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PASCOITES SPOT 'MYSTERY' OBJECT

'Saucer' Like Giant 'Pinwheel'

A brilliant and high speed object that flashed through the sky over Pasco was reported by five persons living in the Navy Homes Project.

Presence of the objects aroused much speculation as result of the final admission by the Army Air Force that such objects have been sighted on radar screens and have been chased by fast jet airplanes.

The object reported over Pasco last night was described in almost identical detail by all persons who reported they had seen it. The time of the object's appearance also coincided.

Mrs. Fern Jorgenson, 10-B Navy Homes, said the "saucer" was round and seemed ringed with flashing lights, mostly green.

"It seemed to be traveling at terrific speed," she said. "I blinked my eyes once after I first saw it and it appeared to have gone miles during the fraction of a second my eyes were closed."

Mrs. Jorgenson's husband also witnessed the strange sight.

Three boys who were playing in a field back of the Navy Homes' registration office, also reported seeing the strange sight.

"It was just like a giant pinwheel," said Timothy Hogland, 9-B Navy Homes. "It seemed to spin but it went so fast you hardly could follow it."

Robert Greeno, 53-B Navy Homes, said:

"It came out of the west and streaked across the sky. It disappeared in the east."

Thomas Thompson, 10-D Navy Homes, had another comment. It was:

"It couldn't have been an airplane with running lights. I've seen too many of them. This was round and it was ringed with lights. It traveled too fast for an airplane."

The closest check possible last night disclosed that there were no scheduled flights of airplanes over this area at the time.

Another party also said he saw the object but refused to be named in the matter. He is an experienced flyer and said it definitely was not an airplane.

"I can only describe it by saying it was something out of this world. I never have seen the like of it before."

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More Saucer Witnesses

Further reports of "flying saucers" over the Kennewick-Pasco area continued to pour in last night.

Thomas Richardson, who operates the drive-in theater at the Richland "Y" reported yesterday he observed a circular or disc-like object that seemed to have lights all around its perimeter, on Monday night.

A new flying saucer report was given to the Kennewick police by William J. Luedke, 1614 West Fifth, Kennewick. He said he saw an "eerie object" in the sky that "appeared round at times and triangular at times."

A whole cluster of flying saucers was reported to The News last night by five persons, four of them youths who live in the Navy Homes area.

The youngsters who reported seeing the "saucers" were Timothy Hogland, 14; Bobby Greno, 13; Larry Luci, 11 and Mike May, 7.

E. C. Keller of 520 South Rainier also said he saw the "tandem-saucers," at 10:15 last night.

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SEMI-MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE
DIO, 13ND. OSI, RO No. 3,
FBI - 8/7/52

The semi-monthly intelligence conference was held at the offices of Col. SPENCER RAYNOR, Commanding Officer, 20th District, Office of Special Investigations, McChord Field, Washington. The following individuals were present:

OSI
Col. Spencer Raynor
SA Paul Blair
Major Robert Lee Ager

DIO, 13ND
Capt. R. S. Fahle
Commander R. A. Kotrla
Robert King

RO No. 3
Major Edward V. Bosse
Capt. McClennan

Capt. Joseph M. Nowicki, 31st AAA, Ft. Lewis, Wn.

FBI
ASAC Fred T. McIntyre
SA Charles H. DeFord
SA Lloyd A. Ducommun

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Impersonation case - SYLVIA MARGARET PLESKAC, was., SE File 47-2061. Col. Raynor stated that Subject in this case has been in Portland, Oregon. He said recently she had been back to the Seattle area and had called the Commanding Officer of McChord Field and claimed that an officer of the Air Force was blackmailing her. Col. Raynor said that he had called the Commanding Officer of the CID in Fort Lewis and had learned that the Subject had been in San Francisco and that the CID at Fort Lewis was checking to see if she had applied for, or received, medical aid alleging to be a dependent of a man in the military service. He said that she has been barred from McChord Base. Col. Raynor requested that

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he be furnished with any additional information on her subsequent to the report of SA JAMES R. HEALY, dated 1-18-52. Copies of subsequent reports are being furnished to Col. Raynor by separate letter.

ESTIMATE OF SUBVERSIVE SITUATION BY OSI

Col. Raynor stated that he had sent back to OSI Headquarters at Washington, D.C. his report prepared on the estimate of the subversive situation in this area. He said that recently when he had an inspection of his office it was suggested to him that the report be approved at Washington before it was disseminated locally.

COMIC BOOKS UNDERMINING MORALE OF ARMED FORCES

There was a discussion concerning the distribution of comic book type booklets to members of the armed services which undermined their morale. These books would emphasize the horrors of war. All of the armed forces are very much interested in these books and it has been reported that outdated copies have been distributed without charge to members of the services. Capt. FAHLE, of DIO 13ND, advised that instructions have been issued to all naval commands that servicemen were prohibited from having them. It was noted that this type of comic book has been received by the FBI Office and has been forwarded to the New York Office, the office of origin of the publishing company. Apparently they have not come within the sedition statute.

REPORTING AND EXCHANGING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING FLYING SAUCERS

Extended discussion was had concerning the reporting of information concerning flying saucers and the following understandings were reached.

1. Flying saucer reports received by the FBI from the USCG would be disseminated to (a) Regional Office No. 3, 115th CIC; (b) Security Office, AEC (this request for dissemination to the AEC was received from Mr. McHale at the last AEC conference). Both the DIO 13ND and OSI stated that the information concerning flying saucers would be received by them from the Coast Guard and therefore it would not be necessary to report to them directly unless some additional information was received from other sources.

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2. Any report of a flying saucer or similar matter received from a complainant by the FBI would be disseminated to all intelligence agencies if the report was an immediate one, that is the sighting had just been received and it appeared to be a matter that the other agencies would not know about. It was agreed, however, that if it was a sighting that had occurred some time before, that all that was necessary was for a letter to be written to the OSI for their referral to Air Force Intelligence.

PARACHUTE LANDINGS

There was a general discussion concerning parachute landings and it appeared to be the consensus of those present that the most important thing to determine on a parachute landing was if it came from an unidentified plane. This can only be determined through a check with Air Force Intelligence through OSI. It was suggested, therefore, that OSI maintain a liaison with Air Force Intelligence at McChord Field, who received reports of incidents such as unidentified planes, parachutes, etc. from the Civil Air Patrol, Civilian Defense Air Watchers, etc., so that if a parachute report was received from Air Force Intelligence as coming from an identified plane that the information could be immediately disseminated to all intelligence agencies. There was some discussion about the recent incident of a parachute landing which occurred in the vicinity of Walla Walla, Washington, where there was approximately a ten-hour delay before the information was received from OSI, McChord.

As concerns submarine sightings, it appeared that all agencies desired to be notified immediately of sightings of submarines that were not identified as friendly. It also appeared that Major Bosse, Regional Office No. 3, was most anxious to receive any kind of report, whether it be flashing lights, flying discs, etc. immediately for referral to his headquarters.

(C) FLYING DISCS -- Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin #57, Paragraph D, dated October 1, 1947, and SAC Letter #38, dated March 25, 1949, in the captioned matter.

It is noted that some Bureau field offices are not furnishing to OSI locally complaints regarding flying discs, pursuant to existing Bureau instructions.

Upon receipt of information by your office relating to the sighting of a flying disc, you should endeavor to determine from the complainant details of the type referred to in the Air Force memorandum, which was furnished to your office as an enclosure to SAC Letter #38. The information should then be promptly furnished to OSI locally by your office. As you are aware, the investigation of so-called flying discs is the responsibility of the Department of the Air Force.

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'FLYING SAUCER' SEEN OVER CITY

A "flying saucer" that hung motionless for nearly five minutes, then streaked away, was observed Sunday over South Seattle by several persons.

