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SUBJECT: Flying Object Incidents in the United States

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. 8 Nov 48

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AFOIR

1. In attempting to arrive at conclusions as to the nature of unidentified flying object incidents in the United States, this Command has made a study of approximately 180 such incidents. Data derived from initial reports have been supplemented by further information obtained from check lists submitted by mail, from interrogations of other field agencies, and by personal investigation by personnel of this Command in the case of incidents that seem to indicate the possibility of obtaining particularly significant information.

2. The objects described fall into the following general classification groups, according to shape or physical configuration:

- a. Flat disc of circular or approximately circular shape.
- b. Torpedo or cigar shaped aircraft, with no wings or fins visible in flight.
- c. Spherical or balloon shaped objects.
- d. Balls of light with no apparent form attached.

3. Some of the objects sighted have definitely been identified, upon further investigation, as weather or upper air scientific balloons of some type. A great many of the round or balloon shaped objects indicated in paragraph 2c above are probably of the same nature, although in most cases, definite confirmation of that fact has been impossible to obtain.

4. Some of the objects have been identified as being astro-physical in nature. For example, in daylight sightings, the planet Venus has been reported as a round, silvery object at extremely high altitude. Action is being taken to obtain the services of a prominent astro-physicist as a consultant, to study all of the incidents to determine whether some can be identified as meteors, planets or other manifestations of astral bodies.

5. Arrangements for accomplishing a study of the psychological problems involved in this project are being made in coordination with the Aero-Medical Laboratory at this Headquarters. The possibility that some of the sightings are hallucinations, optical illusions or even deliberate hoaxes has been considered.

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6. Although explanation of many of the incidents can be obtained from the investigations described above, there remains a certain number of reports for which no reasonable everyday explanation is available. So far, no physical evidence of the existence of the unidentified sightings has been obtained. Prominent scientists, including Dr. Irving Langmuir of the General Electric Company, have been interviewed to determine whether they could advance any reasonable explanation for characteristics exhibited by the objects sighted. In an early interview, Dr. Langmuir indicated that these incidents could be explained, but insufficient data were available at that time on which to base definite conclusions. It is planned to have another interview with Dr. Langmuir in the near future to review all the data now available, and it is hoped that he will be able to present some opinion as to the nature of many of the unidentified objects, particularly those described as "balls of light."

7. All information that has been made available to this Headquarters indicates that the discs, the cigar shaped objects, and the "balls of light" are not of domestic origin. Engineering investigation indicates that disc or wingless aircraft could support themselves in flight by aerodynamic means. It is probable that the problems of stability and control could also be solved for such aircraft. However, according to current aerodynamic theory in this country, aircraft with such configurations would have relatively poor climb, altitude and range characteristics with power plants now in use.

8. The possibility that the reported objects are vehicles from another planet has not been ignored. However, tangible evidence to support conclusions about such a possibility are completely lacking. The occurrence of incidents in relation to the approach to the earth of the planets Mercury, Venus and Mars have been plotted. A periodic variation in the frequency of incidents, which appears to have some relation to the planet approach curves, is noted, but it may be purely a coincidence.

9. Reference is made to "The Books of Charles Fort" with an introduction by Tiffany Thayer, published 1941, by Henry Holt & Co., New York, N. Y. It appears that simular phenomena have been noted and reported for the past century or more.

10. In view of the above, the following conclusions are drawn:

a. In the majority of cases reported, observers have actually sighted some type of flying object which they cannot classify as an aircraft within the limits of their personal experience.

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b. There is as yet no conclusive proof that unidentified flying objects, other than those which are known to be balloons, are real aircraft.

c. Although it is obvious that some types of flying objects have been sighted, the exact nature of those objects cannot be established until physical evidence, such as that which would result from a crash, has been obtained.

11. It is not considered advisable to present to the press information on those objects which we cannot yet identify or about which we cannot present any reasonable conclusions. In the event that they insist on some kind of a statement, it is suggested that they be informed that many of the objects sighted have been identified as weather balloons or astral bodies, and that investigation is being pursued to determine reasonable explanations for the others.

12. A report, summarizing the results obtained from analysis of the data and a technical investigation of the engineering aspects of the objects described, is nearly complete, and a copy will be forwarded to your Headquarters in the near future.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H M McCoy

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Colonel, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Department

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Basic letter's reference to the contacting of the Air Transport Association was with the understanding that such arrangements were to be made, or had been made, by Project SIGN personnel. This was the decision made as a result of the conference held at this Headquarters 27 July 1948. JANAP 146 was forwarded merely as being of possible value in the establishment of a direct reporting system by airline pilots.

2. It is therefore requested that Project Sign personnel make arrangements to enlist the services of the Air Transport Association in order to develop a system whereby U. S. airline pilots could make flash reports of any unusual aerial sightings direct to your Headquarters.

3. In this connection it is suggested that the "Essential Elements of Information" inclosed with 1st Indorsement may prove too detailed for practical use by airline pilots in forwarding initial reports to your Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

/s/
ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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27 AUG 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. At the conference in this Headquarters 27 July 1948 on subject project, it was agreed that the Air Transport Association would be contacted in an effort to enlist the cooperation of United States airlines in reporting sightings of unusual aerial phenomena direct to your Command.

2. The attached publication JANAP 146, although not specifically developed by the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee for the reporting of "flying disc" sightings, is forwarded with the suggestion that you may wish to consider its use for this purpose by commercial airline pilots.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
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Subject: "Project 'Sing'"

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Hq AMC Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, 26 Octo 48

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR-CO-5

1. With reference to paragraph 1 above, the efforts to enlist the cooperation of United States airlines in reporting sightings of unusual aerial phenomena directly to this Command are greatly appreciated.

2. This Headquarters further requests cooperation in effecting distribution and use by commercial airlines of an "Essential Elements of Information" check list, copies of which are inclosed. This list may be used as a supplement to the publication JANAP 146, developed by the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee for the reporting of "flying disc" sightings.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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/s/ W. E. Goll
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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Investigation by United States Air Force of reports on so-called flying saucers has led to the identification of some of these objects as weather balloons and astral bodies. The investigation of such reported incidents is continuing at the Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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h. TO: General Cabell

DATE 19 Nov 48

1. AFOAI recommends that no statement be released NO. 3
to the press on flying object incidents until press demands make such release
imperative.

2. If the statement to the press is required it is recommended that Incl 2
form the basis of the statement.

3. We are prepared for the verbal comments at your convenience.

JH
for
Gen Moore

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B/L fm Mrs. Ruth Shook, dtd 14 Sep. 48, subj: Request for Information
Concerning Strategic Aircraft.

AFOIR-CO-5 (1-10-64)

2nd Ind.

28 OCT 1948

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio.

ATTN: MCI

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

✓ 095. SHOOK, RUTH

"C-O-P-Y"

Hiawarree, Ga.
Sept. 14, 1948

The War Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen,

Please inform me what those things are that the people in North Georgia have been seeing flying through the sky.

They are round and long some what like a giant cigar. They have a motor that sounds like a motorcycle. If they are foreign machine you should know about it.

If they are American military machines I do not need to know about them.

Yours truly,

s/ Mrs. Ruth Shook

P.S. The Atlanta Constitution stated that no one in Atlanta knew what they were.

SUBJECT: Request for information concerning strange aircraft.

AGAO-C 095 Shook
Ruth Mrs. (14 Sep 48)

1st Ind

PRW/wcw/LD-860

AGO, DEPT OF THE ARMY, Washington 25, D. C., 13 October 1948

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

1. The Air Materiel Command is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. To date, no concrete identity of any of the reported objects has been received. Similarly, the origin of the so-called "flying discs" remains obscure. The possibility exists that some of the sighted objects are of domestic origin, i.e., unrecognized configurations of some of our latest aeronautical attainments, or that they are objects not readily recognized by the public - test vehicles in various stages of development, etc.

3. It is requested that your Agency submit to the Directorate of Intelligence any available evidence that may come to your attention which might serve to indicate that these objects have a domestic origin.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

GEORGE D. GARRETT, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
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Headquarters
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio

7 October 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief of Staff, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.
Director of Intelligence
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations
ATTN: AFOIR

It is requested that your office forward the attached letter to the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington 25, D.C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ H.M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

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Where security regulations will permit, it is requested that your office submit to Hq. Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Fld., Ohio, Attn: MCIAXO-3, THRU: Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, 25, D. C., DIRECTOR OF INTEL, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, ATTN: AFOIR, any available evidence which might serve to indicate that these objects have a domestic origin.

Your cooperation in so doing might greatly assist in identifying our own domestic developments from possible inimical foreign achievements.

