PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 April 49 03/1950Z	LOCATION Dillon, Montana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Four observers sighted what appeare d to be a flying disk. The object was of a metallic color and it appeared to be rocking or rotating in a semi-circular motion. The object left no exhaust or sound. The object was said to have traveled so fast that it s emed to blur.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Various	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 100-0	DATE 28 April 1949
REPORT MADE BY FRANK E. SEIGAL, SA	
REPORT MADE AT DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana	
PERIOD 3 April-28 April 1949	
OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #15, Great Falls AFB, Montana	
STATUS CLOSED	

TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
"Flying Discs"
Dillon, Montana
3 April 1949

CHARACTER

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None; this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

On 6 April 1949, this office received a memorandum from a reliable government agency concerning the alleged sighting of so-called "Flying Discs". Interviews of persons reporting alleged sighting of these objects indicated that they were alleged to have seen a so-called "Flying Disc" in the vicinity of Dillon, Montana, at approximately 1150 hours, 3 April 1949, the object allegedly appearing at an altitude of approximately three to five thousand feet over the northern part of the City of Dillon, maneuvering about in several directions for several minutes and then rapidly disappearing over and beyond the mountains east of Dillon. The object was alleged to have been observed by four persons, whose accounts of its size, appearance and movements largely corroborated each other. The reliability of the observers was regarded by responsible citizens of the community to be beyond a question of doubt.

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HQ, OSI (2 Incls)	2	JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN Captain, USAF	
File	1	DISTRICT COMMANDER	

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28 April 1949

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject, "Flying Discs", Dillon, Montana, 3 April 1949

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

1. Reference is made to the Report of Special Agent Frank E. Seigal, of this office, dated 26 April 1949, based upon information received from a reliable government agency by this office on 7 April 1949.

2. Attached for your information are two copies of report of Special Agent Frank E. Seigal, of this office, dated 26 April 1949.

3. Particular attention is drawn to the fact that the direction of travel of the unconventional aircraft conforms with the radio beams in the Dillon range as indicated on the inclosed sectional map inclosed with the attached report.

4. This report of investigation is submitted in this form inasmuch as AF Form 112 is not available at this Air Force Base.

5. This investigation is closed by this office as all logical leads have been investigated.

1 Incl.
Rpt of SA Frank E.Seigal
(in dup)

JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN
Captain, USAF
District Commander

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

The object did not show evidence of exhaust, smoke, odor or sound. The visibility at the time of the alleged appearance of the object was approximately forty miles. The sky was clear. The object did not appear to have any protruding fins, stabilizers, slots or duct openings. The object was alleged to have travelled at a speed faster than 1000 miles per hour or so fast, the observers said the object seemed to blur.

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Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 3 April 1949, Mr. [redacted], who owns and operates a construction company at Dillon, Montana, reported sighting an object commonly known as a "Flying Disc" at approximately 1150 hours, 3 April 1949. Mr. [redacted] at the time of the alleged appearance of the object, was standing in the yard of his construction company located approximately one mile southeast of Dillon, Montana, facing North and at approximately 1150 hours, 3 April 1949, saw what appeared to be a "Flying Disc" at an altitude of approximately three to five thousand feet over the northern part of the city of Dillon Montana, and approximately four miles north of Mr. [redacted]. The object appeared to be approximately twenty feet in diameter and four to five feet in depth through the center. The object at the time of sighting appeared to be rocking or rotating in a semi-circular motion. It appeared to be constructed of metal such as aluminum and was bright on the upper side and reflected sunlight. The lower side appeared to be either blue-gray or greenish-gray, which did not reflect light. The shape of the object was that of a plate or disc placed upon another inverted plate or disc. The edges of the disc were believed to be exceedingly thin with considerable thickness in the middle.

The object, after rocking from side to side for at least six completed arcs, proceeded in an easterly direction and descended rapidly from the height at which it was first observed down to an altitude of approximately 700 or 1000 feet at which it again started the rocking motion. After rocking a few times and reflecting light each time, the upper side came into view. It had then moved rapidly in a southwesterly direction to a position approximately 1000 feet in altitude and two miles west of Dillon, Montana, at which time it again started the rocking motion. After rocking a few times, it proceeded rapidly to a position above the airport of Dillon, Montana, at approximately a 1000 feet altitude and twelve miles northeast of Dillon, Montana. The object again rocked a few times and rapidly disappeared over and beyond the mountains east of Dillon, Montana.

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1. Date of Observation 3 April 49 Date of Interview _____

2. Exact Time (local) ~~1130~~

3. Place of Observation ½ mile S.E. Dillon Montana

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object.

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 15 - 25 dia 4 to 5 feet in depth.

8. Color of object Bright on upper side, lowerside blue grey or greenish grey.

9. Shape Disc as two plates glued together.

10. Altitude 3,000 to 5,000 feet.

11. Direction from observer North.

12. Distance from observer 4 Miles.

13. Direction of flight of object(s) easternly then southwesternly then east.

14. Time in sight

15. Speed 1000 MPH

16. Sound and odor

17. Trail

18. Luminosity

19. Projections Descending to 700 or 1000'

20. Maneuvers

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds Appeared to be rocking or rotating in a semi circular motion.