Arthur Owley, 4430-49th Ave. S., who was a major in an anti-aircraft artillery unit during World War II, said the object appeared to have four sources of light. Owley and two friends observed it through binoculars.

Owley said the saucer moved extremely fast after hovering for a while and it disappeared in a matter of seconds.

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COMPLAINT FORM

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UNKNOWN OBJECT -- POSSIBLE FLYING SAUCER.

Subject's Name and Aliases

UPPER STRATOSPHERE OF THE UNIVERSE.

Address of Subject
POSSIBLE FLYING SAUCER.

Character of Case

ur
MRS. NELVAR SPURGEON

Name of Complainant
DOUGLAS HOTEL

Address of Complainant

Telephone Number of Complainant
10:35P.M. 10-23-52

Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: Object resembled a falling star, with one exception; as object was falling, it seemed to suddenly change course. Object was a round difused light.

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant stated that she first observed the object around 10:30P.M. this date. At the time she was standing in front of the above named hotel and observed the object moving from overhead to an easterly position.

This is all the information that the complainant could offer. She stated that she would immediately call the Bureau in the event she ~~RE~~ could furnish any more information.

The above is submitted for record purposes and what ever action you deem necessary.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (65-new)

FROM : SA W. MARK FELT

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL OBJECTS

DATE: 2-13-53

At 10:30 A.M., 2/10/53 Miss DELMA J. SEGRAM, Seattle Civil Defense, telephonically contacted the office to advise that a Mrs. WISKERKEN (first name not obtained), 7355 - 33rd N. E., informed by telephone at 10:10 A.M. the same date that she, Mrs. WISKERKEN, had observed a very large object "quite high" directly above and somewhat West of Sand Point Naval Air Station. Mrs. WISKERKEN described the object as very like a large parachute and stated that it was "so silver" that she could hardly look at it. After approximately two minutes the object appeared to fade away to the North.

The above information was furnished to Colonel SPENCER RAYNOR, OSI; to SA SULLIVAN of IFO #3, and to Lt. Commander ROBERT KING, DIO, 13th ND, at 10:45 and 10:50 A.M. respectively.

On 2/12/53 Mr. BRANDES, IFO #3 furnished SA DUCOMMUN the following information:

BRANDES stated that other Intelligence agencies had been notified. According to BRANDES, Mrs. KATHLEEN CARTER, 4499 Union Bridge Lane, Seattle, an employee of the Signal Division, Seattle Port of Embarkation, informed IFO #3 at 1627 hours on 2/10 last that at approximately 1508 hours on 2/9/53 while passing over the University Bridge in a bus she observed a bright object in the sky high over Sand Point Naval Air Station, but a little to the south. She said the sky was fairly clear at the time and it was the extreme brightness of the object which called her attention to it. She could furnish no description and no information as to the speed of the object. No one else on the bus observed the object.

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1405 Haupt Ave.
Richland, Washington

16 July 1953

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Building 762
Handford Works
Richland, Washington

Gentlemen:

On the afternoon of July 15th, 1953, I had taken off the afternoon to entertain guests from Portland and was engaged in small talk about the various target shooting equipment I have accumulated. My guest and I spotted an object in the sky which appeared to be a large kite. We turned my 30 power Bausch and Lomb observation telescope on the object and it turned out to be a large sheet of brown paper at about 10,000 feet elevation. Having been impressed with the tremendous resolving power of the instrument we scanned the skies with our naked eye for other objects such as birds at high altitude. Our reward for this observation was most remarkable.

At about 14:30 hours we sighted a bright shimmering speck at very extreme altitude, perhaps 30,000 feet perhaps much lower. This speck hovered at a north azimuth to Richland of about 80 degrees. I tried to pick up the object in the telescope and while trying to locate it in the very small field, about 15 minutes angle, my friend located another similar speck a short distance away. At this time we were convinced that they were birds, but had not yet sighted one in the glass because of the small field. Suddenly one of the specks ceased hovering and darted off to the west and disappeared. Still not giving this much thought I continued to search for the original object. After about three minutes searching I was able to bring it under observation and held it continuously for a period of two minutes until 14:44 hours.

At first I thought I had found a large bird, but closer examination proved to be an unusual object. The first glances gave an impression of a heliicopter with the rotor stationary, but I was soon convinced I had never seen anything like this before. No heliicopter has wings too, nor hovers with a stationary rotor. I shouted to my guests and all four held the bright speck under observation until it eventually disappeared. As I examined the object in the glass very carefully it seemed as though the white parts were surface features of a transparent

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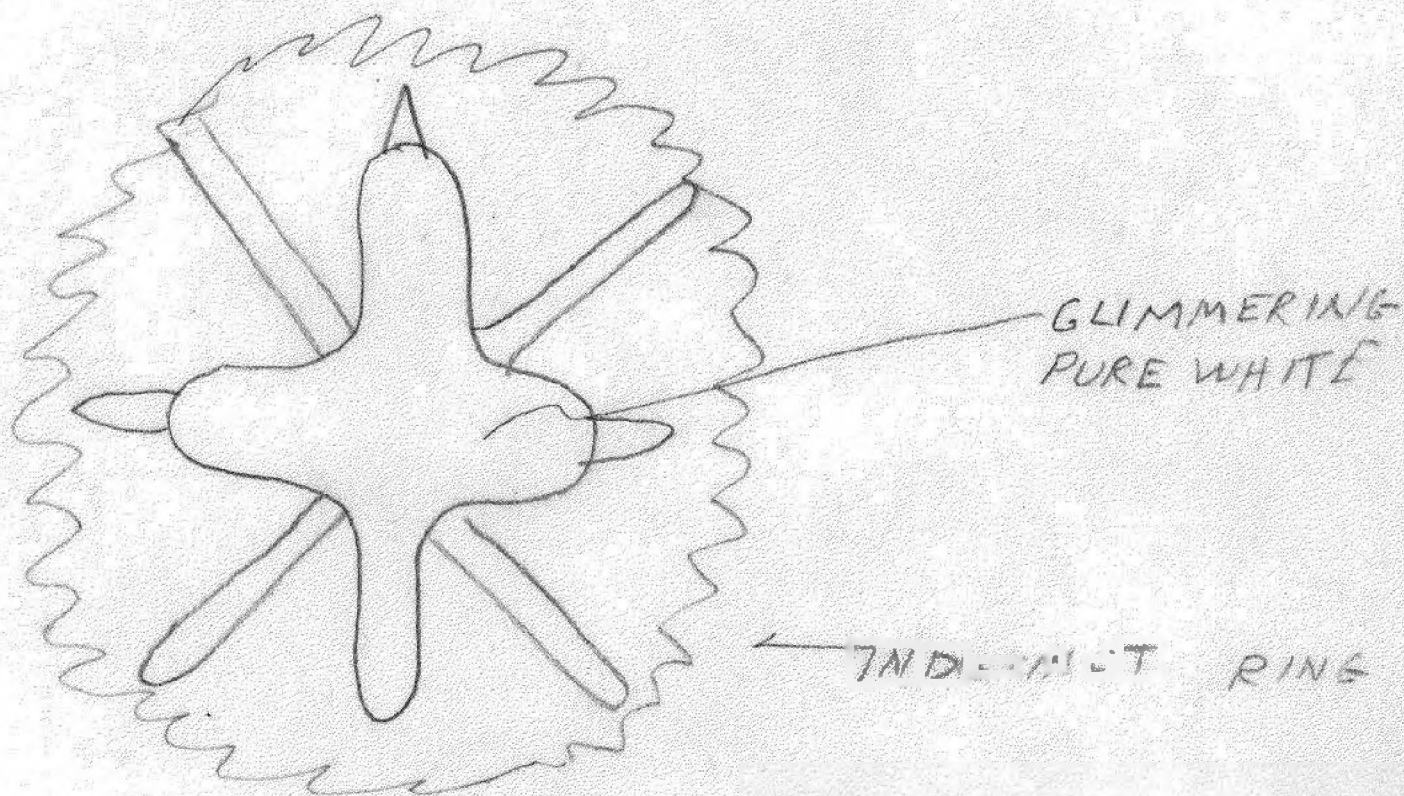
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disc-like body. I cannot be sure as the object only covered about one fortieth of the diameter of the field, which would make it about 20 seconds of arc; it was either very small or very high. At no time did any part appear to rotate, but the helicopter like arms, four in number, appeared to be surrounded by a thin vaporous ring about whitish blue in color. The attached sketch, showing the object as it appeared from the bottom will give you my last impression. Just as I had become convinced this was a radar target balloon made of transparent plastic, the object began to move. It moved at incredible speed toward the east disappearing on the eastern horizon in about 10 seconds. The latter motion could only be observed with the naked eye due to the tremendous speed.

