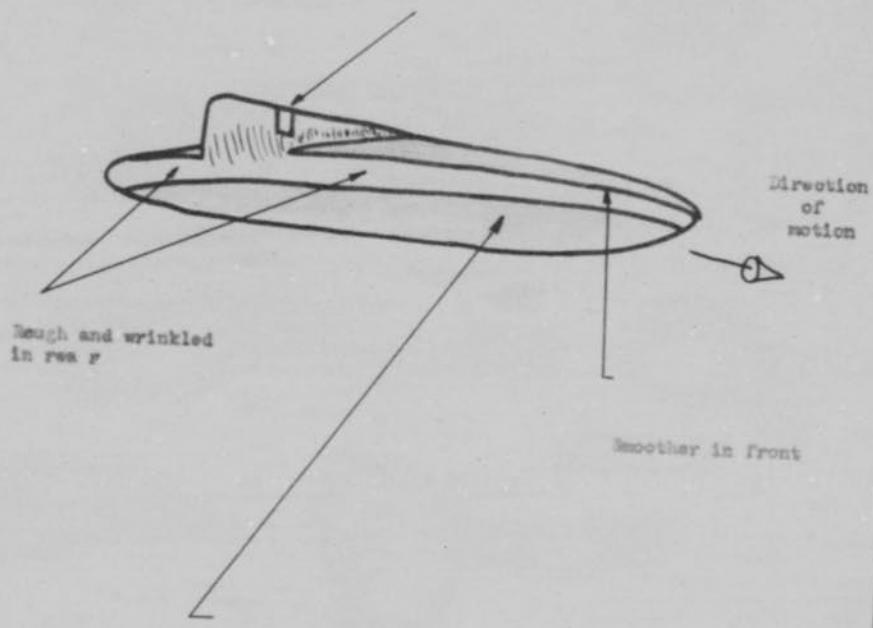
No propellers, jets, or other protuberances visible. Absolutely no sound.



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AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
25th AIR ~~DEFENSE~~ DIVISION (DEF)
P.O. BOX 909, EVERETT, WASHINGTON

OI 350.09 13 July 1949

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIAID-3
Commanding General
Continental Air Command
Mitchel Air Force Base, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Dir of Intell, Requirements Div
Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California
Attn: Director of Intelligence

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In compliance with par. 1, ConAC Letter 200.1, 25 Mar 48, and par. 5 and 6, Letter Fourth Air Force, file OI-350.09/2, dated 1st Feb 49, the following additional information, as relayed to this headquarters via the District Intelligence Officer, Thirteenth Naval District, is submitted relative to subject matter contained in letter, this headquarters, subject "Project "SIGN", file OI 350.09, dated 6 Jul 49:

"As requested by your investigator who called on us this morning the enclosed sketch is forwarded to indicate the general details of the sighting which occurred on the morning of July 3, 1949. This was observed by upward of 150 persons who were at the Longview Airport getting ready for the JC Air Show. It was viewed by our engineers, many pilots, police, prominent citizens, etc. and is verified by all observers.

My experience in radio control of pilotless aircraft and guided missiles for the Navy at NAMC during the war, and over 20 years of aircraft study does not permit my identification of the objects which were seen. They definitely were not balloons, birds, common aircraft, parachutes, stars, meteors, paper,

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clouds, or other common objects. They moved in a regular motion either straight or in curved lines. They were all at approximately the same altitude but moved on different courses as indicated on the sketch. The oscillations were clearly visable and timed on the 3rd sighting.

A small group of people away from the airport have reported to me that they later sighted three additional objects later in the morning at different times. These reports are from groups of reputable people who also saw the objects while at the field. A home call from Astoria from a Mr. J. Wallberg of 466 James St. to me this morning revealed that he had sighted an object at about 4000 feet described as about the size of a DC3 that oscillated as it came down the coast and turned to sea about 1300 the 3rd. Mr. Wallberg is a reputable business man and licensed pilot. He said other aircraft were in the air at the time and this was not a common aircraft. He reported that a different aircraft sound attracted his attention to it.

I tried to alert the local radio station to get observers to report on direction and angle of observation from different localities and report to me to try to triangulate for course and altitude. They though it was a publicity stunt and did not cooperate enough to permit getting the desired data.

An effort will be made to get the local newspaper to print a story on the value of simultaneous observations and I will try to get people to report any future sighting to the radio station so that as many people as possible might make a sighting and thus permit compiling speed and elevation data."

