Pilot Recalls Seeing Disc

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experienced pilot of more than 7,000 hours flying time.

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automobile accident, came to Portland over the weekend to spend the summer. He saw the "flying saucer" over Nahatuck, Cal., June 5th, while lying
on the lawn sunbathing; he told The Oregonian.

"I speculated on any such about them," Runkin said, "until I noticed
all the hollaballoo in the papers. I guessed over them strange shapes for
a while and finally concluded that they were the Navy's new XP-41 flying
saucers, which are thin and round, with windpimples and...." 

"ONLY THE AVIATION BUILD..."

...The Navy and the manufacturers have announced officially that only
one such machine was built and that it never left California.

"These planes were flying high, maybe 7,000 feet, and fairly fast, and
about 400 miles an hour. They were painted in strange colors, but in general
were very similar. About 7:00 a.m. they appeared on the west coast, went
north, but there were only seven in the formation. They were not speeding
off, but they seemed to be heading in a straight line. The number circulation of their propellers and couldn't distinguish any
wings or tail. They appeared almost round. They looked like little bells to
the Navy's flying saucer," Runkin said.

"I'm hard pressed to say which is the Navy's flying saucer," Runkin
said. "I've been down to the Aviation Building, but I didn't see anything..."

...The descriptions of the mysterious aerial objects agree with
that of Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, business man, who first reported them
over the state of Washington, except that Arnold clocked them at an altitude
of 12,000 miles an hour.

...Reports came Wednesday from travelers who saw them over
Hassay, North Dakota, and who told The Oregonian that they vanished behind the hills..."

Mrs. Eae, Port Stevens, and Mrs. Eae, Port Stevens, said she saw a..." future traveling..."

...The observers saw the same objects..."

...The report of a strange, round, flying disc 400 miles above...}

...The disc was working at 10 miles southwest of Kinnaird, Maine, at the time..."
Washington I realized that the articles that I saw were probably the same thing. I was still reluctant to mention this, as several thinking that they would probably be true, and that I was crazy, after which I mentioned the incident to the

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 editor of the paper are 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 flying machines 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 this I have said with no idea of publicity or personal gain.
on 30 July 1917.

For the above reasons, I am of the opinion that the objects were flying through the air. At approximately 1000 feet above the ground I was lying on the flour, and there was a lad standing on the floor, looking up at the sky. The objects were flying as high as 2000 feet. The objects were so near that the objects objects were flying as high as 2000 feet. The objects were flying as high as 2000 feet. The objects were flying as high as 2000 feet. The objects were flying as high as 2000 feet. The objects were flying as high as 2000 feet.
HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

AFDDA
535.10
August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept of Justice, Suite 136,
1010 Folsom Street, San Francisco, California.

IN: Enclosed herewith is a information copy of MoIC and newspaper
clipping re subject.

WILLIAM H. GRAHAM
Chief, MoIC, Bureau 7, Jul 47.

Deputy AD of D, A-2

1. Newspaper clipping did

2. Jul 47.
from the Oregon Journal, continued

HOPE LATER.

Several days flights of moving objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon. Mrs. James E. W. Hardin, 5433 SW Pacific Avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette River near the Stark Island bridge about 2 p.m. The objects did not appear to him, and were traveling so fast that he could see them in the west. In the 200-foot high on the west bank, he saw a single disk-like object flying north, away and very high.

At 4:30 p.m., Mr. Lawrence E. Raymond, 1122 NE 21st Avenue, reported a green disk "like a small dime clipping around" in the air over the Sandy district. He said it seemed to be moving slowly.

DARK RECOVERED.

Thomas N. Powers, 1232 NE 59th Avenue, said he sighted two white or silver objects flying southeast at about Portland a few minutes before 3 p.m. He reported another, headed northeast, over his home at 8:30 a.m.

J. H. Magee, Tigard, reported that four disks flew past North Jefferson about 11 a.m., while he was driving near Redmond.

