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Office Mem. Andum • UNITED S. DES GOVERNMENT D. H. Ladd 🕻 DATE: July 11, 1947 SUBJECT: SAC namnister of the Butte Office called at noon today and stated that a Idaho, at 2:45 a.m. Mountain Time today heard a noise in the back of h her home. She thought a collision had occurred and investigated and found in the back yard of the home next door an object described as follows: A disc 302" in diameter, circular in shape, it is dished like a saucer and actually there is a saucer within a saucer in the manner of cymbals. On one surface there is attached a plastic dome described as about 14" in diameter and affixed by 8 bolts in a rather rough manner. The bolts can best be described as similar to stove bolts. On the other surface is another dome of metal waich is gold in color on one side and on the inside is silver in color, which looks like tin. Through the plastic dome can be observed three tubes similar to radio tubes and there is some wiring. The disc generally is 10" thick and at the point where the domes are located about 14" in thickness. There is an object on it similar to electric coil which has some type of an arm on it and bears the words "Inspected TS". Some of the wiring has been burned off and it looks as though something might be missing. stated that if this were the work of some prankster he went to quite a bit of trouble. He stated the press is aware of this incident. He stated that the disc had been picked up and was now at the Police Department, Twin Falls, Idaho. He was instructed to notify the local Army authorities of the existence of this disc. HBF: PES CX-65

July 10, 1947

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Your letter dated July 6, 1947, has been received and I do want to thank you for making this information, available to me. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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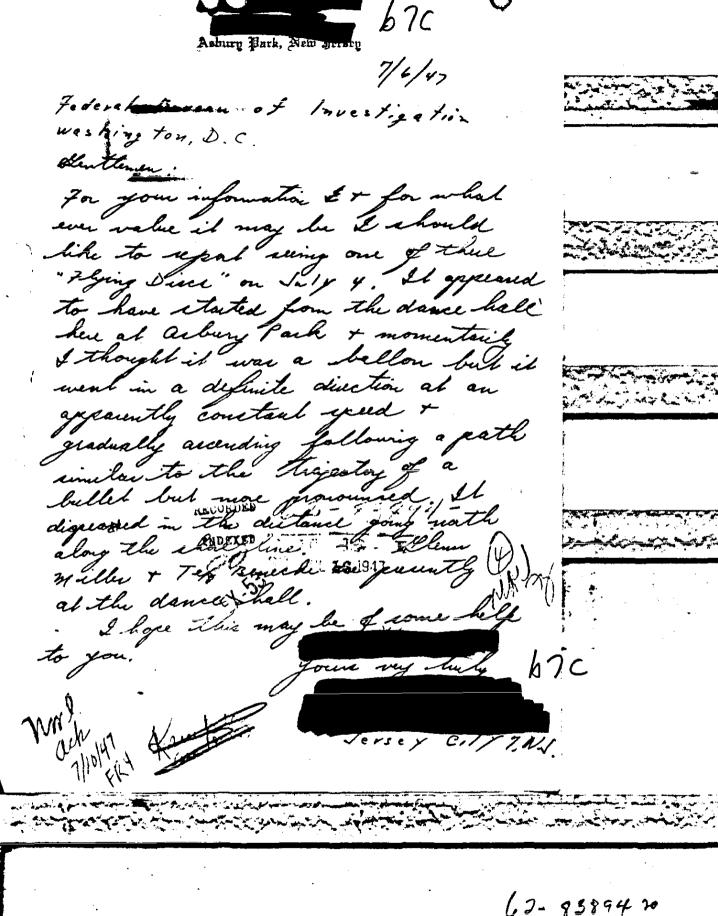
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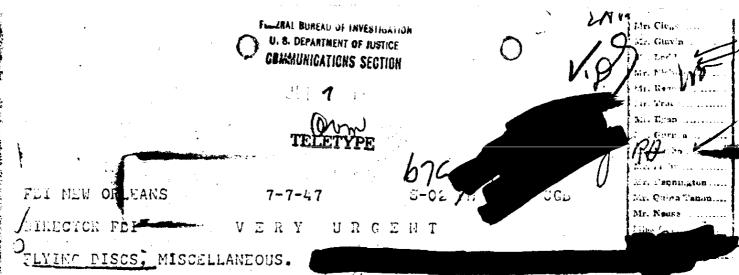
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FLYING DISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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OTHERS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK STORY OF LOCATION OF DISC TODAY.

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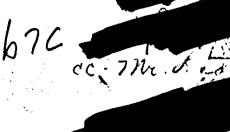
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Reference is made to memorandum to you dated July 11, in the above-captioned matter.

At 11:55 P.M., July 11, I took a phone call from of the Laurel, Maryland, Police Department. Sergeant said that he had examined the "flying disc." He said that it had been made from a Gulf Oil sign and the top of a garbage can and had been painted with aluminum paint. It had been recently painted because the paint was still wet. Attached to it were a dry cell battery, a flashlight bulb, some wires and a buzzer. He asked if the Bureau was sending anyone out to look at it. I told him that we were not, that we had referred the matter to the Army, and suggested that he call them.

I subsequently telephoned Captain the Duty
Officer at G-2, and passed on to him the information furnished by
Sergeant Lonis.

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the disc without FBI approval.

July 11, 1947 DATE:

D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office called to advise he had just received a telephone call from Colonel Officer with the Civilian Air Patrol, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. reported that at 3:30 p.m., July 10, one at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, had found a large 17" disc which appeared to have been possibly made out of cardboard painted with silver airplane dope. In the center was a tube and a small motor with a propellor attached to the side. Colonel expressed the opinion that this disc would not be able to fly by itself. He advised it would be taken to the Air Corps Headquarters. advised, however, that and did not want to release

I instructed Mr. Johnson to advise the Air Corps officer to get in touch with Colonel and tell him he saw no reason for the Bureau to attempt to secure the release of the material since it was not in our custody and we had no control. He stated the press was also calling concerning this matter. I instructed him to make no comment to the press.

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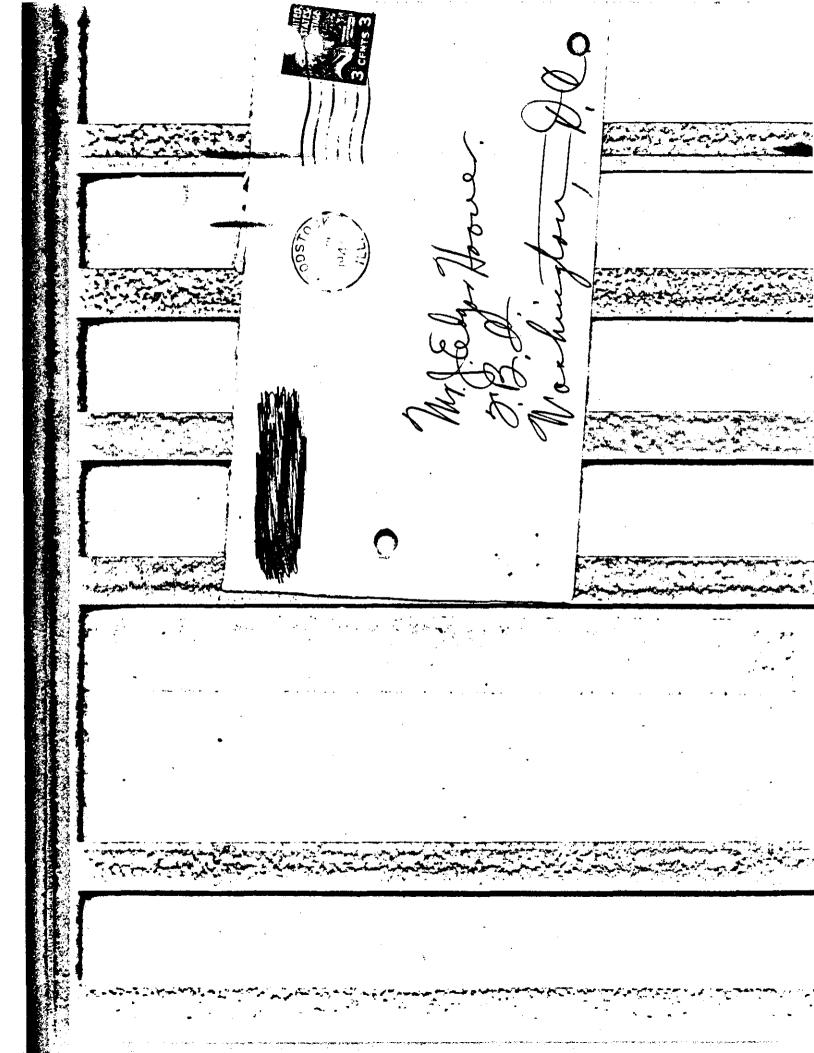
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Office Men. andum · UNITED TES GOVERNMENT DATE: July 11, 1947 SUBJECT: Flying Disc At 10:45 PM on the evening of July 11, 1947, Clerk of the Washington Field Office called and stated that at the instruction Mr. Hennrich he wanted to pass on to the Bureau information he had just re-a difficult time even getting his name out, and no further detail could be obtained from him. At 10:50 PM I passed the above information on to duty offic b 7c at G-2 who indicated he had also received the same data from another source, and would pass our information along to appropriate army quarters. of the AP called at about 10:55 PM and asked whether the Bureau had received any report on a "flying disc" in Laurel Maryland. After 67C checking with Mr. Nichols I told him we had received such a report and had passed it on to army authorities. TNDEXED 35 JUL 16 1947 KCH: H