Very truly yours

H. M. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
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600.9 Project - Rand

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SUBJECT: Request for Study by Rand Project

THRU: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIN

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFMRD

1. It is requested that the special study, described in the inclosure be approved and the Rand Corporation be authorized to establish a study of 3A priority, consistent in scope and degree of treatment with the described requirements.

2. It is further requested that Air Materiel Command be assigned to monitor the project in conformance with Air Corps Letter 80-10, 21 July 1948, Section 3, Paragraph J.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Exhibit "A"
Project Sign Study
Requirements

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

350.05 Project - Rand

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EXHIBIT "A"

Project Sign Study Requirements

The possibility that some of the unidentified aerial objects that have been reported both in the United States and in foreign lands may have been experimental spaceships, or test vehicles for the purpose of assisting in the development of spaceships, has been given consideration by this Command.

If such craft actually have been sighted, it is believed more likely that they represent the effort of a foreign nation, rather than a product from beyond the Earth.

Present world knowledge, techniques and resources are probably adequate to meet the requirements for spaceship construction, or at least to establish the preliminary experimental foundation for such an accomplishment in the near future.

In any case, the design and performance parameters of the craft would necessarily be in conformance and consistent with the established principles of our sciences.

To assist in the collection of information, relating to unidentified aerial objects that may possibly represent spaceships or spaceship test vehicles, and to assist in the analysis and evaluation of such reported craft, technical information that includes the distinguishing design and performance parameters for spaceships is considered necessary.

While such information is contained outright, or implicitly, in the series of Rand Project reports, it would be of much value to this Command to have a list of the special design and performance characteristics that are believed to distinguish spaceships, together with any further scientific clues that might assist in their detection and identification, prepared by Rand scientific personnel.

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10 Nov 48

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago 15, Illinois

ALFGF-I

25 October 1948

SUBJECT: "Reported Flying Disc"

TO : Director of Intelligence
GSUSA
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Group

1. Attached herewith is a copy of a newspaper clipping from the Minneapolis Morning Tribune dated 21 October 1948, on so called "flying discs."

2. No further investigation is being conducted by this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ PRENTICE G. MORGAN
Major, GSC
Chief, Intelligence Division
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Incl:
As stated above

AFOIR-CO-5

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

12 NOV 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
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19 Oct 48

000-9 FLYING DISCS

Subj: Project "SIGN"

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

OCT 19 1948

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR-CO-5 (L-10-1)

Request to investigate the sighting reported in letter attached as Inclosure 1 to basic communication, has been forwarded to Branch Intelligence Office, 112th CIG Detachment, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1 Incl
w/d

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Intelligence Department

7 Oct 48

000.9 Flying Disc

AFOIR-CO-5
(1-10-1)

7 OCT 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

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350.05 Intelligence Collection Plan

9 Sep 1948

FROM: AFOIR-CO

TO: Director of Communications, DCS/O

R&R #2

SUBJECT: Communication Instructions for Reporting Military Intelligence
Sightings (CIRMIS) --JANAP 146

1. It is requested that the Air Force member of the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee take whatever steps may be necessary to amend Par. 101, Chapter 1, of subject publication so as to include commercial domestic airlines within its provisions.

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3. Procedure instructions in connection with JANAP 146 have been included in this Directorate's "Intelligence Collection Instructions", which is being distributed to Major Air Commands and Air Attaches. Effective date of the "ICI" is 1 Sept 1948.

4. It is further requested that the distribution of subsequent issues of JANAP 146, or any changes or amendments thereto, include, in addition to the original distribution, 102 copies to be sent to this Directorate - Attn: AFOIR-AA. These are for onward transmission to Air Attaches. Extra Copies of the first issue have already been secured for this purpose.

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AFOIR CO/Capt. Eldridge/dw/6282

11 Aug 1948

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B/L fm AMC, MCIAXF-2, dtd 21 Jul 48, subject: Falling Stars
Observed in Norway

AFOIR-CO-2 (AMC-88)

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

18 AUG 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXF

1. The report referred to in basic letter described a falling star
observed by the sixteen (16) year old daughter of the Military Attache.
It is felt that no useful purpose would be served by questioning a (16)
sixteen year old girl eight months after the incident.

2. A requirement is in effect requesting that all unidentified
flying objects be reported.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

GEORGE D. CANNETT, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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W. J. [unclear]

Ref: Ltr fm AMC, MCIAXF-2, dtd 21 Jul 48, subject as above.

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0009 Flying Objects

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO

MCIAXF-2/HAM/jc

JUL 21 1948

* REFERENCE NO.
AMC-88

MCIAXF

Falling Stars Observed in Norway

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR

1. Reference is made to OMA Norway Report No. 365-47 describing falling stars observed by an employee of that office on 13 December 1947.

2. It is requested that the Office of the Military Attache, Oslo, Norway be contacted for the purpose of completing the inclosed form and securing a signed statement from the person reported to have seen these objects. The statement should be as complete and accurate as possible and returned to this Command at earliest date.

3. Comments by qualified personnel, particularly from the University of Oslo will be most helpful with regard to incidents of 12th and 13th December and any others which might occur. The questions on the form can be used as a guide in reporting phenomena which might be observed in the future.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ James J. Hausman Lt Col USAF
for W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief of Intelligence

1 Incl:
Check List - Unidentified
Flying Objects

* Reference this number on all replies

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21 Jul 48

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AMC, Wright-Patterson
Ohio

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AFOIR-CO-5(L-8-31)

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached civilian communication is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.
2. This letter has been acknowledged by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, but not by this Headquarters. It is assumed that your Command will make proper acknowledgement.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 incl
Ltr fr J. Jannicky
dtd 9 July 1948 w/2 Incls.

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

✓
095. JANNICKY, JOHN, JR.

COPY

Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa
9 July 1948

US War Department
Washington, D.C.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Sir:

On the Fourth of July (July 4, 1948) my wife and I were sitting on a bench on our lawn and we were watching the stars, planes, etc., At 11:15 P.M. D.S.T. we saw something very strange.

We thought we saw a star moving. There was a slight in the sky the same color and size of a star and it was moving. We decided it was a plane but it made no noise. We soon changed our minds because this "thing" moved across the sky then stopped for about 8 seconds then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When this "thing" stopped in the sky, if you didn't know where it was at, you could not tell it from a star as the resemblance was identical to a star.

After reading in the paper on July 8, 1948, about two women seeing "Flying Saucers" in the day light July 8, I believe I saw a "Flying Saucer" or something in the night July 4, because I know it was no star or an airplane because neither can travel and stop in the air like this "thing" did. I live about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from these women who have seen the "disc" in the daylight.

Has the War Department any comments on these strange "discs?" They are now reported in the heart of the steel industry. "PITTSBURGH DISTRICT".

Yours
/s/ John Jamnicky, Jr.
Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa.

2 Incls.
Newspaper Clipping dtd 8 July 48
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ROUTING SLIP

TO:

1. OFFICE <i>AFO112</i>	DATE <i>4 Aug</i>
ATTENTION <i>St Col Shiley</i>	
2. OFFICE	DATE
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3. OFFICE	DATE
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FOR: FOLLOWING ACTION(S) AS CHECKED

COORDINATION	NOTE AND RETURN	INFORMATION
NECESSARY ACTION	RECOMMENDATION	FILE
SEE OR PHONE ME	APPROVAL	SIGNATURE

COMMENT

FROM:

OFFICE <i>JACKSON M. PHIPPS</i> <i>Major, USAF</i> <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	ROOM NO.
INDIVIDUAL <i>Air Information Division</i>	PHONE <i>2760</i>

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2 August 1948

SUBJECT: Concerning Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

The attached correspondence is transmitted as a matter of primary interest to your agency. The writer has been advised of this reference.

1 Incl

Ltr dtd 9 Jul 48, fm
John Jamnicky Jr.
Box 227, Dravasburg; Penna.
w/2 Incls.

Edward F. Witsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL *enc*
Major General
The Adjutant General

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
 THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
 COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND



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AFOIR-CO-5
(1-6-121)

9 July 1948

SUBJECT: Explosion in the Sky Near Norcatur, Kansas

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl
Cy ltr, 20
Feb 48

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Collection Branch
Requirements Division

695 MARKHAM, N. G.

Ref: Ltr frm N. G. Markham dtd 20 Feb 48, subject: "Explosion in the sky near Norcatur, Kansas, 4:00 p.m. (MST) February 18, 1948.
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FROM: <i>Norman Harold Markham</i>	DATE: <i>20 Feb 48</i>	<u>SUSPENSE</u> DATE _____ ASGD BY _____ NO. _____					
	TYPE: <i>Info</i>						
SUMMARY: <i>Explosion in the sky near Norwood, Mass. 4:00 P.M. (MST) Feb 18, 1948</i>							
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AFOIR-CO-5

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Eleventh Air Force, 1612 South Cameron
Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your undated letter, above subject, and inclosures thereto, which was received at this Headquarters 4 June.