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Winfred H. Gallienne

WINFRED H. GALLIENNE
Major USAF
Intelligence Staff Officer

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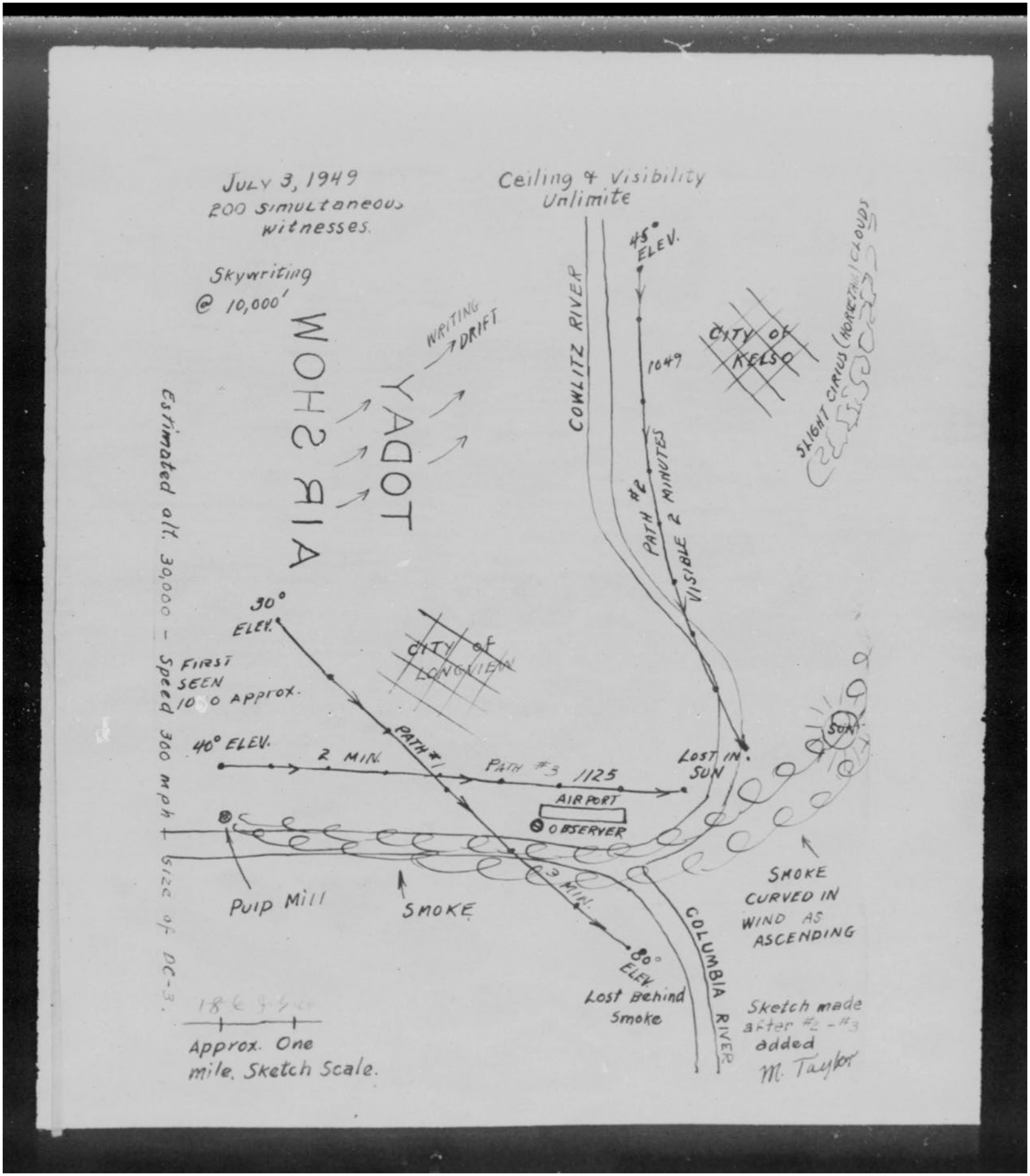

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AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
25th AIR ~~DEFENSE~~ DIVISION (TDY)
P.O. BOX 909, EVERETT, WASHINGTON

OI 340.09 6 July 1949

SUBJECT: Project "STONE"

