UFO

SECTION 1
Pilot Recalls Seeing Direct

Dick Martin Tells of UFO Aircraft

Yesterday morning, "flying saucers" appeared over Seattle and apparently
an experienced pilot of more than 2,000 hours, "flying them.

Martin, who is recovering from an ear injury received in an
automobile accident, came to Portland over the weekend to spend the summer.
He says he saw the "flying saucers" leave Seattle yesterday. While flying
on the lawn and bathing, he told the Oregonian:

"I realized as such, about them," Martin said until I witnessed
all the hoohah in the papers, I missed her own strange shape,
while and finally concluded that there were something which are quite and round. It is a very unusual myth.

Mystery Aircraft Built

The Navy and the manufacturer have announced officially that no
such machine was built and that it never left Seattle.

"These planes were flying high above 10,000 feet and fairly fast, and
were estimated at 300 or 400 miles per hour," said Sol. The chief engineer.

"We have no way of determining what their purpose was, or
giving points. About 11:30 yesterday morning, they flew over the
area. They were flying very low and the number, description of their operation, and their
number of propellers, or other equipment, were all flying. They appeared almost sound. I was one of the people who said the Navy's flying saucers were flying."

Pilots, according to one of the witnesses, were flying at about
9,000 feet and not over the area.

The descriptions agree.

Martin's description of the mysterious aerial objects agree with
that of Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, business man, who first reported
over the State of Washington, except that Arnold said they were seen
over the coast and 1200 miles inland.

Another report came yesterday morning, as the pilot of the "flying saucer" at
the hospital reported to us, and the machine was flying at a rapid speed and that the pilot stated he was not the
report.

Mr. E. B. Peck, Fort Lewis, said they could not be identified.

And Fort McPherson

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Washington I realized that the articles that I saw were probably the same thing I was still reluctant to mention this to anyone thinking that they would probably say that I was crazy. After some time I mentioned the incident to the News of the Oregonian, a Portland, Oregon newspaper. At this time I was in Portland for the remainder of the summer. The results of the conversation with the News of the paper is put forth in the accompanying newspaper article.

I fully realize that this is a broad statement in view of the fact that there has been so much publicity regarding put forth in various newspapers of the country. I am of sound mind in every respect and I am firmly convinced that the articles I saw are actually some sort of flying machines although I cannot say from where they came or to where they were going. I say what I have said with no idea of publicity or personal gain.
On 14 July 1947,

For the reason stated and by this agent and stated hereinafter.

I am 68 years of age and have flown since
I was 17 years of age. I first worked in the United States in 1919 and have been in the

Inter-Ira for the U.S. Forest Service. I am familiar with almost every part of the western United States. During a great part of my life I have done stunt flying, or aerial photography, and various other types of aerial operations. My brother was who was quite well known in both civilian and military flying circles for many years before his death. Among the later war ran thousands of Flying Tigers through training schools. I flew and operated by him. To date I have accumulated 7000 hours in the air as a pilot of both civil and military aircraft. I am well acquainted with most articles that one would see in the air and feel that I am well qualified to say when I see articles flying through the air, although I will not attempt to say that I can identify and state that I could definitely identify every object that might be flying through the air. The following is an account of what I saw on 14 July 1947, from the yard of my house in the

approximately 1000 north on the hill of same. I was lying in the

front yard of my house. There was a lad near the house at the time. I looked

up into the sky and saw ten articles flying from the South to the West, at an

approximate altitude of 2500 feet. The objects were flying at approximately what

would judge to be 350 miles per hour. As I have stated before, I have done

quite a lot of air work for the U.S. Forest Service. I distinctly remember that

at the time I saw the articles. I asked the lad who was another boy and

at the time, I told the lad that the objects were all probability

some part of Army or Air Force planes from the nearby base or the

airfields. Without going into detail, I believe I have knowledge of aircraft and

I attempt to explain the lone fact that the objects were probably some part of the training mission for either the Army or Navy at that time. I did not give the slightest thought to anything but that the objects were some part of an enemy force. I am a great enthusiast at aviation and believe that the story is true. After the objects had proceeded into the house and had my own near approximately 200 feet

back into the yard to sit and lie in the chair. At this time the objects were

sitting some eight feet to the South of where the lad was sitting. This was

about 5 p.m. and he was still sitting at the time he left.

I probably three of the objects had proceeded to the North and the other

two objects had probably gone back to their base or the other side of the

similarly, a streak or a 3.4. When I read, I

AUG 1947
HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

August 27

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI U. S. Dept. of Justice, Suite 620,
1000 Folsom Street, San Francisco, California

CC: MOIC, FBI, 7th Floor, 10th and Hampshire St.,
Los Angeles, California

Enclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC and newspaper
clippings on subject.

W. H. GRAHAM
Assistant Director
A. W. DEAN
Deputy Director

AUG 7, 1947
From the Oregon Journal, continued.

MORE LATER

Several days flights of objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon.

Mrs. E. M. Banks, 1313 S. Ladd Avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette River near the Ross Island Bridge about 2:00. The objects did not appear high, he said, and were traveling at a fast 

speed. Observers in the west, they were too distant in the east to two to three miles, they said they resembled sats drawn in the sunlit sky. A man and women saw a single disk-like object flying 

over the Sandy district. She said it seemed to be moving slowly.

WATER RECOVERED

Ralph E. Sawyer, 1237 36th Avenue, said he noted two white or 

silver objects flying southwest high over Portland a few minutes before 

3 A.M. He reported another, headed northwest, over his home at 3:30 p.m.

J. L. Kaile, reported that four disks flew past North Jefferson about 11:00 AM while he was driving near Redmond

A General Corp. 30001 East Avenue, recovered three more City Police car 

doors. E. N. Trump was on the team of two on the recovery party. They report 

four silver disks being dropped out of a flight to airplane.

AP - Seattle, July 4 (AP) - A large column of disc-shaped material was 

seen as silvered disks being dropped by a plane. The exact number and 

location of the disks is not known.
AIRCRAFT CREW CONFIRMS REPORTS OF FLYING DISKS ATTACHED SPOTTED

Circumstantial reports of flying disks in the sky Friday night came from the crew of a United Airlines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guard lookout near Seattle, as well as from Portland area police and citizens.

Capt. C. S. Smith, captain of the airliner, told United Press that he sighted five "sometings" which were "shiny and smooth on the bottom and rough appearing on top." The objects appeared against the amber shortly after the plane took off at 8:10 p.m. The said he saw them clearly as they neared the men in the westward direction for about 35 miles, finally the objects disappeared. He was unable to tell whether they dropped or disintegrated.

NOT AIRCRAFT

We can't say whether they were saucer like oval or anything else the captain said, but whatever they were, they were not another aircraft nor were they made of clouds.

Sandy Kondritzer, an eight-year-old, is reported to have taken a picture of the right portion of the disk which showed a white saucer flying over the north end of Lake Washington.

