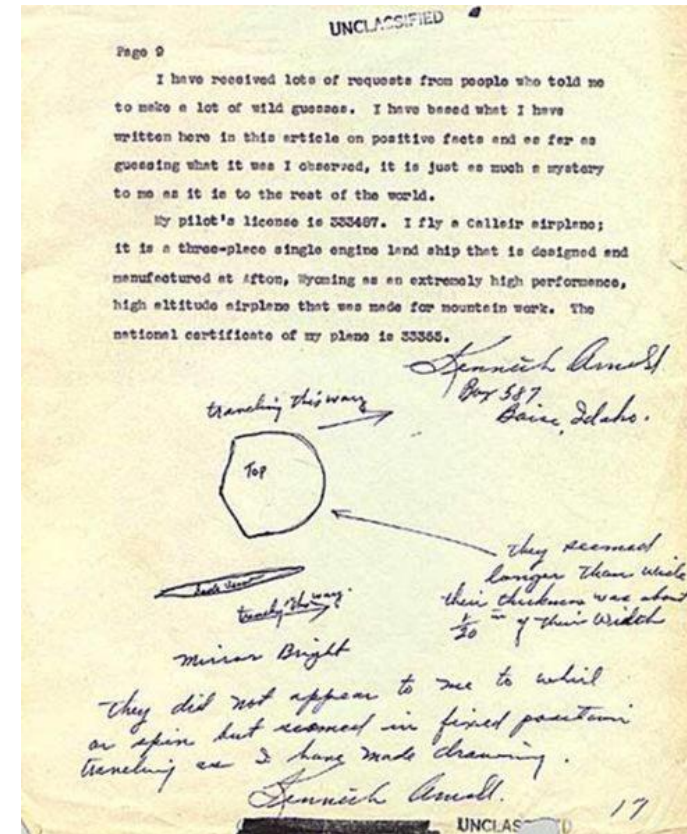
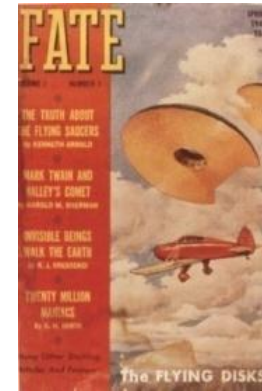


Il primo avvistamento ufficiale di un "flying saucers" o "flying disc" 24 giugno 1947 Kenneth Arnold



15. Kenneth Arnold, che avvistò gli UFO il 24 giugno 1947, ripreso a bordo del suo aereo. Fu lui a coniare il termine « flying saucers ».

Kenneth A. Arnold, un pilota privato, è divenuto famoso in quanto è considerato come il primo uomo che ha riportato pubblicamente un avvistamento di UFO ampiamente documentato, effettuato negli USA.