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## Office Menorandum • United offices government

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 8, 1947

FROM

AC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT:

FLYING DISCS OR SAUCERS

TELEPHONE CALL FROM 1R. FLETCHER AT THE BUREAU AT 8:30 AM, 7/7/47

ATTENTION:

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Attached are newspaper clippings from the Kilwaukee Sentinel and Milwaukee Journal of July 7, 1947.

For the Bureau's information, United Press and Associated Press telephoned me at my residence about three or four times between 1:00 A.M. and 2:30 A.M., July 7, 1947. The United Press representative informed me that Father JOSEPH BRASKY had stated on interview by a bilwaukee Sentinel reporter, one BILL WEEKS, (Phonetic) that he, Father BRASKY, was going to call the FBI concerning the contraption, which apparently was identical with one of the flying discs recently publicized throughout the country. The United Press representative desired to know if we had any statement to make on the matter. I informed him that I had no official comment, other than "No Comment."

Since I have contacted the United Press representative on various occasions, I asked him what the actual details were, and he stated he did not know except that the interview of the priest reflected that a circular saw had been found with some devices attached to it.

The Associated Press called me shortly after the United Press representative did, and on being advised that I had no comment to make concerning the story, I asked the Associated Press representative what the actual facts were, and he informed me that as far as the Associated Press was concerned, the facts were that a circular saw had been found and a story had been obtained from a priest who had been drinking quite heavily. The Associated Press representative informed me that apparently the United Press desired to get a statement from me denying or affirming that the FBI was investigating the matter. I informed the Associated Press representative that apparently someone was suffering under a misinterpretation of any comment I had made, and possibly some reporter was in an embarrassing position if a story had gone out over the wire services.

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I then tolephoned the United Press representative, who apparently in the meantime had been called by the Associated Press in an effort to straighten out the United Press. No reference was made to the FDI in the Milwaukee Sentinel article appearing July 7, 1947, but the Milwaukee Journal article, which is attached, referred to an alleged statement by Father BRASKY that he attempted to get in touch with an FBI Agent whom he knows. Father BRASKY has never contacted the Milwaukee FBI Office or any Agent concerning his find. In my opinion, this is just another heax story, since a photograph of Father BRASKY with the saw indicates no basis for any investigation by any phority.

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Enclosures

## 'Saucer' Stories Disk Found Is

Priest Hears a 'Bang,' Discovers a Circular Blade With Teeth: Other Disks 'Seen'

Picture on Picture Page the "what is it?" which Father seph Brasky said he found early Sunday on the lawn of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Grafton may be just another gadget to add to Father Brasky's already sizable collection.

Those who saw it Sunday said "what is it?" was a circular saw binde with a few wires attached. Father Brasky, who said he knew of no sawmills in the area, would not claim it was a "flying saucer" when he called newspapermen to his home.

"It may or may not be one of those flying disks that have been reported all over the country," he said.
"Jet's just call it a 'what is it?"

Meanwhile, in Milwaukee and other points in Wisconsin, several persons reported seeing the "flying saucers." Father Brasky's disk, however, was the only case here in which the "landing" of a "saucer" was reported.

#### Hears "Bang," Finds Disk

Father Brasky gave the following account of how he found the object. a steel plate 19 inches in diameter, about an eighth of an inch thick and with saw teeth.

"I usually get up about 5 a.m. on Sundays, I was at the front door of my house, about to take my dog and her husband saw one at 3:25 out for a walk, when I heard a bang! like a big firecracker. I Mitchell field from the northwest, stepped outside and found this disk. When it neared the field, it veered on the church lawn.

"Although the grass was still wet from the night rain, the disk was too not to pick up. I noticed the glass ball had been knocked off one of the lightning rods on the church, so J suppose it struck that in landTries to Call FBI Man

Father Brasky said he did not bother to show the disk to any of his parishioners Sunday. He tried to telephone an FBI agent whom he Sunday, he added. Asked whether practical joker, Father Brasky replied: "Could be. I don't know."

a one and three-eighth inch hole in her husband tried unsuccessfully to the center. Through it ran a few wires. To each end of the cluster of wires was attached what looked like a small condenser about three inches long. The condenserlike ob- claimed he saw three of them flying jects were wrapped in black tape through the air in a northwesterly which still was sticky. The disk was greasy and somewhat dirty. Stamped on it was: "Approved, Dunlap."

Father Brasky declined to part with the disk. He showed a number of items in his trinket collection. All of them had something to do with fishing, Father Brasky's favorite sport. They included his "bass bottles," beer bottles with the head of a fish - and a fish pole from Manila which folds up into a cane. When opened, it extends to 12 feet. "I use it in reaching folks who can't be touched with a 10 foot pole."

#### Others Report "Saucers"

Father Brasky quipped.

Father Brasky also passed out copies of his recent publication, 'Fish Tales.'

"I'm going to revise this thing," he explained. "I've got some new and better tales to put in it."

There were other reports around Milwaukee and Wisconsin of "flying saucers." Mrs. Anthony Hoffman, 3410 W. Layton av., said she jast time we saw it, it had a ver p.m. Sunday flying toward Billy

toward the south and disappeared, she said. It was flying high and appeared illuminated, according to Mrs. Hoffman.

"It tooked tike a small meat platter," Mrs. Hoffman asserted.

Glenn Rowden of Detroit claimed he saw a "saucer," about 50 inches in diameter, over Billy Mitchell field at 10:05 p.m. when he alighted from an airplane. He said it was in sight for 90 seconds.

William Humphrey, who lives with his wife in a quonset but at knows, but was unable to reach him 3148 S. 20th st., telephoned police at 9 p.m. Sunday that he and it could have been the work of a Humphrey had seen a slightly illuminated disk which appeared to fall to earth near Pulaski high school. The disk, apparently of steel, had Mrs. Humphrey said Monday that photograph the disk.

#### Changed Colors, He Says

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th s direction at 6 p.m. Sunday. They turned from orange to gold to silve before disappearing, he said.

Reports came also from Janesville, where Mr. and Mrs. Alva Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth reported seeing a flying disk about 11:35 p.m. Saturday. The Roths were leaving the Sievert home when Sievert saw it, according to Roth. It appeared to be several thousand feet up and about 10 miles away, Roth said. He described it as vaguely resembling the moon and as having.a regular motion in a counterclockwise, elongated orbit. It appeared to Roth to be moving faster than an airplane. He said it was yellow on its face, but when it turned it looked silver.

Roth said that the four of them viewed the disk for 10 minutes.

#### Stopped in Sky, Claim

"It fluttered around, faded out and came back again, and once it just stopped and hung there for about two minutes," Roth said. "Th

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## Buzz in State

#### Disk Found by a Priest Is Circular Saw: Others Seen by Milwaukeeans

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noticeable tail. When it disappeared entirely, it just popped out." Janesville police reported a telephone call from a Dick Thompson, who said he saw flying disks about 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

At Oshkosh, Mrs. L. A. Davis reperted that she and her husband had sighted one of the mysterious disks whizzing over the city at 6:45 p.m.

She said they were driving on a town road six miles west of Oshkosh, headed east toward the city, when they first sighted the object "flying very fast and very high."