2. It is requested that future reports under this subject be forwarded direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCI.

3. This procedure is in accordance with the provisions of this Headquarters' letter dated 6 February 1948, subject "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs", as amended 26 February 1948.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

VS) W B M
ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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Basic Ltr fm Hq. Eleventh Air Force, Harrisburg, Pa., dtd (undated),
subj: Report of "Flying Discs"

AFOIR-CO-5 (1-6-29)

1st Ind.

15 JUN 1948

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI

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HEADQUARTERS ELEVENTH AIR FORCE

1612 South Cameron Street

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Discs"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence,
Requirements Division

1. In compliance with paragraph 1a, ADC Letter 45-5, 25 March 1948, the following information relative to "Flying Discs" is hereby submitted. The attached report was received this Headquarters 27 May 1948, from Special Agent, E.K. Brown, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio. This Headquarters has no further information and is not initiating any investigation in accordance with paragraph 2, ADC Ltr. 45-5. Any additional information received by this Headquarters will be immediately forwarded to your Headquarters. Copies of report have been forwarded to Hq. Air Materiel Command and Hq. Air Defense Command as directed in above mentioned directive.

- a. Location and time of sighting - Hobson, Ohio; night of 8 May 48.
- b. Weather at the time - unknown by this Hq.
- c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses - Addresses Ben Rupe, New York Central System Car Inspector unknown.
Earl Roush, " " " "
Bob White, Yard Clerk, N.Y.C.
C. K. Hite, Patrolman, N.Y.C.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available - unknown this Hq.
- e. Sketches of objects configuration - unknown this Hq.
- f. Objects sighted:
 - (1) Number - not known this Headquarters
 - (2) Shape - round
 - (3) Size - appeared to be nine inches in diameter from ground level.

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By DM/Amw NARA, Date 17 Mar 2014

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Subj: Report of "Flying Discs"

- (4) Color - phosphorescent
- (5) Speed @ Great amount of speed
- (6) Heading - 90°
- (7) Manueverability - not known
- (8) Altitude - 6 to 8 miles
- (9) Sound - unknown to this Hq.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not - Phosphorescent trail in the sky

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ H. B. WAX
Lt Col., USAF
AC of S, A-2

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- 1. FBI Ltr., Cleveland, Ohio, 25 May 48
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Basic ltr 24 Sept 47, subj: "Flying Disc", from Hq AMC (TSNAD-2B/ACL:eec) to CG, AAF, attn: AC/AS-2 Major General George McDonald - signed by Col H.M. McCoy, Deputy CG, Intelligence, (T-2)

COPY in Central Files

In compliance with Gen McDonald's telephone conversation 24 Sep 47 to Col McCoy, AMC, copy of drawing entitled "Loedding Flying Disc" designated LD-2; was forwarded to this Hq. Because of patent rights involved, record must be kept of all persons reviewing drawing. Ltr also inclosed report by Royal Aircraft Establishment, Technical Note, AERO 1703, which describes the Horten tailless aircraft. T-2 report "German Flying Wings Designed by Horten Brothers" was forwarded for retention by AC/AS-2.

Corres. rec'd thru A-2 TS Control Officer due to patent rights involved with drawing. Corres. dispatched thru A-2 TS Control officer and courier to AMC.

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1. Drawing
2. RAE Tech Note, AERO 1703
3. T-2 Rpt, No. F-SU-1110-ND

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Lt Col Earle/mcb/6548
/t/ 4 June 48

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095. HORTEN BROS.

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

4 - JUN 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

T-2 Report "German Flying Wings Designed by Horten Brothers" has been retained by this office.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

WILTON H. EARLE, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intel. Req. Div.
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SUBJECT: Flying Discs

2 June 1948

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command. Request acknowledgement be made to Mr. Bonneville.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Ltr frm Wm. Bonneville
dtd 23 May 48

GEORGE D. GARRETT, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
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AFOIR-CO-5 (5-61)

21 May 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCI

Attached is a report of a flying disc sighting by an officer on duty in the Offensive Air Branch of this Directorate.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl.

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
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4 May 1948

MEMO FOR LT. COL. THOMAS

The undersigned officer was participating as pilot on a local flight on Friday, 30 April 1948, in Navy aircraft, SNJ Buno 90731. At approximately 1015 local time, at an altitude of about 5500 feet, on a magnetic heading of about 180 degrees, just south of Anacostia Naval Air Station, an object was sighted ahead to the left and about 1000 feet below at a distance of about 1 mile. The object resembled a yellow sphere estimated at 25-40 feet in diameter. The flight path of the object was in approximately a South to North direction (despite upper wind from North Northwest) and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering the prohibited flying area, U.S. Capitol, White House Area.

The object appeared to pilot to be a yellow (or bright colored) balloon and attracted attention principally because of its flight path. No external fittings or attachments were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated to about 100 MPH.

/s/ Marcus L. Lowe, Jr.
Lt. Cdr. US Navy

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs

13 MAY 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-
Patterson Air Force, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

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Flying Discs

AFOIR-CO-5

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

6 MAY 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-
Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

MRS.

1. The attached correspondence from Miss Ethel Evans, of Wildwood, New Jersey, pertaining to Flying Discs, is forwarded for your information.

2. Attached herewith is copy of this Headquarters' direct reply to her letter of 23 April.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

GEORGE D. GARRETT, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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Ethel Evans dtd 6 May
- 2 - ltr fm Ethel Evans
dtd 23 Apr. w/incls.

✓ 095. EVANS, MRS. ETHEL

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AFOIR-CO/Lt Col Garrett/lwd/4544 - 6 May 48
Rwrtn: AFOIR/Col Mallory/mob/6548 - 10 May 48

12 MAY 1948

Mrs. Ethel Evans
Post Office Box 119
Wildwood, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Evans:

Your letter of April 23rd to Mr. Symington, with its inclosures, has been referred to this office during his temporary absence and we wish to thank you very much for your patriotic interest.

We assure you, Mrs. Evans, that rather than being treated lightly, your reports of information concerning unusual aerial phenomena have in every case been studied by those persons concerned with such matters.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to send any further reports of these sightings, should they occur, to the Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

JOEL E. MALLORY
Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
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CC: Air Materiel Command

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To reply direct to a Mrs. Ethel Evans of Wildwood, N. J., who wrote direct to Mr. Symington, under date of 23 April, concerning flying discs.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. This woman is an old friend. She has been writing to just about everybody in the Government concerning the strange lights she has seen over the Jersey Coast. Her Senator, President Truman, The F.B.I., AMC, and various radio commentators have been the objects of her attention for some time.

3. Her correspondence with AMC finally reached such a crescendo that an officer was sent down to Wildwood especially to interview her. After talking with her, it was decided to pursue the matter no farther. To play safe, however, the officer made arrangements with the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, in coordination with this Directorate, to report any unusual aerial phenomena to AMC. As far as is known, nothing has come in from this official source.

ACTION

4. Attached letter to ^{MRS.}~~Miss~~ Evans thanking her for her interest, and attached letter to AMC forwarding the correspondence for their information.

COORDINATION

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28 APR 1948

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXD

1. This Headquarters has received no information, as yet, resulting from interview of subject brothers.

2. As soon as received, it will be forwarded to your Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

✓ 095. HORTEN, REIMAR

Reference: Ltr frm Hq AMC, MCIAXD, dtd 13 Apr 48, subject as above.
Ltr frm JIOA, dtd 31 Mar 48, subject: "German Scientists (Civil), Reimar Horten."

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HEADQUARTERS
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MCIAXD/HWS/dw
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Apr 13, 1948
REFERENCE
A 4062

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Horten Brothers

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR

It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of any information available as a result of the interrogation of the Horten Brothers, referred to in letter, your Headquarters, AFOIR-CO-5, dated 24 February 1948, subject "Flying Discs".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/S/ James J. Hansman, Lt. Col. USAF
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
Washington 25, D. C.

Joint Intelligence
Objectives Agency

31 March 1948

JIOA 1068

MEMORANDUM FOR Collection Branch, Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Attn: Directorate of Intelligence

SUBJECT: German Scientists (Civil), Reimar Horten.

1. Reference is made to the recent telephone request of Captain Macken that Dr. Reimar Horten, allocated to the U.K on the U.K. 15th Civil List, be made available to the Department of the Air Force for interview.