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIAXM-3
Commanding General
Continental Air Command
Mitchel Air Force Base, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Dir of Intell, Requirements Div.
Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
Hamilton, California
Attn: Director of Intelligence

1. In compliance with par. 1, ConAC Letter 200.1, 25 Mar 48, and par. 5 and 6, letter Fourth Air Force, File OI-350.09/2, dated 18 Feb 49, the following information as relayed to this headquarters via the District Intelligence Officer, Thirteenth Naval District, is submitted:

"At 1040T 3 July 1949, Moulton B. Taylor, Comdr. USA(S), USNR, 76108, sighted what he thought to be a flying disc while standing at the airport at Longview, Washington. Taylor is an aeronautical engineer and manager of the airport at Longview. Taylor stated that while on active duty he had had experience with the pilotless aircraft and guided missile program.

Taylor stated that when he first sighted the disc, it appeared to be at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet northwest of the airport and traveling in a southeasterly direction at 300 miles per hour. When first sighted, the disc had about 30 degrees of altitude. It remained in view three minutes, traveling at a constant altitude in a large arc from the position of initial sighting until lost directly overhead

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in the sun. A definite, regular oscillation was observed and was timed at the rate of 40 oscillations per minute. He described this motion as a sailing or falling leaf motion rather than a movement through the axis of the disc.

The wind was at all times observed to be from the southwest at a definite angle to the line of flight of the disc. This direction was confirmed by a constantly rising column of smoke from an industrial plant and by smoke from skywriting at 10,000 feet. Taylor reported ceiling and visibility unlimited at all times with sight of cirrus clouds in a small fractional portion of the sky. He described the object as the size of the head of a pin held at arms length. It was metallic in color and cast a reflection upon each oscillation. He stated it was definitely circular rather than oval or globular in shape. He was unable to estimate its thickness. No smoke or vapor trail was observed.

Upon the same occasion Taylor reports observing a second disc at 1049T and a third at 1126T. He described them as identical to the first observed. These were initially sighted at an altitude of 45 degrees from the west at approximately 30,000 feet. They also disappeared into the sun overhead after a three minutes' observed flight.

A local air show was scheduled for the afternoon of this day and there were approximately 150 people on the field at this time. All of these present saw the objects. Sammy Mason, a stunt pilot of Big Bear, California, serves with and confirms Mr. Taylor's observations. Arthur Robertson, Longview, Washington, an aeronautical engineer and an employee of Taylor's, estimated altitude of these discs at 7,000 feet and felt the first one could have been a balloon. He stated it was yellowish in color. In his opinion, however, neither of the last two observed could have been balloons.

Taylor feels that because of his background and experience with balloons and pilotless aircraft, he is well qualified to determine whether these objects were conventional aircraft or balloons of any type. He is positive they were neither.

George Hinsline, Longview, Washington, reports observing a disc similar to those described above in the same region

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on approximately 10 June 1949. Taylor is preparing a complete report including sketches which will be forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WINFRED H. GALLIVAN
Major USAF
Intelligence Staff Officer

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB, Calif	Director of Intelligence, Hq Fourth AF
DATE OF REPORT	**DATE OF INFORMATION**	**EVALUATION**
9 June 1949	3 June 1949	
PREPARED BY (Officer)	**SOURCE**
H. F. Bouvelon, Major, USAF	Ltr dtd 3 June 49 from EDWIN H. WILLSON Major, USAF, AO-439011

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. One significance in final one sentence paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Following is copy of letter received at this headquarters with copy of newspaper clipping attached:

"SUBJECT: Observation of aerial object 3 June 1949

TO: Intelligence Section
Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Air Force Base
California

I'm a regular Air Force officer stationed at the University of California.

I wish to collaborate in part the attached report which has been clipped from the 3 June issue of the Oakland Tribune.

I observed at 0350 on 1 June 1949 an object traveling from East to West at approximately 1500 feet over my residence at 6119 Fresno Avenue, Richmond Annex.

A strong light issued from this object. It traveled at what I guessed to be approximately 400 miles per hour. I saw no shape - only light, since my view was mainly at a headon angle. It disappeared from my view over the house and was not visible when I arrived at a west window.

I would also add that I received the impression that it was small, that is smaller than a conventional fighter - that it was remarks - that there was no sound.

This is a true recording of my impression of the object.