L. A. News Pictures, New York City, said a 3-foot print of the photograph showed two tiny dots, one of which was a star in the print.

The late Mrs. Metcalfe, 19 O. A. Smith, a bus driver reports that she saw several objects "like spinning disks" in the sky Friday night. She said several other people, including a woman pilot noticed them.

In Vancouver, Wash., Sheriff S. J. Delworth, Deputy County Attorney and District Attorney, said out of the sheriff's office, he looked into the sky at five o'clock. "I saw a disk about 500 feet away," he said. "They were 20 to 30 objects like a Little League roster, they stood a foot humming sound.

OTHERS DOUBT

Al. Cole, a Portland cameraman, said the film he got out of the action of this area from the trip to that district was exposed. He said he saw nothing "unusual.

The only known military bicycles in the air at the time of the reports were 23 P-25 bombers near Astoria.

Despite all the reports, at least two persons remained confused of the existence of the disks. A. B. Stanford, Holmendorf, Oregon, gave his opinion that the objects were "potato like blossoms.

The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, 8-3-47, Page 12, Column 1, "The Airplane was a four-engine military type, and the sky contained a private and a U.S. military type. The objects were much more than a foot long and held to the ground, at least 20 feet. It is thought of unknown type, perhaps Japanese army.
This agent interviewed W. B. Lee and D. A. Ellis, both Portland City Police Department and both possess private pilots licenses. Both officers advised that upon hearing the radio alert, they saw three flat round discs having a white color to them. These discs were, according to these officers, flying at a terrific speed in a southerly direction away from Portland. They described them as flying in a straight line formation, the last disc fluttering very rapidly in a side way arc. They further advised the discs were equally spaced and kept in formation. Both officers noted the discs altitude at 40,000 feet. They saw no evidence of any motoring powers and vapor, trails or smoke trails. Both officers stated these discs were traveling so fast, they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made, nor any sound could be heard.

AGENT’S NOTE: All informants mentioned herein are known to this agent as very dependable and trustworthy officers, not being afflicted with hallucinations. The weather in the Portland area at this time was clear with little or no cloud formations being visible from the ground. Outside temperature at this time was 87 degrees Fahrenheit.
HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

August 31, 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of “Flying Discs”

TO: Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite 22
300 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded herewith is information, a copy of a statement in newspapers
and newspaper clipping re subject.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
Deputy AD of War, 12

Statement of
Capt. John A. hydr, Jr., dated 30 July 47.

Newspaper clipping,
dated 1 July 47.
FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL - 8 JULY 1947, Portland, Ore.

"FOUL CARS SPOT DISKS IN SKY HERE"

Whatever the objects are, some disk-like objects were flying around the sky.

Dr. Else of the Portland area police car, who signed the objects Friday, numerous private citizens, the crew of a nurse's plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coastguard who claims to have photographed one near Seattle, are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was sounded over police radio at 11.06 p.m. Friday, after the East Side section received a score of calls that the disks were overhead. Within two seconds two pront car reported seeing the mystery objects.

PLANE-TOPED NOISE LACKING

The first report in very early Wednesday morning by Roy Fishel in Cars No. 82, who stopped near Lake Park, both World War I veteran and civilian pilot, he sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds traveling at great speed and speed over the park. They reported they heard engine noise but no flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The police car agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed. Witness Patrolman and Richardson in Cars 83, stopped at 9:02 a.m. last Thursday, looked out, saw a flash of light, later observed one coming out of the west and heading southwest. The object seemed to continue for a few seconds and then vanish, Richardson said.

OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED

A former World War II veteran, who said the object was only seen or seen, but thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disk would change direction at a 90-degree angle without difficulty. Members of the harbor patrol at the foot of NE Irving Street stopped out after they heard the all-car alert. Capt. K.A. Freh, Harbor Pilot, A. M. Austad and Patrolman E. O. Hoff all saw the objects and said they appeared to be going to the south over the Columbus Ferry. A passenger on the ferry said.

Freh said the flashes kept them from ascertaining whether there were three of them or six. The disks were described as being half-moon shape, then nothing at all. They appeared to be very dark. The moon looked more like a shiny yellow and was 50 feet high, which wobbled, disappeared, and reappeared.

There was clear skies in the sky at the time the objects were photographed.
UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA.

11 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. William Ancs, 4333 N. 11th St., Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 8 July 1947. The subject objects flew at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. Rhoads' home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 520. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. Rhoads, and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. Rhoads. The height of the object was estimated at 4000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this Office of objects seen by military personnel.
UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS
7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

At 1505, 7 July 1947, a radio alert was received via the Portland
City Police radio, advising all officers and listeners that some fast-flying
objects were in the air over Portland and vicinity. Upon contacting the
radio dispatcher, this agent was advised that Kenneth A. McDowell, Patro-
 lent, Portland City Police Department, residing at 916 SE 16th Ave,
Portland, Oregon, on duty at Lincoln St., Portland City Police, Southwest
Horrison, at 10th avenue, had called it advising the dispatcher of the flying
objects.

This agent interviewed Officer McDowell who stated that approximately
1500, 7 July 1947, he was on duty at Lincoln St. and was at the parking lot
bank of the Police station feeding the pigeons. At this time the pigeons
became very excited over something and fluttered in the air. All officers
Officer McDowell stated in looking around to see what had disturbed them he
saw five large discs in the air. As the East of Portland, two discs were flying north
and three flying in the Easterly direction. Officer McDowell stated he could
determine nothing to the discs, but advised they were dipping in and out
closer to the ground. The agent was unable to verify the report as to the
number of discs or any detailed observation could be made of these objects.

An immediate report was made to the Police Chief who immediately broadcast an order. Officer
McDowell advised to the nearest officers to guard the airfield and could give no description other than
that they were seen.

This agent interviewed Sergeant Cross, Oregon Air Force Guard
Officer, who was seated at the rudder control of the various sections. Cross Oregon;

Officer Cross stated that the sunset was being flown
Easterly direction and at a terrific speed traveling in a Southeastern direction.
Agent advised he observed a bluish argon light to the aircraft at the un-
expected from them. Cross was unable to give any other description other than
to judge the object speed or altitude. No sound was made by the objects.

This agent interviewed Earl E. Patterson, Patrolman, Portland City
Police department and residing at 124 Southeast 15th Avenue, Portland,

Patterson advised he was a former airman in the Navy and
that the time the radio alert sounded the was at Southeast 12nd and 11th
Street, Portland, and upon getting out of the car to see what was involved.
Southeastern direction over Portland. Patterson advised this disc was in
color, a bluish color and was traveling at a speed faster than he had ever seen any flying object before.

Agent advised although not knowing the exact altitude, no sound was
made by the object.

Agent advised he could not give any further description.

47/00

Edward Peterson / A10, Sixth Ave.

