PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>8 April 49 08/2200Z | 2. LOCATION<br>Los Angeles, California 342 |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION<br>[redacted]<br>Aircraft |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>ONE | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>30 seconds | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Observer sighted what appeared to be an aluminum-colored, round, flat disc. It was thick in the center tapering to thin edges. It was seen in the East moving to the NW faster than a jet. It left a very thin dark trail which dissipated immediately. The object reflected the sun's rays and it appeared to have many projections from it. It followed a straight course and it seemed to be rotating. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE<br>NW | |
| 8. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | |

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-15

DATE 1 June 1949

REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. SCHELLHOUS LM

REPORT MADE AT DO #18

PERIOD 25 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #18

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE

FLYING DISCS

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Ltr, Headquarters, OSI, dated 20 May 1949, File 24-185.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was requested by Headquarters, OSI. Three witnesses were interviewed; Mr. [redacted], Mr. [redacted]ON and Mr. [redacted]R. All agreed that they had seen an object which resembled a disc, flying a northwest course at a high altitude over Glendale, California, on 8 April 1949, at approximately 1400 hours. Visibility was excellent and the skies were cloudless. No military or civilian aircraft were scheduled in the vicinity and military units and civilian research organizations reported that no aerial testing devices had been released at the time that the aerial object, described as a disc, was observed.

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Incident 342

Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted], Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. [redacted], Los Angeles, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

City employee
Park "
Laborer

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

1. Considered highly reliable, above average intelligence
2. Considered reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mr. [redacted] a colored tractor driver employed by the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department was interviewed on 25 May 1949. Information provided by [redacted] agreed in almost all respects with that given by [redacted]ever, was seated on a bench next to a small tool shed and was approximately one-half mile north of the position occupied by [redacted] when he witnessed the flight of the object described as a "flying disc." [redacted] declared that he saw no trail from the object whatsoever, and to him the object appeared to be rotating in a counter clockwise direction. Color, size, shape, altitude, direction and length of time of observance all agreed with the statements given by [redacted]. [redacted] has been employed by the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department for about two and a half years since his discharge from the Army and is considered to be a reliable employee. His vision is unimpaired and he made his observations with the naked eye. [redacted] has a limited education, but he was very sincere in his manner while telling of the object.

Mr. [redacted], Mexican laborer, [redacted], Watts, Calif. also an employee of the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Dept. was interviewed on 25 May 1949 regarding his observance of the object described as a "flying disc." [redacted] whose position was near that of [redacted] became aware of the object when he saw [redacted] looking up and followed [redacted] gaze to the object. [redacted] story agreed with the others in regard to altitude, direction, size, shape and speed, but [redacted] stated that the object appeared to him to be turning over and over, in the same manner that a coin would which had been flipped into the air. He also denied seeing any projections of any sort on the surface of the object. [redacted] is a laborer who has had no formal education. He has been employed by the City of Los Angeles for a long period of time, and is considered to be a steady, dependable employee. His observations were made with the naked eye.

INCIDENT NO. 342

1. Date of Observation 8 April 1949 Date of Interview 25 May 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1400

3. Place of Observation Los Angeles, Calif. 34° - 08' North 118° 19' West

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object Watching Plane in Sky

6. Number of objects one

7. Apparent size 1/2 of 10 cent piece at arms length

8. Color of object Aluminum (object glistened and shimmered in sun rays

9. Shape Round flat (Disc). thick in center tapering to thin edge

10. Altitude 70-75° Elevation

11. Direction from observer East

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) NW

14. Time in sight 30 seconds

15. Speed Faster than jet (covered 160° in 35 seconds)

16. Sound and odor none

17. Trail Very thin dark trail which dissipated immediately

18. Luminosity [redacted] saw no trail reflected suns rays

19. Projections Appeared to have between 1/4 vertical projections on upper side of disc No projections seen by [redacted]

