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Unidentified Flying Object Vicinity of Richmond, California,
14 June 1963

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1. The attached correspondence which was furnished this District Office by the Seattle FBI on 8 July 1963 may be of possible interest to your office.

FOR THE COMMANDER

EARL H. PRICE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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1. Ltr, 4 Jul 63, from Mrs. Neva Tracy & Mrs. Edward J. Gorman
2. Envelope, postmarked 5 Jul 63, Oakland, Calif

Copy to: AFISII, w/atchs

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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Richmond, California
July 4, 1963

National Investigations Commission,
Seattle, Washington,

Gentlemen:

In the Richmond Independent Newspaper there recently appeared a request for reports and diagrams of an Unidentified Flying Object reported over this area on June 14. It is possable that the date was a misprint, or that more than one UFO has been seen, for we saw one on the night of June 4th.

We called the newspaper at that time to see if anyone else had reported just what it was, for there were powerful searchlights following it's flight across the sky. No one knew, at that time, where the searchlights were located, or what they had been watching.

Time of Sighting

About 11:20 PM, June 4th, 1963. It was a clear, moonlight night, with only a few very high, light, wispy cloud formations, stars bright, and UFO easily visable to be naked eye, but we watched it's flight over this area with a rather powerful telescope.

Description

Not quite like any previous description of UFO's that I have read. It was like a big round plate with a wire or cable hanging down and some smaller object attached to it. (Such as the face of a clock and pendulum.)
When first sighted, (without telescope) it appeared a dull, reddish-orange in color, but when viewed through the telescope the color was more of a yellowish-green hue.
As compared to the flight of an airplane, it was moving slowly, but steadily, and appeared to be under control.
Twice, during the possable ten minutes of visability, it veered slightly to the left, becoming invisable for a few seconds, then resuming it's southerly direction. (As though it had changed flight position)
We could detect no doors or windows, but at one time during the observation lines were visable, but with no apparent pattern.

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We have seen nothing in the newspapers about this object, and have remained silent, due to the skeptical attitudes one might expect to encounter. We thought of ' weather baloons' but it didn't look like one expects a baloon to look, and the spherical shape of a baloon would prevent it's becoming 'invisable' as this UFO did twice during our observation.

Thanking you for the opportunity to speak freely of this strange object, we remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Jesse Tracy

(Mrs. J. A. Tracy, 5438 Santa Cruz)

Mrs. Edw. J. Gramon
5446 Santa Cruz Ave
Richmond Annex, Calif

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs. Nova Tracy

5438 Santa Cruz Avenue

Richmond, California

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National Investigations Commission

Seattle, Washington

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20D OSI 24C-0

Object from Outer Space Located Somewhere West of the Cascade Mountains, State of Washington

57 Ftr Gp
Paine Field, Wash

1. This will confirm the reporting of the following information to Major JOHN A. OHLRICH, Assistant Director of Operations, your headquarters, by Special Agent GILBERT C. LEAK, this District Office, on 12 April 1963.

On 12 April 1963, an individual who identified himself as THOMAS M. O"NEILL, Consulting Scientist, Allied Tractor and Equipment, 110 Blaine Street, Seattle, telephonically advised S/A LEAK that he (O'NEILL) knows the location where a sizeable body of an unidentified object from outer space had come to earth. He did not specify the location other that it was west of the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington. He stated the object had fallen within the past two weeks and the mark where it hit the ground is new and fresh. He stated that he and the owner of the property where the object came to earth felt that they should be paid for the discovery as well as any damage to the property while attempting to recover the object. He stated he did not want any publicity in the matter and his price would be commensurate with the amount of publicity and if the matter were publicized a considerably larger amount would be requested. O'NEILL stated he has been a research scientist for the University of California and has considerable knowledge of falling objects. Furthermore, he was of the opinion that unless action is taken in the near future to recover the object the location may be lost because of weather conditions.

2. No further action is contemplated in this matter by this District Office.

R. G. EMMENS
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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20D OSI 24-0

12 October 1960

Unidentified Flying Objects

92d Cmbt Spt Gp
Fairchild AFB, Wash

1. Reference is made to the verbal report of the Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 2001, Fairchild AFB, Washington, on 22 September and 5 October 1960, to Lt Colonel FRANK DETROY, Jr., Director of Intelligence, 92d Bomb Wing, concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, on 22 September 1960.

2. On 20 September 1960, SSGT JAMES H. NUNN, AF 18418956, 2039th AACS, Fairchild AFB, advised Special Agent GEORGE A. SOLA, OSI Detachment 2001, that while on duty in the aircraft control tower at Fairchild AFB, he had sighted an unidentified flying object at approximately 2010 hours PST, that date. NUNN could furnish only the following information concerning the object:

Shape:	Oval.
Size:	Approximately the size of a grapefruit or 4" in diameter if held at arms length.
Color:	Extremely white and bright.
Number:	One large object and a series of smaller objects.
Details:	There appeared to be a series of small objects trailing the large one, extending to approximately 4½ times the distance of the large object.
Angle, Elevation, Azimuth:	Object was at approximately a 15-20 degree angle from him and remained in this position.
Flight Path or Maneuvers:	Flight path was straight. The object was sighted over Medical Lake, Wash., almost directly south of the control tower and traveled from west to east.
How did it disappear:	Over the horizon.
How long visible:	Six to ten seconds.
Optical aids:	None.

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20D OSI 24-0 20 October 1959

(U) UFR Unidentified Flying Object Sited East of Seattle, Washington, between 4:00 - 4:45 A.M., 10 October 1959

25 Air Div
McChord AFB, Wash

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between 1st Lt Donald L. Curry, Office of Director of Intelligence, your Headquarters, and Major Earl H. Price, this District, on 19 October 1959, concerning the above subject.

2. Details of the letter report rendered by the FBI, Seattle, incidental to above subject are as follows:

"Mrs. Neil Gotschall, 7525 28th S. W., Seattle, telephone number West 7-6896, telephonically advised that between 4:00 A.M. and 4:45 A.M. on October 10, 1959, she had observed a very bright light toward the East from her residence. Mrs. Gotschall said that this light, which appeared to be about the size of a dime, had a tremendous brilliance. The light reportedly was moving vertically in and out of sight, but did not seem to move horizontally.

"Mrs. Gotschall said that she awakened her husband who is an administrator at the Boeing Airplane Company working on the Bomarc project, and asked him to observe this weird light. She said that her husband had also observed it for a period of time and had no explanation as to what it might be.

"Mrs. Gotschall said that both she and her husband had been complete skeptics on the 'business of flying saucers', but after observing this phenomenon they are now ready to 'join the club.' She said that she even put on a coat and went out into the yard to observe the light more clearly. She said the light kept appearing and disappearing, but that she noticed that after two airplanes had crossed the sky between her and the light, the light disappeared."

3. No inquiry is being conducted into this matter by the FBI or this District Office and the above is furnished for your information.

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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Time and Date: 2010 hours, PST (0410 Zulu), on 20 Sep 60.
Manner of Observation: NUNN was working in the control tower when he glanced up and saw the UFO above Medical Lake, Wash., traveling at least 2000 miles per hour in an easterly direction. He was unable to determine the actual speed as he was uncertain as to the distance of the object and the distance the object traveled.
Observer: NUNN is 26 years of age, male, a high school graduate, and has been a member of the USAF for 8½ years. He has been a tower operator for the past 8 years and gave each question careful consideration before answering.

3. On 5 October 1960, Mr. WILLIAM DIERK, a Lookout for the Idaho State Forestry Department, advised S/A SOLA by radio from his lookout station to his Headquarters in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, that he had sighted an unidentified flying object at approximately 2008 hours, PST, on 20 September 1960, in the vicinity of Copper Mountain, Idaho. DIERK described the object as follows:

Shape: Round with a slight taper to the rear.
Size: Size of a watermelon or slightly larger if held at arms length.
Color: Bright red.
Number: One large object and a series of smaller objects.
Details: Similar to a ball of fire, trailing a string of fire.
Angle, Elevation, Azimuth: DIERK and another Lookout took azimuth readings of 97 degrees, placing the object over Copper Mountain, Idaho.
Flight Path or Maneuvers: The object traveled in an easterly direction, and appeared to take a southern heading just prior to disappearing from view. It appeared to travel at speed of a conventional aircraft.
How did it disappear: Over the horizon.
How long visible: Less than a minute.
Optical aids: None.
Time and Date: 2010 hours PST, 20 Sep 60.
Manner of Observation: DIERK was working when another Lookout called the object to his attention as appearing to be an aircraft on fire.
Observer: The interviewer did not see DIERK. WILBUR ATWOOD, Dispatcher, Idaho State Forestry Dept., advised that DIERK was a very reliable worker.

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4. Fairchild AFB weather conditions at 2000 hours, 20 September 1960, as furnished by Detachment 3, 9th Weather Squadron, were as follows:

Ceiling:	None
Visibility:	25 Miles
Cloud Cover:	None
Latitude:	47 Degrees, 37 Minutes North
Longitude:	117 Degrees, 39 Minutes West
Wind Direction:	320 Degrees
Wind Velocity:	4 Knots

Winds and temperature gradiant at the various altitudes:

Altitude	Deg/Speed(knots)	Temperature
6,000	330/11	2 Degrees C
10,000	300/07	-4
16,000	330/13	-17
20,000	280/08	-25
30,000	250/35	-47
50,000	260/28	-56
80,000	270/02	-49

5. The foregoing is furnished for your information and no further action is contemplated by this District Office.

PAUL A. HURST
Colonel, USAF
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20D OSI 24-9 18 February 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object, Vicinity of Whidby Island, Washington, approximately 1805 hours, 17 February 1959

TO: Commander
25th Air Division (Def)
McChord AFB, Washington

1. At 0330 hours, 18 February 1959, Lt Comdr RICH, Staff Duty Officer, 13th Naval District, Sandpoint Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, telephonically informed S/A HUGH H. HUMMEL, this District Headquarters, of the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

2. According to Lt Comdr RICH the unidentified flying object was sighted at approximately 1805 hours, 17 February 1959, in the geographical area of Whidby Island, Washington, and in the vicinity of 48° 17' North latitude and 122° 37' West longitude. Comdr RICH described the object as round, blue green, with no tail and moving very swiftly and stated that a complete report was available at the Office of the U. S. Navy District Intelligence Officer, Sand Point Naval Air Station.

3. The OSI Detachment Commander, Seattle, Washington, has been advised by the Naval District Intelligence Officer that the matter has been reported directly to the Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division, McChord AFB. No further action is contemplated in this matter by this District Office.

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WILLIAM H. HENDERSON, Lt Col, USAF
For and In the Absence Of
SPENCER W. RAYNOR, Col, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE WASHINGTON

20D OSI 49-6 7 July 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
25th Air Division (Defense)
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
McChord AFB, Washington

1. The following information was received at 2230 hours, 27 June 1958, telephonically, from Mr. KONRAD G. BRANDES, 115th CIC Group, Fort Lawton, Washington, and confirmed by Disposition Form from our Seattle, Washington, Detachment Commander, dated 30 June 1958.

a. On 27 June 1958, at about 1156 hours, two General Electric civilian engineers at Camp Hanford, Washington, ABE DUNNING and CARL WAIT, observed a brilliant light fall from the sky. They thought it might have been a part of Explorer III, the space satellite which was due to enter the atmosphere on 27 June. Two Phillips Service Station employees at Pasco, Washington, CLAUDE GREGORY and GEORGE HOWARD, also were reported to have observed the light. They indicated that the object might have fallen into the Columbia River near Pasco, Washington.