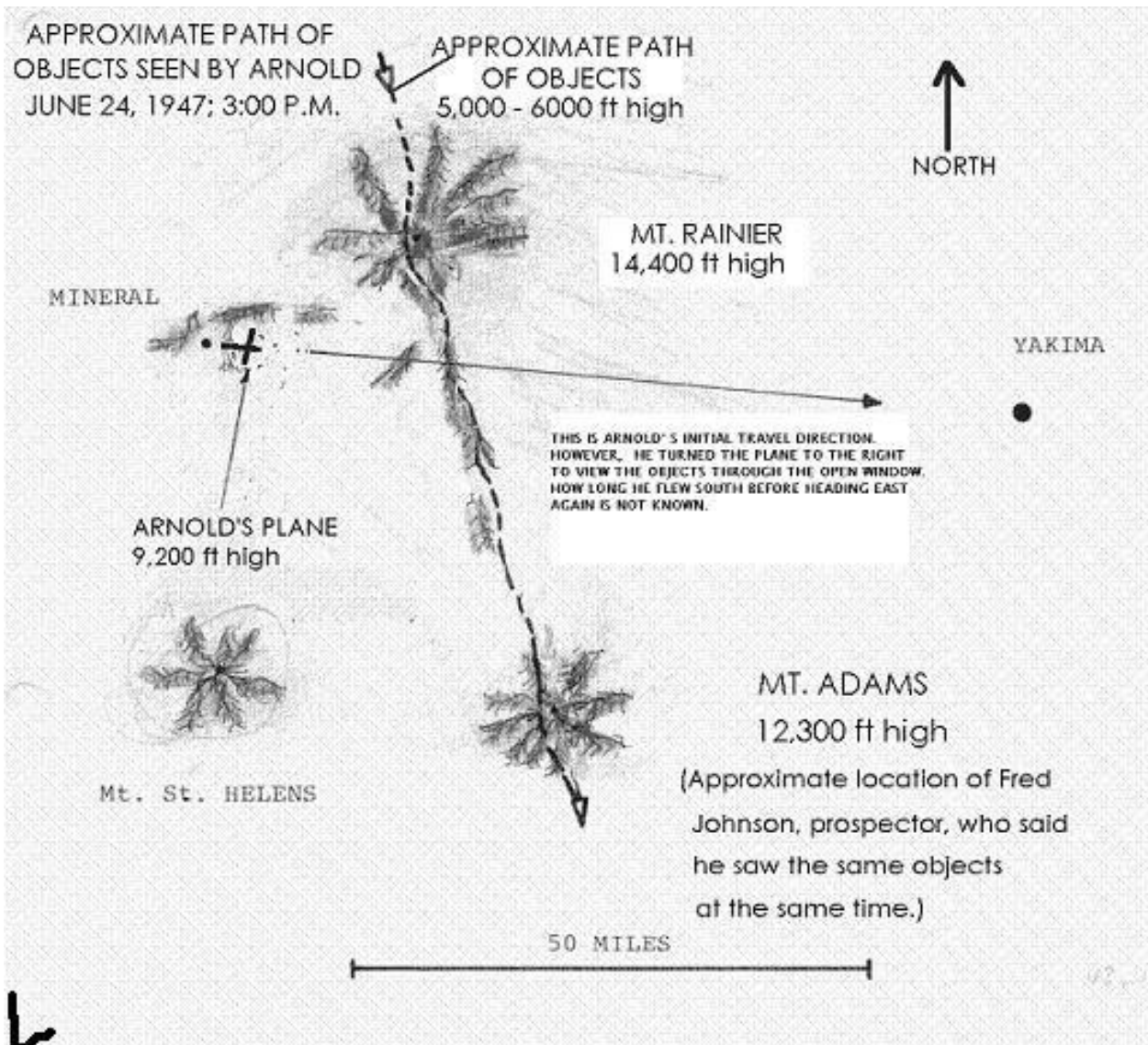


Disegno che Kenneth Arnold fece per l'intelligence degli Army Air Forces (AAF)

Il primo avvistamento ufficiale di un "flying saucers" o "flying disc"



24 giugno 1947 Kenneth Arnold



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L'avvistamento ufficiale di piloti della United Air Lines Flight 105



4 luglio 1947



Captain Emil J. Smith, Kenneth Arnold and pilot Ralph Stevens

Mysterious Objects Whizzing Over U. S.? Officials Skeptical

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PENDLETON, Ore., June 26 (AP)—Army and CAA spokesmen expressed skepticism today over a report of nine mysterious objects—big as airplanes—whizzing over western Washington at 1200 miles an hour.

Kenneth Arnold, a flying Boise, Idaho, businessman who reported seeing them, clung, however, to his story of the shiny, flat objects, each as big as a DC-4 passenger plane, racing over Washington's Cascade mountains with a peculiar weaving motion "like the tail of a kite."

An army spokesman in Washington, D. C., commented, "as far as we know, nothing flies that fast except a V-2 rocket, which travels at about 3500 miles an hour—and that's, too fast to be seen."

The spokesman added that the V-2 rockets would not resemble the objects reported by Arnold, and that no high-speed experimental tests were being made in the area where Arnold said the objects were.

Arnold described the objects as "flat like a pie-pan," and so shiny that they reflected the sun like a mirror.

By his plane's clock he timed them at 1:42 minutes for the 47 miles from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, Arnold said, adding that he later figured by triangulation that their speed was 1200 miles an hour.

"I could be wrong by 200 or 300 miles an hour," he admitted, "but I know I never saw anything so fast."

KANSAS CITY, June 26 (AP)—Nine shiny objects flying at a high rate of speed, such as described by a Boise, Idaho, pilot, were reported by W. I. Davenport, a carpenter, to have been sighted here yesterday.

Davenport, working on the roof of a house, said he saw the objects flying west shortly after noon. He said he first heard the faint sound of motors.

"There were nine of them, flying in a group, with one a little to one side," he said. "They were flying so fast I barely had time to count them before they were gone. They were leaving vapor trails."

He added that he could not describe the shape of the objects since he could not see them clearly.

Il 7/4/47 United Air Lines è avvistamento di interesse storico perché è stato ovviamente dato molto più credito rispetto a tutti gli altri 85 avvistamenti UFO pubblicato nei comunicati stampa il 4 luglio 1947.

In nessun caso l'avvistamento più impressionante UFO da parte di un equipaggio aereo di linea, tuttavia, è significativo. Si è verificato in tempo sereno, attraversato un tempo totale stimato in 10-12 minuti, è stato a più testimoni caso di cui due osservatori esperti familiarità con dispositivi di volo, e si è fatto nel corso di un 1000-ft. di altitudine (salita iniziale) che, insieme con il fatto che i nove oggetti sono stati visti ben sopra l'orizzonte, le regole del tutto i fenomeni ottici come una spiegazione pronta. Si è ufficialmente classificato come un avvistamento di oggetti volanti non identificati.

Poco circa una settimana dopo l'ormai famoso avvistamento da parte del pilota Kenneth Arnold, un equipaggio della United Air Lines DC-3 avvistò due ormozioni separate di dischi senza ali, poco dopo il decollo da Boise,

Circa otto minuti fuori, sulla strada per Seattle, circa oltre Emmett, Idaho, Co-pilota Stevens, che ha individuato il primo dei due gruppi di oggetti, accese le luci di atterraggio sotto l'impressione iniziale, gli oggetti erano gli aerei. Ma, studiando contro il cielo del crepuscolo, Smith e Stevens presto si rese conto che né ali né coda erano visibili sui cinque oggetti avanti. Dopo aver chiamato una hostess, al fine di ottenere un terzo testimone conferma, videro la formazione un po' più a lungo, chiamato Ontario, Oregon CAA per cercare di ottenere la conferma terra, e poi ha visto lo scatto formazione avanti e scompaiono ad alta velocità via ovest.