20. Maneuvers Straight course

21. Manner of disappearance passed over hill

22. Effect on Clouds no clouds

23. Additional information concerning object To [redacted] object appeared to be rotating

24. Weather Conditions Clear, visibility unlimited

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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation was requested by Headquarters, OSI, by letter dated 20 May 1949, in which it was stated that certain Department of Recreation employees had reported seeing an object which resembled a disc in the sky.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2. Mr. [redacted], interviewed on 25 May 1949, provided the following information regarding his observance of what was believed to have been the "flying discs":

a. Date of observance: 8 April 1949

b. Exact local time: Unknown; approximate time: 1400 hours.

c. Place of observation: North latitude 34° 08' West longitude 118° 19'

d. Position of observer: Standing on a hillside to the west of Griffith Park Drive as it winds through Griffith Park. There are hills that rise about 150 feet on both sides of the road limiting horizontal visibility in any direction.

e. [redacted] eyes were attracted skyward by a small civilian aircraft (presumably a Piper Cub from nearby Grand Central Airport) which was diving low over the park.

f. High above the aircraft which first arrested DE JARNETT's attention, he observed a round flat metallic object heading into the northwest.

g. The object seemed to be flying at a great height and appeared to be about half the size of a 10¢ coin when it is held at arm's length.

h. Its color was that of unpainted aluminum and it glistened and shimmered in the rays of the sun.

i. Shape of object was round and flat; thick in the center and tapering to a thin edge at the circumference, like a convex lens in a magnifying glass.

j. When observed, the object was very high in the sky, estimated at about 70° to 75° above the horizon.

k. It was first seen in the East and was observed as it traveled into the northwest.

l. Direction was a straight northwest course.

m. Time in sight was approximately thirty seconds.



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| R - 250 | Ltr Flying Disc | CONF.. | DATE |

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TO: IAIS

R-250

DATED 6/1/49
NO. INCLS. 1

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DATE RECORDED: 6/6/49
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n. Speed was estimated as slightly faster than that of a jet plane and it covered a 160° arc in approximately 35 seconds.

o. Sound and odor: none noted.

p. Distance from observer: Seemed to be flying a course which would be dirsctly over the town of Glendale, California. Its course would be on an approximate line from San Diego to San Francisco.

q. Trail: It seemed to leave a very thin dark trail which dissipated almost immediately.

r. Luminosity: Bright metallic color, reflecting sun's rays; gave off no light of its own.

s. Projections: Seemed to have between one and four vertical tube-like projections on the upper side of the disc.

t. Maneuvers: None; it flew a straight course.

u. Manner of disappearance: Lost to view over northwest rim of valley in which observer was standing.

v. Effect on clouds: No clouds. Day was clear and sky was cloudless.

w. Additional information concerning object: The manner in which the object glittered lead the observer to believe that it was rotating, although the direction of rotation was not clear.

x. The day was bright and visibility in all directions was especially good. The sky was clear of clouds and haze.

Mr. [redacted] normally wears glasses but stated he was not wearing them at the time he observed this object. He has been employed by the City of Los Angeles for over eight years and is considered to be highly reliable. He apparently possesses above-average intelligence and seemed earnest and sincere regarding his observations.

3. Mr. [redacted], a colored tractor driver employed by the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department was interviewed on 25 May 1949. Information provided by [redacted] agreed in almost all respects with that given by [redacted] however, was seated on a bench next to a small tool shed and was approximately one-half mile north of the position occupied [redacted] when he witnessed the flight of the object described as a "flying disc." [redacted] declared that he saw no trail from the object whatsoever, and to him the object appeared to be rotating in a counter clockwise direction. Color, size, shape, altitude, direction and length of time of observance all agreed with the statements given by [redacted] has been employed by the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation Department for

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5. General information: Weather information of 8 April 1949 revealed that skies were cloudless and visibility unlimited; winds aloft at 10,000 feet were southeast at 25 knots. A check of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in the vicinity, failed to indicate that any aircraft had been flying northwest over Glendale, at or near 1400 hours on 8 April 1949. Checks with local military units, with the California Institute of Technology and the University of Southern California, failed to reveal the operation or release of any testing device in the area.

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