R. L. Strong
Pilot Recalls Seeing Disks

Dick Rankin Tells Of Odd Aircraft

More reports of "flying flapjacks" turned up Wednesday, one from no less than Dick Rankin, brother of the late Tex Rankin, and himself an experienced pilot of more than 7000 hours' flying time.

Rankin, who is recovering from an old back injury received in an automobile accident, came to Portland over the week end to spend the summer. He saw the "silver saucers" over Bakersfield, Cal., June 23, while lying on the lawn sun bathing, he told The Oregonian.

"I hesitated to say much about them," Rankin said, "until I noticed all the hullabaloos in the papers. I puzzled over their strange shape for a while and finally concluded that they were the navy's new XF5U-1 flying flapsacks, which are thin and round, with twin propellers and stubby tail."

Only One XF5U-1 Built

The navy and the manufacturer have announced officially that only one such machine was built and that it never left Connecticut.

"The planes were flying high, maybe 3000 feet, and fairly fast, about 300 or 400 miles an hour. I first counted ten of them in formation, going north. About 2:15 P.M. they returned on the reverse course, headed south. But there were only seven in the formation.

"They were not weaving or bobbing in formation. I couldn't make out the number of location of their propellers and couldn't distinguish any wings or tail. They appeared almost round. They looked like pictures of the navy's flying flapjack." Rankin said.

Rankin, who plans to spend the summer here at 834 N. E. Simpson street, is now able to resume a little flying for fun, but not commercially, he said. He now operates a string of tennis courts, spending his winters at Palm Springs.
August 5, 1947

Omaha, Nebraska

Dear [Redacted],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 10, 1947, together with its enclosure.

Inasmuch as the information which you furnished is of interest to the War Department I have taken the liberty of furnishing it to that agency for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, Section (B), which advises that all reports concerning flying discs should be investigated by field offices.

Prior to the receipt of these instructions, two instances were called to the attention of this office concerning flying discs. One report was received July 7, 1947, the details of which are set forth in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated July 8, 1947, entitled, "Flying Discs or Saucers, Miscellaneous, Telephone Call from Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau at 8:30 a.m., 7-7-47." No investigation was conducted concerning this report.

The second report was received by this office at 1:20 p.m. July 11, 1947, from [redacted] who is in charge of the Civil Air Patrol of Wisconsin, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. On that occasion [redacted] calling from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, telephonically advised this office that an object in the shape of a disc, nineteen inches in diameter had been found July 10, 1947, by one [redacted] city electrician on the Jackson County fairgrounds, near Black River Falls, Wisconsin, about 3:30 p.m. The disc might be made of a substance such as cardboard covered by a silver airplane dope material. The contraption has a small wooden tail like a rudder in the back and inside of the disc is what appears to be an RCA photo-electric cell or tube. Also inside the disc is a little electric motor with a shaft running to the center of the disc. At one end of the shaft is a very small propeller. In my opinion that contraption might possibly have been made by some juvenile. [redacted] stated that he desired to return the contraption to Milwaukee and eventually turn it over to the Army Air Forces, but that the finder, [redacted], apparently wanted to get some publicity on his find and wanted it returned to him.

This information was telephonically called to the attention of Assistant Director D. M. LADD of the Bureau on July 11, 1947.


No further investigation was conducted in this matter.
Director
8-12-47

The above constitutes the only two instances in which this office was contacted concerning flying discs. Unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau, this office does not contemplate taking any further action in connection with the above two cases, but will fully investigate all future reports concerning flying discs.

JOF/ddc
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FBI PORTLAND  8-11-47  1-17 PM PST  KAM

DIRECTOR  U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS. SECURITY MATTER DASH X. ONE FOREMR NAVY PILOT AND PRESENTLY MYRTLE CREEK, OREGON, REPORTS SEEING A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT ON TWO OCASIONS THE EVENING OF AUGUST SIXTH WHILE FLYING AT ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE MYRTLE CREEK. HATFIELD TO BE INTERVIEWED.

BOBBITT

END

5-18 PM OK FBI WASH DC GAR

EX.60

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INDEXED  23 Aug 13 1947
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. H. Ladd
FROM: J. F. Coyne
SUBJECT: "RS. IMPORTANT"

DATE: August 1, 1947

There is attached hereto a letter received from the captioned individual postmarked July 12, 1947, concerning "flying saucers."

There is also attached a letter of acknowledgement to __ __ __ together with a letter to the War Department for approval.

It is recommended that the letter to the War Department be forwarded to the Liaison Section for transmittal to that agency.

Attachments

WVC: mjp

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WASH FROM SFRAH S2 8-9-47 2-50 PM KC
DIRECTOR FBI AND SACs, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND URGENT
FLYING Disks, SECURITY MATTER-X. LT. COL. [REDACTED] OF G2, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED TODAY HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AND THAT OUR SEATTLE OFFICE IS IN POSSESSION OF ALL INFORMATION KNOWN BY HIM AND IS HANDLING THE MATTER AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

KIMBALL RECEIVED 8-9-47 8:15 AM EST 30GL1364 7 5-5-5
SACs SEATTLE AND PORTLAND ADVISED

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.
THIS MEMORANDUM is respectfully addressed to certain scientists of distinction to important aeronautical and military authorities, to a number of public officials and to a few publications.

The writer has little expectation that anything of import will be accomplished by this gesture. The more fact that the data herein were obtained by so-called supernormal means is probably sufficient to insure its disregard by nearly all the persons addressed; nevertheless it seems a public duty to make it available. (The present writer has several university degrees and was formerly a university department head).

A very serious situation may develop at any time with regard to the "flying saucers." If one of these should be attacked, the attacking plane will almost certainly be destroyed. In the public mind this might create near panic and international suspicion. The principal data concerning these craft is now at hand and must be offered, no matter how fantastic and unintelligible it may seem to minds not previously instructed in thinking of this type.

1. Part of the disks carry crews, others are under remote control.
2. Their mission is peaceful. The visitors contemplate settling on this plane.
3. These visitors are human-like but much larger in size.
4. They are NOT extraterrestrial earth people, but come from their own world.
5. They do NOT come from any "planet" as we use the word, but from an otherworld planet which interpenetrates with our own and is not perceptible to us.
6. The bodies of the visitors, and the craft also, automatically "materialize on entering the vibratory rate of the dense matter." (Op. "appear.")
7. The disks possess a type of radiant energy, or a ray, which will easily disintegrate any attacking ship. They reenter the ethereic at will, and so simply disappear from our vision, without trace.
8. The region from which they come is NOT the "astral plane", but corresponds to the Lokas or Talas. Students of otherworldly matters will understand these terms.

We give information and warning, and can do no more. Let the newcomers be treated with every kindness. Unless the disks are within a 50-mile radius with which our culture and science are incapable of dealing. A heavy responsibility rests upon the few in authority who are able to understand this matter.