At first, she said, it looked like an airplane and then loomed larger and larger until it "appeared as big as

#### Stops Car, Disk Vanishes

Her husband stopped the car so that they could get a better look at the disk, which appeared round and silvery, but by the time they got out of the car the object had disappeared, she said.

At Green Bay, Eugene Le Plant reported that he and his 12 year old son, Duane, had seen a rapidly moving silver ball or disk about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday while working in his garden on the western edge of the city. Le Plant said he saw the object silhouetted against a dark cloud to the north and that he and his son watched it for three or four minutes while it moved away to th nothwest Le Plant said he coul noti estimate the altitude or dis tance, but that it "definitely was not an airplane."

### 'Saucer' Tales Laws of Eyesight Clarify-Reports of Flying Saucers

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor

New York, N. Y .- The flying saucers may be explained by certain laws of eyesight.

All objects appear round or nearly so at any distance close to the limit of how far a person can

If the objects are seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, they are almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflec-

Descriptions of virtually all the saucers as round and flat fit exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and light-

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island sound, not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast. But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight and back into sight again, resembles what can be seen while watching distant airplanes.

Whether planes are guided, pilotless or jet, they all would look the same at great distances.

#### Mirages, Traveler Says

Philadelphia, Pa. -(A)- Dr. Aurel Aczel, editor of a Hungarian language newspaper, expressed belief that the flying saucers were mirages-possibly circularly distorted reflections of real airplanes many miles away. A world-wide traveler, Dr. Aczel said:

"Years ago I have seen similar things on the Egyptian desert and on the Buszta (Hungarian plain). At sea I have also seen mirages of ships known to be a great distance

"In July and August, and sometimes even in June, atmospheric conditions are especially adaptable to the creation of mirages."



# Sharp-Eyed Sight Disks, but Only a Saw Blade Is Found



Who, what, where, why are flying disks? The year's biggest mystery produced these Sunday photos while reports came from everywhere and everyone that the saucers were everywhere. Top left, a movie camera is fitted to a P-51 fighter plane at Portland, Ore., as Oregon national guard planes are made ready to chase the disks. Lower, Mrs. Walter Johnson (right) of Spokane, Wash., and her children pose and tell how they saw the saucers land on a mountainside in Idaho and

disappear. Right, is Father Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Grafton, Wis., with the disk he reported struck his church early Sunday. It turned out that the disk was a prankster made projectile, featuring a Dunlop circular saw blade. Note that something apparently took a glass ball off one of the lightning rods. A whole lot of Milwaukeeshs reported that they saw the saucers traveling past Sunday night.

—AP Wirephotos and Journal Staff

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#### Seen in 36 States; Jet Fighters Alerted

BAN FRANCISCO, July Manual Military aircraft hunted the slates over Pacific Coast states today for sight of the mysterious flying saucers" that for 12 days have puzzled the entire country.

Early reports of results were negative.

Five P-51s of the Oregon National Guard cruised over the Cascade Mountains of Washington—the area where the strange objects first were reported sighted. A sixth circled over Portland, in constant radio contact with the other five. All carried photographic equipment.

Col. G. R. Dodson, commanding, described their flight as a "routine patrol," but said they had been instructed to watch for the flying discs.

At Manhattan Beach, Calif., A. W. McKelvey took a Mustang anter plane up above Van Nuys. For two hours he cruised at 35, 305 feet, but "didn't see a thing."

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commandant of the Army Air Forces, was on a Pacific Northwest fishing trip. He denied knowing anything about the flying discs — or of for the mean of the control of the

#### 'ET FIGHTER SET

"I've been out of touch with things for four or five days," he said.

Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Vaterans of Foreign Wars, yesterday in Coumbus, O., said he understood Spaatz had a "group out right ow" looking for discs.

At Muroc Army Air Field in peared to have a moto alifornia a P-80 jet fighter stood, and it kept turning like lying saucers are sighted in that plane doing a slow roll.

A cautious attitude marked of oth official and scientific comnents, but Capt. Tom Brown of he Air Forces Public Relations taff in Washington acknowledged the Air Forces had decided there's something to this" and the been checking up on it for

#### SEEN IN \$6 STATES.

First sighted June 25 and greeted generally with scornful laughs, the objects have been reported every day since by observers in 36 states. Most of the objects were reported seen July 4. A few were reported yesterday.

Such competent observers as airline pilots said they had seen the totally unexplained discs or saucers, larger than aircraft and

flying is "loose formation" at

David Lillenthal, chairman, of the Atomic Energy Commission, Baid they had nothing to do with atomic experiments, and Army and Navy officials also entered positive disclaimers.

Newspaper stories quoting an unidentified California Institute of Technology scientist as saying the phenomena might have something to do with experiments in "transmutation of atomic energy" aused a brief sensation late yesterday. The institute quickly desied the report.

Reports generally agreed that the flying objects were round or oval. Estimates of their speed ranged from about 300 to 1,200 miles an hour. They were described as flying with an undulating motion at heights of 10,000 feet and less. Some described them as glowing, or luminous.

#### PROPELLER IN CENTER'

Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the trang objects near Pattonville sesterday. It was flying at 300 seet, he said.

He described it as circular, with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. Hart said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

First, published reports of the phenomens occurred June 25. Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., businessman pilot, told of seeing nine of the discs flying in formation at 1,200 miles an hour over the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

#### SEEN BY 200

Arnoid's account was taken lightly. Various explanations were offered—"reflections," "persistent vision," "snow blindness."

Soon afterward other individuals—in New Mexico, Missouri, California and other states—reported they also had seen the flying objects.

Then on Independence Day 200 persons in one group and 60 in another saw them in Idaho. Hundreds of others in Oregon, Washington and other western states reported seeing them.

July 4 also brought first reports of the flying discs from east of the Mississippi. Since then they have been reported seen in widely separated sections of the country—in 33 states in all.

#### 'Must Be Insane'

LONDON, July 6—(AP)—Don't mention those flying saucers on this side of the Atlantic unless you're prepared for an argument about your sanity.

Maybe they have been seen by sober citizens over a vast area of the United States, but Europe won't believe in them until some-body lassoes one and has it photographed by Frank Sinatra, the British ambassador and five Supreme Court justices.

"America's reply to the Loch Ness monster," chortled today's Sinday dispatch, referring to Britain's hoariest tall story—the erpent that is "seen" romping in Scotland's Loch Ness every time the tourist trade needs a shot in the arm.

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there's something to this" and been checking up on it for 60 000 1 - 1947

# Planes Chasing Disks Find Only Empty Sky

## Jokesters Add were flying over Lewiston, Idaho, Sunday sent hundreds into their Some Comedy to Air Mystery

East St. Louis Objects A Birmingham radio station was deluged with more than 400 calls in Prove to Be Washers; one hour by persons who said they saw fluorescent balls circling over One With Legs

By the United Press

Army pilots were ready Monday for another air search for the mysterious "flying saucers" now reported seen in 39 states and parts of Canada as practical jokesters added to the confusion.

Equipped with telescopic cameras, 11 army planes searched the Pacific northwest Sunday without finding any trace of the flying disks which had been reported over scores of communities the preceding two days, At Sioux Falls, S. D., a national guard plane already in the air was ordered to investigate a silvery disk with a short tail which Gregory Zimmer said he saw shoot across the heavens. The pilot found nothing but empty sky.

The army "camera patrol" over the Cascade mountains Sunday included eight P-51 pursuit ships and three A-26 bombers.

#### Illusions Or Jokes

There was growing belief that the concentrated aerial search would show the saucers to be optical illusions or the work of practical jokesters magnified by aroused imagi-

A number of "disks" whirled over rooftops in East St. Louis, Ill., Sunday. J. T. Hartley, a locomotive enfincer, gathered some of them up nd found they were made of plessed white paper, 11 inches in diameter and with a two inch hole in the center. Railroad workers said they looked like locomotive. packing washers.

yards for a look, Weatherman Louis Krezak said the objects were moving eastward with the prevailing wind and probably were weed seeds. Three air transport pilots agreed.

Searchlights on Clouds

A Birmingham radio station was

Chicago Woman Spots the city and clearly outlined against near-by mountains. A carnival at Alabaster, Ala., was playing searchlights on cloud wisps.

