

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 9, 1949

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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

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██████████ advised that Walter Winchell had received a letter from ██████████, Los Angeles 7, California. Mr. ██████████ read the letter to me and it was very well written, obviously by a man of intelligence. In this letter ██████████ stated that in August of 1947 he left Los Angeles for the mountains and started hiking through the mountains. About 10:00 A. M. he was lying on the ground when he observed about one-half block away from him a large silver metal, greenish in color, shaped like a child's top and about the size of the balloons used at County Fairs. He stated that there appeared to be two windows in the object and portions of metal appeared transparent and that he gained the impression that there was some life within this object although he saw no persons. The object appeared as though ~~and~~ as a pressure chamber. He stood up and waved towards this object and this so-called flying saucer was off the ground in a second, knocking ██████████ to the ground. In its flight he stated that its power was silent and he raised the question as to whether this was ~~an~~ an inter-global landing on our planet. He thought that it might be a device to land in our planet because the occupants of another planet had become curious as to the reaction caused by the explosion of the atomic bomb causing trouble in an expanded universe. He ~~left~~ the question as to whether it was possible that the occupants of another planet might have solved the theory of negative gravity.

Mr. ██████████ stated that this letter indicated a very good knowledge of physics and that he thought it would be interesting to check into Jones' background and then possibly interview him about this alleged flying saucer. Mr. ██████████ stated that it would appear that ██████████ may have actually seen a flying saucer, that in any event it made an awfully good story and he requested that the Bureau keep the matter in confidence.

I would recommend that the Los Angeles Office discreetly check into the background of ██████████ and thereafter interview him for the purpose of determining any facts he possesses about flying saucers in order that it may be determined whether his story is in any way accurate.

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TO THE DIRECTOR

DATE: JULY 12, 1949

FROM D. W. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

I took a call from [redacted] by reference from your office. He referred to his call of last Saturday relative to a letter Mr. Winchell received from a man in Los Angeles concerning flying saucers. He stated that Winchell wanted to go a column on this letter if the Bureau had no objection.

I told him that whatever he did with reference to writing the story concerning this letter was entirely up to him and wouldn't affect anything the Bureau was doing. I suggested that he might desire to check with the Air Corps inasmuch as the handling of flying saucers was a matter of primary interest to them. He stated, "I'll talk with the Air Force. He just didn't want to release the information if it would affect the Bureau."

Walter Winchell

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- 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
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROUTINE

JULY 12, 1949

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SAC, LOS ANGELES

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INFORMATION CONCERNING. SUBJECT ADDRESSED A LETTER TO WALTER WINCHELL
RELATING THAT IN AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, HE WAS HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS
OUT OF LA AND HE OBSERVED ABOUT ONE HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM HIM A LARGE SILVER
METAL OBJECT SHAPED LIKE A CHILD'S TOP ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BALLOON. HE
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THERE WAS LIFE WITHIN THE OBJECT THOUGH HE SAW NO
ONE. HE STOOD UP AND WAVED TOWARDS THE OBJECT AND WITHIN A SECOND IT
TOOK OFF, KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND. DISCREETLY CHECK BACKGROUND OF
THEREAFTER, INTERVIEW HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ANY FACTS
IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING THE STATEMENTS SET OUT HEREIN.

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Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Los Angeles 13, California
July 13, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Re your teletype July 12, 1949.

[REDACTED]

Other investigation in an endeavor to locate [REDACTED] was not productive.

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DEFERRED RECORDING

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

July 21, 1949

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Mr. [redacted]
New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

You will recall the telephone conversations about Mr. [redacted] 37th Street, Los Angeles 9, California, and the information furnished by him on the subject of flying saucers.

I thought you would like to know that efforts made to locate Mr. [redacted] have been unsuccessful and casual inquiry in the vicinity he mentioned did not develop information about any one who is acquainted with him.

I thought you might wish to consider the possibility that the original letter in this matter may have been a prank.

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- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Mr. [redacted] thru, ODP, from
called-phoned. NYC

Phone No. _____
Hour 10:29am Date July 12, 1949

REMARKS

When informed that Mr. Hoover was not in his office, Mr. [redacted] asked to speak with Mr. Ladd, and after checking the call was transferred to Mr. Ladd.

Mr. Ladd advises that Mr. [redacted] was calling about the matter he discussed with Mr. Ladd on last Saturday re. a flying saucer in California. Mr. [redacted] asked if he could release the story. He was told that this was up to him.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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Flying Saucers

Mr. [redacted] called from New York City

Phone No. _____

Hour 10:54am Date July 11, 1949

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
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- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

REMARKS
When informed of Mr. Hoover's and Mr. Ladd's absence from their office, Mr. [redacted] declined to speak to anyone else and stated that he was just following up on a conversation he had with Mr. Ladd over the weekend. He asked that Mr. Ladd be informed of his call.