EDWIN H. WILLSON
Major, USAF, AO-439011
6119 Fresno Avenue
Richmond Annex, California"

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPING:

"FLYING SAUCERS BACK -- AIR FORCE

Petaluma, June 3 --(AP)-- Did you think the flying saucers had vanished completely?

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Director of Intelligence, Hq 4AF Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, Calif	Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

"May Moore thought so, until this morning. Then he saw something he called a flying saucer, although he said it was shaped like a funnel. The point of the funnel was in the lead.

Moore, a milker, said the object flashed directly overhead as he was going about his chores on a nearby mountain ranch at 5:50 A.M. It was about the size of a 500-pound bomb and passed over him flying from East to West at tremendous speed. He estimated its height at 2800 feet and said it remained within his vision for about 15 seconds.

Moore said it glowed with a quickly heightened brilliance and then faded -- just like an electric light bulb when it burns out, only more slowly.

Moore had no idea what the object was."

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/s/E/T/
Edwin H. Millson
Major, USAF, AO-[redacted]9011
6119 Fresno Avenue
Richmond Annex,
California

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OAKLAND TRIBUNE 6/5/49

Oaklander Sees Six Flying Saucers Go Over—Square Ones

Benjamin F. Smith, 31 Randwick Avenue, who says he used to scoff at reports of flying saucers, saw six of them last night—square ones.

Smith said he was in the yard of his home when he saw them at 8:40 p.m. They were flying from south to north and passed about over the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Broadway.

"Many people must have seen them," he said.

They were luminous, perfectly uniform and in precise formation three abreast in two rows, Smith said.

"I do not believe it was a phenomenon or the Russians," said Smith. "The government must have something to do with them."

Smith said he watched the square objects for some time and noted that they appeared to be traveling faster than airplanes do. There was no sound and there was no projections, such as wings or tails.

Smith said that by the time he could summon members of his family the strange objects were gone.

Air Force intelligence officers at Hamilton Field said they would question Smith. They haven't had reports of saucers for months, they said.

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MOSES LAKE AIR FORCE BASE
MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

OI 313.1

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: [redacted]

1. In compliance with CmdAC Letter 200-1, dated 25 March 1948, the following information is reported concerning sighting of a "flying disc" at this station.

a. Location and time of sighting: Observed from the ground at Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington at approximately 0045 hours local time, 23 May 1948.

b. Weather at time: Clear

c. Name of witnesses: Lt Col Walter C Gaurna, Lt Col Wallace H Jordan, and 1st Lt Gerald B Bliss (all pilots).

d. Object sighted:

(1) Number: One

(2) Type: No definite shape discernible

(3) Size: Appeared very small from point of observation

(4) Color: Silver

(5) Speed: Appeared to be traveling at a very high rate of speed.

(6) Heading: 015 - 020 degrees

(7) Maneuverability: None

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(8) Altitude: Estimated 10,000 - 15,000 ft.

(9) Sound: None

(10) Vapor trail or not: None

c. General Remarks: Object appeared to be traveling too fast to be an aircraft. It remained in view for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes on a straight and level course before disappearing from sight. Object estimated to be 8-10 miles from the base.

FOR THE WING COMMANDER:

CC: Chief of Staff USAF
ATTEN: Director of Intelligence
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON: Moses Lake Air Force Base, [illegible]

FROM (Agency): 637th AC/W Sq, 508th AC/W Gp.

DATE OF REPORT: 1 June 1949

DATE OF INFORMATION: 23 May 1949

EVALUATION: [illegible]

PREPARED BY (Office): Maj

SOURCE: Francis W. Sherrill, Capt., Air Int Off Moses Lake AFB, Wash

REFERENCES (Cited in letter, dispatch, previous report, etc., as applicable):

SUMMARY: (Brief concise summary of report. Give significance to final and relevant paragraph. List references at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Following is copy of report received at this Headquarters 23 May 1949, from 637th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 508th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington:

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN".