Smith ha sottolineato a me che non ci sono stati fenomeni di nube, per confonderli qui e di aver osservato questi oggetti abbastanza a lungo per essere certo che non erano velivoli convenzionali. Sono apparsi "piatto sul fondo, arrotondato in primo piano", mi disse, e ha aggiunto che ci sembrava essere percettibile "ruvidità" di qualche tipo sulla parte superiore, anche se non poteva affinare quella descrizione. Quasi subito dopo aver perso di vista i primi cinque, una seconda formazione di quattro (tre in linea e un fuori quarta parte) si è trasferito in avanti della loro posizione, di nuovo in viaggio verso occidente, ma ad una quota leggermente superiore al DC-3 8000 di ft Questi passò velocemente dalla vista verso ovest ad una velocità che si sentivano erano ben oltre la velocità allora conosciuto. Smith ha sottolineato che non sono mai stati certi di dimensioni e distanze, ma che avevano l'impressione generale che questi dischi di tipo artigianale sono stati sensibilmente più grandi di aerei normali. Smith ha sottolineato che non aveva preso sul serio i conti notizie della settimana precedente che ha coniato il termine dal-persistente, "disco volante". Ma, dopo persistenza di nove non convenzionali, ad alta velocità senza ali artigianali la sera del 7/4/47, è diventato molto più interessato alla materia. Tuttavia, nel parlare con me, ha sottolineato che non avrebbe speculare sulla loro origine. Ho parlato con United Air Lines personale che ha conosciuto Smith da anni e garantire per la sua completa affidabilità.

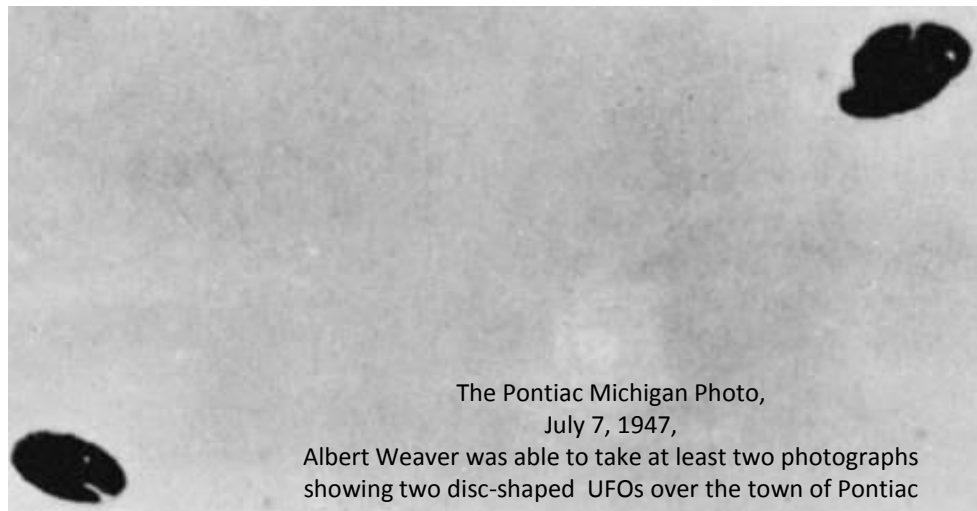


A United Airlines DC-3, like the one piloted by Capt. E. J. Smith and Ralph Stevens