A. S. Blackwelder, 2300 NE 13th Avenue, recovered three disks with Elks golf balls and a local newspaper said that "hundreds of people witnessed the SITE" at the time of the flight," which was described as the report of flying disks. The writer of the articles measured 25-36 inches.

SILVER DICKS, DROPPED BY PLANE.

OAKLAND, CA (AP).- A direct connection was made Friday at any silvered disks being dropped out of a light airplane flying over this city.

A. E. Healy, 2040 N. College, Oakland, said he witnessed the phenomenon. Mr. Healy said he was driving to a nearby street.

From the Oregon Journal, continued
FROM THE OREGON DAILY - 5 July 1947 - Portland, (O)

AIRCRAFT CREW CONFLICTS REPORTS OF "FIREBALL DISKS." "FIVE SPOTTED"

Circumstantial reports of flying discs in the sky, Friday and early Saturday, reignited the "flying saucer" controversy over the Willamette Valley region. The reports were made independently by several witnesses, including a pilot who claimed to have photographed the phenomenon.

THE REPORTS

The pilot, a member of the Oregon Air National Guard, stated that he saw a disk-shaped object hovering above the ground. The object was identified as a "fireball disk" by the pilot, who described it as having a distinctive "smoke trail." Other witnesses reported seeing similar objects, including a glowing "smoke ring." The reports were confirmed by multiple witnesses, including a local farmer who claimed to have seen a "smoke cone" ascending into the sky.

THE INVESTIGATION

The Oregon Air National Guard launched an investigation into the reports, but the results were inconclusive. The pilot, who had been a military trainer for several years, claimed that the object was "not a man-made device." The report was forwarded to the Air Force, but no further action was taken.

THE CONCLUSIONS

The reports of flying discs continued to circulate, with some witnesses claiming to have seen a "smoke trail" leading to the ground. Others described the objects as having a "smoke ring." The phenomenon was likened to UFOs and other unexplained phenomena, but the Air Force remained skeptical. The reports were considered "anomalous" and "unexplained," with no clear conclusion reached.

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This agent interviewed W. V. Lissy and P. A. Ellis, both Portland City Police Department and both possess private pilot's 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 area. They further advised that the discs were equally spaced, and kept in formation. Both officers estimate the discs altitude at 40,000 feet. They saw no evidence of any activating powers or 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, or 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. Ground temperature at this time was 87 degrees Fahrenheit.
SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

To: Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite 620, 711 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded herewith is Information copy of Statement and newspaper clipping re subject.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
Deputy Adjutant General

Enclosures:
PORLANDERS SPOTTED DISKS IN SKY HERE

Whatever causes the pictures are some alien life forms flying around in the sky.

Or, else said Portland-area policemen and deputy sheriffs who sighted the objects Friday, "numerous private citizens, the crews of a motel and a motel plumber over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guardman who claims to have photographed one near Seattle," are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was turned on police radio at 8:00 p.m. Friday. After the 83rd Street Station received a report of disks seen overhead, within seconds, two patrol cars reported spotting the mystery objects.

PLANES SEEN, VOICE LACKING.

A first report was in the Daily Journal, which said a Paterson, N.J., police pilot sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds, traveling at great height and speed over the park. They reported they were flying silently, but reported flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The patrolmen agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed.

Patrolman Karl Matterson in a car is stopped at 32nd Avenue and Foster Road to look out on the scene where the disks were reported. Police radio calls located them coming out of the sun. As nothing but a second later observed one coming out of the west and heading southeast. The area seemed to be illuminated with a white light and did not flash or reflect light, he said.

OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED.

An Air Force Reserve veteran, he said the object was unlike any plane he ever seen. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disks could change direction at a 180-degree angle without difficulty.

Members of the harbor patrol at the north end Irving Street stopped out when they heard the all-car alert. Capt. J. P. Prehn, Harbor Pilot A. H. Rust and Patrolmen H. C. Hoff all saw the objects, and said they appeared to be going south over the Globe mills at terrific speed.