1. At 1330 a call was received from the Hanford Area (Separate) that a Flying Saucer was over the East 200 area approximately four miles east of the Hanford Atomic Plant, Washington; the operator at Hanford stated that the disc was standing still and then took off in a southeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter. The available aircraft was called for by the Hanford operator and the aircraft was scrambled. The Hanford operator cleared the aircraft into their prohibited area (authorization coming from the Assistant Chief of the Security Section at Hanford). The scopes were instructed to search the southern sector with no results. Crew personnel and the controller searched the sky, visually, and noted a round, white or silver object traveling in a northeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter at approximately 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The base weather section was then contacted to see if any weather balloons were sent up and they reported in the negative. Base weather section stated that they do not utilize weather balloons. At 1430 an F-82, Gertrude 20, pilot Gardner was airborne and reported in to Foreh controller. A target, number 81, was being tracked in the east-south-east sector by Foreh at this time and the AOCC instructed the controller to intercept it in hopes that it might be a disk. Target 81 faded in radar contact just after (approximately 5 minutes) Gertrude 20 was airborne. The controller was able to give two vectors before target 81 faded. Radar contact with the fighter was spotty, so poor that a coherent track on the fighter was impossible. At approximately 1420 Hanford reported falling bits of paper in their area (in the vicinity of Rattlesnake Mountains). The Hanford operator described the papers as being approximately 6 inches square, red on one side and green on the other. The fighter was then sent to the vicinity of the Rattlesnake mountains to examine the area for the papers, and also to search the Hanford area for other evidences of the Flying Saucers. The search continued, with spotty radar coverage, with no results. The Hanford operator again cleared the F-82 into the prohibited area and indicated that he, himself, was taking off in an airplane to search. He stated further that a weapons carrier had been dispatched to the pamphlet (paper) drop area and no papers had been found. The fighter was vectored to the Columbia river gorge to lessen the time to be flown in the prohibited area. At approximately 1525 a call was received from the Hanford operator that the papers dropped were advertisements for a Rodeo at Richland. The Rodeo is an Air Rodeo. The Hanford operator indicated that the pamphlets did fall into the prohibited area and were dropped by one of the aircraft participating in the Air Rodeo. The aircraft that was dropping the pamphlets was a T-Bolt flown by Don Rise of the Atomic

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637th AC/W Sq, 508th AC/W Gp Moses Lake AFB, Wash.	Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

Speedway in Pasco, Washington. This pilot holds a commercial ticket. The aircraft ID number is (NC 48286). At 1420 the F-82 was cleared to Moses Lake Tower and landed at 1436.

2. It is believed that two separate and distinct alert conditions existed on the afternoon of 21 May 1949. The first was caused by the sightings of Flying Saucers (noted) by Hanford using a telescope and the operations crew of the 637th ADCC. The second was caused by the dropping of leaflets by an aircraft into the Hanford Area. It is believed that there is no connection between the two events.

3. Teletype sequence of local weather and winds aloft reported at time of observation: 5000 feet scattered, visibility 20 miles, sea level pressure 18.6, temperature 69, dew point 29, wind 360 10 knots per hour, altimeter setting 29.99. Winds aloft, MSL 4000 feet 240 degrees at 18 knots, 6000 feet, 220 degrees at 15 knots, 8000 feet, 280 degrees at 20 knots, 10,000 feet 285 degrees at 18 knots, 12,000 feet 240 degrees at 10 knots, 14,000 feet 222 degrees at 15 knots, 20000 feet 130 degrees at 15 knots, 25,000 feet 17 degrees at 20 knots, 30,000 feet 160 degrees at 30 knots, 35,000 feet 150 degrees at 40 knots.

4. Observer states that the altitude (estimated) was between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. The witnesses name is Max Segoinns, 606 Valley, Richlans, Washington. Segoinns place of work is 200 West meterologist tower.

Signed: ROBERT S. FIXITT
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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TO: Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, D.C. ATTN: Dir of Intel Requirements Div
INFO: CG, Air Mat Command, Wright-Patterson AFB ATTN: MCIXAD-3
CG, ConAC, Mitchel AFB, New York ATTN: Dir of Intel
CO, 4th AF, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California ATTN: Dir of Intel

CWDO 0287. At 1330 PST 21 May 1948 an object, described as a flying saucer was sighted over the Hanford Atomic Area by security operator on duty. Operator states that object traveled through the air faster than Jet acft. No altitude given. Maneuverability not known. Detailed report follows.

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Fragments Believed Parts Of 'Flying Discs' Found

Metal Objects Discovered in Colorado Taken Over by Investigators for U. S. Air Force

By United Press

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One of the segments was in the possession of Noah L. Clubb of Montrose until he was requested Tuesday to turn it over to the intelligence men. They reported to have spent two days scouring a mile square section of rugged country about 15 miles west of Delta, where a second and longer segment was reported found.