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b. Source of the above information was Mr. ROBERT WILSON, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent stationed at Richland, Washington, who notified Mr. THOMAS BELL, Richland, Washington agent for the CIC.

2. This information was given to the Base Clearance Officer, McChord AFB, Washington, via telephone at 2255 hours, 27 June 1958.

3. No further investigative action has been taken in this matter.

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20D OSI 9-34

3 April 1957

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
AERIAL PHENOMENON RESEARCH GROUP OF THE AIR FORCE
5108 Findlay St.
Seattle, Washington

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Inclosed is a photo copy of a newspaper clipping which appeared in the April 2, 1957 edition of the Tacoma News Tribune.

2. On 3 April 1957 the Deputy Commander, McChord Air Force Base; Public Information Officer, McChord Air Force Base; Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division; Commander Flight 1-A, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron and Major Kenneth J. Ayers, former Commander of the Ground Observer Center, Seattle, Washington, all advised that they had no knowledge of any such organization or of any official Air Force agency with a similar name.

3. Colonel James C. Stewart, Deputy Commander, McChord Air Force Base requested further inquiry be made into this matter because of the alleged representation of an official Air Force agency. The matter therefore has been referred to the Seattle office, Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigation since this falls within their investigative jurisdiction. Results of investigation conducted by the FBI will be promptly forwarded to your office upon receipt.

4. Inclosed also is a photo copy of letter, Seattle office FBI, Subject: Robert J. Gribble, Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence, with a photo copy of its inclosure - a letter from Robert J. Gribble to the Chief of Police, Seattle, Washington. It is noted that the address of the Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence and the Aerial Phenomenon Group is the same, namely 5108 Findlay St., Seattle. This FBI letter had previously been forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division on 17 September 1956.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

23 May 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) International Space Observers League, P. O. Box 441, Seattle, Washington

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached for your information are two photostatic copies of a letter bearing letterhead of subject organization and signature of ROBERT J. GRIBBLE, Director, dated 21 April 1955, addressed to Mr. HARRY KIRWIN, 1838-Shelby Street, Seattle, Washington, and attachment thereto, which is a questionnaire by subject organization entitled "Official Sighting Report". These documents were furnished to this office by the Seattle Field Office, FBI, on 11 May 1955, and pertain to unidentified flying objects. The FBI files contained no other information concerning this matter.

2. The files of the Central Intelligence Agency, Seattle, Washington, were checked at the request of Special Agent HAROLD J. FARR, of this office, and revealed a newspaper clipping from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a daily newspaper, dated 18 March 1955, reflecting a "Letter to the Editor" by GRIBBLE wherein he criticized E. V. DURLING, syndicated columnist of Hearst Newspapers, for "lampooning flying saucers".

3. Files of this office contain no information on subject organization or GRIBBLE.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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Lt Col, USAF
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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

4 April 1957

20D OSI 9-34

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENON RESEARCH GROUP OF THE AIR FORCE
5108 Findlay St.
Seattle, Washington

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference is made to our letter of 3 April 1957, subject and file as above.

2. Referenced letter inclosed a photo copy of a newspaper clipping from the 2 April 1957 edition of the Tacoma News Tribune. In that newspaper item it referred to a previous story concerning this same incident. At the time of the submission of the previous letter copies of this clipping were not available. They have since been procured and inclosed are two copies of the initial story which appeared in the 25 March 1957 edition of the Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington.

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Waller Road Fireball Sends Youth Running

By ERNA BENCE

Something — a huge ball of light traveling at tremendous speed swooped to the ground in the pasture 50 feet behind a Waller Road barn Saturday evening. It hovered momentarily, then took off with a silent rush into the northern sky.

And it sent Jim Geise, 15, flying into the house, white as a sheet, knees shaking, exclaiming hysterically.

Jim, Puyallup High School track runner, had been milking cows in the barn, which opens into the eastward pasture.

The Geises live at 5515 Waller Road. Back of the field is a canyon, rimmed with tall woods. The Geise dog, Lady, set up a howling and Jim looked out.

"It came down through the trees!" exclaimed Jim. "They were all lit up brighter than day. I thought sure it was going to hit the barn, but it touched down, then took off.

"I dashed for the house, but I looked back just once and it was going off north."

"He was utterly terrified when he came into the house," said his mother, Mrs. Rudolph C. Geise, an officer of Pierce County Pomona Grange. "He was carrying that part-full pail of milk which was slopping in every direction. At first we couldn't make head or tail of what he was saying."

Jim says it was a great luminous ball-shaped object, which seemed to bear also two bright individual lights. It traveled silently. His mother looked up The News Tribune of the story of the youth who saw an object in the sky over northwest Tacoma, but Jim couldn't be sure whether that description tallied. It all happened too fast.

Jim, who is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 205 pounds, is well known in Pierce County as a 4-H youth and cattle showman.

"That's when you needed your new track shoes," the family kidded him.

"I couldn't have run any faster than I did," said Jim.

But when they saw how shaken and genuinely frightened he was, the kidding ceased.

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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon Research Group of the Air Force
5108 Findlay St.
Seattle, Wash.

TO: Commander
325th Fighter Wing
McChord AFB, Washington

1. Reference is made to the telephone conversation between Colonel Spencer Raynor this office and Colonel James Stewart, concerning a newspaper article which alleged the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group was an official agency of the U. S. Air Force investigating unidentified flying objects.

2. This matter has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further inquiry. Results of investigation furnished by the FBI will be promptly forwarded to your office. In the meantime this matter is considered closed in the files of this district office.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

Spencer W. Raynor

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A.F. Reported Checking Waller Road Fireball

By ERNA BENCE

When Jim Geise saw that weird sky object come down in the family pasture a week ago Saturday night, he launched one of the busiest weeks of his life.

And, says the Air Force, the whole thing is nothing to laugh about.

The Tacoma News Tribune's story of the incident had scarcely gone out on the Associated Press wire last Monday, after Jim's mother called, when the Geise telephone rang. It was the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group of the Air Force calling from its 5108 Findlay St. headquarters on Seattle's north side. Newspaper, radio and television people kept the wires hot.

Equipment Brought

As fast as they could come, the Air Force research men—three of them, grim and unsmiling—drove to the Rudolph Geise farm on Waller Road. They brought typewriters and suitcases of scientific equipment and forms, forms, for Jim to fill out.

"They asked him every question one could imagine," says the mother of the 15-year-old Puyallup High School youth. "A typical one, I remember, was: 'If you were going to try to build an object to duplicate the one you saw, what material would you use—wood, plaster, metal?' Jim's answer to that was 'metal . . . a metal which would glow'."

Although this incident was the first reported in the Northwest of the appearance of this particular type of craft, the Air Force researchers told the Geises several such had been reported in the Midwest and other areas. The descriptions coincide closely.

Florida Incident Described

"Perhaps it is just as well you ran," they told Jim, and went on to describe an incident in Florida. A woman was walking along a road, it seems, when transfixed with fear by one of the glowing objects hurtling toward her, silently. With the occupant, if such there be, apparently unaware of her presence, the craft knocked her to the ground. There were witnesses. When the woman was reached, she was found dead and with severe burns on her body.

About 11 o'clock at night, the research men took their scientific equipment and car with powerful lights to the pasture, where the object came down. They tried to approximate the conditions of the weird appearance to re-construct the scene. They asked him to draw the object as he recalled it. He was shown many photos which have been taken of "flying saucers," asked to identify the one most like he saw.

Officials Firm

The official researchers were firm on one point: Whatever the objects may be, they are not craft launched by the U. S. Air Force. And they expressed doubt than any nation in the world is sufficiently far advanced over the United States to have built aircraft which land, take off and travel swiftly in complete silence. One of the men said there is virtual proof that three planets are inhabited.

Many calls were made to various parts of the city to learn whether television reception was disturbed about the time of the appearance. Several, not knowing the purpose of the questioning, answered yes.

"Our family usually watches the Saturday night hockey game," says Mrs. Geise, "but there was so much static we turned it off." The Air Force representatives said much static always accompanies the mystery crafts' reported appearances.

Many Confirm

Many have confirmed Jim's "vision." Mrs. Harry Lammadee, So. 45th and J Sts., called to say they were watching television in their darkened living room when they saw the strange glowing object in the southeastern sky. She, her husband and her parents went out to the porch to try to hear it, but there was no sound. She said it seemed to go down in the vicinity where the Geises live.

Driver Tom Dimmitt of the Waller Road bus said three of his passengers in the Summit area had sighted it, all had commented on its silence.

E. G. Eling, Tacoman who has worked with the author Adamski on two documentary books on unidentified aerial phenomena, came to interview Jim, brought him a package of material and pictures about previous incidents. He called Adamski in Los Angeles and announces that the author will include a detailed story of Jim's experience in his forthcoming book.

Envelope Arrives

On Saturday a bulky envelope arrived from the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group, containing fascinating material which Jim has taken to high school and his older brother, Don, will take to his engineering classes at the College of Puget Sound. "These serious Air Force documents seem to remove any doubt of the government's concern over the mystery," says Mrs. Geise. Seattle research group issues a monthly publication on the latest news. The next issue will contain Jim's story.

Wednesday the youth was a member of a "youth and the news" panel on Puyallup Radio Station KAYE, when the school speakers discussed unidentified objects.

Experience Related

He has told his experience to all the general science classes at Puyallup High during the past week and has been besieged by curious, interested people.

As Mrs. Verne Fogle, one of the associates of the Geises in Waller Road Grange, remarks: "If it were anybody but Jim, I wouldn't believe it. But I've known him from a little boy. He's no flighty dreamer. If he says he saw it, he did!"

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August 17, 1956

Robert J. Gribble
CFSI Director
5108 Findlay Street
Seattle, Washington

Chief of Police
Seattle,
Washington

Dear Sir:

In reference to your inquirey regarding this organization I submit the following information:

"Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence was organized on January 1, 1955, to inquire into the mass of reports, national and international, of unidentified aerial phenomenon termed as "flying saucers". CFSI has since been actively engaged with investigative and research programs in an effort to prove with material evidence that the so-called flying saucers do exist."

"Although CFSI is not part of any federal agency involved with the investigation of these objects, we do co-operate with the United States Air Force and Ground Observer Corps in this matter."

"When information reaches this office regarding witnesses of unidentified flying objects, we attempt to contact these witnesses in an effort to obtain the necessary information needed in our research program. Such was the case for inquirey to the officers of the Hutchinson, Kansas police department who are seeking--through your department--information about CFSI."

Thank you for your interest and attention in this matter.

Yours very truly

(signature) Robert J. Gribble

Robert J. Gribble
Director

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A RESEARCH CLUB STUDYING THE GREATEST PHENOMENA IN HISTORY

International

SPACE OBSERVERS LEAGUE

P.O. Box 441 Seattle 1, Washington

April 21, 1955

Mr. Harry Kirwin
1838-Shelby St.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Kirwin:

It has been brought to our attention, that on April 18th, you witnessed the green fire ball which streaked across the sky over Seattle.