Capt. Prehn said the flashes kept them from determining whether the disks were not planes.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 6 July 1947, this agent obtained pictures of unidentified objects (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. William Rhoads, 1375 W. 1st St., Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The subject objects flew at inconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. Rhoads' home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. 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 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentified objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. At 1505 on July 4, 1947, a radio alert was issued via the Portland City Police Radio, advising all personnel and listeners that some fast flying objects were in the air over Portland and vicinity. Upon contacting the police dispatcher, this agent was advised that Kenneth W. Copple, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, residing at 418 S.E. Bush Street, Portland, Oregon, on duty at Precinct No. 1, Portland Police Station, at 10th Avenue, had called advising the dispatcher that he had been investigating the flying object.

2. This agent interviewed Officer Copple, who stated that approximately 1505 on July 4, 1947, he was on duty at Precinct No. 1, and was in the parking lot of the Police Station, feeding the pigeons. At this time the pigeons became very excited over something and fluttered in the air all at once. Officer Copple stated in looking around to see what had disturbed them, he saw five large discs in the air; one was of a reddish color, and three others were flying in an easterly direction. Officer Copple stated he could determine no color to the discs, but advised they were hovering in the sky, and were oscillating slightly and were traveling at an estimated speed of 150 miles per hour. He estimated the altitude of the discs as being about 500 feet. He advised that no detailed observation could be made, but he notified the Police Station of his observations. Officer Copple advised he was unable to give any compelling force in the object or sound coming from the discs, and advised the objects to the discs, and advised the object was a flying object.

3. This agent interviewed Sergeant Claude Cross, Portland Police Officer, in charge of Precinct Number 1, Portland Police Station, Portland, Oregon. He stated he was hearing the radio alert when outside and upon learning of the incident, he was not able to provide any further details. He advised he would be checking with other officers in the area for any information on the incident. He advised he was unable to provide any further information.

4. This agent interviewed Karl E. Patterson, Patrolman, Portland Police Department, residing at 124 Southeast 15th Avenue, Portland. Patterson advised he was a former Air Corps pilot during the war, and that the time the radio alert sounded, he was at Southeast 8th and River Street, Portland, and upon hearing the alert, he took his car and flew over Portland. Patterson advised that he was unable to see any flying objects before the alert. He further advised, although not seeing the actual objects, he could determine the altitude of the objects by his observation of their size and motion. He advised he was unable to determine the altitude of the objects.

5. The agent further advised that the object was definitely of a flying type, but he did not give any further description of the object due to the observation being difficult. He advised no sound was emitted by the flying object.

James A. Scaroni, D.A. C710, Sixth Army
Pilot Recalls Seeing Discs
Dick Rankin Tells Of Odd Aircraft

More reports of "flying flappacks" 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 history maker of that event, then at Bakersfield, Calif. 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 hullaballoo 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 flappacks, 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.

"These planes were flying high, maybe 9000 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 banking in formation I couldn't make out the number or 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 flappack," Rankin said.

Rankin, who plans to spend the summer here at 834 N. E. Stimson 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 [Name],

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter post-marked 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
Office Memorandum  

TO:   DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE  
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SABOTAGE

DATE: August 12, 1947

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 he was 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 his opinion that contraption might possibly have been made by some juvenile. Mr. [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, 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.

[Redacted information on the page]

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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.

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DIRECTOR  U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS. SECURITY MATTER DASH X. ONE  FORMER NAVY

PILOT AND PRESENTLY  MYRTLE CREEK, OREGON, REPORTS

SEEING A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT ON TWO OCCASIONS THE EVENING OF AUGUST SIXTH

WHILE FLYING AT ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE MYRTLE CREEK. HATFIELD TO

BE INTERVIEWED.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. B. Ladd
FROM: J. F. Coyne

DATE: August 1, 1947

SUBJECT: RS. INFORMANT

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 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

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WASH FROM SFRAN: S2 8-9-47 2-50 PM KC

DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC'S, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND URGENT

FLYING DISKS, SECURITY MATTER-X. LT. COL. 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 PM EST AUG 14 MG 7

SAC'S 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 unnormal 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 planet.
3. These visitors are human-like but much larger in size.
4. They are NOT extrane 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 our dense matter." (Cf. "materialization")
7. The disk possesses a type of radiant energy, or a ray, which will easily disintegrate any attacking ship. They reenter the otheric at will, and so merely 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 esoteric matters will understand these terms.
9. They probably cannot be reached by radio, but probably can be by radar if a signal system can be devised for that apparatus.