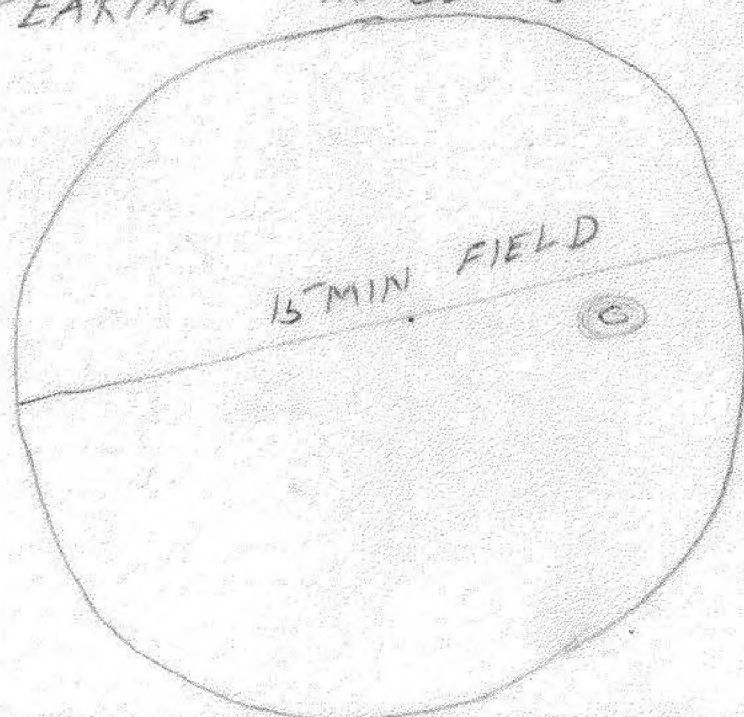
I spend about 4 hours a week looking through this glass while target shooting and am confident that I observed a factual object of very unusual nature. As you will find upon examination I am a design supervisor in charge of the CA 512 R design encompassing some rather important aspects of the present expansion program, being designed by the Engineering Department of the General Electric Company. I deal strictly in facts, and hope you will treat this report factually. I am willing to enlarge upon this matter if called on to do so; no short discription being adequate.

Sincerely yours,

 ROBERT T. JASKE /s/



AS APPEARING IN GLASS



This E&L glass will pick out the rungs on the ladders of the 200E area from the top of Badger Mountain. I guess a distance of 15 or 20 miles.

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TO : SAC (100-18945)

FROM : SA D. J. KRAUTER

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL OBJECT SIGHTED IN
SKY OVER HOO, AEC.

DATE: 8-3-53

The attached letter is self-explanatory.

Immediately on receipt of the letter, the matter was taken up with the Security Division of AEC, inasmuch as the object was sighted in area over the AEC reservation space.

O. R. SIMPSON, Asst. Chief, checked with the 5th AAA group on ascertaining that their airport records indicating tracking over the reservation on July 15. The AAA group reported that they had released a meteorological balloon, equipped with radio and other meteorological equipment at 2:05 PM on July 15th. The radar had tracked it at 25,000 feet, losing it at that height going in the same area as that described by the complainant.

Even though the object was over the AEC reservation and the AEC and 5th Group Radar believe they have explained it, it is felt desirable to refer the report to the attention of the Air Force as they may wish to discuss it with the two other interested services.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington
August 10, 1953

Colonel Spencer Raynor
Commanding Officer
20th District
Office of Special Investigations
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing for your information and any action you deem appropriate a letter dated July 16, 1953, received from Robert T. Jaske, 1405 Haupt Avenue, Richland, Washington, concerning an unusual object he sighted in the sky over Richland, Washington, on July 15, 1953.

Immediately upon receipt of this letter the matter was taken up with the Security Division of the Atomic Energy Commission at Richland, Washington, inasmuch as the object was sighted in an area over the AEC reservation space.

Mr. O. R. Simpson, Assistant Chief, Security Division, AEC, checked with the Fifth AAA Group and determined that they had released a meteorological balloon equipped with radio and other meteorological equipment at 2:05 p.m. on July 15, 1953. The Fifth AAA Group radar had tracked it at 25,000 feet and then lost it at that height going in the same area as described by Mr. Jaske.

No further inquiry will be made by this office.

Sincerely,

R. D. AUERBACH
Special Agent in Charge

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SA DOUGLAS J. KRAUTER

UNUSUAL OBJECT IN AIR
HOO, AEC
8/2/53

ATTENTION: SA DUCOMMUN

On this date Mr. ALLEN EDDY, in charge of CIC Resident Agency, Richland, Washington, contacted the writer and requested that he meet with Mr. EDDY at the office of Mr. J. F. McHALE of the AEC Security Division. The reason was to relate a report which he had received concerning some unusual objects seen over the Hanford Reservation area at 9:20 p.m. on August 2, 1953.

Mr. EDDY advised that he had been contacted by Mr. A. I. MOORE, 2433 Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. The objects were also seen by Mrs. MARY ELEANOR HODSON, 2504 Clearwater, Kennewick, who is employed as a nurse at Kadlec Hospital, Richland.

Mr. EDDY advised that they had related to him that on the evening of August 2 while finishing an outdoor supper in Mr. MOORE's yard in Kennewick, they had noticed two reddish-orange balls of fire going at a speed estimated by Mr. MOORE as very fast and actually stated by him to be about three times as fast as a B-47 flies. He stated that these objects were traveling south by west, almost due west, were very brilliant, and disappeared when dropping over the horizon over Rattlesnake Mountain which borders the southwest edge of the Hanford Reservation.

Mr. EDDY advised that Mr. MOORE appeared to be a very substantial individual who was very sincere in this story.

At the meeting, Mr. McHALE contacted his airport and ascertained that there had been no reports of any radar testing or any planes over the area at the particular time involved. Mr. McHALE himself landed in the AEC plane at 9:15 p.m. and stated that neither he nor the two pilots had noticed anything unusual while they were coming in for the landing. It was Mr. McHALE's feeling that very possibly the objects seen were some slight fog banks which he had noticed forming, showing up in the Pasco airport beacon.

Mr. EDDY advised that he would like for the Bureau to pass the information on to the Air Force immediately

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It is suggested that the information be passed on immediately to the Air Force who will probably want to discuss it with Mr. McHALE and Mr. EDDY's office.

1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

August 5, 1953

Mr. Robert T. Jaske
1405 Haupt Avenue
Richland, Washington

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your recent letter concerning the unusual object sighted by you in the vicinity of Richland, Washington. On the day the letter was received the matter was referred to the Security Division of the Atomic Energy Commission since it appeared that such information would be of primary interest to that organization and to the Army and Air Force.

You may be assured that your report will be treated factually. In the event any of the interested services desire to contact you further, they will probably do so directly.