It was reported that a "meteorite", greenish in color, glowed brightly for 40 to 50 seconds while it traveled over the city. The fact that this ball of fire was visible for so long a period could mean only one thing, it was not a meteorite!

These green fire balls have been on the increase since 1947 when they first began to show up around the world. It is our firm belief that these fire balls are connected in some way with the great "Flying Saucer" drama.

The purpose of this club is to gather and evaluate information of this nature, therefore we would like very much to have, from you, a report of this incident. In order that we will recieve all the necessary information which we need in our research work, we are enclosing a copy of our Official sighting report.

We are aware that it will take considerable time to fill out this report. Therefore, you will recieve in return, three months free membership in the club which will include three copies of the monthly club paper.

I hope we will hear from you in this matter, as this information is very important in our research work.

Very truly yours

Robert J. Gribble

Robert J. Gribble
Director

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International
Space Observers League
P.O. Box 441 Seattle 1, Wash.

A Non Profit "Flying Saucer" Research Club

Official Sighting Report

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the International Space Observers League as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research work, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission.

(Please Print)

Your Name_____ Address_____

City or town_____ Zone____ State or Country_____

1. Location of sighting:

Where were you located when you saw this object or objects?

a. On land: ( )

Nearest postal address_____

City or town_____ State or country_____

b. In an airplane: ( ) over,

City or town_____ State or country_____

Body of water_____ Traveling from_____ to_____

If over water, give approx. location_____

c. At sea:

Body of water_____ Traveling from_____ to_____

Give approx. location_____

2. Date of sighting: Month_____ Day_____ Year_____

3. Time of sighting: _____ AM _____ PM

Time zone: Eastern ( ) Mountain ( ) Other_____

Central ( ) Pacific ( )

Daylight saving time ( ) Standard time ( )

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4. What was the condition of the sky?

a. Bright daylight ( )

b. Dull daylight ( )

c. Bright twilight ( )

d. Just a trace of daylight ( )

e. No trace of daylight ( )

5. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky? Yes( ) No( )

6. Did the object:

a. Appear to stand still at any time ( )

b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time ( )

c. Break up into parts ( )

d. Explode ( )

e. Change brightness ( )

f. Change shape ( )

g. Give off smoke ( )

h. Flicker, throb, or pulsate ( )

7. Did the object appear: a. Solid ( ) b. Transparent ( )

8. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses ( )

b. Sun glasses ( )

c. Windshield ( )

d. Window glass ( )

e. Binoculors ( )

f. Telescope ( )

g. Theodolite ( )

Other_____

9. Describe the sound coming from the object_____

10. What was the color of the object?_____

11. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

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12. Did the object have:

a. Portholes ( )

Shape of portholes:

1. Round ( )

2. Square ( )

3. Color of light coming from portholes, if any_____

b. Exhaust ( )

1. Color of exhaust_____

c. Vapor trails ( )

d. Wings ( )

e. Fins ( )

Others_____

13. Were the edges of the object:

a. Fuzzy or blured ( )

b. Like a bright star ( )

c. Sharply outlined ( )

Other_____

14. If there was more than one object, then how many were there?_____

15. Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

16. Draw a picture that will show the motion or maneuvers that the object or objects made. Place an "/" at the beginning of the path, a "D" at the end of the path, and show any changes during the course.

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17. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object_____

18. Do you think you can estimate the size of the object in its longest dimension_____Feet.

19. Were lights clearly visible on the object? Yes ( ) No ( )

If answer was yes, please check the following:

Were the lights: a. Stationary ( ) b. Rotating ( )

1. How many lights were there?_____

2. If the lights were all one color, please state color_____

3. If the lights were different colors, please state colors_____

_____

4. Did the lights blink off and on? Yes ( ) No ( )

20. Estimate how long you saw the object:

a. Hours_____Minutes_____Seconds_____

21. How large did the object or objects appear compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arms length?

a. Head of a pin ( )
b. Pea ( )
c. Dime ( )
d. Nickle ( )
e. Quarter ( )
f. Half dollar ( )
g. Silver dollar ( )
h. Baseball ( )
i. Grapefruit ( )
j. Basketball ( )

Other_____

22. How did the object or objects dissappear from view_____

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23. From what direction was the object traveling when first sighted____

24. What direction was object traveling when last seen_____

25. What were the weather conditions at time of sighting_____

26. If object was traveling overhead, what was approximate altitude_____

27. If object was traveling on the horizan, give approximate altitude of horizan_____and approximate distance from you_____

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Use this sheet to give a complete written account of your sighting. Include all information or incidents which you think have any connection with the sighting. Also include the names and addresses of all witnesses.

Thank You

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AFCSI-6D 24-185-20-15

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: District Commander (IG)
20th OSI District
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

1. Reference is made to letter from your District, dated 8 June 1954, subject as above.

2. This office interposes no objection to the dissemination of information concerning "Unidentified Flying Objects" to the local Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, provided that such dissemination meets with the approval of the Commander, 25th Air Division (Defense). Disposition of actual or suspected items of material relating to "Unidentified Flying Objects" will continue to be made in accordance with the provisions of AFR 200-2.

3. Dissemination of information of this type is not made by this office to the FBI at national level, nor has Headquarters FBI expressed an interest in receiving this type of information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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24 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 15 DEC 1975

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir:

The following is quoted for your information from an Intelligence Summary, 25th Air Division to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects, as reported to Special Agent SULLIVAN, your office, on 22 June 1954:

"SUMMARY

"FLYING OBJECT REPORT GROUND AND AIRBORNE RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNKNOWN BLIPS OR TARGETS

An unknown blip or target was picked up on TIMOTHY radar control scope in Georef LE 1604, estimated 200 knot speed, estimated altitude 15 angles, originally at 0314Z and intermittently thereafter for a total of three (3) sightings by TIMOTHY within a ten (10) minute period after which time blip or target remained off. Upon first pickup, TIMOTHY relayed information to MERCURY (Direction Center) who took immediate action to vector two fighter interceptors, Pronto Blue #1 and 2, (who were on CAP, at 0400Z) off CAP to vicinity of blip or target. Pronto Blue #2 obtained an airborne radar pickup lower left portion scope, approximately twenty-eight (28) miles from blip or target which separated into two "clear distinct" blips at 0435Z; altitude 25,000 feet. Blue #2 attempted to close on 30 degree port heading in attempt to center blip, descending from 25,000 feet to 6,000 feet and to within estimated six (6) miles with speed increasing from .85 to .9 Mach. Blip then slid off scope from 30 degree port to 60 degree port. Blue #1 obtained an airborne radar pickup at 30 degrees at approximately 0436Z at 20,000 feet altitude. Blue #1 held pickup for approximately twenty (20) seconds, or three sweeps of AI radar after which time blips or targets slid off scope from 30 degrees port to 60 degrees port.

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"Information for this report was received from Senior Controller, GCI Site, TIMOTHY; Senior Controller, Direction Center, MERCURY; Senior Controller, Division Combat Center, LAST CHANCE; the two F-86D pilots; a 25th Air Division pilot who was flying locally in T-33 and who heard all ground-air transmissions between F-86D pilots and ground stations.

"RELIABILITY

A. (Pronto Blue #2) 2nd Lt Edward E. McBride, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1124C pilot; approximately 145 hours, of which over half has been in fighter-interceptor work; approximately 270 hours in fighter aircraft; for approximate total hours of 463.

B. (Pronto Blue #1) 2nd Lt Hilson L. Sewell, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron; approximately 29 hours in F-86D aircraft; 80 hours (approximately) in fighter aircraft; 251 hours other type aircraft; for a total of 360 hours. The F-86D pilots were interrogated singly by Major Eugene L. Zechmeister, Director of Intelligence and CWO Odin E. Sorensen, Asst Director of Intelligence, within four (4) hours of incident.

C. At the time of first mode return picked up by TIMOTHY, question arose as to possibility of malfunction. The site Tech Representative was on hand and monitored scope. In his opinion, malfunction of radar was definitely ruled out.

D. All weather stations, as well as Seattle AMIS; Navy; Coast Guard; 5 ADDC at Vancouver, B. C. Canada, were checked with negative results, ruling out possibility of weather balloons; boats or ships; or aircraft. One Navy P2V was found to be flying at time, but over one-hundred (100) miles from location of incident. A slight 3 degree inversion at 5,000 feet was present at 1900, but would possibly affect only a limited area.

E. The F-86D pilots were queried at great length in reference to the size and general appearance of blips presented on scopes. Both pilots appeared to have a very clear and firm concept of the difference between the observed blips as opposed to seaborne blips and B-36, B-52 type blips previously encountered.

F. All statements were obtained individually either in person or by telephone, ruling out possibility of subconscious innocent collusion. Superficially, all statements appear to support one another and to coincide.

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"EVALUATION

The blips or targets observed are tentatively evaluated as true airborne targets, similar in presentation size and general configuration (on ground-based and airborne equipment) to B-36, B-52 type aircraft with an estimated pullout speed of Mach One or better."

At the present time the Director of Intelligence does not expect any further information concerning this incident. In the event there are further developments, your office will be immediately advised.

Spencer W. Raynor

SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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10 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Attached is a copy of a newspaper article reference subject, which appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune, afternoon edition, 3 June 1954.

Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, was queried on 4 June 1954 as to the information contained in this newspaper article. Major ZECHMEISTER stated that no report on this UFOB had been received by his office and that information contained in the newspaper article was not of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

On 4 June 1954 at 0810 hours, the information contained in the newspaper article and the information received from Major ZECHMEISTER was telephonically reported to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

Sincerely,

Spencer W. Raynor

SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
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10 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to the attached newspaper article which appeared in the afternoon edition of the Tacoma News Tribune of 8 June 1954.

Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, was queried with reference to the article and advised that no report on the UFOB had been received by the 25th Air Division (Defense). Major ZECHMEISTER further advised that the telephone number of the McChord Air Force Base Tower is restricted and cannot be obtained through the McChord Air Force Base Operators. Major ZECHMEISTER advised that the information contained in the newspaper article was not of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

At approximately 1930 hours, 8 June 1954, the information contained in the attached newspaper article and information obtained from Major ZECHMEISTER was telephonically reported to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

Sincerely,

Spencer W. Raynor

SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir: Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

On 7 June 1954 at 0735 hours, the following information was transmitted by Special Agent PHILIP V. HOWELL, JR., this office, to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

On 7 June 1954, Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, reported to this office that two unidentified flying objects had been sighted simultaneously by GALE PECK, Supervisor of local Ground Observer Corps Post, Pasco, Washington, telephone Pasco 6054. The objects were described as traveling together and were in the shape of half-moons, approximately six times larger than a half-moon and of a white color. The two objects formed into one large fireball and disappeared, after being observed for approximately 10 minutes. The time of the sighting was given as 2335 hours, 6 June 1954 and the geographical references were AB5517, Aeronautical Planning Chart 1 to 5,000,000. The altitude was estimated to be 1,000 feet, speed unknown, and the object was at a 5 degree angle to the horizon.

Major ZECHMEISTER stated that the report of the sighting was not considered to be of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

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On 8 June 1954 at 2115 hours, Major COURTLAND D. SAWTELLE, Public Information Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), advised this office that in response to inquiries by newspaper reporters with reference to this sighting, the PIO was making an official release that there had been no radar pickup of the UFOB in question. This information was telephonically transmitted to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI, at 2125 hours, 8 June 1954, by Special Agent HOWELL.