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[Redacted]

Charleston, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

FLYING SAUCERS

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1952.

Since the matter referred to therein is within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to that Agency.

Your interest and cooperation in furnishing this material are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Note: Bufiles reflect no record concerning [Redacted]

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- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
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- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Air Force Intelligence

August 12, 1951

F. B. I.

Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

Flying Saucers

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments on August 1st. I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 1st to the Air Force Intelligence telling my views of a saucer. In about four days the physicist and scientist gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out when did Mr. Scott start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address if you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

I have much better working proof of my theory than Scott, which has been before me all along, until I hit upon the idea.

The solution should not have been published. There is great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean a completely different type of air warfare. The air force could possibly use it for lifetime warfare. It could lead to man-made

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Man-made flying saucers possibly could be used in conjunction with atom and hydro-bombs or to destroy them. Astronomers could use the information to predict about other planets or planetary warfare. This information could be of use in a trip to the moon.

Does the Air Force wish me to keep my impression to myself or shall I give a statement to the press? My country comes first if the information should be kept secret.

I signed my other letter "respectfully". When a lady from Virginia pays her respects to the Air Force she expects the Air Force to pay its respects right back to her.

Respectfully,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
S. Taunton
Virginia

MRS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1952

Air Force Intelligence
 S. P. I.
 Justice Dept.

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Staunton,
 Virginia

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Date: August 11, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
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DATE 9/1/52

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED], Kokomo,
Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952,
at approximately 10:00 A. M. while fishing in the back
waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a
formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number,
in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to
be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the
lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him
to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell
straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor
and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly
direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality
of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish
smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been
dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

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He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by ██████████ Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. ██████████ had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

No further inquiries are contemplated in this matter. However, if additional information is received by this Bureau, you will be promptly advised.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
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- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~_____~~ *WAB*
FROM : ~~_____~~ *over*
SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS

DATE: August 12, 1952

- Tolson _____
- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
- Glavin _____
- Nichols _____
- Tracy _____
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There is attached a copy of a periodical entitled "Sunday Graphic" dated July 6, 1952, received by the Bureau from the Office of the Legal Attache, American Embassy, London, England.

It is desired that the attached periodical containing an article relating to the captioned matter be filed in the captioned file.

Attachment

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AWK
BY

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked July 30, 1952, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring your comments to my attention.

Since your communication may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

DIC:ankinfo [Handwritten initials]

CoCopy of incoming sent to the Secretary of the Air Force by short form.

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J. Edgar Hoover
F B I
Washn DC
Dear Sir,

Baltimore Md
July 28-1952
FLYING SAUCERS

I would like to submit a theory
that may lead to a solution of what
the flying saucers really are -
These objects could be lights
caused by Radio Television Beams
illuminating moist vapor, not unlike
phosphorus on rain soaked wood in

Certain seasons - The northern lights
"aurora borealis" have manifested themselves
for years, setting up Electro magnetism
& Earth potential which distorts normal
Telegraph Communications. The lights es
are somewhat like a Fan + can
be seen as far south as Egypt

It is my opinion, that flying
saucers are electrically induced
currents over a space (small clouds)
and causing it to glow - this
cloud being charged electrically
and a magnetic polarity being same
as the interceptors it can never
intercept.

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gradually our dinner + disappear
giving the impression that it
outdistanced the pursuer with
a great burst of speed -
This is submitted as a theory
as I do not have the power
or facilities to prove or disprove.

But I submit a suggestion
whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear
again have the TV + all Broadcast
silenced from the air and check
for results - This may not change
immediately, as other elements in

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off or on at a give signal -
However I firmly believe that, if
the idea as set forth in my crude
way is submitted to more learned
persons than I some solution
is inevitable -

[REDACTED]

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~~_____~~
Baltimore 18 MD
July 28-1952

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washn DC

Dear sir,

I would like to submit a theory that may lead to a solution of what the Flying saucers really are-these objects could be Lights. caused by Radio Television Beams illuminating moist vapor, not unlike phosphorus on rain soaked wood in certain seasons-the northern lights "aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves for years, setting up Electro magnetism & Earth potential which distorts normal Telegraph Communications. The lights are somewhat like a Fan & can be seen as far south as Equator-

It is my opinion that Flying Saucers are Electrically induced currents onto a space (small clouds) and causing it to glow-this cloud being charged Electrically and a magnetic polarity being same as the interceptor it can never be overtaken, and would if pursued gradually grow Dimmer & disappear giving the impression that it out distanced the pursuer with a great Burst of speed.