INDEXED

San Diego, California, July 8, 1947

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - A MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANCE -

[Addendum: The Lokas are oval shape, fluted lengthwise with a heat-resistant metal or alloy not yet known. The front of the Lokas contains the controls; the middle portion laboratory; the rear contains armament, which consists essentially of a powerful ray energy apparatus; perhaps a ray engine.]
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Norfolk
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 8, 1947

Re Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947, Series 1947, wherein information is set forth pertaining to flying discs.

There is enclosed with this letter a newspaper clipping from the “Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch”, dated July 9, 1947. The photograph appearing on this clipping is alleged to represent a flying disc which was observed by BILLY TURRENTINE, a Norfolk school boy, who was successful in photographing the object with his small camera.

BILLY was interviewed on August 8, 1947 by Special Agent (A) at which time BILLY informed that the original negative was given by him to a Mr. BROWN of the Photo Craftsman Service, who in turn furnished the negative to the International News Service. BILLY advised that he has an agreement with Mr. BROWN whereby the latter will share equally in any profits derived from the use of the negative by commercial firms or newspapers. As of August 8, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative.

He informed that he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment which is located on the third floor at 110 West 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia, around noontime on July 8, 1947. He had read numerous newspaper articles pertaining to flying discs and decided to sit on his front porch in the hopes of seeing one and attempting to photograph it. On July 8, 1947 BILLY observed a large, black object moving rapidly through space proceeding from the southwest to a northeast direction. He said the black object was followed by two smaller objects which also proceeded in the same direction. BILLY explained that the objects were moving at a very fast speed which appeared to him to be much faster than the speed of an airplane, and further, that the objects appeared to be extremely high. He said that they were much higher than the average plane travels in the City of Norfolk and appeared to be above the clouds, and that a white mist followed each of the three objects. BILLY was unable to state what the black objects represented, but admitted that they could have been large balloons. He indicated that he has observed small, toy balloons flying through the air, but that definitely these were not the toy type balloons. He said that when he first observed the objects they were at such a great distance from him that it was not necessary that he raise his head in order to see them from his porch on the third floor of the apartment building. He immediately turned around to obtain...
Letter to Director, FBI
Re: FLYING DISCS
August 8, 1947

his camera and estimated it took him approximately twenty to thirty
seconds, at which time the discs were almost directly over his apart-
ment and it was necessary that he stoop and look up almost perpen-
dicular in order to obtain the photograph, which accounts for the
porch railing being shown in the newspaper clipping. BILLY pointed
out that the day on which he took the picture, the weather was hazy
and somewhat cloudy and there was a slight breeze blowing from the
southwest in the general direction of the northeast, which is the
same direction traveled by the black image which he photographed.

Inasmuch as the Army authorities in the Tidewater Area
of Virginia are cognizant of the above information, no further investi-
gation will be conducted by this office in this matter.

Enclosure.

TJC:lab
62-182
Flying Disc 'Bigger Than Automobile' Photographed
By Youth Who Is Amazed Because No One Else Saw It

By GEORGE HERBERT

The flying disc was lots bigger than an automobile and 18-year-old Bill Turrentine of 410 West Fourteenth Street, doesn't understand why almost everybody in Norfolk didn't see it.

In fact, when he came to the Ledger-Dispatch with a photograph, he had taken of the object, he wanted to know why the newspapers hadn't already taken a picture of it. "I thought your photographers were fast," he told a reporter.

The boy stuck to his football comparison, explaining that the object was sort of rounded, more oval than disc-like, and that though it wobbled in its northeastward flight it was traveling very rapidly, about 500 miles an hour.

He guessed that the altitude of the thing was about 5,000 feet, just below the clouds. In color it was "gray, almost black," or maybe a rock or stone. The edges glittered, he said, and seemed to be trailing dust. Neither it nor the 4,000 feet which followed made any sound.

Bill said he wasn't very surprised when he saw the object, but "almost killed myself" getting shots of it with his camera, set at 1/1000th of a second.

He called his 18-year-old sister, Fernnie, to come and look, but apparently she didn't believe him.

As the "flying football" passed over, Bill said he took three shots of it, but when he hurriedly developed the film, after legging it to Olney Road for a view of developer, only one negative came out well enough for reproduction.

He showed a reporter a contact print he had made himself, and the picture reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen. In the foreground of young Turrentine's picture is the porch rail of his home.

(Edited Note: Although the Ledger-Dispatch has had many reports of flying discs and saucers in recent days, no other reporter reported seeing the object which Turrentine photographed.)

However, Bill said he had done some fast moving himself shortly before same Tuesday, when he was on his front porch and saw the large gray object, "rocking and spinning like a football" and coming from the southwest.

He had just returned from Sunday school classes at Maury, had and with all the talk about flying saucers, had gone out with his camera to see if he could photograph anything. "I didn't see why they call them flying saucers," he said. "The big [it] looked like a picture of the two little ones that came behind it a few seconds later didn't look anything like saucers."

The Ledger-Dispatch with a photograph of the object sold the flying football shown here was followed by two others, all moving at about 500 miles an hour and he guessed they were about 5,000 feet high, just below the clouds. The photograph reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen.

Photographs of this kind are convincing that the boy did a fine job with the old camera he was using. Having closely examined the negative, they said the only flaw was in the kind of film, which perhaps didn't bring out enough detail. They pointed out, however, that this wasn't a really a flaw, in view of the fact that Bill's photograph, with the comparison afforded by the front porch rail and the trees, was certainly the best one taken since the mysterious discs were first reported.

http://alien-ufo-research.com/documents
WASHINGTON, FROM NEWARK, 8-4-47, 5-36 PM EDST JFG
DIRECTOR U R G E N T
FLYING DISC REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ AUGUST THIRD, NINETEEN-FOURTY-SEVEN, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT AGE TWENTY, HACKENSACK AND FT. DIX, NJ ON LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST THIRD LAST SIGHTED FROM GROUND OBJECT DESCRIBED AS FLYING DISC. CLAIMED IT WAS TWO HUNDRED YDS, IN AIR, REVOLVING SLOWLY, MOVING RAPIDLY, AND NEITHER A KITE NOR A BALLOON. TELEPHONED INFORMATION TO HACKENSACK PD. INQUIRY BEING MADE, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

RECORDED 8-2-38 47
29 Aug 11
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FBI PORTLAND 8-5-47 8-50 PM MHS

DIRECTOR AND SAC'S SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPe SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED SEEING DISCS - 

TO ASCERTAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TIMING OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH
WERE KILLED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCREENED BY AAF INTELLIGENCE FROM MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THEM THE UNITED PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY HAROLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN, TACOMA, WN.