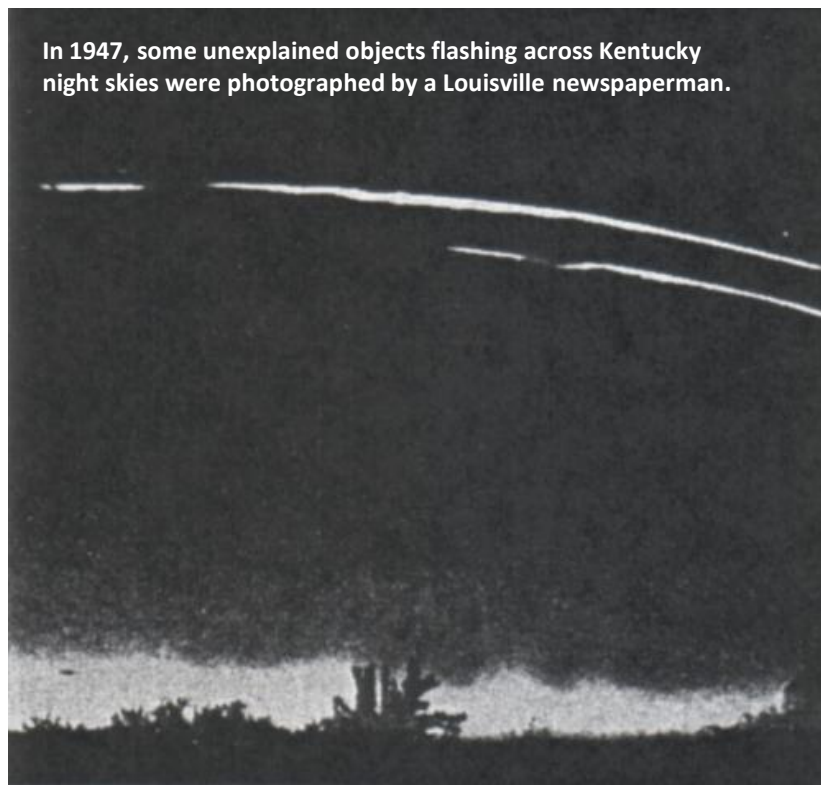
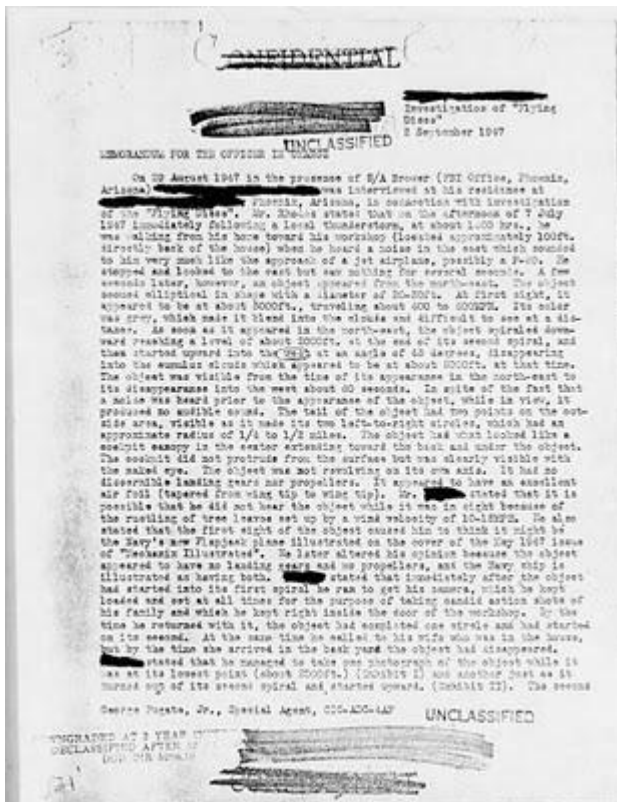
USA: gli avvistamenti del 7 luglio 1947



The Rhodes Photo,
July 7, 1947,
Phoenix, Arizona

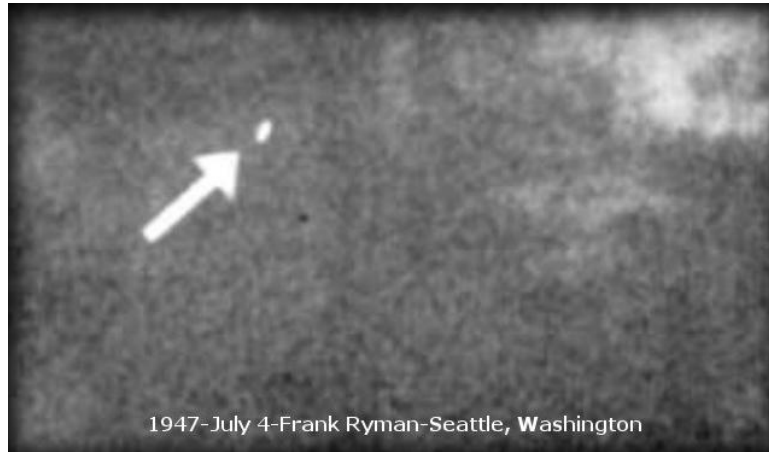


The Pontiac Michigan Photo,
July 7, 1947,
Albert Weaver was able to take at least two photographs
showing two disc-shaped UFOs over the town of Pontiac



In 1947, some unexplained objects flashing across Kentucky
night skies were photographed by a Louisville newspaperman.

USA: gli avvistamenti del 4, 5, 6 e 7 luglio 1947



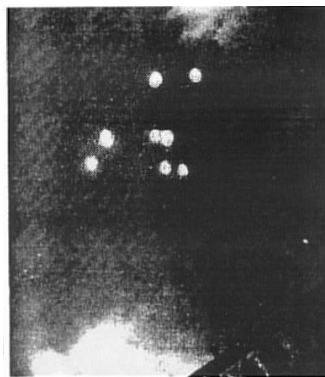
1947-July 4-Frank Ryman-Seattle, Washington

SIGHTED FROM AIR LINER
 Another report on flying disks came from United Air Lines pilot Capt. E. Smith, who radioed that he and his copilot sighted "three to five" of the disks at 7,500 feet over Ontario, Ore., last night. "They were as big as airplanes, but definitely were not airplanes," Smith said. Meanwhile, in Seattle, Boeing Aircraft Company mechanics confirmed that Boeing's giant high-flying B-50 had remained grounded yesterday, eliminating possibility it had been mistaken for the Seattle disk while flying a tremendous height.

The picture ran, above the fold. The headline: "Seattle Lensman First to 'Catch' Disk by Camera."

U.S. Coast Guardsman, Frank Ryman, of Seattle, Washington, took this photograph of a flying disc

taken on July 4, 1947



SAUCERS OVER TULSA ?