I appreciate your interest in referring this to our attention, and hope that anything else which comes to your attention which you think might be of interest to this office will be referred to us.

Very truly yours,


R. D. AUERBACH
Special Agent in Charge

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COMPLAINT FORM

Flying Saucer
Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject

Character of Case

ROBERT LEE
Name of Complainant
1207 SW 152nd St. Seattle
Address of Complainant
CH 6325
Telephone Number of Complainant
7-14-53 7:25 PM
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Lee called this date advising he had just seen an object in the sky which he believed to be a Flying Saucer. He stated this object was at an altitude of about 50000 ft. and was located over the channel between Vashon Island and the Mainland. Lee described the Saucer as large, about 100 to 200 Ft. across and he believed it had lights on. Lee states he and his wife had been watching the object for about 5 ~~minutes~~ minutes and that his wife was still watching it while he called. Lee states he had been in the Air Force and he has never seen any thing like this before.

Mr. Charles Crutchfield, OSI was contacted at 7:40 PM and given the above information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

No additional action

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COMPLAINT FORM

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FLYING SAUCERS
Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject

Character of Case

HILTON BROWN
Name of Complainant
3245 47 SW
Address of Complainant
HO 0661
Telephone Number of Complainant
10:40Pm 6/8/54
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant stated he had seen two metallic objects in the sky moving westerly taking about 1 1/2 hours to travel from above him to the horizon. He stated he could not say they were metal but they had a metallic lustre. He stated they were about 7 to 10 degrees apart and he guessed they were about 30 miles up and about 1000 feet in diameter. He stated he and his neighbors saw them and he watched them through binoculars. He stated that he saw little pips of white smoke eject from them every 15 minutes. Complainant stated this occurred about 6:30 PM last night 6/8/54 and was viewed from the rear of his home. He stated he watched the objects continuously for 1 1/2 hrs. until it became too dark. He stated there were jets in the sky at the time and he assumed they had seen the objects. He also stated he assumed there was a gondola type object hanging from the under side of the objects

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN
Special Agent

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TO : SAC

DATE 6-4-54

FROM : SA Joseph P. Mac Farland

8.03 AM

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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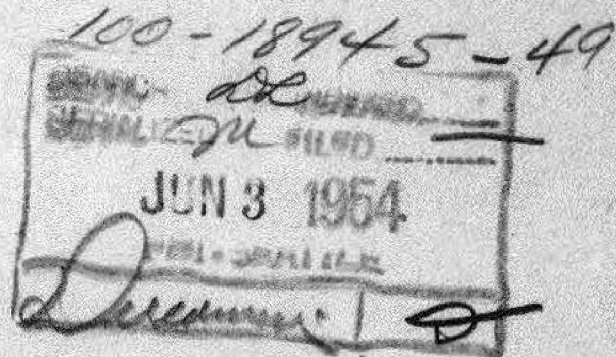
Colonel Raymer, Mc Chord Field by telephone advised that in last night's edition of the Tacoma News Tribune an article appears about the observation of three policemen of Tacoma of flying saucers. The article stated that Oliver Tiedeman stated to the paper that he was much impressed about the closeness of the saucers. His observation apparently was made while en route from Doty--Mc Chord Field to Chehalis. These saucers, five or six having been observed by other persons, travelled at a terrific speed in northerly direction.

The Colonel stated that he would have the news article typed and forwarded to this office.

No report of the incidence was made to the Air Corp and no action is going to be taken by the said Corp.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 6/7/54
7:40 AM

FROM : Al Lau - Night Clerk

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED
OBJECTS OVER PASCO, WASH.
6/6/54, 11:35 PM

P. V. HOWELL, Chief, Counter Intelligence, 20th OSI, advised as follows:

GAIL PECK, Pasco, Wash., Phone Pasco 6054, supervisor of a local ground observer group at pasco, reported sighting two half-moon shaped objects about six times as large as a half moon. One object formed into a large fire-ball, the original color of both objects was white, and the other formed into two fireballs. Both objects were estimated to be at about 1000 feet altitude. The distance could not be estimated. The objects were both at a five degree angle from the line of sight of the observer. The location was slightly north of Pasco. The location has been pinpointed on the Aeronical planning map at grid coordinate AB 5517. They were observed for a period of ten minutes.

The Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division is not going to submit a written report, however he will follow this verbal report up with a letter to this office. He has not made a report to the press and it is assumed that they received their information from local sources.

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Policeman Sees Flying Saucer

Three Tacoma policemen have now seen flying saucers, so they must be "real," they say.

Latest to witness the mysterious phenomena is Oliver Tiedeman who said he was much impressed Monday night in a close view of one of the saucers while driving from Doty toward Chehalis.

Tiedeman said he and his passenger, Phil Raboin, Olympia organist, saw the whatsit at the same moment while in a dark wooded area.

"I stopped the car and we both jumped out to watch it," said Tiedeman. "It seemed to be traveling northward at a terrific speed and then was suddenly slowed to a stop. It seemed entirely motionless for a few seconds and then sped suddenly eastward, disappearing over the foothills." While other reports from the Puget Sound district told of some persons seeing as many as five or six of the objects, Tiedeman said the one he saw was traveling alone.

On July 7, 1947, at 2:30 a. m., Prowl Car Officers Stan Johnson and Evan Davies were cruising on the Jackson-Alexander Road when one of the saucers stopped several minutes over The Narrows before later veering southeasterly over the city suburbs. Their accounts were also verified by several other Tacomans.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

10 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB) ✓
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Attached is a copy of a newspaper article reference subject, which appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune, afternoon edition, 3 June 1954.

Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, was queried on 4 June 1954 as to the information contained in this newspaper article. Major ZECHMEISTER stated that no report on this UFOB had been received by his office and that information contained in the newspaper article was not of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

On 4 June 1954 at 0810 hours, the information contained in the newspaper article and the information received from Major ZECHMEISTER was telephonically reported to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

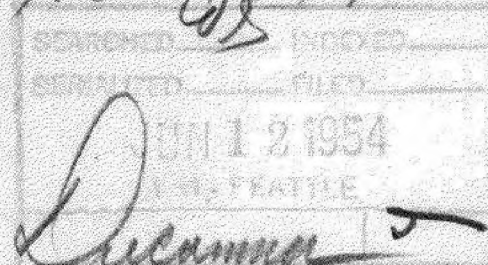
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cc: Dir OSI

Spencer W. Raynor
SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

10 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

On 7 June 1954 at 0735 hours, the following information was transmitted by Special Agent PHILIP V. HOWELL, JR., this office, to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

On 7 June 1954, Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, reported to this office that two unidentified flying objects had been sighted simultaneously by GALE PECK, Supervisor of local Ground Observer Corps Post, Pasco, Washington, telephone Pasco 6054. The objects were described as traveling together and were in the shape of half-moons, approximately six times larger than a half-moon and of a white color. The two objects formed into one large fireball and disappeared, after being observed for approximately 10 minutes. The time of the sighting was given as 2335 hours, 6 June 1954 and the geographical references were AB5517, Aeronautical Planning Chart 1 to 5,000,000. The altitude was estimated to be 1,000 feet, speed unknown, and the object was at a 5 degree angle to the horizon.

Major ZECHMEISTER stated that the report of the sighting was not considered to be of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

On 8 June 1954 at 2115 hours, Major COURTLAND D. SAWTELLE, Public Information Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), advised this office that in response to inquiries by newspaper reporters with reference to this sighting, the PIO was making an official release that there had been no radar pickup of the UFOB in question. This information was telephonically transmitted to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI, at 2125 hours, 8 June 1954, by Special Agent HOWELL.