An argument raged at Lodi, Calif., er the cause of a spectacular glow the sky and a roar shortly before electrical power went off. Mrs. W. C. Smith said she heard a noise "like

#### Give 'Em Room

Newport News, Va.-Peninsula airport here is taking no chances with flying saucers. Pilots reporting Monday to take out planes found this notice on the bulletin board: "Two thousand feet vertical and horizontal clearance required between aircraft operating from this field and any flying saucers.'

four motored bomber" just before the lights went off at dawn. Erving Newcomb of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. offered the explanation that a low flying crop dusting plane probably had struck a power line and burned out a transformer However, no planes were reported damaged and no one could explain

what a crop dusting plane was doing in the air at dawn on It was the first time any noise had been attributed to flying saucers.

J. U. Watts, jr., Darlington (S. C.) attorney, said he saw an army pursuit plane chasing a V-formation of flying saucers at 250 miles an hour 3,000 feet high. However, no pilot reported such a chase.

#### Saw One With Lers

Meantime, authorities were plagued with reports that bordered on the fantastic. An excited Chicago woman reported that she had seen a flying saucer with legs, was standing on my porch and I thought for sure it was coming right down and slap me in the face," sla

George Kuger of Denver said h saw a flying disk with an America flag on it.

Francis Howell, Tempe, Ariz., claimed he saw a saucer two feet in diameter disappear behind a row of trees near his home. When he rushed to inspect it, he said, the flat, thin, aluminumlike disk took off at "high rate of speed" toward Phoenix, nine miles away.

-Mrs. Walter Johnson returned to Spokane, Wash., after a vacation near St. Maries, Idaho, and after reading newspaper reports of the flying saucers said she and several others had seen speeding shiny objects "as big as a four or five room house" disappear into the forest covered mountains.

The first of the saucers over New York State was reported by Mrs. Kenneth Wohley of Rochester, N. Y, who said she and her husband saw an object "about the size of an ordinary saucer" flying above back yard at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

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New Jersey residents said they "thought" they saw flying disks over Palisades Park and near-by Bergenfield Sunday night.

Skeptical scientists recalled the mysterious "rockets" seen over Sweden last year. Eighty per cent of the "ghost rockets" proved to be meteors, and Swedish officials said the others could be discounted as pure imagination.

Scientists asserted that the objects in order to be seen clearly at 10,000 feet—the level at which most of the saucers have been reported—would have to be 20 feet in diameter, would require a large mass of metal, would be more conspicuous at night and would be seen by a far greater number of persons.

number of persons.

Dr. J. S. Nassau, director of the Warner & Swasey observatory at

the Case Institute of Technology at Cleveland, said he was inclined to "think the reports are fancies."

Capt. Tom Brown, army air force spokesman at Washington, said the army was trying to run the reports to earth.

to earth.

"We're not dismissing the possibility that there's something to it," he said, "and we're not dismissing the possibility that it's all a hoax."

# U. S. Planes Hunting Discs; Russ-Tells of 'Atom Saucers'

FBI Probes Story
of Soviet Ship
Officer

LOS ANGELES, July 6—(Special)—Federal agents today investigated a letter to the Examiner describing Russian supersonic atom-powered planes resembling the "flying saucers."

A top flight atomic scientist to a nom the Examiner referred the etter said it was "not all nonense," and suggested the matter to turned over to the FBI.

The letter writer said he got be information from an officer board a Russian tanker recently 4 Los Angeles harbor.

#### ILLED EVEN WORMS

The Russian, he said, also decribed experiments with concolled radioactive clouds in the vectic, where birds, animals and ven worms were killed.

The planes, as described by the tussian to the writer, are only 8 inches thick, with a kidney-naped outline and no propellors.

The pilot lies on his stomach and is artificially cooled against he heat developed by air fricion.

"The outer surface is highly collabed," the Russian said: Both upper and lower surfaces are convex, like a giant lens. The lifting force is an entirely different principle found about 10 years ago among unpublished papers of a Russian chemister.

"Energy is required only for elimbing, but no energy is needed for support when the airplane goes along the earth's gravitational contour lines."

The writer of the strange letr said he met the Russian ofcer in Wilmington and, because e wanted to hear about Russia, wited him to dinner. The Russian first asked where he could sell 18 polar pear pelts which he received "for very dangerous work."

He said he had been assigned to go over the route of the radioactive cloud near Lake Bakal (or Baykal) and pick up dead animals.

#### ALL LIFE DESTROYED

"They loaded a few small ships with all kinds of animals and directed the cloud ever them," the writer said.

"During this experiment, a violent storm blew the cloud far north into the tundra, but before it dissipated it destroyed all life on its way.

"The cloud may be controlled from land, from a plane or from a robot-piloted fleader.' As I understand it, the control is based on electro-magnetic waves and the cloud has two components: The carrier and the killer."

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## Quirks of Eyesight May Explain Disc Mystery

#### By HOWARD BLAKESLEE AP Science Editor

NEW YORK, July 6-(P)-Certain laws of human eyesight will explain much of what has been described about the flying saucers reported from nearly all parts of the United States.

to the limit of how far a person taken by Yeoman Frank Ryman can see, all objects appear round north of Scattle, Wash. The Long or nearly so. This law of sight Island oval came closer and covers both small things seen turned into an airplane. nearby and large ones at great

the flying saucers have been re- singly or in groups. ported, then it is more likely to reveal its true shape.

#### HAVE 'NO STRUCTURE'

light, as in most cases reported, then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections.

The one outstanding fact about in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island Sound near his home, not only this year round, bright and moving fast.

#### NOT A MYSTERY

But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by charging course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Last week this writer also saw

one oval flying form which for himself: moment looked exactly like the

At any distance which is close photograph of the oval object

Planes at great distances tend to look round when light is re-Regardless of shape, the ob-flected from their sides. Many ject near the limit of sight looks descriptions of movements of the round. If the thing is allhouetted flying saucers fit with the comagainst a bright sky, as some of mon maneuvers of airplanes,

They fit also with what birds look like, flying at a considerable distance. However the bird lilusion is not very common. Some f the thing is seen by reflected of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight it is almost certain to be round, and back into sight again reand if the reflections are sunlight, sembles what can be seen while watching distance airplanes.

#### SPEED MYSTERY

There is no explanation for revirtually all the saucers is that ported speeds of 1,000 or more they had no structure - they miles an hour. Meteors, although seemed merely round and flat, they go much faster than that, That description fits exactly with do not explain it because the the tricks that eyes play. This saucers mostly appear in daytime trickiness varies with differences and there are not enough daylight meteors.

Ice crystals forming little round clouds have been suggested. But these fail to fit in most cases bebut in previous years. They were cause the ice crystals form at altitudes which are higher than most of the saucers reported.

Nothing published in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft.

One scientist today said that at least a lot of saucers are explained by the force of suggestion which causes a person to say to

"Oh, gee, I see it too."

## Saucers' Fly Here; Grafton Disc Joke



What was reported as a "flying disc" which struck a church in Grafton early yesterday turned out to be a circular saw with two small tubes and several wires attached to it. Father Joseph Brasky, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, holds the "disc" and points to the lightning rod on the church (arrow), which he said was struck by the disc. Bentinel Photo by Ernest Anheuser.

The mystery of the "flying; .scs," strange luminous objects en speeding across the sky in nany states, turned to Wisconin yesterday when several perone reported them at Milwaukee nd Janesville.

Mystery was added to mystery when Father Joseph Brasky, pasor of St. Joseph's Church at rafton. Wis., reported a missile urtled through the air early yes-. erday, knocked the ball off the hurch lightning rod, and landed: n the front lawn.

#### IRES AND TUBES

It, was a large circular sawthat 16 inches in diameter—and iii hot when Father Brasky cked it from the lawn.

There were wires and two tubes itached to it. The tubes were an iron the illa nch in diameter and three inches

One theory was that prankster or belated Fourth of July cel brants had attached explosives to the saw, and sent it skimming through the air.

Father Brasky said he heard a swishing noise and a sizzling at 5 a. m., followed a second later with a thud and an explosion.

An excited resident telephoned to Billy Mitchell Field, and said he saw 15 flying saucers, in U formation, heading north over Granville, at 10:05 p. m. He hung up before his name could be procured.

A passenger aboard a New York-Detroit-Milwaukee plane, which landed at Billy Mitchell Field at 10:05 p. m., told employes in the office of Northwest Airlines. Inc., he saw a flying saucer bobbing up and down over the sirtigig just seter he had sijghted

Other passengers with him also saw it, he said. He gave the name of J. W. Rowden of Detroit. Despite its bobbing, the saucer was going at great speed, and was out of sight in a few seconds, he said. Rowden is stopping at the Plaza Hotel.