Mr. Clubb said the intelligence men declared the circular shaped segments were found last October by cattlemen.

Pieced together the segments evidently were part of a wheel-shaped instrument about four feet in diameter, the rim being of aluminum. It was slightly less than two inches across and one inch thick.

On the inner edge of the wheel, at intervals of about three inches, were tube-like sticks about two inches long and of brass. Each stick, which witnesses said might have been fuel feeders, bore an even number.

Clubb said the Air Force intelligence men told him they were taking two segments, about 14 and 18 inches in length, to Lowry Field, near Denver.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 7.—About those flying saucers—the Air Force said today it still just can't explain some of them.

It hasn't found any reason, the Air Force said, to attribute them "to activity of a foreign nation." On the other hand, it can't "deny categorically such a possibility . . . There are some incidents reported by reliable and competent observers which are still unexplained."

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Meteor Is Seen in North Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, April 5 (AP)—Residents of Northern Utah and Southeastern Idaho were startled today by a meteor described variously as a "ball of fire," "similar to ack-ack," and "a shooting star as big as a football."

Most of the reports came about 10 a. m., but additional mystery was added to the case when peace officers reported in midafternoon they could see "puffs of smoke" resembling anti-aircraft fire over the Trenton, Utah, and Lewiston, Utah, area.

Civil Aeronautics Administration employees at the Salt Lake Airport said they caught a sight of the meteor at 9:55 a. m., before it entered the earth's atmosphere. At that time it was a glowing red, they said, then blazed up to a brilliant white after reaching a height of about 20,000 feet. The CAA observers said they thought the meteor burned out before striking the ground.

'SAUCER' NEWS MADE SECRET

WASHINGTON, April 7 (INS)—The Air Force today disclosed that secrecy restrictions have been imposed on certain incidents connected with the mysterious saucers seen in the skies last year.

The disclosure came in connection with a statement admitting that it is impossible to "deny categorically" that the weird objects originated in Russia or some other foreign nation.

The statement said that some incidents in connection with the strange aerial devices are "still unexplained." A spokesman later said that the "unexplainable" incidents have been placed in a "classified" or confidential category.

The Air Force said:

"To date there has been no tangible evidence which would support a theory that any of the incidents are attributable to activity of a foreign nation. On the other hand, there is no evidence to deny categorically such a possibility.

"Many of the reported incidents have definitely been determined to be meteorological balloons or natural celestial phenomena. However, there are some incidents reported by reliable and competent observers which are still unexplained."

Remember The Discs? Air Force Now Is Studying Fragments

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'SAUCERS' MAY BE OF FOREIGN SOURCE

WASHINGTON, April 8—(AP)—The Air Force said today there has been no tangible evidence up to now that a foreign power is sending "flying saucers" over the United States. But it added:

On the other hand, there is no evidence to deny unequivocally such a possibility.

The Air Force has been investigating reports of strange flying objects streaking through the skies of everyone during the past several months.

'Flying Disc,' Maybe

—The Associated Press Telephoto

Pondering over what might be a "flying disc" fragment is Noah Clubb of Montrose, Colo., who found the strange object in Western Colorado near Delta. Mr. Clubb has turned the segment over to intelligence men who have pieced several sections together to form a wheel-shaped instrument about four feet in diameter.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON: San Simeon, California | FROM (Agency): AF Liaison Officer, Hq Sixth Army, Presa. Calif.

DATE OF REPORT: 22 April 1949 | DATE OF INFORMATION: 12 April 1949 | EVALUATION:

PREPARED BY (Officer): DONALD L. SPRINGER, Lt Col, USAF, | SOURCE: Letter from Mark(Petteson ?) Patterson

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):

SUMMARY: (Short concise abstract of report. Give significance to your conclusions paragraph. List enclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 113—Part II.)

Following is copy of letter forwarded by Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, written by Mark Petteson, or Patterson:

"San Simeon, Calif 4/12/49
To Gen Mark Clark

Dear Mr Clark,

Am writing you in regard to what I witnessed one night in late September, possibly some-thing no other person has ever seen. Have wanted to write someone about it, but did not know whom to write, so saw clipping in S. F. Examiner last night, which I enclose. On about Sep 29, I was on duty at the castle, at night, at 9 o'clock was making my rounds. Saw a light going between the two mts, stopped to look at it. In about two minutes another. Of course I began to wonder, stood there and counted 16 discs pass between the two peaks. Had of course read of flying discs. Well I watched them then. Kept coming at two minute intervals until eleven o'clock they were traveling at very high speed. This is mountainous country have often wondered where they could have come from, were apparently flat from where I stood. seemed to be about 20 in, in diameter.