The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

cc: Dir OSI

Sincerely,

Spencer W. Raynor
SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

SMAMA—Dec 53—10M

Saucer Again Is Reported Over Tacoma

Flying saucers returned to Tacoma at midnight Monday, according to at least seven persons who reported watching an orange ball appear, then shrink and disappear.

The ball was first noticed by a Tacoma transit driver, Richard K. Hirst of 914 So. Wright St., who stopped to let off a passenger at Union as he made the 6th Ave. run into town.

His three passengers also saw the glow, so Hirst stopped at a restaurant, where he found three more believers and put in a call to McChord Air Force Base. At McChord's tower, however, they were unable to locate the phenomenon.

The seven persons then watched while the glow "shrank to the size of a grapefruit, then to the size of an orange, and disappeared," Hirst reported.

He estimated the object was about 1,000 feet in the air.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

10 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: (Unclassified)
Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to the attached newspaper article which appeared in the afternoon edition of the Tacoma News Tribune of 8 June 1954.

Major EUGENE L. ZECHMEISTER, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, was queried with reference to the article and advised that no report on the UFOB had been received by the 25th Air Division (Defense). Major ZECHMEISTER further advised that the telephone number of the McChord Air Force Base Tower is restricted and cannot be obtained through the McChord Air Force Base Operators. Major ZECHMEISTER advised that the information contained in the newspaper article was not of sufficient substance to warrant investigation by the USAF.

At approximately 1930 hours, 8 June 1954, the information contained in the attached newspaper article and information obtained from Major ZECHMEISTER was telephonically reported to the Duty Agent, Seattle Field Division, FBI.

The above is for your information and no investigation of this matter is contemplated by this district office.

Sincerely,

Spencer W. Raynor
SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Memo

TO: SAC

FROM: SA ROBT. E. MASON

FLYING SAUCERS.

MISC.

Colonel Raynor, McChord AFB
telephoned at 7⁴⁵ P.M., 6/18/54 to advise
no action is being taken by O. S. I.
re report of Flying Saucers appearing
in Tacoma News Tribune, front page,
column 3.

This message is a follow-up
to his earlier phone call to SA Ducommun
this date.

He stated the base tower received
no complaints or calls relating to
"saucers" as alleged in the article. A
Mr. RICHARD K. HIRIST (maybe mis-
print) of 914 S. Wright, Tacoma
was one of seven persons allegedly
observing this phenomenon, according
to the newspaper.

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TO : SAC

FROM : S.A. L.A. Ducommun

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

DATE: June 9, 1954

On At approximately 7:30 PM on 6/8/54 Colonel Raynor, OSI MCChord AFB telephoned that an item in the Tacoma News Tribune indicated that a transit driver for the Tacoma bus company had seen a flying saucer on the previous night over Tacoma. Colonel Raynor said that he was checking with the Operations Office at ~~Mc~~ McChord to see if it had been reported to them.

I called Major Robinson R - 3 and passed on Colonel Raynor's call.

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TO : SAC SEATTLE

DATE: 6/22/54

FROM : SA J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: ¹⁰⁰⁻¹⁸⁴⁹⁵ UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS; Neah Bay 6/22/54

At 11:10 PM this date Special Agent Phil Howell OSI telephonically contacted this office to report that an identified flying object was picked up by the Radar station at Neah Bay between 1930 and 1945 this date. The object was 38 to 40 miles S.W. of Neah Bay at an Altitude of 1500 to 2000 feet. Two planes were "scrambled" from McChord Field to intercept and picked up a "blip" on the radar scopes in their planes. The "blip" separated into two "blips" as they were watching. They chased the "blips" for 8 to 12 minutes. The "blips" faded from the scopes presumably ~~for~~ because of fast air speed. The objects flew South then turned east when they faded. None of the pilots sighted the objects visually. The pilots were being interrogated by the intelligence officer at McChord. Other Radar stations were being contacted to ascertain if any further sightings were made. The 25th Air Division is submitting a report to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Field, Ohio.

HOWELL stated the report was received from the Intelligence Officer of the 25th Air Division.

The above information was furnished to GEORGE DAVIS of CIC at 11:25PM this date. Attempts to furnish information to DIO 13ND. were to no avail as no duty officer was available at DIO.

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Henry D. D.
Charles Rayner
Nothing added. Will send letter on this

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

20D OSI 24-0

24 June 1954

Mr. R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir:

The following is quoted for your information from an Intelligence Summary, 25th Air Division to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects, as reported to Special Agent SULLIVAN, your office, on 22 June 1954:

"SUMMARY

"FLYING OBJECT REPORT GROUND AND AIRBORNE RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNKNOWN BLIPS OR TARGETS

An unknown blip or target was picked up on TIMOTHY radar control scope in Georef LE 1604, estimated 200 knot speed, estimated altitude 15 angles, originally at 0314Z and intermittently thereafter for a total of three (3) sightings by TIMOTHY within a ten (10) minute period after which time blip or target remained off. Upon first pickup, TIMOTHY relayed information to MERCURY (Direction Center) who took immediate action to vector two fighter interceptors, Pronto Blue #1 and 2, (who were on CAP, at 0400Z) off CAP to vicinity of blip or target. Pronto Blue #2 obtained an airborne radar pickup lower left portion scope, approximately twenty-eight (28) miles from blip or target which separated into two "clear distinct" blips at 0435Z; altitude 25,000 feet. Blue #2 attempted to close on 30 degree port heading in attempt to center blip, descending from 25,000 feet to 6,000 feet and to within estimated six (6) miles with speed increasing from .85 to .9 Mach. Blip then slid off scope from 30 degree port to 60 degree port. Blue #1 obtained an airborne radar pickup at 30 degrees at approximately 0436Z at 20,000 feet altitude. Blue #1 held pickup for approximately twenty (20) seconds, or three sweeps of AI radar after which time blips or targets slid off scope from 30 degrees port to 60 degrees port.

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Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

24 June 1954

"Information for this report was received from Senior Controller, GCI Site, TIMOTHY; Senior Controller, Direction Center, MERCURY; Senior Controller, Division Combat Center, LAST CHANCE; the two F-86D pilots; a 25th Air Division pilot who was flying locally in T-33 and who heard all ground-air transmissions between F-86D pilots and ground stations.

"RELIABILITY

A. (Pronto Blue #2) 2nd Lt Edward E. McBride, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1124C pilot; approximately 145 hours, of which over half has been in fighter-interceptor work; approximately 270 hours in fighter aircraft; for approximate total hours of 463.

B. (Pronto Blue #1) 2nd Lt Hilson L. Sewell, 317th Fighter Interceptor Squadron; approximately 29 hours in F-86D aircraft; 80 hours (approximately) in fighter aircraft; 251 hours other type aircraft; for a total of 360 hours. The F-86D pilots were interrogated singly by Major Eugene L. Zechmeister, Director of Intelligence and CWO Odin E. Sorensen, Asst Director of Intelligence, within four (4) hours of incident.

C. At the time of first mode return picked up by TIMOTHY, question arose as to possibility of malfunction. The site Tech Representative was on hand and monitored scope. In his opinion, malfunction of radar was definitely ruled out.

D. All weather stations, as well as Seattle AMIS; Navy; Coast Guard; 5 ADDC at Vancouver, B. C. Canada, were checked with negative results, ruling out possibility of weather balloons; boats or ships; or aircraft. One Navy P2V was found to be flying at time, but over one-hundred (100) miles from location of incident. A slight 3 degree inversion at 5,000 feet was present at 1900, but would possibly affect only a limited area.

E. The F-86D pilots were queried at great length in reference to the size and general appearance of blips presented on scopes. Both pilots appeared to have a very clear and firm concept of the difference between the observed blips as opposed to seaborne blips and B-36, B-52 type blips previously encountered.

F. All statements were obtained individually either in person or by telephone, ruling out possibility of subconscious innocent collusion. Superficially, all statements appear to support one another and to coincide.