#### DISCS HAD TAILS

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th "St., said he saw three of them, with tails, flying northwest to southeast, as he stood at N. 18th and W. Vilet Sts. They turned: from gold to another color and then to silver, he said.

Frank Phifer, stopping at the Maryland Hotel, said he saw three balls of fire shoot across Lake Michigan at 8:20 last sight, about a mile from shore, and

"going at terrific speed."

What he described as an illuminated saucer was seen last night by William Humphrey, 3148 S. 20th St., he said. It was zigzagging directly over the Heil Co. plant, said Humphrey, and seemed to land in a wooded area nearby.

#### REPORTED IN JANESVILLE

Four Janesville residents reported they had seen a flying disc Saturday night. They are Mr. and Mrs. Al Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth.

They saw the disc flying in a northwesterly direction from Janesville at a "terrific speed." They viewed it for 20 minutes. It was yellow-golden, and seemed to turn at times to a silvery color, they stated. An oval flight pattern was followed. Then, they said, tails appeared on the disc and shortly afterwards it disappeared.

John Bosch, 4377 S. Adams St., Milwaukee, a machinist, insisted he saw two flashing saucershaped objects pass over Billy Mitchell Field shortly after midright yesterday. They were close chough so he could definitely state they were not shooting stars, nor airpianes, he said. Bosch's home is near the airport.

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o Pinnis, who, in 1946, won District Attorney Joseph .W Cash, · If the present reberr of flying disks are comdar or guided miss. . xperiments, the law might apply, as said,

The law applies whether the information is released accidentally, "through gross negligence," or "with intent to injure the United States or aid some foreign nation," according to the act.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1946 provides even stricter penalties for revealing information, Mr. Cash said. Public Law 585 of the Seventy-Ninth Congress provides death or life imprisonment, after due process of law, for disclosing atomic information with intent to injure the United States.

For accidental disclosures fine ut up to 20,000 and in prisonment up to 20 years are provided, Mr. Cash pointed out.

## Gas Truck Hits **Local Station**

A gasoline trailer truck of the Texas Consolidated Transport Co. ran into a heavy pipe upright in front of Rohan's Service Station Monday, doing some damage to the station and more to the truck.

The truck was coming from town, along West Grand, and turned into the station. As the driver out the eab back to swing the trailer into position, the cab shield late the steel pipe, roof support on the visible of the Track, bending it considerably. The truck itself suffered a bent bumper and a smashel fender. A gasoline pump directly behind the upright was not damaged by the

## Lions To Make

Mrs. Valentine said neigi ing negro families thought world was coming to an and began praying as the of fire gamboled overhead. Mrs. Lorens Shrader.

Springs reported she saw a red ball streaking overhead night.

Mrs. Marian Reed, farm found what she believed was of a flying disk. It landed in back yard while the was he out the clothes yesterday noon. She admitted she frightened. She described it round piece of tinfail eight es wide, scorched or burns round the edges. Both sides shiny, but one side was n with black, stenciled lines a ter-inch apart. She said th foil dropped straight down the sky.

She lifted it with a stic it in a tin can, and drove miles to Gunter, 20 miles west of Sherman, Scores ci about to see it.

At Melissa, Collin County Marie Killian and Mrs. Kay reported seeing a strange at 8:40 p. m. yesterday.

Charles Calboun, and his er, W. J. Calhoun, pron Grayson County farmers they saw a disk yesterds Sherman.

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It was reported by Mrs Haak of 410 Stockdale str both she and her husband

However, Mrs. Haak's disc is no particular mys her. She thinks she kno what cause 1 it.

It was simply a reflection an airplane, she said.

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# FIRST ITS FLYING DISKS — NOW ITS "FIRE BALLS" <u>PEOPLE SEE</u>

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a to achieve himself was u Anthony Matusek, You-High School graduate who n scholarship to A, and M. ge. Now word - reaches us Dennis Brenek, eleven-yearon of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. k of Sweet Home has been ed a prize of a \$25 Savings in the KTRH Farm Essay

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A locar licrans are disk gust diwith the flying saucers, but others are just plain disk-turbed: Flying balls of fire circled at wide area around Palestine, and some negrocs, believing the end of the world was near, began praying. A white man grabbod a rifle and shot at the mysterious objects.

Sheriff Paul Stanford of Anderson County described them as orange basketballs of fire.

# **Revealing Flying** Disk Data May **Bring Prosecution**

Anyone willfully communicating information bearing on the defense or security of the nation

It was the first time the serial objects were reported in that srea. Residents of the Creek community, 15 miles northeast of Palestine, called Sheriff Stanford about 8:30 last night, saying 12 balls were flying in a straight line over the community, Then, they reported, the balls formed a circle which began moving toward Palestine.

By 9 p. m. hundreds of Palestine spectators renorted seeing as many as three balls in the sky at once, moving in a circle. Sheriff Stanford discounted any suggestion that the balls originated from a spotlight.

Bud Everett, druggist, chased them for a better view. He said they finally disappeared about 11

p. m.

Mrs. Horace Valentine paid she saw two perfectly round balls that "nearly scared me to death" when they appeared over her

# Office Men. andum • united . Oes government

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT:

DATE: July 7, 1947

At 10:45 a.m., July 7, 1947, I talked to SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office concerning the United Press item appearing in the Washington Post for Monday, July 7, with reference to a flying disc or flying saucer allegedly reported to the Milwaukee Office by Reverend Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, Wisconsin.

SAC Johnson advised that the Associated Press and the Unitedd Press between the hours 1:00 and 6:00 a.m. today had made inquiry of him as to whether anything had been reported to the Milwaukee Offices He declined to comment. He stated as a matter of fact the priest had not made any contact with him, and he learned from the Associated Press that the priest was intoxicated and as far as the Associated Press was concerned they were not releasing the story because all that was involved was a circular saw. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel apparently sent the report out and that they handled United Press service. He stated a photograph of the priest was in this morning's paper holding a circular saw which apparently covers the body of the priest from arm pit to arm pit. Attached to the saw are several wires and two small tubes described as about three inches long and one inch in diameter. The news item in the Milwaukee Sentinel indicates it was believed some prankster had thrown it into the yard, perhaps with a firecracker attached. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel had stated the priest would make a report of this matter today to the Kilwaukee Office. I instructed SAC Johnson in the event the priest made a report to furnish details of the report immediately, but in view of the nature of the information in his possession, no inquiry should be conducted at the present.

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Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?
What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifestations are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary advance is coming?

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We believe one of these startling discs is on its way to you. Then the secret will be out.

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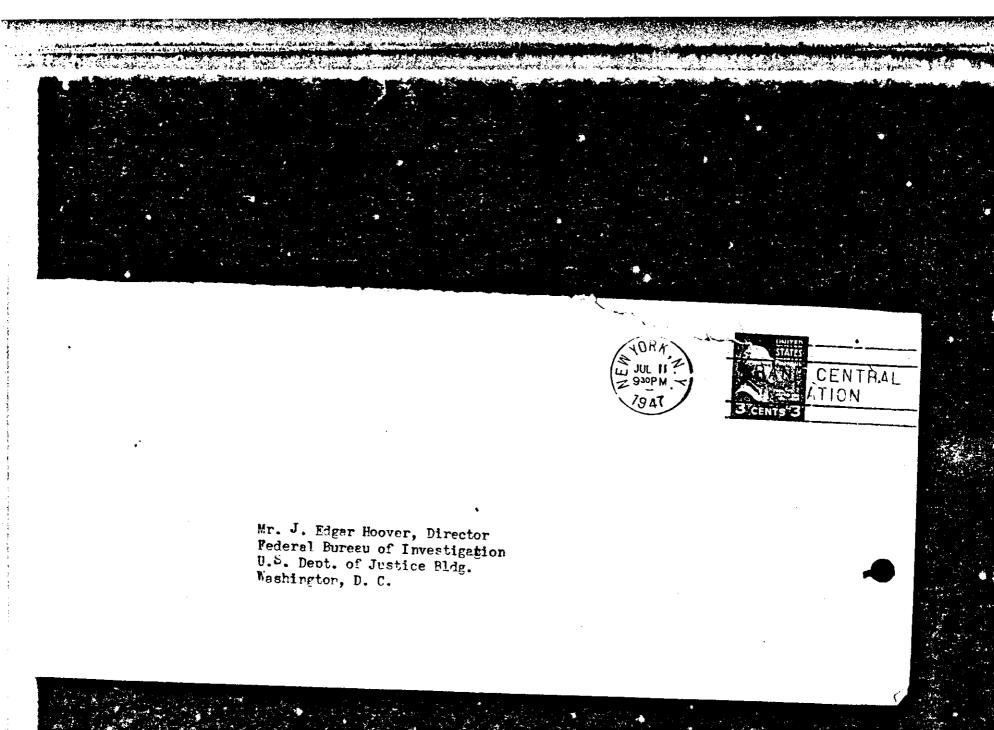
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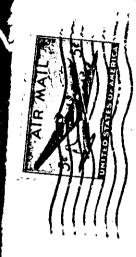
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Mr. J. Edgar Hooser

Resonal attubion.

