PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 June 1949 18/0330Z	2. LOCATION Glendale, California 372
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	No data presented to indicate objects could not have been A/C.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers attention was attracted to the reflection the object made off the sun. Object was a bright metallic and oval. It approached from NE, took off to NW. Object disappeared into the distance.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Authority:
NND 923007

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INCIDENT NO. 372A

1. Date of Observation 17 June 1949 Date of Interview 1 Aug. 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1530
3. Place of Observation Glendale, Calif.
4. Position of observer in auto
5. What attracted attention to object Reflection of sun on objects
6. Number of objects 2
7. Apparent size 1" at 4 1/2 miles distance
8. Color of object Bright metallic
9. Shape Oval
10. Altitude 10°
11. Direction from observer approached from NE, took off to NW
12. Distance from observer 4 1/2 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) NW
14. Time in sight 1 1/2 minutes
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity Reflected sun brightly
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance in distance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear, visibility 30 Miles

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 Incident 372A

Name and address of observer: Charles E. Whitton, 1410 Goldengate, Los Angeles 26, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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INCIDENT NO. 372

1. Date of Observation 17 June 1949 Date of Interview 17 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1110
3. Place of Observation La Jolla, Calif.
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size DC-4
8. Color of object Chromium
9. Shape Round like pie pan (Disc)
10. Altitude 4,000
11. Direction from observer Southeast
12. Distance from observer 4 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) SE (inferred)
14. Time in sight 30 seconds
15. Speed Rapidly like jet
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail None noticed
18. Luminosity Brighter than ordinary a/c
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Turned in wide arc away from observer
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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 Incident 372

Name and address of observer: Mrs. S. C. Selby, 369 Belevedere St., La Jolla, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

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

Intelligent and stable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mrs. Selby stated that at approximately 1110 hours 17 June 1949 while standing in her backyard, she saw a large (about the size of a Douglas DC-4 aircraft) round object in the air approximately four miles southeast of her home in the direction of San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Selby judged it was about four thousand feet in the air, and moving rapidly away from her. Mrs. Selby stated "it was definitely not a jet aircraft although it's speed was more in keeping with a jet than the more conventional aircraft." The description was, according to Mrs. Selby, "a chromium plated pie tin." "It was much brighter than the ordinary aircraft". Mr. Selby further stated there was definitely no protusions (such as wings or verticle stabalizers) as the object turned in a wide arc away from her. When queried regarding smoke or vapor trails Mrs. Selby stated she did not notice any. The object was visible for approximately 30 seconds.

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Air Materiel Command

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:
MCIAXS

MCIAXS/GWT/mr
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

JUL 18 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

TO: AF Officer in Charge
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
Factory "A"
P. O. Box 71
Burbank, California

1. It is requested your office interview Mr. Charles E. Whitton and obtain detailed information regarding the sighting of an unidentified aerial object reported by the inclosed Interdepartmental Communication, dated 8 July 1949.

2. Mr. Whitton may be contacted thru Mr. Clarence L. Johnson located at the Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank, California.

3. The inclosed form outlines Headquarters Air Materiel Command requirements in this matter and may be used in recording the desired information.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

W. R. CLINGERMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

2 Incls
1. Cy of ltr from Interdepartmental Communication
2. Guide to Investigation

1st Ind. MCPFYB3P RWK/vm

Air Force Plant Office, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, Calif.
24 August 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio ATTENTION: MCIAXS

As requested in paragraph 1 of basic letter, interview with Mr. Whitton has been accomplished and report is contained in Inclosure #2.

FOR THE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES AF PROCUREMENT FIELD OFFICE:

R. W. KIMBALL, Capt., USAF
FOR LAWRENCE W. GREENBANK
Lt. Col., USAF
AF Officer in Charge

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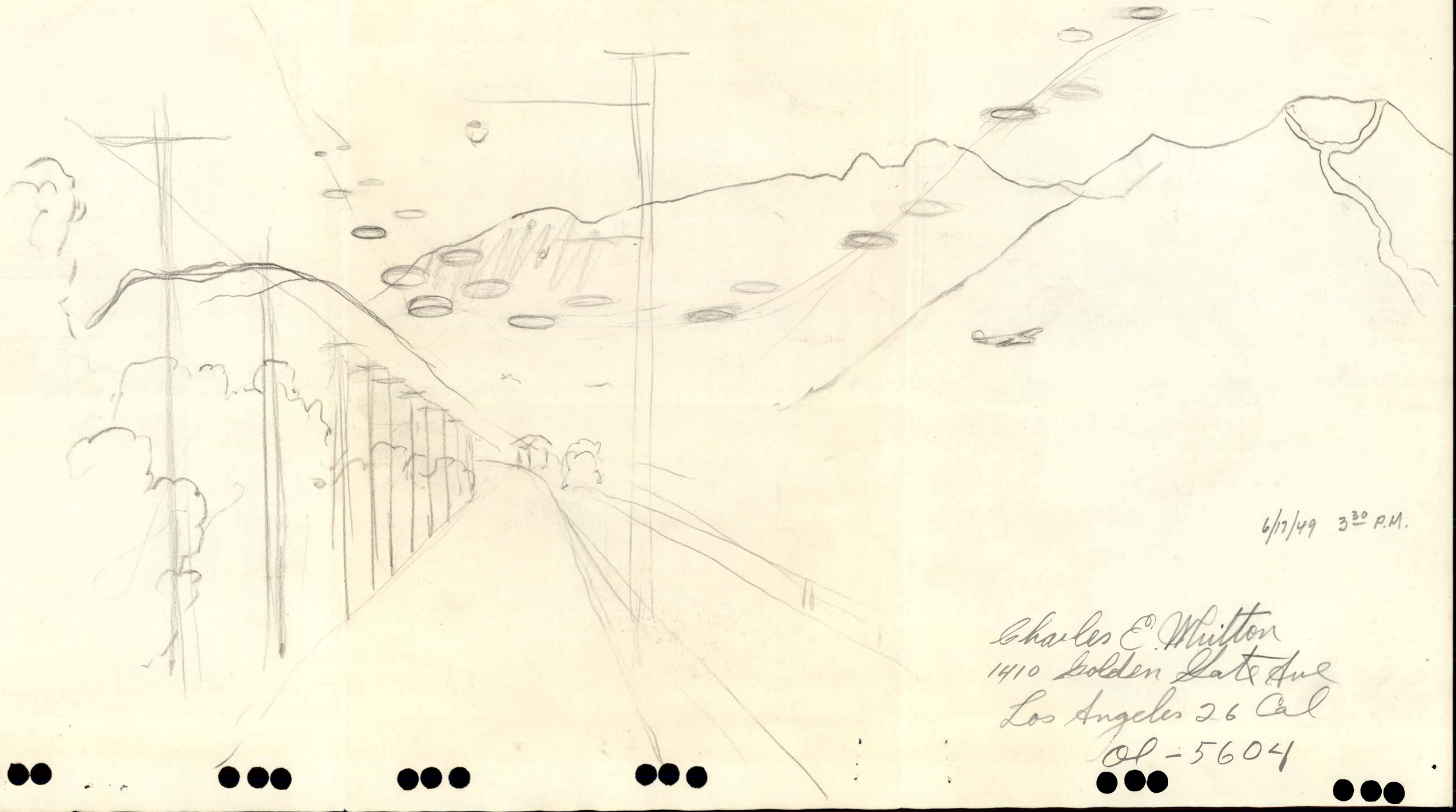
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This form replaces Hq AMC 9 and 10-4A (30 Jun 48), Hq AMC 10-513 and 10-514, existing stocks of which will be used until exhausted.

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BURBANK, CALIFORNIA
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JUL 19 12:10



6/17/49 3:30 P.M.

Charles E. Mutton
1410 Golden Gate Ave
Los Angeles 26 Cal
OL-5604

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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT: 1st Ind Unidentified Aerial Object	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
B- 2818	B-2820		DATE

FROM: MCPFYG3P
TO: IAXS

DATED 8/24/49
NO. INCLS. 2

RECORDING DESK AIT-1

DATE RECORDED 8/29/49 HOUR 1400

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
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DATE OF REPLY | OTHER DISPOSITION:

TRANSMITTAL
AMC FORM NO. 10.2
(20 NOV. 47)
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CONTROL NO. R - 1069

SUBJECT: Ltr Alleged Flying Disc CONF[redacted]

DECIMAL FILE NO. _____

FOLLOW UP ON _____ DAT[redacted]

FROM: 18th Distr Cal R-2614 DATED 6/21/49

TO: IAXS NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AXT-1 DATE RECORDED 6/27/49 HOUR 1300

ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	30 June
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DATE OF REPLY

OTHER DISPOSITION:

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO John L. Hill
cc: E. D. Palmer

DATE July 8, 1949

FROM Clarence L. Johnson DEPT. PLANT EXT.

SUBJECT:

A week or so ago a Lockheed employee called Don Palmer to describe to him his observations of two flying discs over the San Fernando Valley, which he swears he saw June 17th of this year.

As you know, I have been very interested in the probability of such things existing, and my discussions with certain people in the Air Force, as well as late newspaper reports indicate there is something to flying discs.