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The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

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Sincerely,

Spencer W. Raynor

SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1954

POLICEMAN SEES FLYING SAUCER

Three Tacoma policemen have now seen flying saucers, so they must be "real," they say.

Latest to witness the mysterious phenomena is Oliver Tiedeman who said he was much impressed Monday night in a close view of one of the saucers while driving from Doty toward Chehalis.

Tiedeman said he and his passenger, Phil Raboin, Olympia organist, saw the whatsit at the same moment while in a dark wooded area.

"I stopped the car and we both jumped out to watch it," said Tiedeman. "It seemed to be traveling northward at a terrific speed and then was suddenly slowed to a stop. It seemed entirely motionless for a few seconds and then sped suddenly eastward, disappearing over the foothills." While other reports from the Puget Sound district told of some persons seeing as many as five or six of the objects, Tiedeman said the one he saw was traveling alone.

On July 7, 1947, at 2:30 a.m., Prowl Car Officers Stan Johnson and Evan Davies were cruising on the Jackson-Alexander Road when one of the saucers stopped several minutes over The Narrows before later veering southeasterly over the city suburbs. Their accounts were also verified by several other Tacomans.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

8 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to AFR No. 200-2, dated 26 August 1951, and to AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, relative to procedures for reporting information and evidence pertaining to unidentified flying objects.

2. At a conference with the FBI in Seattle, Washington, on 3 June 1954, the Special Agent in Charge stated that information on substantial reports pertaining to unidentified flying objects (of the "flying saucer" type as distinguished from unidentified radar tracks) was of counterintelligence interest to the FBI since the FBI is still charged with responsibility for possible espionage personnel coastal landings, and expressed a desire that the Air Force furnish the FBI with the following information under the terms of the Delimitations Agreement:

a. Information of unidentified flying objects which has been evaluated by the Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, Washington, and which is considered to have sufficient substance to warrant forwarding to the Air Technical Intelligence Center under the provisions of AFR 200-2.

b. Information of unidentified flying objects to be released to the press by the Air Force Public Information Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, and any additional information available from Air Force sources and action contemplated by the Air Force relative to news releases from sources other than Air Force to assist the FBI in answering inquiries they receive from the public.

c. Information of any actual or suspected items of material pertinent to any unidentified flying object as a matter within FBI investigative jurisdiction.

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3. In the past, information of this nature has not been forwarded to the FBI, since the flying objects reported to date have imposed no threat to the security of the United States; Air Force interest has been chiefly concerned with the technical intelligence aspects involved and the counter-intelligence value of such information to the FBI was not known.

4. On 4 June 1954, this matter was discussed with the Commander, 25th Air Division (Defense), with a view toward securing information of unidentified flying objects for forwarding to the FBI. It was agreed that information desired by the FBI would be furnished to OSI through the Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division, for forwarding, with the exception of actual or suspected items of material. It was the opinion of the Commander that such material coming into the possession of the Air Force could not be released to the FBI in view of specific instructions contained in paragraph 7b(2), AFR 200-2, that the Air Technical Intelligence Center be immediately notified and requested for shipping instructions or other special instructions. He expressed a willingness, however, to keep OSI and, in turn, the FBI informed of any such material until jurisdiction in this matter can be further clarified.

5. In view of the above, request clarification of jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI and Air Force in matters of this nature, and action which should be taken particularly with regard to items of material. In the interim, arrangements have been made to report all details of the evaluated sightings, news releases and material pertaining to unidentified flying objects to the Seattle office of the FBI, by telephone. Reports by OSI to the FBI in such instances will be confirmed in writing, setting forth details of the information initially furnished. A copy of the confirmatory letter will be designated for the Directorate.

6. This letter has been coordinated with both the Commander, 25th Air Division (Defense) and Special Agent in Charge, FBI Field Office, Seattle, Washington.

Spencer W. Raynor

SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, 25th Air Div (Def)
McChord AFB, Washington

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects, Observed on 2 Aug 53,
Vicinity of Richland, Washington
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
25th Air Division (Defense)
McChord AFB, Washington
ATTN: Intelligence Officer

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CC: Directorate of ISO OSI

1. Confirming telephonic report to your office, this date, by the undersigned, the following is submitted:

a. Special Agent L. A. DUCOMMUN, Seattle Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised this office at approximately 1030 hours, 4 August 1953, that he had received information from Mr. EDDY, Resident Agent, CIC, Hanford, Washington, to the effect that he had been contacted by Mr. A. I. MOORE, 2433, Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, and informed of the following incident:

(1) On the evening of 2 August 1953, at 9:20 PM, he and Mrs. MARY ELEANOR HODSON, of 2504 Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, were in MOORE's yard at his home in Kennewick and noticed two reddish-orange balls of fire, going at a speed estimated by MOORE as approximately three times as fast as a B-47 flies. These objects were travelling south by west, almost due west; they were very brilliant in color and disappeared over the horizon over Rattlesnake Mountain which borders the southwest edge of the Hanford Reservation. The size and altitude of the objects could not be determined.

b. Mr. EDDY stated that MOORE appeared to be substantial and sincere in his story. He stated that Mr. McHALE, Security Officer at the Atomic Energy Commission, Richland, Washington, had contacted his airport and determined that there had been no reports of any radar testing or any planes flying over the area at the time in question; that McHALE had landed in an

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AEC plane at 9:15 PM, 2 August 1953, and neither he nor the pilots noticed anything unusual when coming in for a landing; that it was McHALE's feeling that very possibly the objects seen were fog banks which he had seen forming in the Pasco-Kennewick region.

c. Mr. EDDY requested Mr. DUCOMMUN to pass the above information to the Office of Special Investigations at McChord AFB, Washington, for any action deemed appropriate. No investigation is contemplated by this district at this time.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

RALPH HARRISON
Chief, Personnel Investigations

cc: Directorate OSI
Comdr, 4602d AISS, McChord AFB

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Attached for your information is Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 22 September 1950.

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20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0-74

22 September 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Filming of "Flying Saucer" by JAMES MURPHY,
1521 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, Oregon

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: JAMES MURPHY, 1521 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, Oregon, reportedly filmed "flying saucer". (Ltr from FBI - F-6)

2. DETAILS: Under date of 18 September 1950, the Portland Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that JAMES MURPHY, 1521 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, Oregon, had advised that office that during July 1950, he exposed eight (8) feet of eight millimeter film at Wickiup Lake, Oregon, showing a "flying saucer".

3. ACTION: In accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950, this office will take no further action unless specifically directed to do so by competent authority.

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NR : 20 D OSI 1007

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Spot report details-Intelligence Field Office nbr 3, Seattle Wash, reports unidentified explosions at Ottorrock, Oregon, 11 June; Wecoma Beach Oregon, 12 June; Roads End area, near Ocean Lake Oregon, 12 June; Ocean Lake Oregon, 16 June; submarine reportedly sighted 26 miles off coast of Oregon on 11 or 12 June; unidentified flying object reportedly sighted northern coast of Oregon, 18 June. 2 objects resembling land-mines and 1 can of explosives found by Oregon State Police near Otter R ck, 27 June. Information received from Civil and State Police reports not yet evaluated or confirmed by responsible agents. Action taken-Liaison being maintained re this matter with Federal and State investigative agencies. FBI, ONI, and CIC, 6th Army, notified. Detailed report following.

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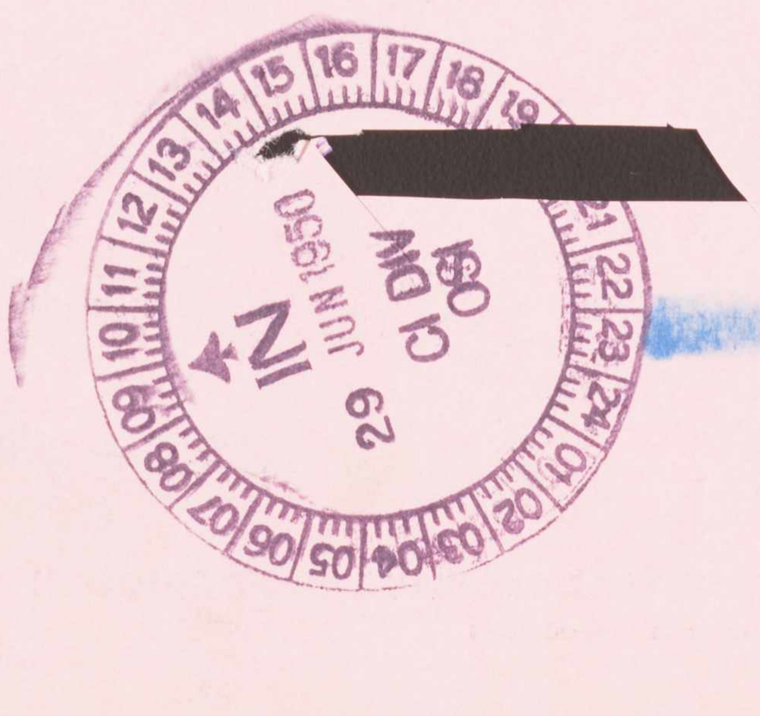

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20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

27 June 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Explosions in Oregon State.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: A reliable federal agency reports unidentified explosions on northern coast of Oregon; submarine reportedly sighted 26 miles off coast; and unidentified flying object observed in same area, all on different dates. (Local press and Sixth Army, CIC, Fort Lewis, Washington.)

2. DETAILS: On 27 June 1950, at 1140 hours, Major WALLACE W. WILKINS, Jr, O-387709, Assistant G-2, Sixth Army, Fort Lewis, Washington, telephonically advised that Major IRA EWALT, Commanding Officer, Intelligence Field Office #3, Seattle, Washington reported the following information on this date:

a. Unidentified explosions occurred at each of the following locations, time and date as indicated:

(1) Otter Rock, Oregon, 2300 hours, 11 June 1950.

(2) Wecoma Beach, Oregon, 2100 hours, 12 June 1950.

(3) Roads End area, near Ocean Lake, Oregon, undesignated hours, 12 June 1950.

(4) Ocean Lake, Oregon, 2000-2130 hours, 16 June 1950.

(5) Explosion at Roads End on 12 June reportedly left a crater 3½ feet by 6 feet, cleared all brush 22 feet around the crater, shook up the area and jarred the residents. The explosion consisted of a big flash, followed by a large white cloud of smoke. No persons or vehicles were observed in the vicinity of the explosion.

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b. A submarine was reportedly sighted 26 miles north northwest of Yaquina Bay, Newport, Oregon, at 0530 hours on 11 or 12 June 1950.

c. A flying object of undeterminable size, emanating a diffused orange glow was observed at Roads End area, near Ocean Lake, Oregon, between 1900 and 2000 hours, 18 June 1950.

d. According to IFO #3 reports, the Oregon State Police have found two objects near Otter Rock, this date, which resemble land mines, and one can of explosives.

e. IFO #3 advise that information as supplied by them was obtained from civilian and State Police reports and, as yet, not been evaluated or confirmed by responsible agents.

3. ACTION: IFO #3 advise that FBI and ONI, at Seattle, Washington, and Headquarters CIC, Sixth Army, have been notified. Close liaison is being maintained with federal and state investigative agencies in order to coordinate any information of a similar nature which might be reported within the near future.