2. The British Joint Services Mission has agreed to the interview of Horten by the Department of the Air Force at some future date.

/s/ BOSQUET N. WEV
Captain, USN
Director

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24 FEB 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

1. Attached, for your information, is copy of Collection Memorandum Number 7, which was forwarded to field collection agencies for action on above subject.

2. This Directorate has been advised that contact has been made with the Horton Brothers, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of European Command has accordingly been advised by Telecon to use this Memorandum as the basis for interrogation.

3. The results of this interrogation will be forwarded to your Headquarters as soon as received.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl
Col Memo #7
dtd 21 Jan 48

G.P. CABELL
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To forward to AMC a copy of Collection Memo #7, and advise action being taken.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. Collection Memo #7, outlines our intelligence requirements in the field of unconventional a/c, as they pertain to overseas agencies.

3. Of particular interest in this Memo is the desire to contact the Horton Bros, designers of a flying disc type a/c.

4. Scientific Branch, ID, advises that EUCOM has made contact with the Horton Bros., and this Office has therefore asked ID to instruct the G-2 of EUCOM to arrange an interrogation of the Hortons, using Collection Memo #7, as the basis for the interrogation.

5. Col. McCoy has been advised of this contact and proposed interrogation. He feels that further possible exploitation of the Hortons should await the results of this first interrogation.

ACTION

6. Attached letter to AMC advising them of above facts.

COORDINATION

7. Col. McCoy, T-2, AMC

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AFOIR-CO/Lt Col Garrett/lwd/4544
28 Apr 48

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28 APR 1948

SUBJECT: Clipping Service for Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 15 March 1948, subject as above.

2. Based on past experiences of other Government intelligence agencies which have been contacted, and taking into consideration the necessity for additional handling which would result if another agency subscribes to the service for you, it is recommended that your Headquarters subscribe to the desired service, rather than have the service contracted for you.

3. It is suggested that the simplest method to avoid compromising the Air Force in a program of this kind would be for a civilian member of your Intelligence staff to secure a Post Office box in Dayton, contract for the service in his own name, and pay the cost by money order or certified check secured with funds furnished him by the Government.

4. Coverage of general domestic newspapers can be obtained through Consolidated Press Clipping Bureaus, 431 South Dearborn St., Chicago, with branches in New York, Kansas City and Minneapolis; Henry Romeike, Inc., 220-30 West 19th St., New York, and American Press Clipping Service, 119 Nassau St., New York. Any one of these should give good coverage, but it might be desirable to query each of them before making a choice. Consolidated is probably the largest.

5. For coverage of the domestic trade press, American Trade Press Clipping Bureau, 15 East 26th St., New York, is recommended.

6. The International Press Clipping Bureau, 5 Beekman St., New York, provides coverage of the foreign press.

7. As to rates, Consolidated charges 10¢ a clipping with a minimum charge of \$10.00 a month. American Trade Press Clipping Bureau charges 15¢ a clipping, with a minimum of \$12.00 a month. This Office does not have specific rates for the other bureaus, but it is believed that the general newspaper clipping charges run about

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Ltr to AMC, subj: Clipping Service for Project "SIGN", dtd

the same, i.e., 10¢ a clipping, with a minimum of \$10.00 a month.
The general magazine rates are around 15¢ a clipping with a
minimum of \$15.00 a month.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

Ref: Ltr AMC dtd 15 Mar 48, subj: as above

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Clipping Service for Project "SIGN"

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR, Lt Col George D. Garrett, Jr.

1. It is believed that the initiation of a clipping service on the subject of flying discs would be of considerable value to this Command relative to the accomplishment of Project "SIGN".

2. The Research Division of Plane Facts Magazine, Dayton, Ohio was contacted in an attempt to negotiate such a contract. This company has submitted a few courtesy articles which proved highly useful. However, in view of the factors involved, indications are that such a contract negotiated directly by this Headquarters with a private company would carry no assurance that the USAF would not be compromised.

3. It is requested, therefore, that your Headquarters investigate the possibility to contract for this service through some other Government agency. This contract should contain the following coverages:

- a. U. S. newspapers
- b. U. S. periodicals
- c. Leading foreign newspapers (including translations)
- d. Leading foreign periodicals (including translations)

The cost of such a contract would be furnished from the budget of the Intelligence Department, this Command.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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20 February 1948

Clipping Service

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. Your attention is invited to the attached proposal from the Research Division of PLANE FACTS magazine to furnish this Headquarters with a clipping service as explained in the attached correspondence.

2. This matter was previously discussed informally with your Headquarters and the undersigned was notified that since the responsibility for a review of the world press was vested in the CIA, such matters should be referred to that authority.

3. The service proposed by PLANE FACTS would be highly desirable in that the material furnished would be organized in a manner that would facilitate processing within this Headquarters with a minimum of delay. The ability of the PLANE FACTS organization to successfully furnish such a service is, however, unknown to this office, and no attempt has been made to ascertain its capabilities in this direction in view of C.I.A. responsibility.

4. Since it is manifestly true that it would be impracticable, if not impossible, for this Headquarters to set up a world wide coverage of the press and trade journals in the aeronautical field without outside assistance, it is requested that efforts be made to make necessary arrangements with C.I.A. whereby this service may be furnished this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl:
Ltr. 26 Jan 48
w/Incl.

H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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FROM:

15 Mar. 48
AMC, Ohio.

SUSPENSE DATE:

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c. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - REMARKS								
DATE _____ NO. _____ Wright Field wishes to subscribe to a clipping service on flying discs, without compromising USAF. Attached letter gives info on services and suggests AMC civilian should handle. G.D.G. USE OTHER SIDE THIS SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL REMARKS								
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DATE: 20 Feb. 48
FROM: MC Ohio.

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Re: "Plane Facts Magazine"
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DATE RECEIVED DIR/INT _____				c. <u>4th Record -</u> SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - REMARKS DATE <u>8 March 48</u> NO. <u>1</u> Shawn FAULK (AMC-MCI) said that AMC Comptroller has disapproved any use of "Hawthorne" and that we should disregard this and wait for another letter which MCI is presently preparing regarding USE OTHER SIDE THIS SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL REMARKS							
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AFOIR-CO/Lt. Col. Garrett/jh/4544
26 Apr 48

Basic ltr, subj: Report of Information on "Flying Disc" dated 12 Apr 48

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HEADQUARTERS, THE AIR UNIVERSITY, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama APR 14 1948

TO: Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington 25, D. C., Attn: Dir of Intelligence

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 4 of letter cited in basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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F. E. LANKSTON
MAJOR, AGD
ASST. ADJ. GEN.

AFOIR-CO-5

2nd Ind.

27 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

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Reference: Ltr frm Hq Tyndall AFB, dated 12 Apr 48, subject as above.
1st Ind frm Hq Maxwell Air FB, to C/S, USAF, dated 14 Apr 48.

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HEADQUARTERS
500th AIR UNIVERSITY WING
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

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12 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Disc"

THRU : Commanding General
Air University
Maxwell Air Force Base
Montgomery, Alabama
ATTN: AC of S, A-2

TO : Commanding General
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

The attached information is forwarded in compliance with USAF Letter,
subj: "Reporting of Information on "flying Discs", dtd 6 February 1948.

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/s/ J. B. PRICE
Major, USAF
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27 APR 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

The attached Coast Guard instructions to its field agencies, relative to the reporting of information on flying discs, are forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Instructions

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on
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TO: HQ, USAF, AFOIR FROM: D/I, GSUSA DATE: 25 Mar 48 COMMENT NO. 2
Lt. Col. Smith/2931/jes

1. Action on Comment No. 1 has been completed by request for information at Inclosure 1.

2. It is requested that Air Materiel Command be directed to transmit to the Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, an information copy of each communication received from or sent to commands subordinate to the Department of the Army in connection with so-called "flying disc" reports.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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Colonel, GSC
Asst Exe, Intelligence Group, 12

R. F. ENNIS
Colonel, GSC
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Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA-3/1208-I

Mar 11, 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence
Air Intelligence Requirements Division

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt. A. M. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

a. Observation by Mr. Les Buchner, Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 5 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. Denio, employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Informant Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/s/ DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of S, A-2

Information to:
ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.
FBI, San Francisco
G-2, Sixth Army
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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Hqs. 4th Air Force,
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9 March 48

AFOIR-CO-5

17 MAR 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Reference is made to Colonel McCoy's informal proposal that certain fighter aircraft be maintained on a continuous alert status, within the Zone of the Interior, to aid in gathering information on Flying Discs.