We give information and warning, and can do no more. Let the newcomers be treated with every kindness. Unless the disks are within 50,000,000 tons 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.

Addendum: The Lokas are oval shape, fluted lengthwise, oval with a heat-resisting metal or alloy not yet revealed. The front contains the controls; the middle portion is laboratory; the rear contains armament, which consists essentially of a powerful radiant energy apparatus, perhaps a ray apparatus.
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  
flyin
g 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 agree-  
ment 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 410 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 repre-  
sented, 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

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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
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Flying Disc 'Bigger Than Automobile' Photographed By Youn Who Is Amazed Because No One Else Saw It

By GEORGE HERBERT

The flying disc, as big as an automobile and 15 years old, hit the headlines of 410 West Fourteenth Street, in San Francisco, on Wednesday evening. The boy, said to be a student, put his own theory to a test by taking the photograph at the right of a flying disc. However, the boy said the object pictured looked and moved more like a football, being round and oval, rather than disc-like. Bill took this picture from the porch of his home at 410 West Fourteenth Street between 11 o'clock and noon Tuesday using an old camera, with the shutter set at 1/1000th of a second. He said the "flying football" shown here was followed by two smaller ones, all moving at about 500 miles an hour and he guessed they were about 10,000 feet high, just below the clouds. The photograph reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen. In the foreground of the mysterious object is the porch rail of his home.

NORFOLK BOY AND PHOTO OF DISC—Bill Turrientt, 15, (right) tells Ledger-Dispatch reporter George Herbert (left) of the "luck circumstance which enabled him to take the photograph at the right of a flying disc. However, the boy said the object pictured looked and moved more like a football, being round and oval, rather than disc-like. Bill took this picture from the porch of his home at 410 West Fourteenth Street between 11 o'clock and noon Tuesday using an old camera, with the shutter set at 1/1000th of a second. He said the "flying football" shown here was followed by two smaller ones, all moving at about 500 miles an hour and he guessed they were about 10,000 feet high, just below the clouds. The photograph reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen.

Photo camera of this firm are convinced 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 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.
WASHINGTON 1-FROM NEWARK 8-4-47 5-36 PM EDST JFC
DIRECTOR URGENT
FLYING DISC REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN-FORTY-SEVEN, MIS. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT AN 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.

MC KEE
RECORDED 6-2-38 7-7-1
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FBI PORTLAND  8-5-47  8-50 PM  HHS

DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO  URGENT

FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPExE 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 TINLING OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., 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 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 TODAY'S 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 HDQRS. SF, SUBMITTING TELETYPESUMMARIES TO THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND.

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DVIMSC
TO: D. M. IADD
FROM: (Name redacted)
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

Special Agent [Name redacted] of the Liaison Section contacted Lieutenant Colonel [Name redacted] of the 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.

[Name redacted] advised [Name 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. [Name redacted] indicated that he was under the impression that the CIC Agent was either on route to or from an interview with [Name redacted], who is one of the individuals who first saw one of the flying saucers.

[Name redacted] stated that the Air Forces have no additional information and will receive none until the report is received from the 4th Air Forces. [Name redacted] suggested that the San Francisco Field Office contact Colonel [Name redacted] of the 4th Air Forces, 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. [Name redacted] pointed out to [Name 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.
August 5, 1947

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

Attention: Colonel

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

Subject: 67C

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

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

Attachment
Powered Soap Stone.

List of Contents

Date: 9 10 47
Case References: Flying Saucer
Consigned to: 67c

C. E.

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Powered Soap Stone.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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REGISTRED 1.13 1947 P.M.