Edward L Forrest

EDWARD L. FORREST
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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CG FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, Calif.,
Attn: Dir of Intell.

NR : 25ADIVC 640 16 March 1950

Project sign: sighted visually 0730 GMT, 15 Mar 50, object first sighted 360 deg true from Pacific Beach, Washington. Observed for 4 minutes. Altitude, speed and heading unknown. Bearing changed to 270 degrees and descended from 15 degrees on horizon. 1 object, no estimation of size, decelerated to comparatively slow speed and began a series of incalculable movements while maintaining relative position in air. Only 1 major course change noted while balance of changes appeared as random movements. No weather sequence available. No color reported. No sketches available, as yet, no photographs, no sound, no exhaust trail observed by H.L. Ballieu, Airborne Civilian Technical Representative. Letter report follows.

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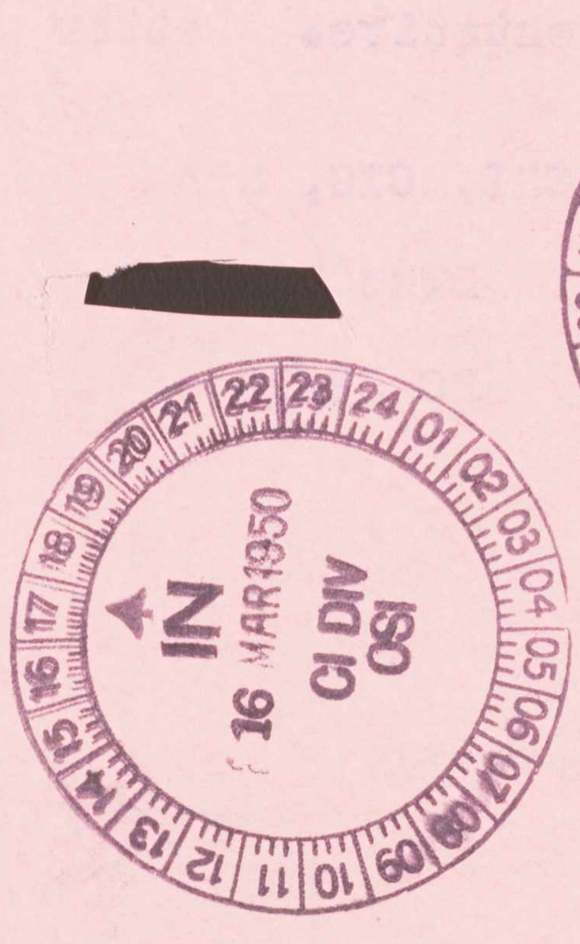

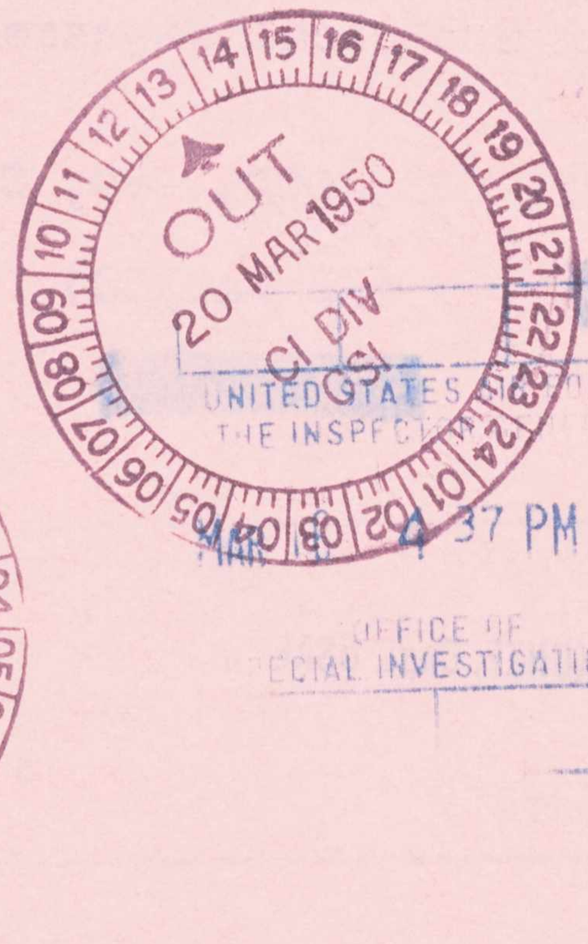

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighting of Unidentifiable Aerial Objects at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by Mr. T. C. Peterson
23 June 1949

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

Rpt of S/A RALPH R. HOUSER, dtd 25 Oct 49, file and subject as captioned (AFCSI 24-185)

SYNOPSIS

Mr. ROBERT G. ADAMS was interviewed at the Yakima Airport, Yakima, Wash., where he is presently employed as a CAA maintenance technician. Mr. ADAMS advised that at 1300 or 1400 hours, 23 June 1949, while employed at the Klamath Falls Airport, Klamath Falls, Ore., his attention was called to a number of unidentified objects that were visible in the sky. These objects did not appear to fly in any formation, changed direction rather rapidly, had no apparent sound or exhaust, were pin-point in size, of undeterminable shape, and their speed was not determined but seemed to vary. After having observed them for a few minutes, they appeared to fade from view and disappeared.

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DETAILS:

1. This portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent RAY K. SCHEERER.

AT YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

2. On 10 November 1949, Mr. ROBERT G. ADAMS, 1411 Jerome Ave., Yakima, was interviewed at the Yakima Airport, where he is presently employed as a CAA maintenance technician. Mr. ADAMS advised that at 1300 or 1400 hours, 23 June 1949, while employed at the Klamath Falls Airport, Klamath Falls, Ore., he was notified by a Mr. DARTON that a number of unidentified objects were visible in the sky. Mr. ADAMS then went up on the roof of the communications building and observed several tiny objects in the sky. These objects did not appear to fly in any formation, and changed direction rather rapidly. They were sighted approximately 70 degrees above the horizon at an extreme altitude. Their color was white and at times they appeared to be transparent. They were only pin-point in size and their shape was not determined They changed flight rather often and rapidly, and their flight appeared to be erratic. No exhaust or sound was apparent and they appeared to be flying under high clouds. Their means of support, lights, and method of propulsion were undetermined because of their altitude and size. Their speed was not determined but appeared to vary. They traveled with some velocity at times. After having observed them for a few minutes, they appeared to fade from view and disappeared. Mr. ADAMS appeared to be an intelligent person. He completed a course in aircraft identification in the Armed Forces during the war. Mr. ADAMS wears glasses with correction of -3 for the right eye and -3.5 for the left eye. His hobbies are amateur radios and photography.

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted by Mr. A. B. ROBINSON
3923 Corliss, Seattle, Washington
on 15 August 1949

CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

None - this is an initial report. (AFCSI 24-185)

SYNOPSIS

Investigation directed by District Commander. ROBINSON, interviewed by writer and a description obtained of four objects seen by him on 15 August 1949. ROBINSON admitted that what he saw could have been a flight of jet planes. MARY ANDERSON, present at the time Mr. ROBINSON sighted the objects, could give no substantiating information.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation, directed by the District Commander, was predicated upon letter from the Seattle Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 17 August 1949, File #105-0, in which was set forth information volunteered to that office by Mr. A. B. ROBINSON to the effect that on 15 August 1949 in Seattle, Washington, he had sighted four (4) objects which he believed to be flying discs.

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

2. On 9 November 1949, Mr. ARTHUR B. ROBINSON, a mail carrier, 3923 Corliss Avenue, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his home and stated in substance: On 15 August 1949, at approximately 1455 hours (Pacific Daylight Time) he had just stepped off a bus and was standing on the sidewalk along 19th Avenue Northeast about 100 feet from the corner of East 65th Street. As he was sorting a hand full of mail, he became conscious of the sound of airplanes and raised his head to look for them. The planes making the noise could not be sighted, but as he was looking upward he spotted four objects through a break in the clouds. They were flying in a "V" formation with #4 above and behind #2. By this time the noise supposedly heard from conventional type aircraft could no longer be heard. The objects appeared at about a 40° angle of elevation above the horizon and were far away and very high. ROBINSON observed the four objects about five seconds as they passed from view behind the clouds, reappeared and then finally vanished behind a solid overcast. They were silver in color with a dark border; shaped like a flattened oval, having about a 3½ to 1 ratio of length to thickness; large in size and apparently constructed of aluminum. The objects were flying good formation, straight and level in a northerly direction. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no light other than the reflection of the sun on the objects, and no apparent support or propulsion. No sound was heard, and ROBINSON could only judge their speed as very fast. ROBINSON has worked for the United States Post Office Department for many years and is presently working out of the University Branch Post Office in Seattle. During the first World War he was an Aviation Machinist in the United States Navy. He likes to hunt and fish, spending most of his free time outdoors. At the time of sighting the objects, he was completing an exceptionally easy work day and was not fatigued or under any strain. The only person in the vicinity of the sighting was Miss MARY ANDERSON, 6303 19th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington, who, although having her attention called to the objects, was unable to see anything. ROBINSON stated that the four objects could have been airplanes, as they were a considerable distance from him.

AGENTS NOTE: Mr. ROBINSON was quick to admit that the four objects could have been airplanes and that he is not familiar with the new types of jet aircraft. Prior to sighting the objects, ROBINSON

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had read an article in a national magazine about "flying discs" His character and intelligence would indicate that he is a sincere and reliable individual, capable of describing anything exactly as he saw it.

3. On 9 November 1949, Miss MARY ANDERSON, a student at the University of Washington, 6303 19th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at her home and stated in substance: A few months ago, during the morning hours, she had stepped off a bus and was walking along 19th Avenue Northeast toward her house when she noticed a small plane flying overhead. Immediately thereafter the mailman, whose route she is on and who had also gotten off the bus, called to her to look at the "flying discs". A tree blocked her view in the direction she was supposed to look and she was unable to see anything. She walked as far as her house with the mailman, who did not appear to be overly excited, but seemed to have a profound veneration for the preceding episode.

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted in Southern Oregon
on 27 May 1949

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REFERENCE Rpt of S/A Bryden E. Moon, DO #19, dtd 8 July 49, File 24-15
Rpt of S/A Ralph R. Houser, DO #20, dtd 24 Oct 49, File 24-30 (AFCSI 24-185)

SYNOPSIS

It was learned that records of the Seattle Air Route-Traffic Control Center, Seattle-Tacoma Airport, Bow Lake, Washington, are retained for only ninety days; whereupon, if nothing unusual has occurred, the records are destroyed.

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DETAILS:

1. The following investigation was conducted by S/A JAY J. JORDAN.

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

2. Mr. ROBERT MARKS, Controller, Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center, Seattle-Tacoma Airport, Bow Lake, Washington, was interviewed on 19 October 1949, in regard to obtaining a record of flight schedules of all Airways traffic in the vicinity of Hart Mountain, Ore., on 27 May 1949 at approximately 1430 hours. This agent was informed that records are kept of such traffic for only ninety days; whereupon, if nothing unusual occurred, such as accidents or traffic violations, the records are destroyed. MARKS' record of incidents for that date proved negative, indicating that nothing unusual was reported on that date.