—Photo by Eric Gilmore

SEATTLE-SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1947 20 PAGES

Seattle Lensman First to 'Catch' Disk by Camera

PHOTO OF DISK—This unscratched photograph, 30 times enlarged, taken north of Seattle by Frank Ryman is believed to be the first ever shot of one of the flying disks sighted over West Coast since June 24. The disk is the blurred white oval in the center of the picture. The disk sped along and to the right in a line in the negative. Another photograph taken by Ryman showed the disk at the same relative position in the sky. Ryman used a 4 and 5 inch Speed Graphic camera, Super-XX film, at shutter speed of 1/500 and f 22 lens opening. (Illustration appears on Page 1.)

Disk Picture Caught Here

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as it passed over Ryman's home, 12221 22nd N. E.

"There was no noise," he said. "No sound of engines. And I am positive there were no wings or fins in sight. It definitely was not a plane. I looked for wings and other possible projections as I watched it through the binoculars."

To confirm his own judgment after the disk had vanished into the blue to the north, Ryman phoned the navy weather station.

"I thought that perhaps it conceivably could have been a weather balloon being blown along by a high wind. The navy told me that there was very little wind—about 10-12 knots at most. The object I photographed appeared to be traveling over 500 miles an hour."

ADVISES NEWSPAPERS
 Convinced it was no balloon, Ryman phoned the Post-Tribune to report the appearance of the disk and his picture-taking attempt.

A hurried trip to the P-I's darkroom proved his skill with his camera.

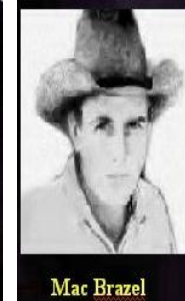
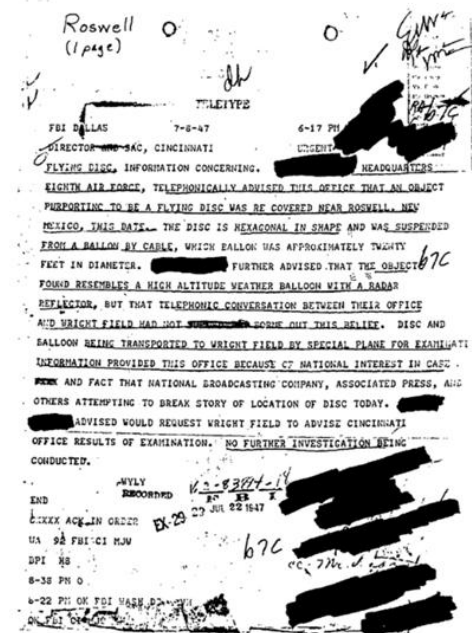
Right in the middle of the exposed plate was the disk.

Enlarged many times the disk showed up clearly as a slightly blurred whitish object.

"Through field glasses the disk appeared to be extremely smooth on its surface. There were no apertures or ports or vents visible," Ryman said.



Il caso Roswell: luglio 1947: test militari o flying saucers crash?



A.M.C. Air Material Command 1947



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DRAFT OF COLLECTION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 1. This memo sets forth the current intelligence requirements in the field of Flying Saucer type aircraft.

CHARACTER:

1. An alleged "Flying Saucer" type aircraft or object in flight, approximating the shape of a disc, has been reported by many observers from widely scattered places, such as the United States, Alaska, Canada, Hungary, the Island of Guam, and Japan. This object has been reported by many competent observers, including USAF rated officers. Sightings have been made from the ground as well as from the air.
2. Commonly reported features that are very significant and which may aid in the investigation are as follows:
 - a. Relatively flat bottom with extreme light-reflecting ability.
 - b. Absence of sound except for an occasional roar when operating under super performance conditions.
 - c. Extreme maneuverability and apparent ability to almost hover.
 - d. A plan form approximating that of an oval or disc with a dome shape on the top surface.
 - e. The absence of an exhaust trail except in a few instances when it was reported to have a bluish color, like a blue I exhaust, which persisted for approximately one hour. Other reports indicated a brownish smoke trail that could be the results of a special catalyst or chemical agent for extra power.
 - f. The ability to quickly disappear by high speed or by complete disintegration.
 - g. The ability to suddenly appear without warning as if from an extremely high altitude.
 - h. The disc most reported approximated that of a C-54 or Constellation type aircraft.
 - i. The ability to group together very quickly in a tight formation when more than one aircraft are together.
 - j. Evasive action ability indicates possibility of being manually operated, or possibly by electronic or remote control devices.
 - k. Under certain power conditions, the craft seems to have the ability to cut a clear path through clouds - width of path estimated to be approximately one-half mile. Only one incident indicated this phenomenon.



General Nathan F. Twining, commanding general of the Air Materiel



Brig. Gen. George SCHULGEN

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

TSDM/DAW/14/6-4100
WASHTON FIELD OFFICE, WASH DC

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SUBJECT: AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen, AD/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-4, 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 two-man 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 rolls), 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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- L'avvio del primo progetto ufficiale di studi sugli Oggetti Volanti Non Identificati prese le mosse da un documento riservato dell'Esercito americano datato 23 settembre 1947: si trattava di una nota scritta dal Gen. Nathan TWINING, capo dell'Air Material Command di Dalton, Ohio, al Brig. Gen. George SCHULGEN, allora Comandante delle unità aeree dell'Esercito (nel 1947 l'Aeronautica non era ancora una Forza Armata a se stante ma dipendeva dall'Esercito).