Specimen for屏蔽 of Investigation: Room, place date of shipment and registry number; Shipping Room, who
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Attn.
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 location of this incident was approximately 120 miles north-west of Habberbishopshiem. If necessary, I will swear to the authenticity of this and to the shape of the object.

Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted]
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DETROIT

Urgent

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INFORMANTS, FLYING DISC, MISC.

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

HOOVER

BOF:mac
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]

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.
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER, ARIZONA.

7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 1 July 1947, Lt William C. McGinty, USN, 195803, P-60
   Student, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by
   this Agent, and stated in substance: That on 30 June 1947, at about
   0910, EST, he was flying at 35,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in
   a P-60 type aircraft. He stated that he was heading southward 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 uniden-
   tifiable 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.U.T.C.,
Point Hug, Fort Huachuca, Calif.

2. On 1 July 1947, Captain Malcolm C. Armstrong, 0-734168,
   Instructor, Single Engine, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was
   interviewed by this Agent and stated in substance: That his brother,
   Lt Lee R. 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. Captain Armstrong further stated
   that his brother stated the objects were heading south, and were at
   approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

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

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ON NOV 4 1978
BY DOD USARCOM FOI/PO
AUTH PARM 1-603 DOD 5200

Lynn C. Aldrich, Special Agent, GIG-AIF, FOI/PO

THIS IS A TRUE COPY

JOHN E. 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.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, EL PASO

DATE: July 22, 1947

SUBJECT: FLYING OBJECTS IN AIR

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 , who works near Canjilon, New Mexico. She claims that others were seen near Park View and Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. called attention to clippings from various newspapers concerning "disc-like" objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country. 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.

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. for the A.E.C., has advised that officials at Los Alamos consider 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, 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 has written to several government officials and Mr. WINCHELL.

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Office Memorandum  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. IADD
FROM : E. G. 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 recontacted General Schulgen and advised him in connection with the Director's notation. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] 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 to [redacted] that he 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 to [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 these means.

General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] 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 to [redacted] 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.

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MEMORANDUM FOR D. M. LADD

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachment
July 30, 1947

Brooklyn 27, New York

Dear [Name]:

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: has been a previous correspondent with the Bu file. No record could be located in the Crime Records Section indication that the correspondent might be a mental case.
Brooklyn, June 27, 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 oar in.

I'm not an old fighting man, but according to the reports, these things didn't flutter or float. They sailed and kites don't sail. The strangest part is that all of them sailed in the same direction, from West to East.

Rewards were offered, no collectors. Planes chased them, none captured. They had no land, no finders. So, as long as the Military, Scientists, and Civilians deny responsibility for this, I see no reason for it to lead to an enemy. A little while later, it was mentioned somewhere that Russia had or has a contraption for their next war, emitting sound (like a silent whistle for dogs) that it's hard to do, to their enemy. I don't know. If a country was experimenting such a weapon, the brave people of this nation would not be scared. They only informed the so-called enemy how successful the weapon was.

It could be an optical illusion, or supposing some unwelcomed persons, plants, and 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 pigeon?

To make sport of this thing is bad taste. It sort of reminds me of the boy tried WOLF. When the wolf really came, I was sad. He was a nice boy. There should be laws against such jokes or experimental things, they should be condemned, should be tried for treason, even; if the so-called joke seems to be POOH POOH business, is no joke.

I had in mind that the floods were responsible for these disks (mirages) the rushing waters of the Mississippi, Missouri, Platte, Columbia, and Ohio Rivers. The going from East to West, plus the Catskill in the Eastern North, the Blue Ridge in the East and the Rocky Mountains in the West. Reflections, or whatever, went from West to East. Hence the Disks?

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
July 20

Dear Sir,

Reading about Kenneth Arnold seeing those flying saucers. I got a brainstorm, maybe there is someone that is manufacturing a contraction that could be sent up by Remote Control, and could be used against us.

[Signature]

J. Edgar Hoover
At request of Lieutenant General George F. 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

I also discussed this matter with [redacted] of [redacted]. He 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.