2. This proposal is considered unfeasible for the following reasons:

a. The outlay of aircraft and personnel would be too great in relation to the results obtained.

b. Proper interception is not possible, except by accident, without complete radar coverage. The Air Force is incapable of providing such coverage.

c. It is doubtful if fighter aircraft would be able to follow up reports emanating, for the most part, from civilian sources.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

GEORGE C. McDONALD
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence, Office of
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

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Flying Discs

Director of Intelligence

3 MAR 1948

Director of Plans and Operations

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Major Cook:esk 72233

1. The proposal of Air Materiel Command for stationing fighter aircraft at all bases on a continuous alert status is not considered feasible for the following reasons:

a. The outlay of aircraft and personnel would be too great consistent with the results to be obtained.

b. Proper interception is not possible, except by accident, without complete radar coverage which the Air Force is not capable of providing.

c. It is doubtful if fighter aircraft would be able to follow up reports emanating, for the most part, from civilian sources.

2. It is recommended that Air Materiel Command's responsibility for "collecting" information on unusual phenomena in the atmosphere be confined to the establishment of direct channels for the receipt of such information.

3. It is further recommended that in lieu of the proposal of Air Materiel Command, all other major commands be directed to cooperate with Air Materiel Command and to channel information directly to that command.

S. E. ANDERSON
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Director of Plans and Operations.

Ref: R&R, to Dir/P&O, dtd 12 Feb 48, subj: Flying Discs
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To answer AMC's informal request that fighter aircraft be kept on a continuous alert status at air installations within the Zone of the Interior for the purpose of intercepting and gathering information on flying discs.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. Colonel McCoy of AMC verbally requested that the possibility of the above proposal be taken up with Director of Plans and Operations.

3. Plans and Operations has turned down the proposal as being unfeasible.

ACTION

4. Attached letter to AMC informing it of negative decision.

COORDINATION

5. None required.

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AFOIR-CO-5

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commandant (INT)
United States Coast Guard
1300 E Street NW
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence and Law Enforcement Division

1. It is Air Force policy not to ignore reports of sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere, but to recognize that part of its mission is to collect, collate, evaluate, and act on information of this nature.

2. In implementing this policy the Air Materiel Command has been designated as the Air Force agency to collect, collate, evaluate, and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security.

3. All Air Force installations within and outside the Zone of Interior and Alaska have been instructed to report all sightings, or information concerning sightings which comes to their attention, direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attn: MCI.

4. Air Materiel Command has been authorized direct contact with all Air Force installations whenever required to develop additional information on the flying discs.

5. It will be appreciated if all Coast Guard installations also can be instructed to report such occurrences directly to Air Materiel Command, and if they can be informed that Air Materiel Command is authorized to contact them direct when necessary in connection with such occurrences.

6. Whenever possible, reports to Air Materiel Command should include the following information:

- a. Location and time of sighting
- b. Weather at the time
- c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses

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"Flying Discs"

- d. Photographs of objects, if available
- e. Sketches of object's configuration
- f. Object sighted:

(1) Number	(5) Speed	(9) Sound
(2) Shape	(6) Heading	(10) Exhaust trail
(3) Size	(7) Maneuverability	or not
(4) Color	(8) Altitude	

- g. General remarks.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. CABELL
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To request that all Coast Guard installations make any reports on "flying discs" direct to Air Materiel Command, Attn: MCI.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. By letter from Dir/Research and Development, USAF, to CG, AMC, dated 30 Dec 47, AMC was assigned responsibility for the collection, collation, evaluation, and distribution of all information and intelligence pertinent to flying discs.

3. In accordance with that letter, therefore, and at the verbal request of Major Faulk, AMC "SIGN" project officer, it is believed desirable that Coast Guard installations be requested to pass all subject reports and information direct to MCI, AMC.

4. Maj. Faulk visited Coast Guard Hq on 4 March 1948 and made arrangements with the Chief, Intelligence and Law Enforcement Division for such direct reporting.

ACTION

5. Attached letter to Coast Guard requesting that they instruct their installations to forward any "flying disc" information direct to MCI, AMC.

COORDINATION

6. Major Faulk	MCI, A.M.C.	
Cmdr. Hammond	Coast Guard Hq	Code 172, Ext. 2981

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Hq, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR

In accordance with instructions, the 44 reports listed in 1st Ind, your Hq, are returned for your files.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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For

A. J. Hemstreet, Jr.
H. M. McCOY Lt. Col. USAF
Colonel, USAF
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B/L fr Hq, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
dated 23 Jan 48, subj: Project "SIGN"

AFOIR-CO-2
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1st Ind.

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio ATTN: MICA

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2. It is requested that any future correspondence pertaining to
this request bear reference to Control No. A-2641.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
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Ref: (1) AMC ltr (MCIA) dated 23 Jan 48, subj: Project "SIGN"
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Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

23 January 1948

MCIA

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR, Lt Col George Garrett

1. In connection with the investigation of flying discs, Project "SIGN", it is believed that the various unidentified flying objects seen over Sweden (so-called "Swedish Incidents") might be helpful. It is our understanding that a comprehensive file of these incidents accumulated during the past two years is located at your Headquarters.

2. It is requested, therefore, that the entire file "Swedish Incidents" be forwarded to this office for review as soon as possible. If extra copies are not available, reproduction copies will be made at this Command so that the originals can be promptly returned.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. R. Clingerman Col USAF
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 9 MAR 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
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TENTH AIR FORCE
BROOKS FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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7 January 1948

SUBJECT: "Flying Disks"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Field, New York
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

Commanding General
Fourth Army
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, G-2

Inclosed is Summary of Information prepared by the Tenth Air Force Resident Agent at Houston, Texas covering a report of "Flying Disks" received by the FBI Office at Houston, Texas.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ RAYMOND D. STEPHENS
Major, USAF
Actg Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

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SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Attached report from Military Air Attache, Canada, closes the
incident reported by Johnson and Harrison.

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4. Air Materiel Command has been authorized direct contact with all Air Force installations whenever required to develop additional information on the flying discs.
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 - b. Weather at the time
 - c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses
 - d. Photographs of objects, if available
 - e. Object sighted:

(1) Number	(4) Color	(7) Maneuverability	(10) Exhaust trail
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FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. CABELL
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To request that all Army and Navy installations make any reports of "flying discs" direct to AMC, Attn: T-2.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. By letter from Dir/Research & Development, USAF, to CG, AMC, dated 30 Dec 47, AMC was assigned responsibility for the collection, collation, evaluation and distribution of all information and intelligence pertinent to flying discs.

3. In accordance with this letter, therefore, and at the verbal request of Col. McCoy, it is believed desirable that Army and Navy installations be requested to pass all subject reports and information direct to T-2, AMC.

ACTION:

4. Attached D/F to CSGID and Letter to ONI requesting that they instruct their installations to forward flying discs information to T-2, AMC.

COORDINATION:

5. Col. McCoy, MCI, AMC

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4. Air Materiel Command has been authorized direct contact with all Air Force installations whenever required to develop additional information on the flying discs.
5. It is requested that all Department of the Navy installations also be instructed to report such occurrences directly to Air Materiel Command, and that they be informed that Air Materiel Command is authorized to contact them direct when necessary in connection with such occurrences.
6. If possible, reports to Air Materiel Command should include the following information:
 - a. Location and time of sighting
 - b. Weather at the time
 - c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses
 - d. Photographs of objects, if available
 - e. Sketches of object's configuration

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AFOIR-00-5 Ltr to Chief of Naval Intelligence, subj: Reporting of Information
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g. General remarks

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Major C. P. CABELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

26 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Caribbean Air Command
Commanding General, United States Air Forces in Europe
Commanding General, Far East Air Forces
Commanding General, Pacific Air Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

1. It is Air Force policy not to ignore reports of sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere but to recognize that part of its mission is to collect, collate, evaluate, and act on information of this nature.
2. In implementing this policy the Air Materiel Command has been designated as the Air Force agency to collect, collate, evaluate, and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security.
3. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so-called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of any installations under your command, will be forwarded, through channels, to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI.
4. In observing this procedure for reporting information on flying disc sightings, every effort will be made to include the following items:
 - a. Location and time of sighting.
 - b. Weather at the time.
 - c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses.
 - d. Photographs of objects, if available.
 - e. Sketches of object's configuration.
 - f. Object sighted:

(1) Number	(5) Speed	(9) Sound
(2) Shape	(6) Heading	(10) Exhaust trail or not.
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Ltr, Hq USAF, dated 26 February 1948, Subj: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

g. General remarks.

5. A copy of all reports or summaries of information sent to Air Materiel Command in accordance with the above provisions will be forwarded at the same time to this Headquarters, Attention: Director of Intelligence.

6. Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, is authorized direct contact with installations of the addressees of this letter in connection with the development of information on flying discs.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

1. To instruct the overseas air commands to report all flying disc sightings direct to AMC.

FACTS & DISCUSSION:

2. By letter dated 30 December 1947 this Hqs assigned AMC the responsibility for the collection, collation, evaluation, and production of intelligence concerning the so-called flying discs.

3. It is therefore desirable to instruct that all such occurrences which come to the attention of installations within the overseas air commands be reported direct to AMC.

4. Air Commands within the ZI and Alaska have already been instructed to report this information direct to AMC.

ACTION:

5. Dispatch of attached letter to overseas air commands.

COORDINATION:

6. None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

26 February 1948

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Strategic Air Command
Commanding General, Air Defense Command
Commanding General, Tactical Air Command
Commanding General, Air Training Command
Commanding General, Air University
Commanding General, Alaskan Air Command
Commanding General, Air Transport Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

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1. Reference is made to letter from this Headquarters dated 6 February 1948, subject as above.

2. Paragraph 1 of subject letter is changed to read as follows:

"1. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so-called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of any installation under your command, will be forwarded direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI."

3. Hereafter any sightings of flying discs will be reported under the provisions of this letter whether they occur within or outside the United States and Alaska.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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066.9 Flying Discs
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

1. To change text of Para. 1 of this Headquarters' letter dated 6 February 1948, subject, "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs."

FACTS & DISCUSSION:

2. Subject letter, addressed to all air commands in ZI and Alaska, instructed that information on the sightings of "flying discs" occurring within the ZI and Alaska be forwarded direct to Air Materiel Command.

3. It is felt that the reporting of information on this subject should not be limited to occurrences within the US and Alaska only, but that all instances, in no matter what part of the world, should be reported direct to AMC.

4. Accordingly, the necessary correction should be made to basic letter.

5. A separate letter is being sent to Caribbean Air Command, USAFE, Air Div. US Army Forces Austria, FEAF, Pacific Air Command, and 1st Air Div.

ACTION:

6. Dispatch of attached letter to addressees of our letter of 6 February 1948.

COORDINATION:

7. None required.

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Flying Discs

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
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e. Dr. Wilkenson described efforts of the Swedish government and his company to perfect V-1 type guided missiles and stated that they were experiencing considerable difficulty in matters of fuel consumption and that they had called in a German scientist who was an expert on the V-1. This German scientist in all of his calculations showed that their V-1 model should be actually getting five times as much range as they were getting in their experiments.

3. Dr. Wilkenson apparently had very definite ideas with regard to the much-discussed "meteors" that have been seen over their country, but Colonel von Schinkel got into a very excited discussion in Swedish with Dr. Wilkenson, which apparently changed his ideas about making any statement on the subject.

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSD-N

1. No information has been received from field agencies, as yet, in connection with subject guide.

2. As such information is received it will be forwarded promptly to your Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

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MCIA/EHL/amb
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
4 February 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AFOIR, Major Samuel Tolbert

1. Reference is made to AMC letter dated 7 October 1947, subject: "Flying Discs" (Project "SIGN") pertaining to the distribution of the Air Intelligence Guide for Alleged Flying Saucer Type Aircraft.

2. It is requested that a follow-up be made to determine the availability of any pertinent information as a result of this inquiry. Expeditious action is requested so that these findings may be considered in a new guide now being prepared.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. R. Clingerman Col USAF
for H. M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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DATE: 4 Feb 48

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1. By letter from this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1947 with subject as above, the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command is instructed to "set up a project whose purpose is to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security".

2. The Commanding General, Air Materiel Command feels that the responsibility assigned to him for collecting and developing information and intelligence on the "flying discs" should be complemented by a requirement that all Air Force installations in the United States and Alaska provide a minimum of one each fighter or night interceptor type aircraft, with necessary crews, on a continuous alert basis. These aircraft should be equipped with gun camera, and such armament as deemed advisable, in order to secure photographs necessary to the obtainment of all possible data on any reported and sighted unusual phenomena, of the "flying disc" type, in the atmosphere.

3. It is envisaged that each Air Force installation maintaining aircraft on an alert basis for this purpose would investigate all unusual flying objects reported from any source in any area over which it has cognizance. Such a program would obviously require a detailed Standard Operating Procedure, in the preparation of which Air Materiel Command should cooperate.

4. Your comments and/or concurrence are requested.

C. P. CABELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

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1. The Central Intelligence Agency has contacted the New York office of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company in connection with basic letter's request for information on "Amazing Stories" and their publication of items regarding Flying Discs.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency representative states that the letters from readers, in the possession of the publishing company, are of no value inasmuch as they are from school children, illiterates, "crack-pots", etc. None had a sensible report in connection with sightings, and most bordered on the fantastic side.

3. The feature article which was to have appeared on Flying Discs was written by a man who claims the discs emanate from a buried underground city in the bowels of the earth, which he has visited. However, Ziff-Davis Publishing Company have cancelled this story because it is not amazing enough, and instead are going to run a story about a huge red spider which comes down to earth from Mars and captures humans for a Martian museum.

4. This Office has instructed the Central Intelligence Agency Representatives to stop any further efforts in this matter (to their relief) and assumes that your command will wish no further steps taken in this direction.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN

Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.

Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.,
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Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
16 Jan 48

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SUBJECT: "Flying Discs"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Lt. Col. George Garrett
Collection Branch, Air Intelligence Req. Div.
Office, Director of Intelligence

1. An employee of this Department recently called the attention of the undersigned to a number of letters appearing in AMAZING STORIES Magazine on the subject of flying discs. Several past issues of the magazine were then reviewed, and it does appear that the readers of AMAZING STORIES have reported a number of such incidents which were not previously available to the Air Forces. It is understood that a feature article on this subject is under preparation by AMAZING STORIES. A preprint copy of this article, together with a copy of the letters available on this subject, would be of considerable interests

2. Due to the nature of the publication AMAZING STORIES and the unfavorable publicity which might accrue to the Air Force if an official request were made for such material, this Headquarters cannot contact the publisher directly. It is therefore requested that arrangements be made through appropriate channels whereby the desired information may be obtained.

3. It is realized that the above request is unusual, however, until such time as the so-called "Flying Disc" phenomenon is laid to rest, all possible sources of information should be utilized.

4. AMAZING STORIES is published monthly by the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company at 185 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois. The New York office is located in the Empire State Building, New York 3, New York.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ H.M. McCoy
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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JAN 28 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Flying Discs.

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence, Air Intell. Requirements Div.

Inclosed herewith is a copy of letter, Fourth Air Force,
subject: "Report of Flying Discs," 15 January 1948, with 1 Inclosure,
for your information and file.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. H. SMITH
Colonel, USAF
AC/S-Intell.

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Ltr, 4AF, subj:
"Rpt of Flying Discs,"
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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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Mitchel Air Force Base, New York

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JAN 25 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Intelligence Information.

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence
Requirements Division.

Inclosed herewith is a carbon copy of letter, Fourth Air Force,
subject as above, 6 January 1948, with 1 inclosure, for your information
and file.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. H. SMITH
Colonel, USAF
AC/S-Intell.

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air
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ATTN: TSDIN

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

6 February 1948

Remembered by Stc 12 Jan 50 to May Command, 21 June 50 a a

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Strategic Air Command
Commanding General, Air Defense Command
Commanding General, Tactical Air Command
Commanding General, Air Training Command
Commanding General, Air University
Commanding General, Alaskan Air Command
Commanding General, Air Transport Command
Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

1. Any information pertaining to the sighting of so-called flying discs, which is secured by or comes to the attention of Air Force installations within the United States and Alaska, will be forwarded direct to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: TSDIN.

2. Such reports will be sent direct, and not through ordinary channels, but copies of all such information may be supplied the Command Headquarters of the installation concerned.

3. In observing the above procedure for reporting information on flying disc sightings, every effort will be made to include the following items:

- a. Location and time of sighting
- b. Weather at the time
- c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses
- d. Photographs of objects, if available
- e. Sketches of object's configuration
- f. Object sighted:

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| (1) Number | (5) Speed | (9) Sound |
| (2) Shape | (6) Heading | (10) Exhaust trail or not |
| (3) Size | (7) Maneuverability | |
| (4) Color | (8) Altitude | |

g. General Remarks

4. A copy of all reports or summaries of information sent to Air Materiel Command in accordance with the above provisions will be forwarded at the same time to this Headquarters, Attention: Director of Intelligence.