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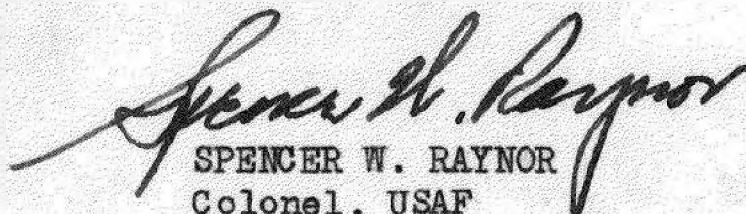
Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

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"EVALUATION"

The blips or targets observed are tentatively evaluated as true airborne targets, similar in presentation size and general configuration (on ground-based and airborne equipment) to B-36, B-52 type aircraft with an estimated pullout speed of Mach One or better."

At the present time the Director of Intelligence does not expect any further information concerning this incident. In the event there are further developments, your office will be immediately advised.


SPENCER W. RAYNOR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT
McMurray, Wash. AREA

Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject

Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

COMPLAINT FORM

WILLIAM FLENER
AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL
CENTER —
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMIN.

Name of Complainant

SEA-TAC AIRPORT

Address of Complainant

CHERRY-6100

Telephone Number of Complainant

6/21/54; 3⁵⁰ PM

Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

Complainant advised that he was referring information furnished to him by a Mr. — DAWSON a reliable CAA employee. Dawson resides at 8543 - So. 119th St., Seattle; Tel: MOHAWK-4069. Dawson recently visited his mother in McMurray, Wash. & received the following info. from a pilot who lives next door to Dawson's mother & whom Dawson believes reliable ... This pilot states that on several occasions an unidentified aircraft which the pilot believes to be a helicopter has appeared in the early hours of the morning & has hovered over the highway in the vicin-

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Route to Agent. Do common for info.

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Info furnished
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Special Agent

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COMPLAINT FORM

Subject's Name and Aliases _____

Name of Complainant _____

Address of Subject _____

Address of Complainant _____

Character of Case _____

Telephone Number of Complainant _____

Date and Time Complaint Received _____

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

ity of M^cMurray. This aircraft, according to the pilot has no running lights. Pilot believes it to be a helicopter based on the fact that when the aircraft reaches the highway area it throttles back & the sound of the engine is constant rather than advancing & retreating. The pilot believes this situation is suspicious based on his own knowledge of flying. The pilot states aircraft remains 10-20 mins per visit & then departs. F. Leuer (complainant) furnished the above for our information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
20th OSI District (IG)
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

*not within
scope of request*

1. Reference is made to letter from your District, dated 8 June 1954, subject as above.

2. This office interposes no objection to the dissemination of information concerning "Unidentified Flying Objects" to the local Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, provided that such dissemination meets with the approval of the Commander, 25th Air Division (Defense). Disposition of actual or suspected items of material relating to "Unidentified Flying Objects" will continue to be made in accordance with the provisions of AFR 200-2.

3. Dissemination of information of this type is not made by this office to the FBI at national level, nor has Headquarters FBI expressed an interest in receiving this type of information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

*Maj. Gertner, 25 AD.
IO informed of above on
25 Aug 54.*

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COMPLAINT FORM

UNKNOWN(FLYING SAUCERS)

Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject

Character of Case

E. H. WHITSON

Name of Complainant
5739 KIRKWOOD AVE.,

Address of Complainant
KE 6906

Telephone Number of Complainant
11-10-54 10-31 PM

Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant advised that between 10-25 and 10-30 PM on this

date he saw ^{two} white very bright objects in the sky in the north east direction

of his residence. He stated they resembled two stars following one another

but were not blinking and were traveling at a high rate of speed. He continued

they were traveling one behind the other in a southern direction(toward town).

He related subsequently after observing them for approximately one minute they

disappeared into a cloud and only one appeared to come out of the cloud and it

subsequently disappeared. Lt. Commander HENRY J. VOGT staff duty officer Pier

#91, ~~was~~ was furnished the above information and he said he would notify OSI

at Mc Chord Field. ~~SA~~ SA R. E. Nelson, CIC, R #3 was also furnished the above information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 6/27/55

FROM : SA Robert M. MacNamara

ATT: SA L. DUCOMMUN

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY
8:50 PM 6/27/55

RAYMOND KENT, (EL4341) Virginus Hotel, 804 Virginia telephonically contacted this office and reported that at approximately 8:50 PM this date while standing in front of the Virginus Hotel that he observed an unidentified object in the sky. It had no definite form and had a silver glow. The object was heading south parallel to the coast. It was on an elevation of 45 degrees.

Mr. Kent added that before calling that he contacted the Air Force at Boeing Field and they treated the matter as a joke and told him to call the FBI.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (62-

DATE: 6/1/56

FROM : SA CLEMENT W. PARKHURST

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER SEEN OVER KENNEWICK, Washington;
Gordon Richardson, Informant

Sgt. GORDON RICHARDSON, Kennewick, Washington Police Department advised that for several years he has been very interested in flying saucers and has read everything available concerning this topic. GORDON advised that he has some information which he considers to be of utmost importance to the defense of the U.S. concerning a flying space ship which he observed over Kennewick, Washington about a year ago. RICHARDSON stated that he had never told anyone about this matter and had not discussed it with other officers of the police department because they "never pay any attention to what he says". GORDON prefaced his remarks by stating that he realizes his information sounds like a "nut complaint" but assures the writer that this is not so.

RICHARDSON stated that the thing he saw has been weighing very heavily on his mind and he believes the information should be passed on to the Air Force or other interested Defense Agency.

RICHARDSON stated that about a year ago he was on night shift and was in the vicinity of 1st and Washington, Kennewick at about 10 p.m. when he observed a large, shining, metal ball about 30' in diameter swoosh in from the West at rather low altitude--only 200 or 300 feet in the air or less. The ball was travelling at a high rate of speed and when it got about three blocks east of Washington Street it came to a complete stop. RICHARDSON stated that the ball had left a tail of fire until it stopped and then emitted no fire or smoke. RICHARDSON described the ball as perfectly spherical and made of shiny metal. He stated that apparently the ball had at least two different kinds of motors to propel it, because when it was standing still he could hear the "chug chug" of the engine sounding like a tractor engine and apparently an internal combustion engine. The ball stood still several minutes and then took off with a speed so great that it disappeared from sight in a matter of seconds. RICHARDSON stated that obviously some different type of engine was utilized in flight such as a jet engine because of the speed with which the ball left. RICHARDSON noted no fire or smoke on leaving.

RICHARDSON stated that the most disturbing thing to him is that apparently the builders of the ball mastered the pull of gravity. He stated that this fact puts this country in a poor position defensively as the ball obviously either came from Russia or some outerspace planet in which case the Russians might get hold of it first. RICHARDSON noted that the ball was flying too low for radar detection and too fast for interception by any known US device. RICHARDSON commented that the U.S. does not have this ball or they would not be producing winged aircraft, jet planes, nikes, etc. RICHARDSON stated that he theorizes that whoever built the ball is using the principle of likes attract and positives repel to defy gravity and that the ship is flying on electron beams or some other natural phenomena such as light waves. He stated he never saw the ball again and has not advised other persons other than the FBI. He also stated that he did not hear of anyone else seeing the ball but commented that due to his training he is a skilled observer.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington
June 12, 1956

Colonel Spencer W. Raynor, USAF
District Commander
20th District, OSI
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir:

The following information was furnished to Special Agent
Clement W. Parkhurst, resident agent, Richland, Washington, on June 1, 1956:

Sergeant Gordon Richardson, Kennewick, Washington Police
Department, advised that for several years he has been very interested in
flying saucers and has read everything available concerning this topic.
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utmost importance to the defense of the United States concerning a flying
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"never pay any attention to what he says". Gordon prefaced his remarks
by stating that he realizes his information sounds like a "nut complaint"
but assures the writer that this is not so.