Nella lettera si fa riferimento ad una precedente richiesta di parere avanzata da AC/AS-2 cioè dal Comandante dell'Air Command di Washington, Brig. Gen. George SCHULGEN all'Air Material Command (AMC) stesso sui cosiddetti "Dischi Volanti".

- La risposta del Gen. Nathan TWINING fu la seguente:

"Questo Comando è del parere che:

- a) il fenomeno di cui all'oggetto è vero, non fittizio o irreale;
 - b) si conferma l'esistenza di oggetti di forma discoidale, di grandezza atta a farli apparire paragonabili a quelli degli aeromobili convenzionali;
 - c) esiste la possibilità che alcune segnalazioni siano state originate da fenomeni naturali, quali meteore;
 - d) le caratteristiche di volo segnalate quali, ad esempio, gli elevati ratei di salita, la manovrabilità (soprattutto sull'asse di rollio) ed altre manovre intraprese a seguito di avvistamento radar od intercettazione da parte dei nostri veivoli, sono da considerare di natura evasiva e tendono a favorire l'ipotesi che alcuni degli Oggetti avvistati siano governati manualmente, automaticamente o in modo remoto.
- Vengano fatte le dovute considerazioni sul fatto che:
- 1) sia possibile che gli Oggetti siano di origine nazionale, frutto di eventuali programmi segretissimi la cui esistenza è ignorata da AC/AS-2 o da questo Comando;
 - 2) mancano prove tangibili quali, ad esempio, rottami recuperati a seguito di incidenti di volo, in grado di provare l'esistenza degli Oggetti in modo concreto;
 - 3) sia possibile l'esistenza, a noi ignota, di una forma di propulsione, forse nucleare, detenuta da qualche altra nazione;

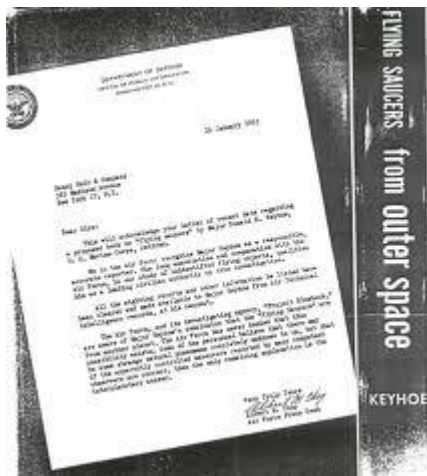
Questo Comando raccomanda:

- a) che il Comando Aviazione dell'Esercito, mediante appropriata direttiva, attribuisca priorità, classifica di segretezza e nome in codice, allo scopo di effettuare uno studio dettagliato del fenomeno, incluso l'approfondimento di una serie completa di tutti i dati disponibili e pertinenti forniti da: Esercito, Marina, Commissione per l'Energia Atomica, JRDS, Gruppo Consultivo Scientifico dell'Aeronautica, NACA, nonché dai Progetti RAND e NEPA per osservazioni e raccomandazioni. Detti Enti redigano un rapporto preliminare entro 15 gg. dal ricevimento dei dati e curino la redazione di un Rapporto periodico dettagliato con scadenza mensile, per l'intera durata di effettuazione dello studio. "

A.T.I.C. Advanced Technical Intelligence Center 1947



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base



U.S. ARMY TO EXAMINE A "FLYING DISK"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON, JULY 8

After an Army announcement from Roswell, New Mexico, that an object resembling a "flying disk" had been found there, the commander of the Eighth Air Force said here to-night that the object was being sent to the research centre at Wright Field, Ohio, for examination.

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
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GENERAL AIR MATERIEL
COMMAND, ATTENTION
FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:
[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Project "SIG"

TO: Commanding Officer
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico

- On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peoples of the Watson Laboratories.
- It was learned that a Lt Warkley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MONAGHAN:

[Signature]
N. H. CLINGEMAN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

1st Ind

g, Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 24 May 1948

For CO, AIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio

Enclosed is statement of Lt. Warkley in answer to basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

[Signature]
JAMES C. [REDACTED]
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Lt. Warkley's Statement

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Incident #10 -- Boise, Idaho, 4 July 1947

There appears to be no astronomical explanation for this incident.

One minor lead is suggested: observation was made at the time of sunset, when light conditions are changing rapidly. Disappearance of the object might have occurred simply because of the changing visibility. It is the time of day when illusory effects are most likely to occur, and it might not be out of the question that the objects actually were other aircraft.

Despite these conjectures, no logical explanation for the incident seems possible at this time.