ADvised that todays issue of the oregonian carries a up story stating that dahl denies saying the metal fragments he furnished were from a disc, and analysis of the fragments shows them to be from a tacoma slag mill. no aaf intelligence personnel available portland. no recent substantive reports of flying discs in the portland area. seattle verify at mcchord field and san francisco verify at aaf hdqtrs. sf, submitting teletype summaries to the bureau. no further investigation portland.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. M. IADD
FROM: [Redacted]
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

Special Agent of the Liaison Section contacted Lieutenant Colonel Army Air Forces Intelligence, inquiring about an article which appeared in the West Coast newspapers recently stating in substance that an airplane carrying recovered flying saucers crashed in route from Portland, Oregon, to Los Angeles, California.

[Redacted] advised [Redacted] that the only information that has been received by Headquarters of the Army Air Forces is that a CIC Agent of the 4th Air Forces Headquarters, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that he was on a top secret mission. [Redacted] indicated that he was under the impression that the CIC Agent was either on route to or from an interview with [Redacted] who is one of the individuals who first saw one of the flying saucers.

RECORDED stated that the Air Forces have no additional information and will receive none until the report is received from the 4th Air Force. [Redacted] suggested that the San Francisco Field Office contact Colonel Headquarters 4th Air Force, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, who undoubtedly would be able to furnish the details regarding this matter which are at this time unknown by the Headquarters of the Air Forces. [Redacted] pointed out to [Redacted], however, that it was his belief that no flying saucers have been recovered but that it was merely an attempt to reinterview an individual who previously had reported seeing one of the flying saucers.

Signature [Redacted]
To:  Director of Intelligence
    War Department General Staff
    The Pentagon
    Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel [Redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [Redacted]

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying discs."

The letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

Attachment
Invoice of Contents from
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Date 9.10.47

Case References
Flying Saucer

Consigned to
67C

Estill, South Carolina

List of Contents

Powered Soap Stone.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 7
REGISTRATION 497251
SEP 13 1947 P.M.

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Atttn.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Gentlemen:  

Recently I have heard and read about reports of disc-shaped aircraft or whatever they are, in our western regions. They reminded me of a nearly forgotten incident in Germany, after the war. I report this to you because I feel this may be of international scope.

My buddy and I went on pass to see a friend of his. One evening the three of us were driving along some back roads when I sighted a strange looking object in the sky from eight to ten miles to our front and approximately 5,000 feet high.

I immediately stopped the jeep for a better look. The object rapidly came toward us, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped its horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating descent, similar to a descending parachute. Then suddenly it dropped in a spiral motion.

Immediately I drove over to where it had dropped. It took almost five minutes to reach the place but we saw nothing. After ten minutes of cruising around the area it became too dark to see so we went back to town.

I am not sure my companions saw this, it happened so quickly it could easily have been missed, but I described what I had seen so vividly that they were as excited as I was. My first impression was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

The local of this incident was approximately 20 miles north-west of Habberbishopshiem. If necessary, I will swear to the authenticity of this and to the shape of the object.

Sincerely Yours,
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DETROIT "URGENT"

INFORMANTS, FLYING DISC, Misc.

REURTEL AUGUST 5 MATERIAL SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION BUT SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE ARMY AIRFORCE INTELLIGENCE.

HOOVER

RG:mae
Date: August 1, 1947

To: Director of Intelligence
    War Department General Staff
    The Pentagon
    Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: [Redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director – Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [Redacted] 67C

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying saucers." [Redacted] letter has been acknowledged and she has been advised that copies of her letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

[Attachment]

WVC: mjp

[Signature]

31 Dec 1947
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER, ARIZONA.

7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 1 July 1947, Lt. William G. McGinty, USA, 195803, P-50 Student, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent, and stated in substance: That on 30 June 1947, at about 0610, MST, he was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in a P-50 type aircraft. He stated that he was heading south towards Williams Field, Arizona, when he saw two round objects going at inconceivable speeds, straight down. He further stated that his reactions were to turn away from the objects. He further stated that one of the unidentifiable objects followed the other seconds apart. He further stated that due to the speed of the objects, he could only see that they were circular, and that they were possible light gray in color. He further stated that it was his opinion that the objects were approximately eight feet in diameter. In conclusion, he stated that the objects would have probably hit the ground approximately twenty-five miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.

AGENT'S NOTE: Lt. McGinty gave his permanent address as: W.A.H.T.C., Point Hug, Fort Huachuca, Calif.

2. On 1 July 1947, Capt. Malcolm G. Armstrong, 0-734168, Instructor, Single Engine, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent and stated in substance: That his brother, Lt. E. H. Armstrong, stationed at HQ, 10th AF, Brooks AFB, Texas, had related to him that he saw a formation of unexplainable objects in the vicinity of Lake Mead, Nev. Capt. Armstrong further stated that his brother stated the objects were heading south, and were at approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

AGENT'S NOTE: Capt. Armstrong could not give too much information on the objects that his brother had seen. Lt. E. H. Armstrong can be contacted at HQ, 10th AF, Brooks Field, Texas for further information.

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AUTH Para 1-103 DOD 8200

Lynn G. Aldrich, Special Agent, GIC-AIF, PDTRC
THIS IS A TRUE COPY

JOHN K. ORR, Major, USA
SAC Weeks called from New Orleans on the matter discussed in the attached teletype. He wanted to know what policy the Bureau was following in connection with reports concerning these "flying discs" which were being received.

I told Mr. Weeks that, unless advised to the contrary, he should, in the particular case at hand, allow G-2 to handle and not take any jurisdiction for the FBI. He was told the Bureau would be interested in being kept advised of developments, and in copies of the photographs he said G-2 would make of the object found, but that he should not allow himself to be jockeyed into a position where investigative responsibility, if any were entailed, would fall on us. Mr. Weeks said he would so handle unless I called him back immediately with instructions for specific action.

As you will recall, I called you concerning the foregoing.
has come to the resident agency at Santa Fe, New Mexico on several occasions to report that she has received information concerning flying objects passing through the air. Some of the reports that she has received concern light objects seen at night which have allegedly been followed by explosions. She advised that one of such objects was reported by [REDACTED], who works near Canjilon, New Mexico. She claims that others were seen near Park View and Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico.

[REDACTED] called attention to clippings from various newspapers concerning "disc-like" objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country. [REDACTED] claims to be a student of radio waves and ray forms, and contends that the above mentioned objects may be missiles similar to those appearing over Sweden some time ago.

[REDACTED] has discussed the above with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, and has written the Secretary of War and other government officials concerning her theories. [REDACTED] for the A.E.C., has advised that officials at Los Alamos consider her unreliable and possibly not well balanced mentally. She has mentioned to agents of this office that she was struck by lightning when a child.

On July 15, [REDACTED] came to the Santa Fe resident agency and advised that she had written to WALTER WINCHELL, promising him a story in connection with the "flying discs."

