

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Aug 49 29/0200Z	2. LOCATION Hansville, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2-2 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers sighted three objects over a thirty minute period. They appeared to be flat and made of very shiny metal. They had no projections and made no sound.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	The WX station in Seattle released a large WX balloon at the approximate time of the sighting.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-42	DATE 14 Oct 49
TITLE AERIAL PHENOMENON Sighting of Flying Discs on 28 Aug 49 near Hansville, Washington, by Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] and Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY J. E. KUTTLER	/rs
		REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB	
		PERIOD 20, 21 Sept; 3 Oct 49	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #20, McChord AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 Investigation predicated on news item published in the Tacoma News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington. Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] and Mr and Mrs [REDACTED], on 28 Aug 49, observed from the [REDACTED] 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. UNCLASSIFIED CLOSED <i>Balloon</i>			
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		OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS 5TH DISTRICT	
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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:

~~REDACTED~~ DECLARE THEY SAW DISCS

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

"This was the comment of ~~REDACTED~~, after reporting that he and others had spotted flying discs soaring through the sky over Hansville on the peninsula.

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

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

AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON:

2. On 20 Sept 49, Mr. ~~REDACTED~~, Tacoma, Washington, was interviewed and stated in substance as follows: That on 28 Aug 49, he and his wife, ~~REDACTED~~, were at the home of a friend, ~~REDACTED~~ Hansville, Kitsap County, Washington; that on that date, between 1800 and 1830 hours, they were sitting in the ~~REDACTED~~ 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. ~~REDACTED~~ 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 [REDACTED] as coming from the flying object.

4. On 20 Sept 49, Mrs. [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] works for the [REDACTED], located in the [REDACTED] ing, [REDACTED] Tacoma, Washington, as a first aid man. Mrs. [REDACTED] is a housewife. Mr. [REDACTED]'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. [REDACTED] is described as being 67 years of age, height 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 195 lbs, grey hair, grey-brown eyes, medium ruddy complexion, medium build, no scars.

8. On 10 July 1945, [REDACTED] 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: [REDACTED]

9. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], 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. [REDACTED] were interviewed on 3 Oct 49 and, in substance, corroborated the statements given by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] as set forth above, the only exceptions

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being that both the ~~XXXXXX~~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. ~~XXXXXX~~ 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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