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USA: gli avvistamenti del giugno luglio 1947

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *sh*

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS *CUN*

DATE: July 11, 1947

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

SAC Hamister of the Butte Office called at noon today and stated that a [REDACTED] Twin Falls, Idaho, at 2:45 a.m. Mountain Time today heard a noise in the back of her home. She thought a collision had occurred and investigated and found in the back yard of the home next door an object described as follows:

A disc 30 1/2" in diameter, circular in shape, it is dished like a saucer and actually there is a saucer within a saucer in the manner of cymbals. On one surface there is attached a plastic dome described as about 1 1/4" in diameter and affixed by 8 bolts in a rather rough manner. The bolts can best be described as similar to stove bolts. On the other surface is another dome of metal which is gold in color on one side and on the inside is silver in color, which looks like tin. Through the plastic dome can be observed three tubes similar to radio tubes and there is some wiring. The disc generally is 10" thick and at the point where the domes are located about 1 1/4" in thickness. There is an object on it similar to electric coil which has some type of an arm on it and bears the words "Inspected TS". Some of the wiring has been burned off and it looks as though something might be missing.

[REDACTED] stated that if this were the work of some prankster he went to quite a bit of trouble. He stated the press is aware of this incident. He stated that the disc had been picked up and was now at the Police Department, Twin Falls, Idaho. He was instructed to notify the local Army authorities of the existence of this disc.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC", NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, JULY 9, 1947

DATE: July 17, 1947

On the evening of July 9, 1947, a report was received at the Los Angeles Office that a so-called "flying disc" had landed in the vicinity of Bedford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood, California, the contraption being briefly described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc shaped, and having a radio antenna. It was reported to have burst into flames upon landing. At the time of the report the disc was being held at the Valley Fire Department in Van Nuys, California.

SAC [REDACTED] went to the fire department immediately at which time it was found that a number of people had gathered including newspaper reporters and photographers who were taking pictures of the disc. Battalion Fire Chief [REDACTED] advised Agent that at approximately 10:30 P.M., an unknown woman called on the telephone and excitedly reported that the disc had dropped into her garden where it began to flame, her residence being located at 11858 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood. A fire department truck was sent there and put out the flaming object with the fire hose, after which the object was taken to the fire station. SAC [REDACTED] thereafter arranged to transport the disc to the office.

The device is briefly described as consisting of two convex steel discs approximately 2 feet in diameter, fused together at the outer edge and fastened together in the center by a hollow cylindrical connection. A vertical galvanized iron fin was screwed to the top of the disc, and a short length of pipe closed at one end ran from the outer circumference into the interior of the contraption. What appeared to be a radio tube was installed in the center of the top side. The contraption had a total weight of approximately 20 pounds.

At the Bureau Office a series of photographs were taken of the device from various positions, and a set of these photographs are being forwarded herewith for the Bureau's inspection and information.

The "flying disc" was thereafter turned over to Major [REDACTED] A.C., G-2, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, who subsequently reported that the object was definitely a hoax and under no circumstances could have flown under its own power.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE
 SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
 SABOTAGE

DATE: August 12, 1947

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, Section (B), which advises that all reports concerning flying discs should be investigated by field offices.

Prior to the receipt of these instructions, two instances were called to the attention of this office concerning flying discs. One report was received July 7, 1947, the details of which are set forth in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated July 8, 1947, entitled, "Flying Discs or Saucers, Miscellaneous, Telephone Call from Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau at 8:30 a.m., 7-7-47." No investigation was conducted concerning this report.

The second report was received by this office at 1:20 p.m. July 11, 1947, from [redacted] who is in charge of the Civil Air Patrol of Wisconsin, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. On that occasion [redacted] calling from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, telephonically advised this office that an object in the shape of a disc, nineteen inches in diameter had been found July 10, 1947, by one [redacted] city electrician on the Jackson County fairgrounds, near Black River Falls, Wisconsin, about 3:30 p.m. The disc might be made of a substance such as cardboard covered by a silver airplane dope material. The contraption has a small wooden tail like a rudder in the back and inside of the disc is what appears to be an RCA photo-electric cell or tube. Also inside the disc is a little electric motor with a shaft running to the center of the disc. At one end of the shaft is a very small propeller. In [redacted] opinion that contraption might possibly have been made by some juvenile. [redacted] stated that he desired to return the contraption to Milwaukee and eventually turn it over to the Army Air Forces, but that the finder, [redacted], apparently wanted to get some publicity on his find and wanted it returned to him. *b7c*