The foregoing information is being submitted to the Bureau, inasmuch as [REDACTED] has written to several government officials and Mr. WINCHELL.
Office Memorandum
TO: D. M. IADD
FROM: E. C. Fitch
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: 7/24/47

Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George F. Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above captioned matter. The Director noted on the referenced memorandum, "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the La. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] has recontracted General Schulgen and advised him in connection with the Director's notation.

General Schulgen indicated that he desired to assure Mr. Hoover of complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue instructions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by the FBI Agents. General Schulgen pointed out that he will from time to time make the results of the studies of his scientists available to the Bureau for the assistance of the FBI Field Offices. General Schulgen indicated that there has been a decrease in the reported sightings of the discs which might be because of the fact that it has lost much of its publicity value. He indicated, however, that he believed it necessary to follow this matter through to determine as near as possible if discs were in fact seen and to determine their origin.

General Schulgen inquired of the method by which the Bureau would make the information obtained from the Bureau's inquiries, known to the Air Corps, in the Field as well as at the War Department level. Mr. [redacted] pointed out to General Schulgen that the best procedure appeared to be through the regular established channels. It was pointed out to General Schulgen that the Bureau Field Offices maintain close liaison with the Intelligence Divisions of the various Armies as well as close liaison with the Intelligence Division of the War Department. General Schulgen indicated that he would be satisfied to receive information through this means.

General Schulgen indicated that he believed that there was a possibility that this entire matter might have been started by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria. He suggested that the Bureau keep this in mind in any interviews conducted regarding reported sightings. General Schulgen stated that he would make available to the Bureau all information in the possession of the Air Corps regarding the sightings which were first reported so that the Bureau could conduct some investigation regarding these individuals to ascertain their motives for reporting that they had observed flying discs. When General Schulgen makes the information available regarding these individuals, it will be promptly brought to your attention.
RECOMMENDATION

Here is attached a Bureau Bulletin to the Field for their assistance in handling this matter.

Attachment
July 30, 1947

Brooklyn 27, New York

Dear Sir:

Recorded 62-83894-35

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1947, and to express my appreciation to you for bringing this matter to my attention.

The information set forth in your letter has been carefully reviewed and is being maintained in this Bureau as a matter of record.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: There has been a previous correspondent with the Bu file. No record could be located in the Crime Records Section indicating that the correspondent might be a mental case.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

56 AUG 1947
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please forgive me for taking up your time, with this item. It really is necessary. Yet although everybody's tongue was wagging from the East and to the West coast, I couldn't resist putting my ear in.


We read and read and read. "Sky Disc Derby Open to All"; "Calls "Saucers" of Vision"; "Believe it or not, 27 States see those flying saucers"; "Who saw the Saucers? 40 States in the Game"; "Celestial Dishes sought between the Raindrops"; "Mind 'Disk' is weather kite"; "Disks called chunks of Mirage"; "Report new Red Plaines resemble 'Flying Saucers'"; "Air-liner crew reports seeing 9 flying disks for 12 minutes". That's the way it went on, for days and days.

Please, don't remind me that this is a military problem. Soldiers fight the enemy out in the open and away from home if possible. The Federal Agents (the unheroes) fight the enemy under cover and in their home grounds. So here I am.

These so-called saucers may be kites, but according to reports, these things didn't flutter or float, they sailed and kites don't sail, the strangest part is, they all sailed in the same direction, from West to East.

Rewards were offered, no collectors. Planes chased them, none captured. They hit land, no finders. So, as long as the military, scientists and civilians deny, be responsible for this. Were doed it lead to? An enemy. A little while back, it was mentioned somewhere that Russia had or has a contraption for their next war, getting sound (like a silent whistle for dogs) what it's to do, their enemy, I don't know. If a country was experimenting such a weapon, the brave people of the U.S. were not scared. They only informed the so-called enemy how successful the plot was.

It could be an optical illusion, or, supposeing some unwelcomed persons, planted a few well chosen words, here and there and left the rest to an confused mind. These innocent people reporting the phenomena.

What confuses me is, that when we became too curious and determined to find out what they really are, those things disappeared and we found substitutes, kites. These things resembling description as near as possible to the real thing couldn't these things have been directed back home again like a homing plat. To make sport of this thing, is bad taste. It sort of reminds me of the boy tried WOLF. When the wolf really came, 'twas sad. He was a nice boy. There should be laws against such jokes or experiments. They should be condemned and tried for treason, even, if the so-called joke seems to his POOH POOH business is no joke.

I had in mind that the floods were responsible for the flooding waters of the Mississippi, Missouri, Platte, Columbia and Ohio Rivers. Then going from East to West, plus the Catskill in the Easterly North, The Blue ridge in the East and the Rocky Mountains in the West. Reflections, or whatever, were, went from West to East. Hence the Disks? I hope

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Brooklyn, 7/2, 1947
Jul 20th, 1947
J. Edgar Hoover

July 20, 1947

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I received your latest letter dated July 20, 1947. Your letter was very informative and I appreciate your efforts in this matter. I believe that we are on the right track and that we will soon be able to solve this mystery.

Many of the people who have witnessed these flying saucers are convinced that these objects are real and not simply a product of the imagination. They believe that these saucers are capable of performing acts of destruction and are capable of landing on earth.

I have been studying the problem for some time now and I am confident that we will soon find the correct explanation. I am working with a team of experts who are currently investigating the matter and I am hopeful that they will be able to provide us with the information we need.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Redacted]
At request of General George P. Schulgen, Chief of the Requirements Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence, Special Agent discussed the above captioned matter with him on July 9, 1947. General Schulgen indicated that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilizing all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the thought that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled.

General Schulgen also indicated that all Air Corps installations have been alerted to run out each reported sighting to obtain all possible data to assist in this research project. In passing, General Schulgen stated that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was thoroughly interrogated by General Schulgen and scientists, as well as a psychologist, and the pilot was adamant in his claim that he saw a flying disk.

General Schulgen advised that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called flying disks were fallacious and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon.

General Schulgen indicated that he is desirous of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports of his scientists and findings of the various Air Corps installations will be available in his office. He advised that to complete the picture he desired the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks, or whether their statements were prompted by personal desire for publicity or political reasons. General Schulgen assured that there are no War Department or Navy Department research projects presently being conducted which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated that if the Bureau would cooperate with him in this matter, he would offer all the facilities of his office as to results obtained in the effort to identify and run down this matter.

advised General Schulgen that his request would be made known to the Bureau and an answer made available to him as soon as possible.
Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Also discussed this matter with [Redacted]. Indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request.

SWK:AJB

Addendum

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged disks reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

DML

I think we should do this 7-15

Would do it last before evening.