Y CONTACTOR

Date:

August 5, 1947

To.

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

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney, Chief, Security Group

From:

John Edgar Henver - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

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There are attached hereto copius of a letter received from the above-captioned individual, together with copies of a newspaper elipping enclosure, concerning "flying discs."

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Someone's Pipe Dream'
The "flying saucer" that fell near 2319 'Himebaugh Avenue Monday evening was nothing but "ashes from somebody's pipe dream."

So says Dr. C. L. Kenny, head of the chemistry department at the Creighton College of Dentistry. He had two students analyze the ashes. They found sodium, potassium, iron, aluminal, carbonate, sulphate and unsulphate a

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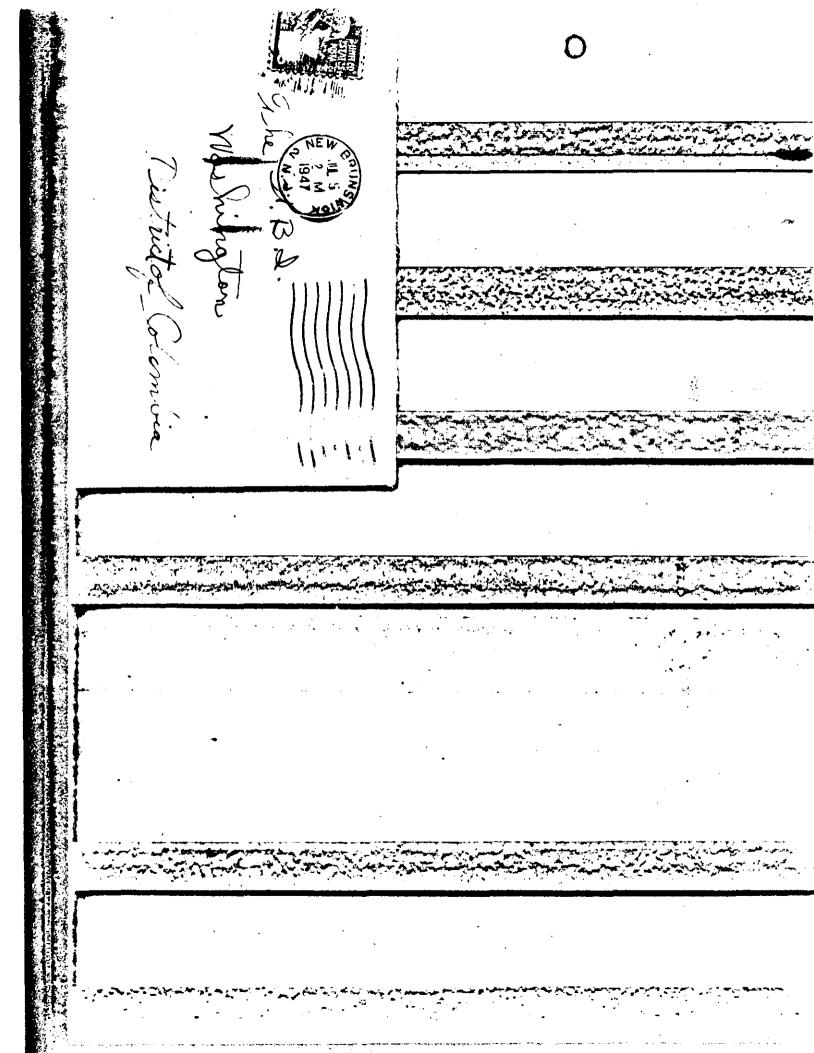
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**About Saucers** 

### Priest Finds 'Whirring' Disc In Yard and Holds It for FBI

Chicago, July 6 (1.2).—A Catholic priest at Grafton, Wis., said
tonight that a round, metal disc,
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fous thying fauters, had crashed
into his point yard and that he
is bolding it for the federal
Bureau of investigation.
The Ref. Joseph Brasky of St.
Joseph's Church at Grafton,
thiles north of Milwaukee, said he
heard; a swishing and whirring
noise this morning. A second later,
sought to ascertain whether coast-

noise this morning. A second later, sought to ascertain whether coas-

he said, he heard a thud and a to-coast reports about the discs mild explosion.

He investigated and found a speet metal disc about 18 inches in diameter, resembling a circular west Pacific skies for them without metal disc about 20 inches in diameter. saw blade.

and was about one eighth of an St. Louis railroad man exhibited inch thick," he said.

There was a hole about one seen floating over St. Louis. inch in diameter in the middle of the disc, he said, and in the openwires."

The priest said he did not know 1200 miles have cluded the usuality whether it might be an elaburate practical loke. He said he rate practical joke. He said he had notified the FBI of his find. H. K. Johnson of the Milwaukee See SAUCERS, Page 3, Col.

Chicago, July 6 U.P. - A Catho-FBI office said he hadn't heard

saw blade.

"The object still was warm, even reported having seen one of weighed about four or five pounds the discs take off in Arizona. A some paper "discs" he said he had

The flying saucers which have ing were "gadgets and some been reported skimming through The priest said he did not know and the discovery

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### Priest Finds ... m. In Yard and Hows

said the Army Airways Communications Service had reported late
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yesterday that so far its radar
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have been unable to pick up any
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most of them were tinged with a
to the limit of how far a person
can see," he wrote, "all objects
whole thing. strange objects in flight.

pierce fog and darkness and pick up objects in the sky 200 miles

Even so, Brown acknowledged that the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking it for 10 days.

added.

And a new wrinkle—the reported landing of a fleet of eight skim-ing the witchcraft scare. ming platters-was reported from Idaho in full view of 10 persons. A. Dishman, Idaho housewife, said seen the saucers land on a moun- patients yesterday at St. Elizatainside near St. Maries, Idaho.

She said they came into view at ar extreme speed, suddenly slowed, "I think they may be a little and then "fluttered like leaves to skeptical," he added.

the ground."
"The mysterious part was the we couldn't see them after they landed," she said. "We could see them flutter down into the timber yet we couldn't see that they did anything to the trees."

She said she hoped to hike into the timber tomorrow and search for the objects which she said were saucer-shaped but resembled washtubs more than disks and were "about the size of a five-room house."

Locally, Hazen Kennedy of 2615 4th st. ne. reported he had seen one passing over the Northeast section of the city at about 8:40 more or less an hysterical Nation."

This would be the first one reported over the District, although others have been reported over nearby Maryland.

Kennedy, who has 125 hours flying time as a student pilot in the Army Air Forces to his credit, might be guided missiles let loose said he believed the saucer he as part of an experiment, but had seen was traveling at "well added; fover" 1000 miles an hour at an leet.

said Kennedy, "was that it looked the atomic bomb." like an orange lamp bulb without Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who any jet plane I've ever seen.

Aln Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Mad-know if the saucers involved ex-dyn Ganoe, 30, said she had seen periments with guided missiles, we of the discs, racing in 2-12 commented: mation at "terrific speed," from

said the Army Airways Communi- In the wake or these new eye-

where most of the fly-happy piat intendent of St. Elizabeths Hosters have been reported—the Army pital have has radar equipment which can pital here, said it "has some of the teria."

"Everytime someone comes up with a sen-serpent story," said Dr. Overholser, "others with vivid imaginations are sure they have seen the same thing.

"The critical faculty in man, the "And we still haven't the slight-last one he received, is still not est idea what they could be," he very well developed. Scratch the surface and you find the same mass hysteria which predominated durpersons are quite ready to see things and follow beliefs."

Dr. Overholser said that when she and others in her party had he made his rounds of the mental beths not a one commented on the flying saucers story.