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FILE NO. 24-28

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REPORT MADE AT
DO #20, McChord AFB

PERIOD 8 July, 22 September; 3, 12, 19 October 1949

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TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighting of Unidentifiable Aerial Objects at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by Mr. T. C. Peterson
23 June 1949

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by Acting District Commander. Investigation disclosed that all interviewees had observed several unidentifiable objects at approximately 1400 hours (PDT), on 23 June 1949. These objects were traveling at an estimated altitude of approximately 25,000 feet at a very high rate of speed. These objects were in sight for approximately three or four mimutes, and were flying horizontally in a trail formation in a southeasterly direction. They were oval in shape, approximately the size of a dinner plate, left no exhaust trail, had no appendages attached, were grayish-white in color, and maneuvered in a sharp turn to an easterly direction and faded from view.

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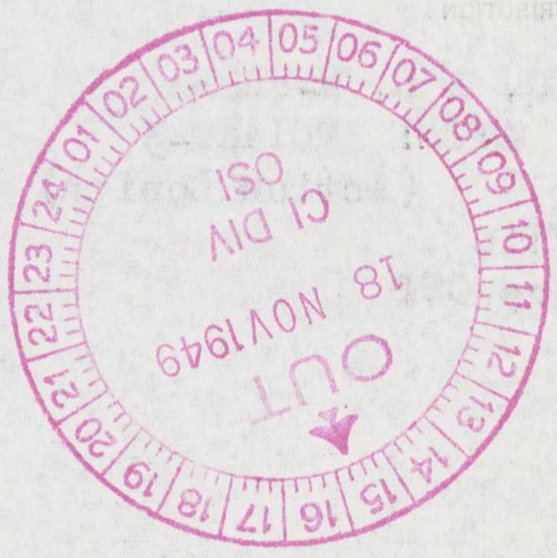

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated on 1 July 1949 by the Acting District Commander after having been advised by a reliable federal agency that unidentifiable aerial objects were sighted in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on 23 June 1949.

2. Special Agents JOHN T. REILLY and EARL D. JAMESON assisted in the investigation of this case.

AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

3. On 8 July 1949, S/A REILLY interviewed Mr. JAMES DARTON, 700 Upham Street, Klamath Falls, Ore., employed as CAA maintenance technician at Klamath Falls Airport, Klamath Falls, Ore. The interviewee advised that he sighted approximately 4 or 5 unidentifiable objects in the sky from the ground outside the main hangar at the Klamath Falls Airport at approximately 1415 hours (PDT), 23 June 1949. These objects were first sighted in trail formation about 70° above the horizon. They were traveling horizontally in a SSE direction at a speed faster than any jet ever seen by DARTON. They were about the shape and size of a dinner plate, appeared to be of metallic construction, metallic or grayish-white in color, were at an estimated altitude of 25 or 30,000 feet, had no sound, left no exhaust or contrails, no visible effect on the clouds, no visible lights or reflections from the sun, no visible means of propulsion or support, and no appendages. They were in sight for a period of three or four minutes, and during this period of observation, one object passed the one in front of it and the objects turned to an easterly direction and faded from view. at about 45° above the horizon. Mr. DARTON is employed as a maintenance technician for the CAA at Klamath Falls, Oregon. He appeared to be an intelligent person who would be qualified to identify conventional aircraft. He has no definite hobby, but likes to hunt and fish. During the time of observation, he was wearing green sun glasses. Altitude of the objects was estimated in comparison with the clouds.

4. On 22 September 1949, Mr. T. C. PETERSON, 4016 Clinton Ave., Klamath Falls, Ore., employed as manager of the CAA in Klamath Falls, was interviewed by the writer at his home and advised that on 23 June 1949 at approximately 1400 hours (PDT), he sighted four or five unidentifiable aerial objects from the control tower at the Klamath Falls Airport. He stated that he happened to look out of the tower and sighted these objects. They were first sighted at an angle of elevation above the horizon of between 45 and 80°. They were traveling horizontally in a SSE direction at an

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estimated altitude of 25 or 30,000 feet at an estimated speed of 800 or 1000 mph. They were about 11 inches in diameter, comparable to a dinner plate, being slightly oblong. They appeared to be of metallic construction, dirty white or grayish-cream color. They left no exhaust trail, had no effect on the clouds, made no sound, had no means of support or stability, no visible means of propulsion, no appendages attached, and no lights. These objects were in view for 3 or 4 minutes. They were flying in trail formation, and made a sharp turn, nearly 90°, to the east and then faded from view. PETERSON advised that both military and commercial aircraft fly over Klamath Falls at all hours of the day; however, he had no knowledge of any formations in the vicinity at the time the objects were sighted. He advised that he does not have a record of flight schedules for 23 June 1949. No testing devices were sent aloft by the Weather Station. He further advised that the objects were observed by ROBERT G. ADAMS, who is presently located at the CAA Station, Yakima, Washington. PETERSON also advised that when he first sighted the objects, he called his wife at their home, which is about one mile north east of the airport, so that she might observe them. PETERSON is in a position to know all types of aircraft and is well qualified on identification of all conventional aircraft. He does not wear glasses, has a hobby of target shooting and gun collecting. He appeared to be an intelligent, respectable person who would not report the sighting of such objects to seek publicity.

5. On 22 September 1949, Mrs. T. G. PETERSON, 4016 Clinton Ave., Klamath Falls, Ore., was interviewed by the writer at her home and advised that on 23 June 1949 at approximately 1300 hours (PST), her husband called her on the telephone and called her attention to some unidentifiable objects in the air over Klamath Falls. She immediately went into the yard where she observed the objects for approximately two minutes. There were four or five objects traveling horizontally in a trail formation in a southeasterly direction at an undetermined altitude. They appeared to be traveling about as fast as a jet airplane. She first sighted them at 80° above the horizon. She described the objects as being oval in shape, about the size of a dinner plate, olive drab in color, and of metallic construction. They left no exhaust trail. They made no sound. They had no wings, no appendages, appeared to be smooth, had no noticable effect on the clouds, and no visible means of propulsion. During the period of observation, she saw one of the objects pass the one in front of it and then the group made a sharp turn toward the east and faded from view.

6. Mrs. PETERSON is a housewife. She wears glasses, and appears to be an intelligent person. However, she may have been influenced by her husband's report of the same objects. She has a hobby of target shooting and gun collecting.

7. Approximate position of all observers was 42° 9' 30" North

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Latitude and 121° 44' West Longitude.

8. On 3 October 1949, a check by S/A JAMESON was made of the CAA Weather Station, Klamath Falls Airport, Klamath Falls, Oregon. According to Weather Sequence Charts, the weather at the time the objects were sighted was clear with high, thin cirrus clouds at 25 or 30,000 feet.

9. Since there are no Ordnance, Naval, Army, or Air Force research units in Klamath Falls, the sighted aerial objects could not have been released testing devices.

10. These objects did not contact the earth, nor did they come near any other aircraft or known object.

11. No photographs of the objects are available.

12. On 19 October 1949, Mr. ROBERT L. MISNER, CAA Aircraft Communicator, Klamath Falls Airport, Klamath Falls, Oregon, was interviewed by S/A JAMESON and after reviewing the aircraft flight contact records for 23 June 1949, advised that at 1533 hours, 23 June 1949, a position report received at Klamath Falls from National Guard Plane #6881 reported 2 F-80 type aircraft at 30,000 feet. Point of departure of these aircraft was Moses Lake AFB, Washington, and their destination was San Bernardino, California. The time of this report was the nearest to the time of sighting of unconventional aircraft. Mr. MISNER also advised that no aircraft landed or took off from Klamath Falls Airport near the time of sighting of unconventional aircraft.

13. On 19 October 1949, Mr. JAMES DARTON was re-interviewed by S/A JAMESON at his place of employment and advised that he could not furnish a sketch of the unconventional aircraft which he observed on 23 June 1949. He advised that from his point of observation the objects appeared to be about six inches apart. Mr. DARTON also advised that the surrounding terrain of Klamath Falls is very rough and mountainous.

14. On 19 October 1949, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. PETERSON were interviewed by S/A JAMESON and advised that they do not recall the objects sighted on 23 June 1949 well enough to submit a sketch of them. They both advised that the terrain surrounding Klamath Falls is very rough and mountainous.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

15. This portion of the investigation was conducted by S/A JAMESON.

16. Teletype Sequence Charts of weather at Klamath Falls are not available. However, on 12 October 1949, Mr. STERNS, of the United States Weather Bureau, Customs House, 220 NW 8th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed and advised that sequence charts for Klamath Falls at 1300

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hours (PST), 23 June 1949, read as follows: High, thin, scattered, cirrus clouds at 25,000 feet; visibility 30 miles; surface winds from west at 9 mph. Mr. STERNS also advised that the closest place for winds aloft reports is Burns, Oregon, which were as follows: 0700 hours (PST) (nearest report to time of sighting of unconventional aircraft), 23 June 1949 - 6000 feet, 280° at 9 knots; 8000 feet, 280° at 9 knots; 10,000 feet, 300° at 10 knots; 12,000 feet, 320° at 11 knots; 14,000 feet, 310° at 12 knots; 16,000 feet, 340° at 20 knots; 18,000 feet, 350° at 25 knots; 20,000 feet, 350° at 30 knots.

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AT YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Will interview Mr. ROBERT G. ADAMS, CAA Station, Yakima, Wash., with regard to the unidentified objects observed by him at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on or about 1400 hours (PDT), 23 June 1949.

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DATE 17 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY
MERLE L. CLEVELAND, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington

PERIOD
30 Aug; 22, 23 Sept 1949

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DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington

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TITLE

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted by EDWARD GERARD
on 26 July 1949 at Bellingham,
Washington

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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REFERENCE
None - this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Commander, DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington. The object was stationary during the ten seconds it was sighted. It disappeared by decreasing in size. Investigation determined that there was a broken overcast at 7,000 feet and scattered and broken clouds at 3,500 feet. A ceiling light is turned on at the Bellingham Airport, Bellingham, Washington, by the CAA Station attendant to determine cloud formation. GERARD may have seen this light reflected off one of the scattered clouds. Only one known aircraft in the vicinity at the time of sighting. The planet, Jupiter, located at an altitude of 20 degrees above the horizon directly south from Bellingham, Washington, was shining intermittently with a yellowish-white to orange light.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, DO #20, McChord AFB, Washington, predicated upon receipt of information from 1st Lt. ROBERT L. KUNZMAN, AO-2027143, 318th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, to the effect that ED GERARD, 1299 Northwest Road, Bellingham, Washington, sighted an object which appeared as a burning aircraft at approximately 0010 hours, 26 July 1949. It was like an air foil, colored red-orange, and appeared to be stationary with elevation approximately 15 degrees from the observer, directly south. It was observed for approximately ten seconds, then disappeared by decreasing in size, elevation remaining the same. The object was also observed by GERARD's wife.

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent JOSEPH C. McDESHEN, CARTER O. COOPER, and the writer.