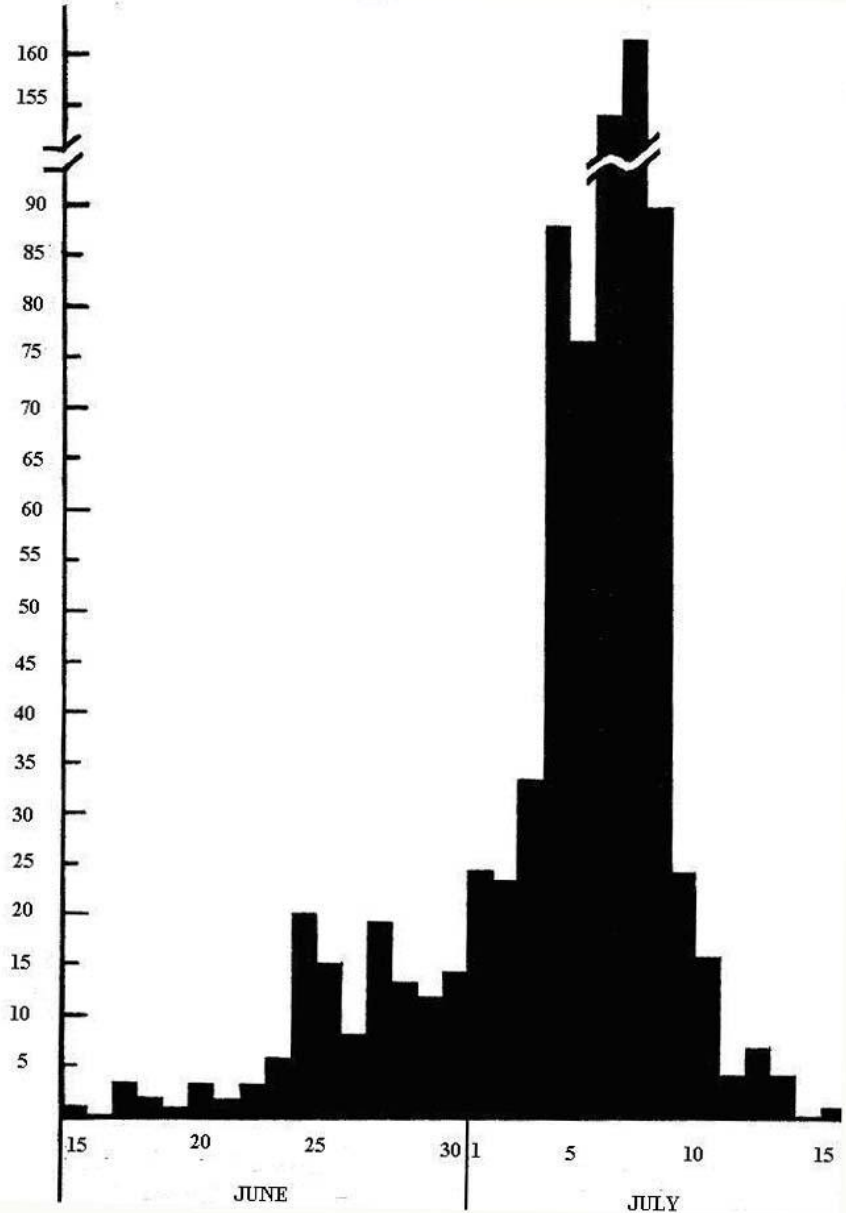
This information was telephonically called to the attention of Assistant Director D. M. LADD of the Bureau on July 11, 1947.

Subsequently, SAC E. K. JOHNSON telephoned Colonel [redacted] in charge of Counter Intelligence, Fifth Army, Chicago AC of S G-2 Headquarters Fifth Army, East Hyde Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who stated he would contact [redacted] of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. *b7c*

No further investigation was conducted in this matter.

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September 19, 1947



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Director, FBI

Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

RE: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS **b7c**

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a "restricted" letter dated September 3, 1947, which was furnished to me by Lieutenant Colonel **[redacted]**, A-2, Army Air Forces, Hamilton Field, California, which letter is designated to certain Commanding Generals in the Army Air Forces from Colonel **[redacted]**, Assistant Chief of Staff - Intelligence, Headquarters Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, New York, concerning "Cooperation of FBI with AAF on Investigations of 'Flying Disc' Incidents". **b7c**

It is my understanding from recent Bureau instructions that we are to assist the Air Force Intelligence personnel in the investigation of flying disc incidents. However, it will be noted from the attached letter that it is Army interpretation that it was their intent that the Bureau would investigate those incidents of the so-called "discs" being found on the ground and apparently not those which are observed only in flight. Further, the attention of the Bureau is respectfully called to paragraph two of this letter and to the last sentence therein which states, "The services of the FBI were enlisted in order to relieve the numbered Air Forces of the task of tracking down all the many instances which turned out to be ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

In the first place, the instructions issued by the Army Air Forces in this letter appear to limit the type of investigations which the Bureau will be asked to handle and secondly it appears to me the wording of the last sentence in the second paragraph mentioned above is cloaked in entirely uncalled for language tending to indicate the Bureau will be asked to conduct investigations only in those cases which are not important and which are almost, in fact, ridiculous. **mfc**

The thought has occurred to me the Bureau might desire to discuss this matter further with the Army Air Forces both as to the types of investigations which we will conduct and also to object to the scurrilous wordage which, to say the least, is insulting to the Bureau in the last sentence of paragraph two.

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Major General George C. McDonald
Assistant Chief Air Staff - 2
The Pentagon
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Dear General McDonald:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been requested by your office to assist in the investigation of reported sightings of flying discs.

My attention has been called to instructions disseminated by the Air Forces relative to this matter. I have been advised that these instructions indicate that the Air Forces would interview responsible observers while the FBI would investigate incidents of discs found on the ground, thereby relieving the Air Forces of running down incidents which in many cases turned out to be "ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot."

In view of the apparent understanding by the Air Forces of the position of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this matter, I cannot permit the personnel and time of this organization to be dissipated in this manner.

I am advising the Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to discontinue all investigative activity regarding the reported sightings of flying discs, and am instructing them to refer all complaints received to the appropriate Air Force representative in their area.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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