23. Additional Information Concerning Objects Visibility.

24. Weather Conditions.

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ATTENTION: PROJECT "UDCF".

HAS AMC RECEIVED INVESTIGATION REPORT FROM GREAT FALLS AFB, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, DTD 28 APRIL 1949, SUBJECT: "UNKNOWN SUBJECT 'FLYING DISCS'. DILLION, MONTANA, 3 APRIL 1949".

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Q-506	TT-258, CGAF Items ?		DATE

DATED 5/12

FROM: AXT-4

NO. INCLS.

TO: AXS

RECORDING DESK AXT-5

DATE RECEIVED 5/12 HOUR 1100

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY INITIALS	DATE
1 MCIAXS	18 May	RWT	
2	Answered		
3			

DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10-2
(20 NOV. 47)

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WINDS ALOFT OVER GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, 3 APRIL 1949

At 12000 feet over Montana on the above date, winds varied from Northwest to West Northwest, 20 to 25 knots and became stronger at 1700 hours.

At 0900 hours on the above date, winds aloft were as follows:

ALTITUDE	COMPASS BEARING	VELOCITY
5000 feet	240 degrees	24 knots
7000 feet	250 degrees	19 knots
10000 feet	240 degrees	16 knots
12000 feet	290 degrees	15 knots
14000 feet	310 degrees	17 knots

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FORM FOR TELECONFERENCE

DATE: 13 May

AMC _____ : [redacted] .
(Security Classification)

FROM Robert Hredge (Engineer's Name or Symbol) TO _____ (Name or Symbol).

MESSAGE:

Reference CSAF TT258 Item 2

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS:

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions in Dillon area.

2. Report of winds aloft.

3. Regional map of Bitterroot Range (268)

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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

ROGER A. STEVENSON
MAJOR USAF

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DETAILS:

1. On 6 April 1949, this office received a memorandum from a reliable government agency concerning information pertaining to the alleged sighting of an unconventional aircraft, so-called "Flying Discs". This office conducted interviews of persons that were alleged to have observed the object and inasmuch as AF Forms 112 are not available at this Air Force Base, the following report is submitted:

AT DILLON, MONTANA:

2. On 3 April 1949, Mr. [redacted], who owns and operates a construction company at Dillon, Montana, reported sighting an object commonly known as a "Flying Disc" at approximately 1150 hours, 3 April 1949. Mr. [redacted] at the time of the alleged appearance of the object, was standing in the yard of his construction company located approximately one mile southeast of Dillon, Montana, facing north and at approximately 1150 hours, 3 April 1949, saw what appeared to be a "Flying Disc" at an altitude of approximately three to five thousand feet over the northern part of the City of Dillon, Montana, and approximately four miles north of Mr. [redacted] The object appeared to be approximately twenty feet in diameter and four to five feet in depth through the center. The object at the time of sighting appeared to be rocking or rotating in a semi-circular motion. It appeared to be constructed of metal such as aluminum and was bright on the upper side and reflected sunlight. The lower side appeared to be either blue-gray or greenish-gray, which did not reflect light. The shape of the object was that of a plate or disc placed upon another inverted plate or disc. The edges of the disc were believed to be exceedingly thin with considerable thickness in the middle.

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5. Information relative to the observer is as follows:

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NAME OF OBSERVER	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	HOBBIES OF OBSERVER
[redacted]	[redacted], Dillon, Montana	Owner and operator of [redacted] Construction Company, [redacted]	Commercial pilot and aviation engineer in which he has been engaged for approximately five years.

The observer appeared to be of healthy appearance with the ability to determine color, speed and size. The bankers, police department and the Sheriff's office of Beaverhead County were interviewed concerning the reliability of the observer and they said that it was beyond reproach and beyond a question of doubt.

6. Information relative to witnesses:

WITNESS	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
[redacted]	[redacted] Dillon, Montana	Oil station attendant and local distributor of gas and oils in Dillon, Montana.
[redacted]	[redacted] Dillon, Montana	Employee of Miller Construction Company
[redacted]	[redacted] Dillon, Montana	Owner and operator of trucking company in Dillon, Montana.

The above named witnesses whose reliability was considered beyond question, stated the same as Mr. [redacted] except that there was a variation of fifteen to twenty-five feet in diameter.

7. Contact was made with the local facilities and organizations which follow celestial phenomena and revealed that no unusual phenomena existed. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions in Dillon and surrounding area were obtained and are attached hereto. A report of winds aloft in the area of Dillon and vicinity was also obtained and is attached hereto.

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO:

1. Teletype sequence of local weather conditions in Dillon area
2. Report of winds aloft
3. Sectional map of Yellowstone Park (W-3)

FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS, USAF, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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