However, Dr. Overholser said he wesn't trying to dismiss the matter as a joke 'because there are so nany strange things going on today that one can't be sure.

Maj. Alexander P. de Severaty, noted aircraft designer, told The Post by telephone from New York that until he sees a flying saucer paper quoted an unnamed nuclear he "wouldn't like to pass judg- plysicist as saying the silvery disc he "wouldn't like to pass judgment."

He agreed with Dr. Overholser that much if not all of the story may be because of hysteria.

"After all," he said, "we are Major de Seversky said it was possible that the persons who claim to have seen the aerial discs have instead glimpsed the exhaust of jet-propelled planes.

He conceded, too, that they

"I don't think the Government altitude of between 1200 and 1500 would fire them so promiscuously. They would test them in one spot, "The best way I can describe it," in an isolated area, like they did

the socket. It was going faster than as Deputy Chief of Air Staff for any jet plane Tye ever seen." Research and Development would

"Whatever these people have for backporch. "They sounded like seen it hasn't been anything re-a laraway train," she said. Army Air Forces. As for as I'm concerned there's nothing to it at all. The whole thing is un-

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appear round or nearly so. Th Dr. Winfred Overholser, nation-law of sight covers both ama

things seen nearby and large ones at great distances.

"The one outstanding fact about virtually all the saucers is that they had no structure - they seemed merely round and flat. That description fits exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting."

However, Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, yesterday offered a minute description of one of the flying patterns which he claimed he saw flying at an altitude of about 300 feet.

Reporter Sees One

He described it as circular with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. He said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and that it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

Although many explanations have been offered, none has been convincing. A Los Angeles news resulted from experiments in the "fransmutation of atomic energy."

This report was rapidly herded into the hoax column by David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and several prominent atomic scientists.

Starr Expects Word

Louis E. Starr, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced Saturday at Columbus. Ohio, that he was expecting "momentarily" information from Washington which would explain the dashing discs. But the message never arrived.

The Air Forces said that Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Forces chief, was in the Pacific Northwest where most of the saucers have been reported, but added that his trip there was planned two months ago, long before the saucers scare. General Spaatz is expected back in Washington late tomorrow.

Muroc Army Air Field in Callfornia had a P-80 jet fighter stancy ing by, and the National Guard i Oregon had prepared six regula fighters to give chase should saucers be reported nearby. ATO SECTION &

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FLYING DISCS
MISCELLANEOUS

The strached newspaper clipping appeared in the "Morning News" of Wilmington Delaware, July 8, 1947. It reports that a function of Wilmington Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, an aircraft pilot, had disclosed that in the past ten months he had twice seen flying discs which he was reported to have described as "flying mayonnaise jars." He was reported to have seen the first flying disc during September, 1946, and to have noted another such object on June 2, 1947.

Mr. WENYON was quoted as having called the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised that the Bureau was not interested, whereupon he notified the Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aeronautic Authority of the objects he had seen. Both agencies are reported to have accepted the information stating they would investigate. The clipping further stated that Mr. WENYON had received no answer to date from either agency.

This clipping was submitted to me by the resident agents' office at Wilmington together with the advice that no agent in Wilmington had been contacted by Mr. WENYON. I directed Mr. WENYON be interviewed to determine the full facts.

Mr. WENYON was interviewed and it was determined that his correct name is HORACE P. WENYON. Mr. WENYON advised that he had been an airplane pilot approximately thirty years. He stated that in September of 1946, while flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, two or three miles south of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he noticed a projectile approximately fifteen inches in diameter which crossed his course at right angles and was moving in a west-to-east direction. According to Mr. WENYON, several jets of flame were spurting from the object and it was traveling at a very high rate of speed, 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour. He stated that in October of 1946, he observed a similar projectile while flying over Rehoboth Beach at 1,400 feet. This was also traveling from west to east.

Mr. WENYON stated that there is little question in his mind but that what he saw was some sort of rocket being tested. He stated that he wished to call the matter to the attention of the appropriate authority inasmuch as he thought that the series of airplane crashes that have occurred recently might in part be explained by what he had observed. He stated that he had reported the information to the Civil Aeronautics Authority and had been telephonically interviewed by a reporter from the Wilmington "Morning News".

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# Tayonnaise Jars' 1 by Rehoboth Pilot

on Believes Mystery Discs, 2d, May Have Caused Big rash on Memorial Day

pilot, Forrest Wenyon of 123 Rehoboth Avenue, ed last night that in the past 10 months he has heing loosely described as "flying saucers" but mayonnaise jars."

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ing to the pilot, held a true course until they disappeared from sight.

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This would indicate a guilded or at least an aimed missile while the churse of the "saucers" has been discribed by observers as erratic.

Mr. Wenyon said last night that

Mr. Wenyon said last night that he first saw what loosely resembled a "flying mayonnaise jar" one afternoon last September while flying at about 1,000 feet. It was late in the afternoon and the pilot was flying north.

Suddenly, at an estimated distance of 2,000 feet in front of his plane and traveling from west to east, Mr. Wenyon saw the "jar." It was going at tremendous speed that the pilot was able to note several taings.

was able to note several things.

The most important of these observations, insofar as ar explanation is possible, is that the "jar" appeared to have some sort of rocket combustion. Mr. Wenyon said that spurts of silver flame from the tail seemed to provide the propulsion.

Carrying out the description of the "flying mayonnaise jar," Mr. Wenyon said that the tail appeared to be a lid which had been perforated and that from these perforations the flames escaped.

al three, seconds the object had disappeared over and past Fort Miles.

I's The pilot did not see it land and w doesn't know whether it did or not.

Then on June 2 while flying at re 1,400 feet in a Stinson four passends ger ship Mr. Wenyon, g pilot of 30

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resigned from the theory that they were radio controlled flying missiles sont aloft by U. S. military scientists to the suggestion that they might be merely sun light reflected on wing tanks of jet-propelled planes.

A. B. Cross of Chattanooga, Tenn, a 34-year-old watchmaker, announced he invented the "flying saucer" and submitted it to the War Department in 1943 but his idea was rejected as not practical "at the present time."

Later, he said, he became convinced that the department elaborated on his plan. His model was powdered with a rubber band. Cross said, but he believed atomic power now is being used.

A Spokane, Wash., woman insisted the objects she saw were of such size that together they would take up the space of a five-room house if they landed, but a Clearwater, Fig., woman said the disks she observed resembled "pie pans."

At Rutland, Vt., a woman reported she and her husband witnessed a brilliant object in the night sky which she assumed to be a "flying saucer" although it was stationary.

But at Cambridge, Mass.; a housewife said she saw "a group of white, flying saucers whiting around and going at a tremendous speed." The Massachusetts and Vermont

The Massachusetts and Vermont reports brought to 40 the number of states in which the objects have been observed.

With New England getting into the game. the Harvard University astronomical observatory took note of the reports but said it had had no luck so far in photographing one

of the discs.

The mysterious saucers first were repet ted June 25 in the State q Washington, but Charlie T. Hamlet, superintendent of the Kingd port Tenn., Times News composition, said yesterday he had see,

the discs two years ago.

They were "of a bright, aluminum color" and "were going at terrific speed," Hamlet said, explaining he kept quiet about them because of

L/Dir., FBI 9/4/47 Flying Discs Wiscellaneous

Mr. WENYON stated that what he had seen traveled at such a high rate of speed that it was very difficult to describe it, but the description "flying mayornaise jars" was concocted by the newspaper reporter.

This information has not been brought to the attention of any Army sources in view of the fact that only a preliminary inquiry was conducted on the basis of a news article which sets forth essentially the facts obtained from Mr. WENYON.

No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • United States Government

TO : BELLETCH, FEI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, SAI FINANCISCO

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ATTANTION: ASSIST AND DESCRIPTION D. . . LADD

Colonel , Fourth Air Force, Mamilton Field, California, telephonically advised opecial agent of the San Francisco of the Santle Times, which stated in effect that because there were so many stories going around relative to flying discs and related matters, and that his staff of reporters had been attempting to get reliable information concerning such stories, he was writing to inquire whether any governmental agency was going to make an official state and relative to the situation pertaining to the flying discs; that the sales asked whether it would be permissible for his reporters to interview relative to the situation.

colonel stated that the above-month ened letter was answered personally by General on August 25, 1947, and advised line that as far as the Army wir Porce was concerned, they had no information which would definitely clear up the siduation; that as far as interviewing persons, and bound feel free to interview whomseever he desired, in that there was no bound force easignanters would not run out every lead or report of flying these, but that if well-founded and attarently reliable information were received, that such information would be given attention.