Give you a little of my background so you will not think I have been seeing things. have been with Mr. Hearst for 21 years when the war come along I volunteered at age of 62 years in coast guard, served 3 years until Sep 1945, come back to ranch, spent most of my time in San Francisco, guard on the Embaroadero on ships and docks. Hoping this will be of some service to you.

I am, Yours Very truly,

Mark Petteson

P.S. these discs emerged from behind Red Rock and passed out of sight behind Pat Garrity.

M.P.

P.P.S. saw something Apr 6. 49, which is very mysterious to me and also to others whom I have talked to about it. Was also at night. Do not know if it would be of interest to you, so will not write about it unless requested to do so —

M.P."

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Copy of diagram attached to
letter from Mark Patterson

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

~~OI-~~ 452.1/127

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
1st Fighter Wing
March Air Force Base, California
Attn: Director of Intelligence

1. Reference is made to your TWX OI-6327, dated 020101Z.

2. Copy of report will be sent to this Headquarters.

3. Your attention is invited to Letter Headquarters Fourth Air Force, file OI-380.09/B-4, dated 13 February 1948.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SCHLATER:

J. P. BAILEY
Colonel USAF
Deputy for Operations

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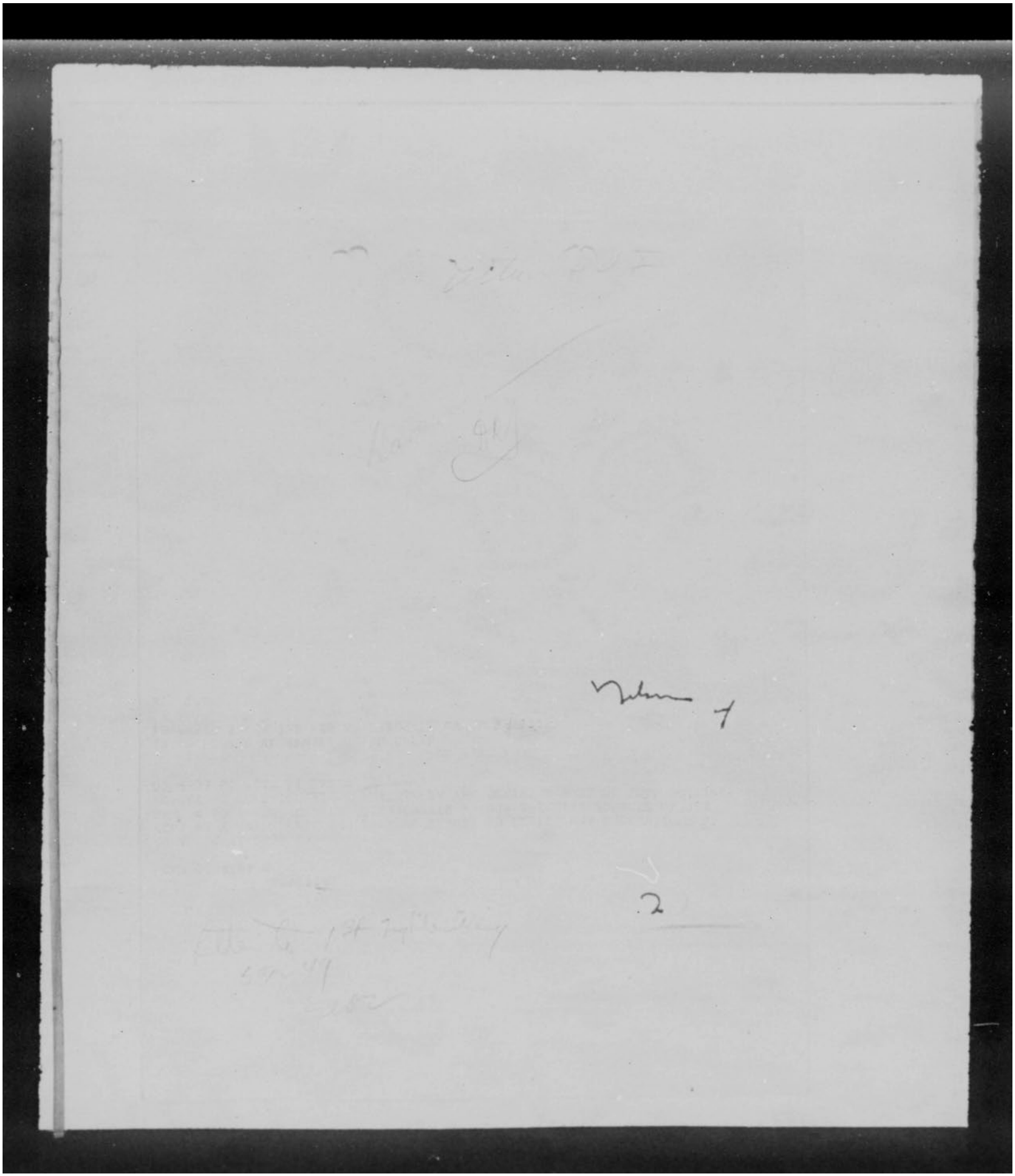