This individual, Mr. Charles E. Whitton of 1410 Golden Gate Avenue, Los Angeles 26, California, was very anxious that no publicity be given his remarks. Don knows of my interest in flying discs and went down to see Mr. Whitton, who was formerly an animator at one of the studios. He prepared the enclosed sketch.

I wonder if you would check around at Wright Field and see whether the Air Force is interested in checking up on reports of this nature. This man is definitely not a crack-pot, and he has offered to animate exactly what he saw if he is given the facilities by Lockheed. He is not asking anything for the job; and I don't know quite what to do about it.

How about seeing if AMC wants to have one of their local representatives interview Whitton.

Kelly

Clarence L. Johnson
Chief Research Engineer

CLJ:am

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No._____

1. Date of Observation **17 June 1949** Date of Interview **1 August 1949**
2. Exact time of observation (local) **3:30 PM**
3. Place of Observation: **Half mile southeast of Grand Central Airport,**
   (Map Coordinates) **Glendale, Calif.**
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:
   Car moving at 30 MPH.
5. What attracted attention to object: **Sun reflecting back to observer from the air.**
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: **2 objects.**
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length):
   Approximately appeared to 1 inch at 4½ miles distance.
8. Color of object: **Bright metallic color.**
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
   Oval
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): **10° over horizon**
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
    When first seen? **Approached from northeast, cruised along valley.**
    When last seen? **Took off north northwest.**
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): **About 4½ miles.**
13. Direction of flight of object (s): **See question 11.**
14. Time in sight: **1½ minutes.**
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): **Crossed the valley slowly then tilted and took off rapidly.**
16. Sound and odor:

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): **Reflected sun brightly**

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): **None visible**

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):

21. Manner of disappearance: **Disappeared in distance in matter of seconds.**

22. Effect on clouds:

23. Additional information concerning object:

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: **Clear day. 30 miles visibility.**

Name and address of observer: **Charles E. Whitton**
1410 Golden Gate, Los Angeles 26, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Viewed through windshield of car.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground

   a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

   d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate.

   e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airbourne, when object was sighted

   a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

   0 10M, 73°F

2. Winds aloft report:

   Not Avil.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
USAF SPECIALIZED DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.

File No. 24-0 21 June 1949 PMN:mr

SUBJECT: Alleged Flying Disc

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Director of Intelligence (T2)

1. Attached hereto is an informal memorandum from an Agent of this District Office, located in San Diego, California.

2. This information is forwarded as being of possible interest to your Headquarters.

1 Incl:
ltr fr McArdle

KEEFE O'KEEFE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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June 17, 1949

SUBJECT: ALLEDGED FLYING DISC

TO: Commanding Officer 18th Dist. OSI (IG) USAF
Maywood, California

At 1130 17 June 1949 this officer received a telephone call from the executive officer (Mr. Charles Moorehead) 11 Naval District Intelligence Office, San Diego, California, regarding a flying disc.

Mr. Moorehead stated that Commander S. G. Selby, Submarine Commander 11 Naval District, living at 369 Belevedere Street, La Jolla, California, had called Moorehead's office to report that his wife (Selby's) had telephonically reported that she had just seen what she thought was a flying disc at 1110 hours flying over her home at 369 Belevedere Street, La Jolla, California. The 11th Naval District was forwarding the information on to this office for our information and any action we wished to take. This Agent, in company with Special Agent Leo Klikiere interviewed Mrs. S. G. Selby, 369 Belevedere Street, La Jolla, California at approximately 1305 17 June 1949. Mrs. Selby stated that at approximately 1110 hours 17 June 1949 while standing in her back yard she saw a large (about the size of a Douglas DC-4 Aircraft) round object in the air approximately four miles southeast of her home in the direction of San Diego, California. Mrs. Selby judged it was about four thousand feet in the air and moving rapidly away from her. Mrs. Selby stated "it was definitely not a jet aircraft although it's speed was more in keeping with a jet than the more conventional aircraft". The description was, according to Mrs. Selby, "a chromium plated pie tin". "It was much brighter than the ordinary aircraft". Mrs. Selby further stated there was definitely no protusions (such as wings or vertiole stabalizers) as the object turned in a wide arc away from her. When queried regarding smoke or vapor trails Mrs. Selby stated she did not notice any. The object was visible for approximately 30 seconds.

Mrs. S. G. Selby is approximately thirty years of age, intelligent and stable.

Mrs. Selby will contact this office if any further incddents of this nature occur. Forwarded for your information.

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THOMAS J. MC ARDLE
Detachment Commander

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