A copy of this latter is being forwarded to the Scattle Field Tivision for any action deemed advisable.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: .01, past 27. 1047

SAC, San Francisco

REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Attention: Assistant Director O. M. LADD

Reference is made to my letter of August 8, 1347, with which there were transmitted photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947, entitled, "Investigation of Flying Discs".

In order to keep the Bureau fully informed concernies, this ratter, I am enclosing a letter deted July 23, 1847, intitled, "Fridentification to the 🗪 730, A C of S A-2.**h7C** Ja., Special Agent SIS ANS deted July 18, 1817.

Lt. Colonel Paralished ma in parson with a demo-randum entitled, "Incident for AF 1808-I" dated August 5, 1947, and reparal Special Agent CIC 4AF.

The Burbau will be kest currently advised of any Pubure information obtained in this matter.

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Director, FBI

DATE: September 4, 1947

SAC. San Francisco

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: \* REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1947, from Lt. Col. Calif., of A-2, Hamilton Field, Calif., b7 C with an attachment referring to the sighting of a flying object b7 C near Bethel, and his co-pilot, by Captain Alaska.

Photostatic copies of this letter and attachment are being forwarded to the Anchorage Field Office. In accordance with Bureau Bulletin #42, dated July 30, 1947, Anchorage is requested to interview Captain and his co-pilot, preferably separately, in order to obtain all details of their reported sighting of a flying object on August 4, 1947. The San Francisco Field Office should be furnished two copies of the results of these interviews for distribution to the Sixth Army Intelligence.

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The attached letter has been received from the MCOIC of the Alaska Communication System station at Bethel, Alaska. It is submitted for your information.

For the Commanding Officers

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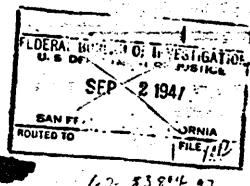
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EQ FOURTH AIR FURSE, Familion Field, California, 23 August 1947. "

TO: Special Agent In Charge, FBI, W. J. Department of Justice, Room 422, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded for your information.

DONALD L. SPRINGER It. Colonel, CSC AC of S. 1-2



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SUPJECT:

FLYING DISCS

SAC Butte

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September 2, 1947

With reference to the above-described teletype, Mr.

Twin Falls, Idaho, was the principal source of information. Mr. Who is the Executive Director of the explained that he and his wife and Mrs. a neighbor, were sitting on their front porch at approximately 9:30 P. M. August 19, 1947. He said that Mrs. suddenly shouted and pointed to the sky and thereafter stated that she had seen an object traveling at a terrific rate of speed in a northeasterly direction. The object was out of sight before Mr. and Mrs. could see anything.

While they were discussing what Mrs. And seen, approximately ten minutes later all three saw ten similar objects proceeding rapidly in the same direction in the form of a triangle. As the group of objects was disappearing, three of the objects on the left flank peeled off and proceeded in a more northerly direction. The remaining objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded in a northeasterly direction.

From three to five minutes later these same individuals saw another group of three objects proceeding in the same direction, and again in the shape of a triangle. From three to five minutes later all three observed another group in a triangular formation consisting of five or six objects. They were proceeding in the same direction.

A few minutes later the three persons saw a large group of objects estimated at from thirty-five to fifty flying in a triangular formation in the same direction. Approximately twenty or twenty-five minutes after the large group of objects was observed, similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a southwesterly direction. These objects were generally in groups of three, five and seven and followed each other at approximately five minute intervals.

Mrs. Called Detection of the Twin Falls

Police Department, a next door neighbor, who was then accompanied by

also members of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The three officers watched for a few minutes and observed a group of about twelve objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction.

The members of the Police Department did not continue watching, although Mr.

Later saw other groups, which were also seen by the and Mrs.

had also called her husband, who saw some of the objects.

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On the night in question the sky was overcast and the objects could not be seen closely; however, they were distinct enough so that all persons could observe what they described as a glow going through the air. They said that the objects appeared to be lighted from the inside and were of a color similar to regular electric lights.

Detective and Mr. both stated that they could not be meteors or comets, that they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. They flew at a terrific rate of speed and were visible for only a few minutes at a time. Both persons interviewed said that the objects could not have been geese or ducks and that the lights were not a reflection of the city lights on some object or objects.

None of the persons interviewed noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights. None of the persons who claimed to have seen these objects were drinking at the time. No other persons in Twin Falls reported seeing the objects mentioned herein; however, Mr. and Mr. stated that it property by accident that they had seen the objects and that they would not have seen them unless they were looking for them, because of the speed at which they traveled. On account of the overcast sky they were unable to estimate the size of the objects or the height at which they flew.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Butte Office, and the case is being closed.

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	FROM : SAC, San Francisco					
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

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strange objects flying over the Cascade Jountain Range of Washington
State on July 25th.

woluntarily agreed to give the interviewer
a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date.
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is a man of 32 years of age, being married and AGENT'S NOTES: / the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. has recently purchased a recently purchased a which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that eactually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To so further, if can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he sew, it is the opinion of the interviewer that is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Back Rogers fiction. very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on acronautical charts of this area, although has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the feet that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything directly, "if I saw a ten story building is the sky, to quote

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flying through the air I would never say a word about it, due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

1 Incl: Exhibit "A"

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also homestes had in Scober, Tentars, and became quite prominent in political circles along with

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I taught swimming and diving

et scout comps and the omnicipal pool in Vinet, North Daketa. I went to the
University of Vinnesot, there I swem and did fency diving under

and also played football under the but upon entering college I

was unable to continue my football care in because of an injured knee. My

high school football coach was

I had little or no finances, and

my ambition in furthering my edication in college was through my athletics.

As a boy in linet, North Daketa, I did a good deal of dog sled racing.

In 1938 I went to work for manufacturer of automatic fire fi hting apparatus. In 1939 I was made for them over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I destablished by own

they been torked as the

If flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from the was originally from Greet Falls, Montone. But to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the list covering my entire territory with some and flying from forty to one hundred hours per menth since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field use.

In the type of flying I do, it takes a ment deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cor resture and get out without injuring your amplene; the remways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed in 823 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidently being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. Ty trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Dainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Reinier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most rilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left end the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching "t. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet bland. I was determined to clock their send, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I recember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument ranel, read one minute to 3 P.V. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of lit. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed

airplanes flying so close to the mountair tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

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They flew like many times I have observed goese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air forces had planes that went very fast.

What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I em sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuosday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket with - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furtherest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset 1 became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects pressing another high snow-covered ridge in between it. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

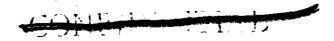
As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately dive miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer libr objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crost of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Ever at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a rirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the class of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Tithout sun glasses)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the min two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, what I had just observed kept going through my mind. I became more disturbed, so after teking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yakima.



I might add that C complete observation of these picts, which I could even follow by their flashes as they massed it. Adams, was around two and one-half or three minutes -- although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sum reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am kaing a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snew covered ridges as well as Ut. Rainier.

Then these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could

get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; perticularly, the descriptions of the three western for Linesy and topological from Oklahome City and the locomotive engineer in Illinois, plus and Co-Pilot of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these sourcer-like disks were at quite a great height and there is a possiblity that all of the people who observed poculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did; but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision.

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world, principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

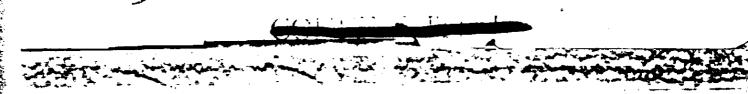
I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie commerce with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one -- but, to continue further with my story. Then I landed at the Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very counteous but in a joking way didn't believe me. I did not accurately measure the distance tween these two mountains

I did not accurately measure the distance/tween these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that seme day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine west I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be maided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat oversees that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote a ferrer time Air Forces pilot who is now tinced, is some type of jet or reclet propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government.

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or lisbelias. The only disbelies that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole orderlars not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mightly stricus and since I evidently did



observe something that at least Tr. John Dec on the street corner or Pete Andrews on the ranch has never beard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I apouly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from those two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different occasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military Intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

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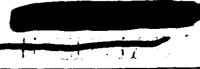


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traveling as I have made drawing.



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