ADDITIONAL

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 discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.
FBI Seattle 8-14-47 5-15 PM

Director Routine

Flying Discs sighted by [redacted], Tacoma, Washington, SM X. Reurtel Instant Date. Please be advised that [redacted] did not admit to [redacted] 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 AMSD, which indicates probably [redacted] 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 Illinois. [redacted] will not be reinterviewed unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Wilcox

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9-16 PM OK FBI Wash DC Gar

3 AUG 26 1947
(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.

7-30-47
BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 42
Series 1947

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 is 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

Darrington, 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 discs"
July 10, 1947

San Marcos, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

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 [redacted]

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 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,

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 Introducters.
WASHINGTON FROM BOSTON 3

DIRECTOR

METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FACTICEVEN,
SECURITY MATTER- 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 ROUTE WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CUT 
OF SMOKE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED SPOTS ABOUT OF 
AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMETER ON THE GROUND LAWN, ALSO IN THE LONG OF 
BRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET 
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 HIST, BY A 
OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY, HAS ADVISED. THAT THEIR GENERAL APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LINING OF 
V BOMB TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. 

PROFESSOR IN OUR METALLURGIST AT IT, STATED 
THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY THE LINING FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT 
TIME HE IS IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING TWO OR THREE PIECES. THESE 
SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCTING THE METALLIC OBJECT STATE 
APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE 

58 AUG 13 1947. 10 COPIES DESTROYED 
A--- END PAGE ONE 270 NOV 18 1964
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. 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. INDICATED THAT THE RESIDENCE IS SEVEN
TO EIGHT HUNDRED FEET EAST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS. 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. Hall
For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, a man in 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
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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.
SEATTLE, REPORTED FLYING DISK HAD LANDED AT
ABOUT NINE FORTY TWO PM LAST NIGHT, THAT IT WAS BURNING AT
IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED. SHE ALSO ADVISED US, AND DISK FELL SHORT
DISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICES. AGENTS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO SCENE
AND RECOVERED DISK TAKEN TO OFFICES AND EXAMINED BY NAVY ELECTRONICS
EXPERTS AND AGENTS DISK DESCRIBED AS ABOUT
TWENTY-EIGHT LIGHT INCH CIRCULAR PIECE THREE SIXTEENTH INCH FLYING
CUTTED UP ON TWO SIDES AND HELD THIS POSITION BY NINE ACROSS ITS CENTER
DISK REDLY PAINTED LIGHT GRAY OUTSIDE AND RED INSIDE, AND INSIDE OF DISK
PAINTED LETTERS IN WHITE PAINT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE U.S.A. UNQUOTE,
ALSO QUOTE E Y R UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE RYE PRINTED BACKWARD
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 MIXED UP
AND ALSO SO MOUNTED WAS ABOUT A QUART TYPE CYLINDRICAL SHAPED 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 OUT AT THE OUTER END OF THE PIPE
WAS ABOUT A SIX INCH PIECE OF CLOTH, WHICH WAS BURNING ALIVE AND STUCK
INTO THE END OF THE PIPE. THE ENDS OF THIS CLOTH WERE SATURATED WITH
SUBSTANCE
BELIEVED TO BE MURDEROUS. CONSENSUS OF ALL PRESENT PREVENT THAT
DISK COULD NOT FLY. DISK PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF ONE 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, FBI 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 disks 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.
Re: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 9, 1947

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. He 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". He 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 Whitsell 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.
DATE: July 10, 1947

To: MR. LADD

From: [Redacted]

Subject: PLANET 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 belabor 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 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.

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/

Chicago

TRUE COPY
Mr. Edgar Hoover,\* Washington, D.C.

"Doesn't it seem wisest for you to forbid papers, (as not justiciable) to ask The cooperation of all papers to keep all news of those excesses out of the news."

* Recorded 12-6-24-22
* K RECORDS Chicago, 3-18-27 M.C.
You made me see now much more sensible not to report it except to the F.B.I.

There is too much danger ahead anyway.

Hastily

Chicago