5. Headquarters, Air Materiel Command is authorized direct contact with installations of the addressees of this letter in connection with the development of information on flying discs.

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Ltr to CG, Major Commands, Subj: "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs",
dtd 6 Feb 48, cont'd

6. The Air Materiel Command will furnish this Headquarters with such reports as are called for by Paragraph 4 of this Headquarters letter dated 30 December 1947, subject: "Flying Discs".

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Incol. Reg. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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OIR-CO / Col Garrett / Rh / 4544
13 Jan 47

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To direct all AF installations in the ZI and Alaska to make any reports of "flying Disc" sightings direct to T-2, AMC.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. By letter from Dir. of Research & Development, USAF, to CG, AMC, dated 30 Dec 47, AMC was assigned responsibility for the collection, collation, evaluation, and distribution of all information and intelligence pertinent to flying discs.

3. In accordance with this letter, therefore, and with verbal arrangements between Col. McCoy, AMC, and Lt. Col. Garrett, OIR-CO, it is necessary that AF field installations in the ZI and Alaska be directed to pass all subject reports and information direct to T-2 AMC.

4. Overseas agencies are being advised of our requirements in this field by means of a Collection Memoranda through normal ID channels.

ACTION

5. Attached letters to all Major Air Commands, ZI, and Alaskan Air Command.

COORDINATION

6. Col. McCoy, TSDIN, HQ AMC

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6 - FEB 1948

AFOIR-CO-5

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Attached is additional subject material which was formerly in files
of Dr. Garrell, Air Intelligence Division.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl
File material on
Flying Discs

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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DATE:

6 Feb 48

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SUMMARY:

Flying Discs

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0069 Flying Discs
29 JAN 1948

AFOIR-CO-5

SUBJECT: Flying Disc Information

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

1. Attached is the informational file on flying discs which was formerly maintained in the Air Intelligence Division, this Headquarters.
2. This file is sent you in accordance with this Headquarters' letter dated 30 December, subject "Flying Discs".

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl.
File on Flying Disc
Information

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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21 JAN 1948

AFOIR-CO

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

The attached correspondence is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

2 Incls

1. Ltr dtd 11 Jan 48
fr R. Halligan
2. Ltr dtd 15 Jan 48
fr Ethel Evans

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✓ 095. HALLIGAN, R.

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6009 Flying Discs

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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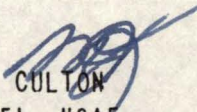
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☐ HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

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<i>This is routine forwarding of 2 letters from civilians re: Flying Discs. Under provisions of this Hqs' letter dated 30 Dec. 47, "Flying Discs", A. M. C. has primary interest in the subject.</i> <i>G.D.G.</i>								
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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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Jan 15 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Attached report for your information.

/S/ Donald L. Springer
DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of S, A-2

1 Incl
Rpt of Flying Disc.

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 6 - FEB 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force
Base, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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DATE: 15 Jan 48 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
FROM: Hamilton Fld Calif
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for flying disc's) has been retained in OIR-CO.
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000.9 Flying Discs

30 Dec 47

FROM: HDGRS, USAF

TO AMC

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

Ltr from this Headquarters, dated 30 Dec 47 with subject as above, the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command was instructed to "set up a project whose purpose is to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security".

Signed by General Craigie

See R&R 1 to Director of Plans & Operations under date 12 Feb 48

See Central Files for file copy of this letter

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22 Dec 47
AFOAI-CA

Written: 18 Dec. 1947

"Analysis of 'Flying Disc' Reports"

Director of Research and Development

Director of Intelligence

22 DEC 1947

Lt.Col.Thomas/mac/6625.

1. Attached are two papers, one prepared by the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, Subject: "Analysis of 'Flying Disc' Reports," and one prepared by the Air Material Command, Subject: "AMC Opinion Concerning 'Flying Discs'."

2. The Directorate of Intelligence paper summarizes present information and observations concerning 'flying discs' and indicates the lines of investigation which have been pursued since the first sightings were reported.

3. As part of these investigations the AMC was requested to make an independent study, and the attached reply indicates that "it is possible within the present U. S. knowledge--provided extensive detailed development is undertaken--to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description ... (of the flying discs) ... which would be capable of an approximate range of 7,000 miles at subsonic speeds."

4. The AMC report recommends the issuance of "a directive assigning a priority, security classification and code name for a detailed study of this matter to include the preparation of complete sets of all available and pertinent data" which would be made available to all interested agencies.

5. In view of the conclusions reached as a result of the study of the problem made in this office, the Director of Intelligence concurs in the AMC recommendation and forwards it for your consideration and reply to the CG, AMC. Request reply be coordinated with this Directorate.

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1. Subj: "Analysis of 'Flying Disc' Reports."
2. Subj: "AMC Opinion Concerning 'Flying Discs',"
dtd Sep. 23 1947.

GEORGE C. McDONALD
Major General, USAF
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AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen
AC/AS-2

1. As requested by AC/AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this Command concerning the so-called "Flying Discs". This opinion is based on interrogation report data furnished by AC/AS-2 and preliminary studies by personnel of T-2 and Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division T-3. This opinion was arrived at in a conference between personnel from the Air Institute of Technology, Intelligence T-2, Office, Chief of Engineering Division, and the Aircraft, Power Plant and Propeller Laboratories of Engineering Division T-3.

2. It is the opinion that:

a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.

b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.

c. There is a possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.

d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.

e. The apparent common description of the objects is as follows:-

(1) Metallic or light reflecting surface.

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- (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances when the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions.
- (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.
- (4) Several reports of well kept formation flights varying from three to nine objects.
- (5) Normally no associated sound, except in three instances a substantial rumbling roar was noted.
- (6) Level flight speeds normally above 300 knots are estimated.

f. It is possible within the present U. S. knowledge -- provided extensive detailed development is undertaken -- to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object in subparagraph (e) above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7000 miles at subsonic speeds.

g. Any developments in this country along the lines indicated would be extremely expensive, time consuming and at the considerable expense of current projects and therefore, if directed, should be set up independently of existing projects.

h. Due consideration must be given the following:-

- (1) The possibility that these objects are of domestic origin - the product of some high security project not known to CG/AS-2 or this Command.
- (2) The lack of physical evidence in the shape of crash recovered exhibits which would undeniably prove the existence of these objects.
- (3) The possibility that some foreign nation has a form of propulsion possibly nuclear, which is outside of our domestic knowledge.

3. It is recommended that:-

a. Headquarters, Army Air Forces issue a directive assigning a priority, security classification and Code Name for a detailed study of this matter to include the preparation of complete sets of all available and pertinent data which will then be made available to the Army, Navy, Atomic Energy Commission, JROB, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Group, NACA, and the RAND and NEPA projects for comments and recommendations, with a preliminary report to be forwarded within 15 days of receipt of the data and a detailed report thereafter every 30 days as the investi-

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gation develops. A complete interchange of data should be effected.

4. Awaiting a specific directive AMC will continue the investigation within its current resources in order to more closely define the nature of the phenomenon. Detailed Essential Elements of Information will be formulated immediately for transmittal thru channels.

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Lieutenant General, U.S.A.
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

18 December 1947

PROBLEM:

1. To prepare for signature of the Director of Intelligence an R&R for the Director of Research and Development outlining available information and recommendations concerning problems proposed by "flying discs."

FACTS AND DISCUSSION:

2. At the request of the Chief, Air Intelligence Division, an earlier memorandum dated 6 October 1947, Subject: "Recommendations Relative to Unidentified Flying Objects," was reanalyzed and rewritten as a memorandum.

3. This memorandum together with a letter from Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Subject: "AMC Opinion Concerning 'Flying Discs'," dated 23 September 1947, were attached to an R&R addressed to the Director of Research and Development. Note was made in this R&R that the Director of Intelligence concurred with the recommendations of AMC concerning a specific project to study the "flying disc" situation.

ACTION:

4. R&R forwarded for signature of Major General MacDonald.

COORDINATION:

Colonel J. F. Olive, Chief, Air Intelligence Division - Ext. 2542
Lt. Colonel J. E. Thomas, Offensive Air Branch - Ext. 6625

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"ANALYSIS OF 'FLYING DISC' REPORTS"

1. Summary of Information

a. During the past six months reports from several areas of the world have indicated that unidentified flying objects, variously identified in flying discs, lights, smoke trails, etc., have been observed by separate and unrelated sources.

b. Sightings of "flying discs" in the United States occurred principally in the far west. Observers have been indicated to be reliable and in some instances several observers have corroborated separate observations of the same phenomenon at the same time.

c. Outside the continental United States, an object and its trail were seen over Newfoundland; a light which had the appearance of a twin ram-jet was observed near Necker Island from an aircraft en route between Midway and Honolulu; a flying disc reputedly larger than a DC-3 was sighted near Bethel, Alaska.

d. In the Far East, three radar intercepts of rapidly moving, unidentified objects were made by United States radars operating in Japan.

e. No connection has been indicated between the "ghost rocket" sightings in Sweden, some of which conceivably might have been the result of guided missile operations, and the unidentified flying objects sighted in the United States and Pacific areas.