AT BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

3. On 30 August 1949, Mr. EDWARD GERARD was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH C. McDESHEN, at 1299 Northwest Road, Bellingham, Washington, and the following information was obtained: GERARD stated that on 26 July 1949 at approximately 0045 hours, Pacific Standard Time, he and his wife, LUELIA GERARD, were returning to their home by auto, traveling north on Northwest Road, approximately six miles north of Bellingham, Washington. GERARD made a 90 degree turn to his left from Northwest Road on to Smith Road, traveling about fifteen miles per hour. For no particular reason, he glanced to his left and noted an object which appeared to be a burning aircraft. Lowering the car window and continuing to watch the object as he drove, GERARD judged it to be the approximate size of the fuselage of a C-47 at the distance of six miles. The object appeared to be at an approximate angle of 15 degrees above the horizon, and was egg shaped when first sighted. He watched for approximately ten seconds and the shape changed to circular prior to its disappearance. He described the color as red-orange and a lighter shade of orange near the edges. The outline was sharp and not distorted. The object was stationary with no visible means of support. GERARD observed no smoke, odor or sound. He stated that the sky was overcast, but there was a 100 to 1 chance that a clear cut opening in the overcast may have revealed the object for the ten seconds it was visible. The moon was not visible at any time that evening prior to or after the sighting. GERARD was not able to determine the construction of the object or of what material or substance it was composed. The object faded from view by decreasing in size. GERARD's wife saw the object for approximately three seconds.

Special Agent MERLE L. CLEVELAND conducted the following investigation:

4. Mr. O. W. BLANTON, Acting Officer in Charge, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Bellingham Airport, Bellingham, Washington, was interviewed on 22 September 1949 at his office and securing the weather report for the 26th day of July 1949 noted the weather observance made at 0030 hours: "7,000 broken; 3,500 scattered; 15 miles visibility; pressure 14.9; temperature 56 degrees; and surface wind, south, 5 miles per hour". BLANTON further stated that a ceiling light is used to determine the altitude of the clouds. This stationary light is turned on twice each hour during darkness while the weather is actually being observed. The light is very powerful and the beam is projected straight up. The weather report indicated that spots were made on the lower clouds at

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the 0030 hours observance. BLANTON advised that sometimes these clouds give off a redish color during certain atmospheric conditions or there is smoke in the air. He stated that he did not have a record of the winds aloft, but said information could be obtained from the United States Weather Bureau, Seattle, Washington. He also checked the records of the Airways Communication Station and stated that no contact was made with aircraft in the vicinity between the hours of 0001 and 0100. All flight plans are filed with the Airways Communication Station and the aircraft normally contact the station when they are flying in the vicinity. This includes military and civilian type aircraft which are equipped with radios, excepting chartered commercial aircraft. BLANTON advised that there has been some local night flying by civilian aircraft located on the field; however, there would most certainly not be any at 0045 hours with weather conditions being such as they were. BLANTON further advised that Canadian aircraft are requested to contact the Bellingham Station upon entering the United States, and the records did not indicate any such contact.

5. Mr. M. L. BURGER, Station Agent, United Airlines, Bellingham, Washington, was interviewed at his office at the Bellingham Airport on 22 September 1949 and stated in substance: The station is closed during the night; however, one of their aircraft flies over the vicinity at approximately 0020 hours each night. The aircraft normally fly at 5,000 feet, weather permitting. He further stated that if all lights were turned on in the passenger compartment of the planes, they could not be seen from the ground. The exhaust flames may be seen from the ground if the plane was flying very low; however, he considered it doubtful.

6. Mr. GERARD was re-interviewed on 22 September 1949 at his home and questioned regarding the possibilities of the sighted object being a cloud passing through the beam or light being projected at the CAA Station at the Bellingham Airport, and he stated as follows: The object appeared, or seemed to be, over the Bellingham Airport and that he has observed ceiling lights at Boeing Airport, Seattle, Washington, on numerous occasions and noted their effect upon the clouds. He did not believe that the object he saw was a cloud, but admitted it could have been. He reasoned that the color was too bright and the sharp outline of the object was too clear. He considered the possibilities of the object being a brilliant star, the moon, or a flare, then frankly admitted that he could not identify the object as being anything he had ever seen before. He stated that he was very exhausted at the time he sighted the object and that he was not too alert or observant during the ten seconds the object was in sight.

AT EVERETT, WASHINGTON

7. Major WILLIAM R. FELLENBAUM, Commanding Officer, 25th Air Division, Everett, Washington was interviewed at his office on 22 September 1949, by the writer and he advised that the radar detachment maintains a log on unidentified objects that are picked up by the radar. This log was checked and revealed no information regarding objects that were sighted in the Bellingham area between 0001 and 0100 hours on 26 July 1949.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

8. Mr. L. J. SANDSEGRET, Map and Plotting Department, United States Weather Bureau, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed on 23 September 1949, at his office and he stated as follows: The Patoosh Island Station would be the nearest station to Bellingham, Washington, which records the winds aloft. SANDSEGRET secured the records and from them determined the following information recorded at the Patoosh Island Station at 0100 hours, 26 July 1949: "Winds at 2,000 feet, direction 270 degrees, 13 knots; 6,000 feet, 240 degrees, 4 knots; and 9,000 feet, 310 degrees, 9 knots". SANDSEGRET advised that no weather balloons are sent aloft from the Bellingham Station.

9. THEODOR S. JACOBSEN, Associate Professor of Astronomy, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed by Special Agent CARTER O. COOPER, at his office on the campus, 23 September 1949, and the following information was obtained. JACOBSEN states that at 0045 hours on 26 July 1949, the planet Jupiter was located at an altitude of 20 degrees and directly south of Bellingham, Washington. The planet at that time had a magnitude of "minus 2" which would make it 6.3 times brighter than Vega. The color of the planet was yellowish-white to orange, depending upon the atmospheric conditions. The professor stated the planet would come into view and then fade out at irregular intervals.

10. The following information is submitted relative to the observer:

Name: EDWARD F. GERARD

Postal Address: 1299 Northwest Road, Bellingham, Washington

Occupation: Storekeeper; partnership in retail grocery store with brother.

Place of Business: 1299 Northwest Road, Bellingham, Washington

Hobbies: Flying - Mr. GERARD is a light plane pilot and is familiar with airborne objects.

ABILITY TO DETERMINE: Mr. GERARD stated he holds a commission health certificate with the rating of Airman #2. He added that he was returning from work and that he was completely exhausted. To the writer, GERARD appeared to possess average intelligence, character and integrity.

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TITLE

AERIAL PHENOMENON

Sighting of Flying Discs on 28 Aug 49 near Hansville, Washington, by Mr and Mrs WILLIAM G. MALOTT and Mr and Mrs ROBERT CURRIE.

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)

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REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated on news item published in the Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington. Mr and Mrs WILLIAM G. MALOTT and Mr and Mrs ROBERT CURRIE, on 28 Aug 49, observed from the CURRIE home in Hansville, Washington, flying discs--three in all--which appeared to be approximately 10,000 feet altitude, flying horizontally. The objects appeared to be flat and made of aluminum or stainless steel, approximately 25 - 30 feet in diameter. They had no projections or moving parts, and no sounds emanated from them. The objects did not appear to be on any definite pattern or mission, and faded from view after being sighted for approximately one and one-half to two minutes. The four observers are considered reliable and trustworthy. None of them were wearing glasses at the time of their observation. Weather sequences indicate that the weather at the time of the observation, 1800-1830 hrs, 28 Aug 49, was clear, with visibility of at least 20 miles, no clouds and no change in weather; winds aloft were approximately 180°, 15 knots. No scheduled flights were reported in the area between 1800 and 1830 hrs, 28 Aug 49, and no testing devices were reported released in the vicinity by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units or other research organizations, except that a large weather balloon was released by the Sand Point Weather Station, Seattle, Washington, between 1800 and 1900 hrs, 28 Aug 49.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the Acting District Commander, DO #20, subsequent to publication of a news item in the Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington, on 29 Aug 49, which is quoted verbatim as follows:

"MALOTTS DECLARE THEY SAW DISCS

"'I had always doubted it, but now I know.'

"This was the comment of W. G. Malott, 104 No. Cedar St., after reporting that he and others had spotted flying discs soaring through the sky over Hansville on the peninsula.

"Malott said he and his wife and friends noticed the objects Sunday about 6 p.m. The couple was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currie.

"The discs were flying at approximately 10,000 feet, Malott said. He added that they were plainly visible."

AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON:

2. On 20 Sept 49, Mr. WILLIAM GEORGE MALOTT, 1604 North Cedar Street, Tacoma, Washington, was interviewed and stated in substance as follows: That on 28 Aug 49, he and his wife, JOSEPHINE MALOTT, were at the home of a friend, ROBERT CURRIE, Hansville, Kitsap County, Washington; that on that date, between 1800 and 1830 hours, they were sitting in the CURRIE home, looking out a large double window to the North, when they observed unidentified flying objects at approximately 10,000 feet altitude, about one or one and one-half miles to the North of their position, flying horizontally at approximately a 45° angle above the horizon; that he observed only one of these objects, which he saw at least three times, but his wife states she saw three of the objects; that the object was in his sight approximately one and one-half to two minutes. He further stated that the object appeared to be aluminum or stainless steel; that it was flat like a silver dollar, and a conservative estimate would be that the object was twenty-five to thirty feet across; that nothing was noted projecting from the object, such as fins, tail, wings, etc. When the object was first observed, it appeared to be turning and was on an angle, and finally disappeared to the North. The object seemed to be turning on a slope, with no apparent purpose in mind. A slight cloud of smoke seemed to appear as the turn was being negotiated. The smoke was in a streak approximately six inches wide and four or five feet long from his position; there was no odor; the smoke was not in spurts, and evaporated immediately.

3. MALOTT stated that there were no clouds in the sky; that the object was not luminous and had no lights, either attached or reflected; that the object did not seem to have any moving parts, such as propeller, rotating cylinder or

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cone, rotor, aerodynamic vanes, etc., and did not have visible exhaust, slots, duct openings, or jet openings. The object did not appear to be controlled or stabilized and did not seem to be on any definite pattern or mission. It appeared to be tossing around and turning quite slowly, and then faded from view. No motor or other sound was heard by MALOTT as coming from the flying object.

4. On 20 Sept 49, Mrs. JOSEPHINE MALOTT was interviewed and verified the statements made by her husband, with the exception that, in regard to the tactics and maneuvers of the three flying objects observed by her, they simply seemed to be fluttering in the breeze, going up and down, with no apparent course. She further stated that approximately a year ago she had observed what she now believes were flying discs near Yakima, Washington, but had never reported them inasmuch as she felt at that time that they were aircraft of some kind belonging to the United States. She did state, however, that on the occasion of subject incident she was certain that what she saw must have been flying discs.

5. Both Mr. and Mrs. MALOTT were very definite in their belief that they had actually seen some type of aerial phenomenon that was different than anything they knew of or had heard about in the United States.

6. Mr. MALOTT works for the Western Clinic, located in the Perkins Building, 11th and "A" Streets, Tacoma, Washington, as a first aid man. Mrs. MALOTT is a housewife. Mr. MALOTT's hobby is woodworking. Neither he nor his wife were wearing glasses at the interview and both stated that they never wear glasses except when reading.

7. Mr. MALOTT is described as being 67 years of age, height 5' 9½", weight 195 lbs, grey hair, grey-brown eyes, medium ruddy complexion, medium build, no scars.

8. On 10 July 1945, MALOTT applied for and received a special Police Commission to carry firearms while working as a guard at the Port of Tacoma. His fingerprint classification, made at that time by the Tacoma Police Department, is as follows: $\frac{9 \quad U \quad IO \quad 12}{17 \quad U \quad II}$

9. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. MALOTT have any police record of any type and their standing in the community is considered excellent. Their reliability is likewise considered excellent.