If we must insist upon full access to disks recovered. I for instance in the event the Army grabbed it would not allow me back for cursory examination.
FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY SM X. REURTIEI INSTANT DATE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT
DID NOT ADMIT TO THAT HIS STORY WAS A HOAX BUT ONLY
STATED THAT IF QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES HE WAS GOING TO SAY IT WAS
A HOAX BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER TROUBLE OVER THE MATTER.
COMPLETE REPORT NOW EN ROUTE TO BUREAU AMSO, WHICH INDICATES
PROBABLY MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL IN THE
HOPE OF BUILDING UP THEIR STORY THROUGH PUBLICITY TO A POINT WHERE
THEY COULD MAKE A PROFITABLE DEAL WITH FANTASY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO
ILINOIS. WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED UNLESS
ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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9-16 PM OK FBI WASH DC GAR

3 AUG 26 1947 25
(B) FLYING DISCS -- The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Forces Intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigation of flying discs. The Air Forces have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would descend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria.

You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it is a bona fide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria, or playing a prank.

The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have assured the Bureau complete cooperating in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Any information you develop in connection with these discs should be promptly brought to the attention of the Army through your usual liaison channels.
July 10, 1947

DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 6, 1947. Your interest in bringing this information to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of turning this information over to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Savannah

NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying disc"
July 10, 1947

San Marcos, Texas

Dear [Name]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 7, 1947. Your interest in making this information available to me is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of making the information furnished by you available to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - San Antonio

NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying disc."
July 23, 1947

Westport, Connecticut

Dear [Name]

Your letter dated July 17, 1947, together with enclosures, has been received and I want to thank you for submitting the letter you mentioned to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed came to my husband yesterday. After reading it aloud to the family, as a good example of crack-pot-ism, advertising or what have you, he threw it into the wastebasket. I retrieved it, thinking it might be better go into your wastebasket than ours, examined by your department en route thither, as of possible value. I presume several thousand have been mailed, and you may receive numberless duplicates. I will risk that, as an economist at Columbia University receives many strange missives. This is as strange a one as has come for some time, and very appropriate to the present moment.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

July 17, 1947
Home address: Westport, Conn.
July 11, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?

What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifestations are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary advance is coming?

Will it make your life brighter, happier, more useful?

We believe one of these startling discs is on its way to you. Then the secret will be out.

The Combined and Amalgamated Committee of Sky-Scanners, Disc Decipherers and New-Product Introducers.
METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FORTY-SEVEN, SECURITY MATTER-X. SECURITY OFFICER, H.I.T., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT TODAY HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE OF WEST RINDGE, N.H., A RETIRED OF THE NEW ENGLAND TEL. AND TEL. CO. ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM ON JULY SEVEN LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE SITTING ON A PORCH OBSERVED ON THE LAWN OF ONE ROUTE WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CUT OF SHORE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED SPOTS ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE GREEN LAWN. ALSO IN THE LONG DRIED GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET IN DIAMETER, SEVERAL LITTLE BLAZES HAD STARTED AND THE FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED. FIRES WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY METALLIC FRAGMENTATION WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO OF H.I.T., BY A OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. HAS ADVISED THAT THEIR GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LINING OF V BASH TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. PROFESSOR IN OUR METALLURGIST AT H.I.T. STATED THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY THE LINING FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT TIME HE IS IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING TWO OF THESE PIECES. THESE SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCT THE METALLIC OBJECT STATE IT APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE COPIES DESTROYED.

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SIXTEENTHS OF AN INCH THICK, AND MACHINE TOOLED, AND SOME FRAGMENTS
INDICATED THEY WERE BURNED AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN
SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC HEAT. THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TREATING THIS MATTER
AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. MR. [REDACTED] AT WEST RINDE, N.H.
is also endeavoring to collect additional fragments and has stated
that the fire chief at West Rinde has also several fragments in his
possession. [REDACTED] indicated that the [REDACTED] residence is seven
to eight hundred feet east of the railroad tracks. [REDACTED] stated
he will make the results of M.I.T. research available if significant.
Opinions of scientists as set forth above suggest possible military
interest. Military authorities at Boston have not been notified.

SOUCY

HOLD

cc. Mr. [REDACTED]
For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, Stamford, Connecticut, appeared at the Stamford Resident Agent's office and furnished the following information:

Prefaced his remarks by stating that he is a scientist by occupation and is currently employed at the American Cyanamid Research Laboratories on West Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut, in the Physics Division. Further indicated that during the war he was employed at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Radiation Laboratory which Laboratory is connected with the Manhattan Project. Advised that he is thirty years of age and is a graduate of the University of Arizona.

Stated that the topic of "flying saucers" had caused considerable comment and concern to the present day scientists and indicated that he himself had a personal theory concerning the "flying saucers". Prior to advancing his own theory, remarked that immediately after the conclusion of World War II, a friend of his, allegedly observed the "flying saucers" from an observatory in Milan and Bologna, Italy. He stated that apparently at that time the "flying saucers" had caused a little comment in Italy but that after some little publicity they immediately died out as public interest. Stated that it is quite possible that actually the "flying saucers" could be radio controlled germ bombs or atom bombs which are circling the orbit of the earth and which could be controlled by radio and directed to land on any designated target at the specific desire of the agency or country operating the bombs. He stated that one of the items of interest which he personally has observed is the fact that the saucers have been observed in Mexico City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Halifax, Newfoundland, Paris, Milan, Bologna and Yugoslavia as well as Albania. By placing a string around the globe of the earth it
Letter to the DIRECTOR, FBI
Re: "FLYING SAUCERS"  
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

would be noticed that all of the above-mentioned cities form a direct orbit or circle around the earth and would be more or less in line of any path in which the saucers could be circling.

Further stated that he had recently talked with _, one of the owners of Glenbrook, Connecticut, and had been informed by _ that his company is making a large powerful telescope to be used in searching the stratosphere for atom bombs.
FLIGHT 172
7-16-47
DIRECTOR