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PROBLEM: Capt. Roland J. Abbott, 1044 West Clinton St., Fresno, Calif., Telephone number 43269, Adjutant of the 402nd and 703rd Bomb Sq (Rec), reported that one of their pilots, flying out of Fresno Airport on a local night flight, reported a long, cigar-shaped object, approximately 100 feet in length without visible wings, and exhibiting a long red tail, circled his aircraft (T-11) three times and disappeared.

ACTION: Capt. Abbott will advise the D/I, 4AF, if this individual was interviewed regarding this phenomena.

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FOUND YOU INVESTIGATED INCIDENT FRESNO FD HAVE OR DO YOU INTEND TO COMPLY WITH AIR INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS MEMO NUMBER FOUR DATED 15 FEB 49 QUERY

WILLIAM A. LARSEN, Major USAF 3206 J.P. BAILEY, COL USAF Dep for Oper

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 23 March 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: Office of the Director of Intelligence, Hq Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB, Calif.

SUBJECT: Letter to the CO, Fourth AF, Hamilton AFB, California from WADE H. SEALS of Rossville, Ill

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Following is a copy of letter received by the Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton AFB, California:

"Danville, Ill.
March 11th, 1949

Commanding General, Fourth Air Force
Hamilton Field, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Subject: A radar fifth column, using a secret radioactive radar beam, to get our war secrets.

When they put this secret beam on a person in atomic bomb mfg, or others in strategic places, that person is then made radioactive, and receptive to their secret system, then this secret beam carries every thing that person says, or hears, right to the fifth column, and then they have those secrets.

A radio technition who learned about their secret radar fifth column.

WADE H. SEALS, of
Rossville, Ill."

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
62nd Troop Carrier Wing
McChord AFB, Washington

1. Reference is made to Continental Air Command letter 200-1, subject: "Report of Information on Flying Discs", dated 25 March 1948.

2. Continental Air Command has advised by letter, file 66-[illegible].6, Subject: Project "SIGN", dated 5 February 1949, the following action will be taken by units of this command as indicated.

3. Under Project "SIGN", Air Material Command is responsible for the investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has requested that all unusual sightings by radar stations of this Command be reported directly to Headquarters, Air Material Command, by the most expeditious means.

4. It is realized that a large number of targets appearing on radar screens remain unidentified. Project "SIGN" is not concerned with normal flights of conventional aircraft which are not identifiable due to lack of an adequate identification system. It is particularly desired to obtain reports on radar sightings of aerial objects which display unusual or outstanding flight characteristics such as:

a. Extremely fast or slow speeds.

b. Vertical or near vertical ascent or descent.

c. Maneuverability to a degree which known aircraft are not normally capable of performing.

d. Objects at extreme altitudes.

e. Other

5. Preliminary reports of sightings of aerial objects showing above characteristics will be sent by the most expeditious means available by the observing station directly and not through established command channels to the following addressees:

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Subject: Project "SIGN"

1. Photographs of objects.

m. Sound.

n. Exhaust trail or not.

o. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses.

p. Any additional information that may seem helpful in determining the nature, origin and purpose of object.

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SPAATZ:

J. F. [illegible]
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

CI-350.09/2-

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

MAILED 18 FEB 1948

TO: Commanding General
1st Fighter Wing
March AFB, California

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