AT HANSVILLE, WASHINGTON:

10. Witnesses to the subject incident were Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT CURRIE, Star Route, Hansville, Washington. Hansville is a small town approximately two and one-half miles directly West of "Point No Point", Washington, and approximately twenty airline miles North Northwest of Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT CURRIE were interviewed on 5 Oct 49 and, in substance, corroborated the statements given by Mr. and Mrs. MALOTT as set forth above, the only exceptions

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being that both the CURRIE's stated they observed two small objects and one large object. The smaller objects seemed to be approximately twenty feet in diameter, while the larger object appeared to be thirty to thirty-five feet in diameter. Both stated the objects were travelling in a Southerly direction and seemed to be taking a straight course. The large one seemed to be circling somewhat, but, however, they seemed to be heading on a rather straight course toward the South.

11. Mr. CURRIE is an engineer by trade. His hobby is fishing. Neither he nor his wife wear glasses. Their reliability is considered excellent, and both seem to be extremely conscientious and trustworthy.

AT McCHORD AFB WASHINGTON:

12. On 21 Sept 49, teletype sequences of local weather conditions were received from M/Sgt EDWARD O. SMITH, AF-6835722, 10th Weather Squadron, 2101st AWG, McChord AFB, Washington, weather forecaster, as follows: Clear, visibility at least twenty miles, no clouds and no change in weather, between the hours of 1730 and 1830, 28 August 1949, Winds aloft between 1730 - 1830 hours (PST) were recorded as approximately 180°, 15 knots, on 28 Aug 49. SMITH further advised that between 1800 and 1900 hours, 28 Aug 49, the Sand Point Weather Station, Seattle, Washington, released a large weather balloon. No scheduled flights were reported in the area between the hours of 1800 and 1830 hours, 28 Aug 49, and no testing devices other than the aforementioned balloon were reported as being released in this vicinity by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army Weather Units or other research organizations.

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TITLE

AERIAL PHENOMENON
Sighting of flying disc
on 13 July 49, Pullman, Washington
by Mr. L. I. Sevdy, Dexter Clark,
Lloyd Hunsaker & P. A. Jennings

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY -- Unconventional Aircraft

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REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, DO #20, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, predicated upon a newspaper account of Flying Saucers allegedly sighted at Pullman, Washington. Four witnesses sighted three unknown objects described as being disc-shaped, on 13 July 1949, at Pullman, Washington. Four B-29's were known to be in or near the area at the time of the sighting. Positive identification of objects was not possible.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, 20th District OSI (IG) USAF, McChord AFB, Washington, predicated upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Spokesman Review, Spokane, Washington, dated 14 July 1949, entitled, "Flying Saucer over Pullman."

AT PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

2. The writer interviewed the following civilians on 5 August and 7 September 1949, regarding the sighting of unconventional aircraft:

Mr. LESTER I. SEVEY
Mr. DEXTER CLARK
Mr. LLOYD HUNSAKER
Mr. P. A. JENNINGS

All of the above-named furnished substantially the same information which is set forth hereinbelow.

3. The date of sighting was 13 July 1949 at approximately 1430 to 1500 hours, Pacific Standard Time. The observers were at the Union Pacific railroad yards; two were working on the railroad tracks and two were loading coal from a bin into a truck. Three objects were sighted, flying in formation, echelon to the left. At the time of sighting, the objects were estimated to be ten miles northwest of Pullman at an unknown elevation. None of the observers would venture to make an estimate as to altitude but stated that it was about the same height as the average airliner. The objects were sighted at an indicated 45° angle above the horizon, and two of the objects passed directly overhead. The objects were estimated to be in sight from five to eight minutes. The objects were circular-shaped discs, being approximately six feet through the center or middle section and ten feet in diameter. They were black on the top and silver colored on the bottom. The material or substance of construction was unknown. They were flying toward the southeast. The object oscillated in flight, creating a blinking effect as the silver and black surfaces came into view. The arc or swing of the objects was very mechanical and regular and covered approximately 60°. When the objects were approximately five miles from the observers, the trailing object made a 90° turn to the left and disappeared from view northeast of Pullman. The two remaining objects continued in a straight line of flight until they were directly overhead, and then they executed a 90° turn to the left and continued a straight line of flight to the northeast. There was no evidence of smoke or vapor trails nor any type of exhaust. No sound was audible. The weather was hot and humid, with a few scattered clouds, and the observers did not recall seeing the object pass through or near any clouds. The speed was constant and estimated as about the same as a commercial airliner. There was no evidence of propulsion other than the oscillating effect and no evidence of control surfaces were noted. The objects continued in flight until they disappeared from view. The observers did not know what the objects were.

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a. Mr. LESTER I. SEVDY, General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer at the Duthies Seed Company, Pullman, Wn. He has no pertinent hobbies. SEVDY is approximately 55 years old and apparently not well educated. He displayed excitement in describing the objects and appeared eager for any publicity he may obtain from his account of the objects. SEVDY's attention was drawn to the objects by HUNSAKER who saw the objects first.

b. Mr. DEXTER CLARK, General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer at the Duthies Seed Company. He admitted that his sight was impaired and that he did not have his glasses on at the time the objects were in view. CLARK, incoherent and poorly educated, was unable to give any pertinent details regarding the objects.

c. Mr. P. A. JENNINGS, General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Co., at Pullman, Wn., as a laborer on the section crew. He is approximately 35 years old, apparently has a high school education, and appeared to be very observing. He was sincere regarding the information he furnished. He was not able to determine the speed, altitude, or size of the object but furnished what he considered a rough estimate. When he did not know the answers to certain questions, he frankly admitted he did not know.

d. Mr. LLOYD HUNSAKER, 90 -- 9th St., Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer on the section crew by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Pullman, Wn. He is approximately 55 years old and has poor eyesight. He was the first to sight the objects. He was unable to determine their size or shape, but his attention was drawn to the objects by the blinking effect in the sky, and then he asked the others what it was.

AT BOISE, WASHINGTON

4. Major JOSEPH A. VIGER, Base Weather Officer, Spokane AFB, furnished the following weather sequence from the files governing the Pullman, Wn., area on 13 July 1949: "Scattered clouds at 1500 feet; visibility, 30 miles; temperature, 97°; and wind from the north at 6 miles per hour." VIGER further advised that it could have been clear over Pullman at 1400 hours as the clouds were very scattered.

5. 1st Lt MILBURN D. JACKSON, Base Operations, Spokane AFB, was interviewed and advised that on 13 July 1949 one flight of four B-29's departed Spokane AFB at 1310 enroute to San Francisco, California, and they may have been sighted from Pullman, Washington.

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighting of Unidentifiable Aerial Objects at Portland, Oregon, by Mr. and Mrs. HUGH M. MARQUIS
23 June 1949

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by the Acting District Commander. Investigation determined that the objects had no color, no exhaust trail, no sound, and were traveling at approximately the same level as the lower clouds in a southeasterly direction at a speed estimated by the observers to have been approximately 75 miles per hour. The observers' position at the time of sighting was 45° 30' 16" North Latitude and 122° 33' 26" West Longitude. Weather Maps and Sequence Charts of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Portland Airport, Portland, Oregon, disclosed that at 2000 hours (PST), 23 June 1949, there were scattered clouds at 5000 feet; visibility up to 25 miles; and winds blowing from the NNW at 12 miles per hour.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by the Acting District Commander after having been advised that Mr. and Mrs. HUGH M. MARQUIS, 2240 S. E. 59th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, had observed unidentifiable aerial objects in the southeast section of Portland, Oregon, on 23 June 1949.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

2. On 28 June 1949, Mr. HUGH M. MARQUIS, 2240 S. E. 59th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed in this office and advised that on 23 June 1949 at about 2100 hours (PDT), as he was driving his car west on Division Street and near S. E. 102d Avenue, accompanied by his wife and children, he noticed a flash of light in the sky due west of him over Portland. Upon closer observation, he noticed an undeterminable number of objects in a formation similar to a flight of geese. He advised that the objects were traveling horizontally in a southerly direction at an estimated 15° angle above the horizon at the same altitude as the lower clouds, which he estimated at 2000 feet. He stopped his car and observed these objects for a period of three or four minutes. During his observation, he noticed that the objects were of no apparent color, appeared to change shape as they moved, and the entire group was about the size of an object 2½ inches in diameter held at arm's length. They maintained a straight course with no apparent maneuverability nor exhaust trail. They passed behind or through a small cloud and reappeared on the other side. The only light observed was the initial flash, which he believed to be the reflection of the sun upon the objects. There were no visible means of support or motivation. Mr. MARQUIS estimated their speed at approximately 75 or 80 miles per hour. He could hear no sound relative to the objects; however, the motor of his car was running. The objects disappeared from view behind a hill. They were first sighted through the windshield of the car, but after stopping, he observed them through the open window of the left door. The observers' position at the time of sighting was 45° 30' 16" North Latitude and 122° 33' 26" West Longitude.

3. On 25 August 1949, Mrs. HUGH M. MARQUIS, 2240 S. E. 59th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed at her home and advised that on 23 June 1949, at about 2100 hours (PDT), she was riding with her husband in their car with their children. They were traveling west on S. E. Division Street when her husband called her attention to some strange objects in the sky directly ahead of them. Mr. MARQUIS pulled over to the side of the street and stopped near 102d S. E. Division Street. She further advised that this phenomenon appeared to be a solid mass rather than a group of distinct objects. The object was traveling horizontally in a southeasterly direction at an estimated 30° angle above the horizon; about the same altitude as the lower clouds. She observed this object for three or four minutes. The object was of no distinguishable color, had no apparent shape (more like a wisp of clouds), and was about the size of an ordinary blimp. It maintained a straight course with no apparent maneuverability, and it left no exhaust trail. There was no visible effect on the clouds, no lights, no support or propulsion, and no visible appendages

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or air ducts. She estimated it's speed at about 75 miles per hour and heard no sound. This object disappeared behind a hill to her left.

4. Mr. MARQUIS is employed as a planning engineer by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, Portland, Oregon. Neither he nor his wife have any distinctive hobbies, and neither wears glasses. Both seem to be intelligent and respectable. They do not appear to be the type of persons that would report an incident such as this solely for the sake of gaining noteriety. Mrs. MARQUIS is a housewife.

5. No other persons reported seeing these objects.

6. On 1 September 1949, check made of the Weather Maps and Sequence Charts of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Portland Airport, Portland, Oregon, for weather in Portland and vicinity, developed that at 2000 hours (PST), 23 June 1949, there were scattered clouds at 5000 feet; visibility up to 25 miles; and winds blowing from the NNW at 12 miles per hour. Personnel of the Weather Bureau advised that no weather balloons were in the air at the time these objects were sighted.

7. On 26 September 1949, personnel at the Portland Airport advised that although there were both military and commercial aircraft in flight at the time these objects were sighted, none were flying in formation.

8. On 26 September 1949, Mr. N. C. SMALE, 831 North Watts Street, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed. He is a member of the Portland Amateur Telescope Makers and Observers. When questioned concerning celestial phenomena, he advised that no celestial phenomena or planet in the vicinity of Portland could have been associated with the incident covered in this report.

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