Richardson stated that the thing he saw has been weighing very
heavily on his mind and he believes the information should be passed on to
the Air Force or other interested Defense Agency.

Richardson stated that about a year ago he was on night shift
and was in the vicinity of 1st and Washington, Kennewick, at about 10 PM
when he observed a large, shining, metal ball about 30' in diameter swoosh
in from the West at rather low altitude--only 200 or 300 feet in the air
or less. The ball was traveling at a high rate of speed and when it got
about three blocks east of Washington Street it came to a complete stop.
Richardson stated that the ball had left a trail of fire until it stopped
and then emitted no fire or smoke. Richardson described the ball as per-
fectly spherical and made of shiny metal. He stated that apparently the
ball had at least two different kinds of motors to propel it, because when
it was standing still he could hear the "chug chug" of the engine sounding
like a tractor engine and apparently an internal combustion engine. The

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TO: Colonel Spencer W. Raynor, USAF
District Commander, OSI

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Date: June 12, 1956

ball stood still several minutes and then took off with a speed so great that it disappeared from sight in a matter of seconds. Richardson stated that obviously some different type of engine was utilized in flight such as a jet engine because of the speed with which the ball left. Richardson noted no fire or smoke on leaving.

Richardson stated that the most disturbing thing to him is that apparently the builders of the ball have mastered the pull of gravity. He stated that this fact puts this country in a poor position defensively as the ball obviously either came from Russia or some outerspace planet in which case the Russians might get hold of it first. Richardson noted that the ball was flying too low for radar detection and too fast for interception by any known United States device. Richardson commented that the United States does not have this ball or they would not be producing winged aircraft, jet planes, nikes, etc. Richardson stated that he theorizes that whoever built the ball is using the principle of likes attract and positives repel to defy gravity and that the ship is flying on electron beams or some other natural phenomena such as light waves. He stated he never saw the ball again and has not advised other persons other than the FBI. He also stated that he did not hear of anyone else seeing the ball but commented that due to his training he is a skilled observer.

The above is for your information and no investigation is being made by this office. There is no objection by this office to your investigation of this matter and your interview of Sergeant Gordon Richardson.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Auerbach
Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: 9-29-56

FROM : ROBERT E. PRINGLE *rk*

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS REPORTED
NEAR CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT - 9-28-56

At 4:30 PM this date the duty officer, U. S. Coast Guard called stating that he had advised this office on 9-28-56 of unidentified objects near Cape Disappointment. He stated that it had been determined that this was a "Mark Six, Aircraft Flare." He advised that others had been reported at Willapa, Point Granville and Neah Bay. He advised that all of these with the exception of Neah Bay had been destroyed by the demolition squad and that those at Neah Bay would be destroyed on Monday. He advised that a search was being made of the coast for any more of these objects due to the fact that so many had been reported.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington
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Colonel Spencer W. Raynor, USAF
District Commander
20th District, OSI
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Dear Sir:

On June 12, 1956, a letter was directed to your office reporting information furnished by Sgt. Gordon Richardson, Kennewick, Washington Police Department, relative to his sighting of an unidentified flying object. Sgt. Richardson has contacted our Senior Resident Agent at Richland, Washington on a number of times since his original reporting of this incident and has stated that he is most anxious to talk to a representative of the Air Force concerning his observations of this unidentified flying object. Sgt. Richardson stated that he had some new information which apparently is not a new observation, but some theories on his previous sighting, which he desires to pass on to the appropriate representative of the Air Force. Sgt. Richardson has been advised that his original information was turned over to your office and that his subsequent contacts will also be furnished to you for your information. This matter was discussed with Major Russell Womack of your office on October 9, 1956 and he suggested that this letter be forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

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R. D. AUERBACH
Special Agent in Charge

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COMPLAINT FORM

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SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES SPACE SHIPS	ADDRESS OF SUBJECT	CHARACTER OF CASE Miscellaneous
COMPLAINANT ALBERT CRESSEY	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT Elliot Hotel, 105½ Pike St. Seattle, Washington	DATE AND TIME COMPLAINT RECEIVED 11-6-57 2:10 PM

SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION	RACE	SEX ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	OTHER DATA
	HAIR	EYES	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE		
	BUILD	COMPLEXION	SCARS AND MARKS			

FACTS OF COMPLAINT

MR. ALBERT CRESSY, telephoned that while fishing on Alaska Way, near the Union Oil Company Docks yesterday, 11-5-57, he observed what appeared to be a disk in the air, as he looked out west over the water. He stated another unknown man came up with a pair of glasses (binoculars) and stated that he thought he saw something, but that he was partially blind. MR. CRESSE states he took the glasses and that he saw one large object like a big disk and that he saw six other smaller objects fly away from the big disk. He is positive that he saw this happen. He could not furnish the name of anyone else that might have seen the same object. He states he realizes that he should have called yesterday.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington
November 15, 1957

Colonel Spencer W. Raynor
District Commander
20th District
Office of Special Investigations
United States Air Force
McChord Air Force Base, Washington

Re: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

On November 6, 1957 a Mr. Albert Cressye telephoned this office and advised that while fishing in Puget Sound near Alaskan Way and near the Union Oil Company docks on November 5, 1957 he observed what appeared to be a disc in the air as he looked out west over the water. He stated another unknown man had a pair of binoculars and that he looked through the binoculars and thought he saw one large object, similar to a big disc, and six other small objects flying away from the big disc. He was positive that he saw this happen but could not furnish the names of anyone else that might have seen the same object.

This is being passed on to your office for information and any disposition you may see fit. No inquiry is being made by this office.

Very truly yours,

D. S. Hostetter
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Special Agent in Charge

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Did Satellite Section Fall?

Two Hanford engineers, who saw a brilliant light fall from the sky Thursday morning have concluded that they may have seen a piece of a satellite drop.

Explorer III was due to fall from its orbit today.

The men, Abe Dunning and Carl Wait, were traveling due south from White Bluffs to the 200 Area when a brilliant light came within the view of the windshield.

They spotted the light simultaneously. Dunning figured it was about 20 degrees above the horizon and a little east of south.

The object seemed to burn out before it reached the ground.

Both men checked their watches. It was 11:16 a.m.

"The brilliance of the object is what was so remarkable," Dunning said. Even in the bright sunlight, the object shown.

Dunning said he could make no estimate of how far distant the light was.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 6/27/58

FROM : HARRY W. WILSON, Jr., SA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INFORMATION REGARDING
SATELLITE

On June 27, 1958, B. K. PHILLIPS, Central Motors, Pasco, Washington, advised that two Hanford engineers, ABE DUNNING and CARL WAIT had reportedly seen a brilliant light fall from the sky Thursday morning about 11:16 a.m., at which time they ~~involuntarily~~ within the barricade of the Hanford project at Richland, Washington, and that inasmuch as Explorer III was due to fall from its ~~orbit~~ orbit today, they concluded that it possibly was a piece of the satellite.

Mr. PHILLIPS stated that two car salesmen at Central Motors Used Car lot in Pasco had told him that they had seen something similiar about the same time, while at the used car lot, and that the object appeared to fall in the Columbia River near Pasco. The used car salesmen are CLAUDE GREGORY and GEORGE HOWARD.

The above information was furnished to THOMAS E. BELL, CIC Office, Camp Hanford, Washington.

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1015 Second Avenue
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Mr. Alvin A. Wilcox
South 2816 Monroe
Spokane 41, Washington

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

Your letter of October 25, 1958 enclosing a completed questionnaire that had been furnished by Aerial Phenomena Research Group, 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle, Washington, has been received.