URGENT

EL FLYING DISKS. MRS. SEATTLE, REPORTED FLYING DISK HAD LANDED ABOUT NINE FORTY TWO PM LAST NIGHT, THAT IT WAS BURNING AT IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED. SHE ALSO ADVISED OUT, AND DISK FELL SHORT DISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICES. AGENTS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO SCENE AND RECOVERED DISK TAKEN TO CHI OFFICES AND EXAMINED BY NAVY FIELD AND ELECTRONICS EXPERTS AND AGENTS. DISK DESCRIBED AS ABOUT TWENTY LIGHT INCH CIRCULAR PIECE THREE SIXTEENTH INCH FLYING COULD CUTTIP ON TWO SIDES AND HELD THIS POSITION BY NINE ACROSS ITS CENTER. DISK NEARLY PAINTED LIGHT GRAY OUTSIDE AND RED INSIDE, AND INSIDE OF DISC PAINTED LETTERS IN WHITE PAINT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE U.S.S. UNQUOTE, ALSO QUOTE E Y R UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE EYE PRINTED BACKWARDS AND A HAMMER AND SICKLE MOUNTED ON PIECES OF BAKELITE IN THE CENTER OF THE INSIDE OF THE DISK WERE TWO RADIO TUBES, WHICH WERE NIKELED UP AND ALSO SO MOUNTED WAS ABOUT A QUART TYPE CYLINDRICAL SHAFTED OIL CAN TO WHICH WAS FITTED A SHORT PIECE OF RUBBER TUBING RUNNING FROM CAN TO ENTRANCE TO A PIECE OF ONE INCH PIPE ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES LONG. THE PIPE EXTENDED THROUGH THE DISK AND AT THE OUTER END OF THE PIPE WAS ABOUT A SIX INCH PIECE OF CLOTH, WHICH WAS STOOD ALONG AND STUCK INTO THE END OF THE PIPE. THE ENDS OF THIS CLOTH WERE CHARRED FROM BURNING. THE CLOTH WAS SATURATED WITH SOME SUBSTANCE.
BELIEVED TO BE TURFENTINE. CONSENSUS OF ALL PRESENT PRESENT THAT
DISK COULD NOT FLY. DISK PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF ONI SEATTLE
AND NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. NO PUBLICITY THUS FAR AND
NO COMMENT BEING MADE IN EVENT PRESS INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED.

MAYOR

2-22 PM OK, FEI WA. NY

[Signature]
Mr. [Redacted], of the Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho, telephonically contacted the Butte Office and asked if the FBI was checking on the flying discs reported to have been seen by many citizens. He advised that so many had reported having seen them that it undoubtedly was not a figment of the imagination. He said that these discs had been seen on July 1, 1947, in the vicinity of Trail Creek near Sun Valley, Idaho, by reputable citizens.

The writer informed [Redacted] that this office was not making an investigation and inquired as to whether he had contacted Army and Navy officials. He said that he was inquiring of these agencies.
On the evening of July 9, 1947, a report was received at the Los Angeles Office that a so-called "flying disc" had landed in the vicinity of Radford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood, California, the contraption being briefly described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc shaped, and having a radio antenna. It was reported to have burst into flames upon landing. At the time of the report the disc was being held at the Valley Fire Department in Van Nuys, California.

SA went to the fire department immediately at which time it was found that a number of people had gathered including newspaper reporters and photographers who were taking pictures of the disc. Battalion Fire Chief advised Agent that at approximately 10:30 P.M., an unknown woman called on the telephone and excitedly reported that the disc had dropped into her garden where it began to flame, her residence being located at 11858 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood. A fire department truck was sent there and put out the flaming object with the fire hose, after which the object was taken to the fire station. SA thereafter arranged to transport the disc to the office.

The device is briefly described as consisting of two convex steel discs approximately 2 feet in diameter, fused together at the outer edge and fastened together in the center by a hollow cylindrical connection. A vertical galvanized iron fin was screwed to the top of the disc, and a short length of pipe closed at one end ran from the outer circumference into the interior of the contraption. What appeared to be a radio tube was installed in the center of the top side. The contraption had a total weight of approximately 20 pounds.

At the Bureau Office a series of photographs were taken of the device from various positions, and a set of these photographs are being forwarded herewith for the Bureau's inspection and information.

The "flying disc" was thereafter turned over to Major A.C., G-2, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, who subsequently reported that the object was definitely a hoax and under no circumstances could have flown under its own power.
On the following day, July 10, 1947, one North Hollywood, reported that on this morning he was at the North Hollywood Service Station eating at which time there was considerable talk about the flying disc having been found in the vicinity. A number of what appeared to be young high school students were present and were having quite a laugh about the excitement caused by the finding of the disc. It stated that he received a definite impression that these young students either had themselves or knew of someone who had been working for the past two weeks making this "flying disc". It was unable to furnish the names of any of these young men but identified one of them who was making the statements as being employed in a Chevron Service Station at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Whitsett Street. He described the youngster as about sixteen years of age.

The above information was also furnished to the G-2 Office at San Pedro, California.
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS (DISCS)  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

AT 6:45 AM this date, SAC Hood telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised at approximately 11:30 PM, July 9, 1947, the office in Los Angeles had received information from the Resident Agent at Burbank, California, that a "flying disc" had landed in or near Burbank and had been seen to burst into flame when it landed. Further, that it had been the cause of a fire in some woods, this fire either in Burbank or possibly in the city limits of Los Angeles, which Mr. Hood could not be certain. The fire chief at Burbank had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him.

Coincident with the information received from Burbank, the Los Angeles Office received calls from the newspapers requesting information. The newspapers stating they had called the Army Air Force Intelligence who had stated "we are not interested". According to Mr. Hood, this comment had aroused the newspapers and they stated they intended to publish this quotation and elaborate same in their first issues. Mr. Hood stated that he had refrained from making any statement to the press other than to admit possession of an object and that it was being turned over to military authorities in the morning (this AM), it being Mr. Hood's opinion that he did not want any quotes in the press and certainly not one to the effect that we were not interested.

As described to him, Mr. Hood stated that the object was an aluminum disc about 2' in diameter weighing about ten pounds, painted with aluminum paint and having some sort of a radio tube in the center of the disc. This object was in possession of the resident agent at Burbank and would be turned over to military authorities (G-2) in Los Angeles this morning.

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Mr. Hood's purpose in calling was to place the Bureau on notice regarding the above described object and any further information would be transmitted to the Bureau at once.

Action: None indicated.
July 15, 1947

Chicago, Illinois

Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 7, 1947. The information contained therein has been carefully reviewed and is being made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau. Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

In the future should you have information which you feel might be of interest to this Bureau you might find it convenient to contact the Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office, which is located at 1900 Bankers’ Building, Chicago 3, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Chicago (With incoming. There is no identifiable information in the Bureau’s files concerning the writer of this letter. Despite the fact that this letter refers to "flying discs", it is not believed that the information furnished is sufficiently important to refer to Army authorities.)
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Wash. D.C.  

Doesn't it seem wisest for you to forbid papers - (No not forbid but ask the co-operation of all papers) to keep all news of those discs out of the news until you are sure just what they are & where from.

Seems to us with all the enemies we have, even within our borders, it could be something far more important than may seem at first. I had 2 sons in this war & another who over-did for his America & we do want it really protected from danger from now on. Enough are dead & maimed - without losing out now as it easily could be. Why have the papers carried that story if reporters were made to see how much more sensible not to report - it except to the F.B.I.

There is too much of danger ahead anyway -

Hastily

/s/ b/c

Chicago -

TRUE COPY
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Dirigent,  
14th St. N.W.  
D.C.

Doesn't it seem wiser for you to insist papers—
(no restituted—but ask
the cooperation of all papers) to keep all letters—those
lines out of the news.
won't make sense now. It's more sensible not to report it. Except to the FBI.

There is too much danger ahead anyway.

Hastily

[Redacted]

Chicago