2. Discussion of Reports

a. Study of the various reports describing unidentified flying objects, lights, and smoke trails discloses that certain features are common to many of the observations as follows:

(1) In shape the objects are a thin disc, rounded on top and flat on the bottom, perhaps approximating a C-54 in size. The front half of the disc is often circular, sweeping back to a square tail across the full width.

(2) The surface is described as metallic or light reflecting.

(3) Extreme maneuverability, coupled with high lateral stability, is noted. Speed is high, with a snaking motion or a lateral oscillation. A few reports indicate an ability to hover; to appear suddenly as if from a dive; to disintegrate or to disappear, perhaps by

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increasing speed; to group quickly in a tight formation, and to take evasive action. Good control of flight is indicated.

(4) Trail is absent, except in a few instances when the object apparently is operating under high performance conditions. The trail, when seen, seems to be very hot, as indicated by night observations of a glowing trail, and a daytime observation of a trail that cut a wide, clean swath in a cloud.

(5) Sound is normally not associated with the sightings, although a hum or rumbling roar was heard in two or three instances. No connection between sound and trail is indicated.

(6) Estimated level speed is normally greater than 300 knots.

(7) Formation flights of three to nine objects are reported by several observers.

(8) During one night observation, a change in glow from blue-white when approaching to a reddish glow when withdrawing was observed. This could indicate ram-jets.

b. The following are typical reports of observations of discs, and indicate the type and variety of the sources of information:

✓ (1) On 7 July, 1947, five Portland, Oregon, police officers saw varying numbers of discs flying over different parts of Portland. All observations were made within a minute or two of 1305 hours.

✓ (2) On 7 July, 1947, William Rhoads of Phoenix, Ariz., saw a disc in the glow of sunset and took two photographs. The resultant picture showed a round front and square tail in plan form.

✓ (3) On 10 July, 1947, a Mr. Woodruff, PAA mechanic, observed a circular object flying at high velocity and leaving a trail. The sighting occurred near Harmon Field, Newfoundland. Two other persons also saw the trail.

(4) On 11 July, 1947, three persons at Codroy, Newfoundland, saw a disc flying at high velocity and leaving a smoke trail.

(5) On 29 July, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, while flying near Tacoma, Washington, saw a formation of flying objects. His sketch of their shape corresponds closely to that shown in the photographs made by Mr. Rhoads. On the same day, two United States Air Force pilots at Hamilton Field, Calif., saw two flying discs trailing a P-50, following it toward Oakland, Calif.

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(6) On 4 August, 1947, the pilot and co-pilot of a DC-3, flying for Al Jones, were near Bethel, Alaska, when they saw a flying disc larger than their DC-3. Their airplane was flying 170 mph, but the disc flew out of sight in four minutes.

(7) On 12 November, 1947, two flying discs trailing jet-like streams of fire were sighted from the bridge of the tanker Ticonderoga, according to Second Officer Claude Lee Williamson. The Ticonderoga was 20 miles off the Oregon shore. Williamson said the two discs were in sight 45 seconds, moving at a speed estimated at 700-900 mph out of the north horizon and curving westerly in a long, low arc.

c. Typical of the observations made of lights and trails rather than discs or objects, are these three:

(1) On 28 June, 1947, four USAF officers observed a light from some object which did not fly like a conventional aircraft. The light was sighted over Maxwell Field, Alabama.

(2) On 6 July, 1947, several persons, including a USAF sergeant, saw a strangely moving light over Birmingham, Alabama. A photograph was taken.

(3) On 12 September, 1947, the pilot and co-pilot of a Pan American aircraft, passing Harker Island at 0558 GCT, en route from Midway to Honolulu, saw a blue-white light approaching, changing to a reddish glow upon withdrawal. The pilot estimated speed of the light at about 1,000 knots.

d. The three United States radar intercepts of unidentified radar targets flying near or over Japan are as follows:

(1) On 1 July, 1947, a GCA radar at Chitose AAB, Hokkaido, Japan picked up a target at 16 miles, speed in excess of 500 mph. This target split up into two targets, each larger than a P-51.

(2) On 28 August, 1947, a MEW radar at Fukuoka, Japan picked up a target at 26 miles in instrument weather. Target withdrew in a climb to 54 miles before it faded.

(3) On 16 September, 1947, the same MEW radar at Fukuoka, Japan picked up a target at 89 miles and tracked it in to 19 miles, where it faded. Speed was 840 to 900 miles per hour. This observation indicates use of a homing receiver; fading at short range further indicates the possibility of good radar evasion technique. The speed measurement is believed accurate, since it was made by a good crew, through a 70-mile long track.

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3. Investigations made

a. In addition to analyzing the reports concerning flying discs and other phenomena observed both in the United States and elsewhere in the world, the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, has taken the following action:

(1) Requested the Air Material Command to conduct an independent investigation. The results of this study are contained in a Headquarters, AMC letter, Subject: "AMC Opinion Concerning 'Flying Discs'," dated 23 September 1947, which includes recommendations for further study of this problem.

(2) Sought information from appropriate agencies to determine whether the phenomena might be the result of highly classified project being conducted under United States auspices. Responses to date have not indicated existence of any American developmental work which might explain the reported observations.

(3) Submitted to a group of scientists the question whether the "flying saucer" observations might be the result of some natural phenomenon, such as falling meteors. While it was admitted there was a possibility some few of the incidents could have been caused by natural phenomena, the scientists concluded that such phenomena could not have been responsible for all of the observations.

(4) Requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to check the possibility that the "flying saucer" episodes might be the result of a deliberately planned subversive effort to create mass hysteria, possibly Communist-inspired. Backgrounds of the first four persons who had reported sightings of flying disc were investigated by the FBI, with negative results in each case.

(5) Forwarded to the Air Weather Service a list of the first ten sightings reported by responsible persons for comparison with dates and locations of the release of meteorological balloons. The resultant check indicated there was no connection, or coincidence, between meteorological balloons aloft and the times, dates, and locations of the selected sightings.

(6) Investigated the possible existence of foreign aircraft projects which might be related to these observations. Of interest in this regard are two German designs that could be under current exploitation by the U.S.S.R.

(a) The Horten Brothers' "Parabola," a flying wing of low aspect ratio and a very low induced drag. The plan forms of this design were crescent shaped.

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(b) The EF-130, a long range bomber, was a flying wing design that could satisfy the few indicated features of the "flying discs."

(7) Analyzed the possibility that the flying objects were operated or controlled by representatives of a foreign nation--perhaps for photo reconnaissance purposes, or to ferret out our defensive capabilities, or to test the American psychological reaction. Principal sightings were near the borders of the United States, which lends credence to a foreign source of origin. Sightings were not reported, however, at or near the principal strategic target areas of the United States. Moreover, it is difficult to conceive why any foreign nation, if it possessed such an unconventional aircraft or missile, would risk sending it near or over the United States for anything short of an attack. Even if the disc contained a self-destroying device, any crash landing would disclose a certain amount of information which the nation possessing such an aircraft or missile would desire to keep secret. This would be particularly true if the form of propulsion was one outside American knowledge. The final answer still has not been obtained from this line of inquiry.

4. Conclusions

a. Flying discs, as reported by widely scattered observers, probably represent something real and tangible, even though physical evidence, such as crash-recovered exhibits, is not available. While a portion of the observations may be the result of natural phenomena, such as meteors, or may have other conventional explanation, the likelihood that some observers actually saw disc-shaped objects sufficiently large to be compared in size with known aircraft cannot be dismissed.

b. Considering the described conduct of these disc-like objects when sighted, it must be considered a possibility that they may have been humanly controlled, either manually or remotely, or by pre-set automatic controls.

c. On the basis of presently available information, if these discs actually exist they are foreign in origin, so investigation of the possible country of development and the place of origin should continue.

d. The Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, will continue to collect and analyze all reports of sightings of flying objects, lights, trails, etc., in an effort to develop an answer to the puzzling problem which they present.

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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TO: Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California

1. The marks appearing on the photographs inclosed in basic letter are believed to be defects in the film, paper, or camera and not pictures of "flying discs".

2. It is requested that no further investigation be made of this incident.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS S. LEE
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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