I am forwarding your letter and completed questionnaire to the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, for their information.

Your interest in making this data available is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. S. HOSTETTER
Special Agent In Charge

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (~~62-0~~)

DATE: 12/3/58

FROM : SA JAMES F. FLYNN

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
BERTHA HARRISON, Complainant

On 12/1/58, Mrs. BERTHA HARRISON, 2812 Moore Street, Bellingham, Washington appeared at the Bellingham R.A. and advised she had received a letter from a Veterinarian in Kansas City who was interested in newspaper reports that Mrs. ~~HOOPER~~ HARRISON had spotted a second flying saucer over Bellingham. The letter bore the return address Dr. and Mrs. RICHARD BUCHLI, DVM, 6621 El Monte Drive, Kansas City 15. Mrs. HARRISON explained that on the occasion of her first sighting of a flying saucer she had furnished details to Mr. HOOVER who had replied that he was furnishing the information to Air Force authorities in San Diego.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Seattle (62-0)

DATE: 4/20/59

FROM : SA John E. Connor

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object;
 Marysville, Washington
 4/19/59
Mrs E.R. WITHROW
 Complainant

At Everett, Washington

On 4/20/59 Mrs E.R. Withrow, Cemetery Road, Marysville, Washington (OL-9-3915) telephonically advised that on the preceding evening she and four of her neighbors observed an unidentified flying object over the Whidbey Island area. She went on to say that she personally looked at this object for some 40 minutes with binoculars and that it was no figment of her imagination. She related that she did not want any publicity about this but that she felt it her duty to report as one of her relatives had seen such a thing down in California and the authorities had been unhappy because he was late in reporting it. Mrs Withrow was advised that her information would be made available to the United States Air Force who would contact her if necessary.

On 4/20/59 this information was furnished to Lt DeLeon Wilson, Provost Marshal at Paine AFB who advised that the Air Force is interested in such matters and would contact Mrs WITHROW and others observers in order to attempt to determine a logical explanation for such.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: July 17, 1959

FROM : SA JAMES H. SANDUSKY

SUBJECT: INFO RE STRANGE FLYING OBJECT

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On instant date, MRS. RUTH LINHOFF, 9040 Mercer Way, Mercer Island, Wn., advised that on July 7, 1959 while walking on a stretch of beach in the vicinity of LA PUSH, Wn., she observed a man dressed in neat sun tans walking on the beach some distance away. This man appeared to be carrying a quantity of rope hung in loops from his arm. LINHOFF advised that she was aware of a series of brilliant flashes which she supposes emanated from the sky. Shortly after noticing the flashes, MRS Linhoff noted a parachute floating in from over the ocean and it appeared that the man on the beach had in some manner attached his rope to it. The complainant stated that just before noticing the chute she heard a swishing like blast reminiscent of the noise made by fourth of July sky rockets.

The man was described as white, male, large (over 6') strong features, about 30 yrs.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE ¹⁰⁰⁻¹⁸⁹⁴⁵ ~~(105-0)~~

DATE: 10/10/59

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: "FLYING DISC" REPORT

At 9:15 a.m., 10/10/59, Mrs. ~~NEIL GOTSCHALL~~, residence address - 7525 - 28th S.W., Seattle, telephone - WE 7-6896, wife of an Administrator in the "Bomarc Air Space" section of Boeing Airplane Company, telephonically advised that between 4 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. she observed a very bright light toward the east from her residence and this light had a tremendous brilliance, which appeared to be about the size of a dime and the light kept moving vertically in and out of sight but did not seem to move horizontally.

Mrs. GOTSCHALL said she awakened her husband and asked him to look at this strange light and her husband observed it and said it was very weird and he had no explanation as to what it might be.

Mrs. GOTSCHALL said both she and her husband are skeptics on the matter of flying saucers but both of them are now ready to "join the club." She said that she even put her coat on and went out on the patio and observed the strange light which kept disappearing and then coming back into sight and she noted when two airplanes went across the sky, this light disappeared.

It is suggested that a letter be written on this matter to OSI.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington
October 16, 1959

Col. Paul A. Hurst, USAF
District Commander, OSI
20th District Headquarters
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

RE: "FLYING SAUCER" REPORT

Dear Sir:

For your information, Mrs. Neil Gotschall, 7525 28th S.W., Seattle, telephone number West 7-6896, telephonically advised that between 4:00 A.M. and 4:45 A.M. on October 10, 1959, she had observed a very bright light toward the East from her residence. Mrs. Gotschall said that this light, which appeared to be about the size of a dime, had a tremendous brilliance. The light reportedly was moving vertically in and out of sight, but did not seem to move horizontally.

Mrs. Gotschall said that she awakened her husband, who is an administrator at the Boeing Airplane Company working on the Bomarc project, and asked him to observe this weird light. She said that her husband had also observed it for a period of time and had no explanation as to what it might be.

Mrs. Gotschall said that both she and her husband had been complete skeptics on the "business of flying saucers", but that after observing this phenomenon they are now ready to "join the club." She said that she even put on a coat and went out into the yard to observe the light more clearly. She said the light kept appearing and disappearing, but that she noticed that after two airplanes had crossed the sky between her and the light, the light disappeared.

No inquiry is being conducted into this matter by the FBI and the above is being provided for whatever value it may be to you.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Air Force Asks Reports on 'Saucers'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(U.P.I.) — The Air Force has sent its commands a new warning to treat sightings of unidentified flying objects (U. F. O.'s) as "serious business" directly related to the nation's defense, it was learned today.

An Air Force spokesman confirmed issuance of the directive after portions of it were made public by a private "flying saucer" research group.

The new regulations were issued by the Air Force in-

spector general December 24. The regulations, updating similar ones issued in the past, outlined procedures and said that "investigations and analysis of U. F. O.'s are directly related to the Air Force's responsibility for the defense of the United States."

Existence of the document was revealed by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

The big-name, privately-financed committee accused the Air Force of deception in

publicly describing unidentified-flying-object reports as delusions and hoaxes while sending the private admonition to its commands.

Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter (ret.), a N. I. C. A. P. board member and former director of the Central Intelli-

gence Agency, said in a statement that a photo-copy of the inspector general's warning had been sent to the Senate Space Committee.

"It is time for the truth to be brought out in open congressional hearing," Hillenkoetter said.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: 8/18/60

FROM : SA MERTON R. ANDERSON

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted 8/12/60 by MURIEL BASS, Spokane, Wash.

On 8/18/60 Captain HAROLD REAUME, OSI, Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. advised that his office received a telephone call from DOUGLAS BASS, the husband of MURIEL BASS, 1223 E. Celesta, Spokane, and she had informed her husband that she observed an unidentified flying object in the skies over Spokane.

REAUME said he personally contacted her and determined the following information:

She was in front of her house about 2 or 2:30 P.M. on 8/12/60, and gazing up in the sky she observed a bomber and a fighter plane in the sky. She said she saw an object approach from the southeast which appeared to be traveling straight across at a very fast rate. The object had a slight orange shade, looked like a football, and was almost illuminated. She saw no trail or exhaust fumes, and heard no sound except from the planes.

She told REAUME she did not believe the object was "going straight", however it maneuvered slightly, and she lost it from her field of vision behind a hill. She said the light was good, the sky was clear and the sun was shining.

She told REAUME this was the second sighting for herself of an object of this type, having formerly seen another one at Longview, Washington some six years ago, which was corroborated by others.

REAUME stated that he determined MURIEL BASS is 36 years of age, a housewife and nurses aid, and from observation at her residence, the home was clean, and she appeared from her conversation to be well educated. He stated MURIEL BASS is of the negro race.

2 - It is noted that an item appeared in today's Spokesman Review of Spokane concerning unidentified flying objects, which appeared to be similar to those described by Mrs. BASS.

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