This is submitted as a theory as I do not have the power or facilities to prove or disprove. But I submit a suggestion whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear again Have the TV & all Broadcasts silenced from the air and check for results-this may not change immediately, as other Elements in this Build up can not be turned off or on at a given signal.

However I firmly believe that, if the idea as set forth in my crude way is submitted to more learned persons then I some solution is inevitable.

/s/ ~~_____~~

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

August 15, 1952

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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FLYING SAUCERS
OSI LIAISON

EX-25

Reurlet August 7, 1952, in which you stated that at a weekly liaison conference held in Philadelphia Major ~~_____~~ advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

OSI, as the official Air Force liaison agency, has agreed to accept reports regarding flying saucers and to transmit these reports to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where all information pertaining to flying saucers is coordinated. If Major ~~_____~~ still insists that he does not desire to receive reports regarding flying saucers, you should advise the Bureau and the matter will be discussed further with OSI Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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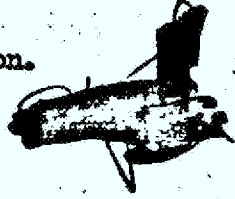
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: 8/7/52

At the weekly liaison conference held in the Philadelphia Office on August 5, 1952, Major [redacted] advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.



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*letter to
SAC, Philadelphia
8/15/52
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EX-99

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August 19, 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pontiac, Michigan
62-83894-294

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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EX-69

I have received your letter of August 5, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - 1 - Detroit

Note for Detroit:

Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Bureau, in his letter, of his theory regarding flying saucers. It was Mr. [REDACTED]'s opinion flying saucers are manufactured by General Electric or General Motors Research Laboratories, consist of aluminum tanks filled with helium gas under pressure, and work on magnetic principles.

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Pontiac, Mich

Aug 5 '52

Flying Discs

F.B.I. Wash DC

Gentlemen: - Dear Sirs

8-13-52
L.H. Jernigan
* 2 O.H.
E.H.M.

I have a theory on the so called flying saucers.

I don't know where to write to express my opinion.

But yours is the best office in the country when it comes to investigations.

If and when I get ready to commit a crime I will expect to get caught but so be it.

If the flying saucers are real then in my opinion they are not from another planet.

I would be willing to bet

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Electricity of General Motors Research
Laboratories.

I am not an electrician all I know
about Elect. is to grab a hold of one
wire at a time on alternating current
and let current strike me alone.

It's my opinion that there does
or what have you are aluminum
tanks filled with helium gas under
a lot of pressure and permanent magnet
(power full one) built on the sides

with the north poles outside.

When an
them they are repulsed at the same
speed as the approaching object.

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when you look at it from that plane
you can see why can never be caught
no matter how fast the pursuing plane
goes why retreat at the same speed.

One good way to check that would
be to have three planes to approach
at three angles.

The retreating
object could not cross in front
of any of the planes it would
have to go straight ahead.

you try and get the north pole of a
magnet and south pole to connect and
you will see what I mean
(over)

I've seen a steel bar, lying in space
at auto shows, it was nearly two
poles pushing against each other instead
of pulling together.

Or push your watch or a piece
of steel through a demagnetizer
and you will see what I mean.

If a plane were equipped with
a magnet of about two or 3 Gs
and the north pole pointed at the
nose of the plane or stuck out ahead
of the propeller a foot or two I think
those towers would be caught.

Respectfully yours

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

P. S. [Redacted]

Winding Duff

0. Flying Saucers

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Mr. Edgar Hoover

A few lines to let you know a few things that the Government should know for all of US takes ps stop the people from Broadcasting how far these flying saucers are going and where they are seeing

them at the reason Russia is inventing some thing

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anal. is coming over
here by radio activity
and later they will
be sending the atomic
Bomb over here so try
to stop them are now
getting the distance
and they send out one
and then our people
tells where they see
at and that is all
they want to know
later on they will send
suicide planes without
air pilot here to bomb.

[REDACTED]

EX-125

Date: August 13, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE, RECEIVED
BY THE "CINCINNATI ENQUIRER"
PERTAINING TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

There is attached for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter a photostat of a letter, written in German, received from an anonymous source, which was addressed to the [REDACTED]. A photostat of the envelope, in which the letter was forwarded, is attached and indicates it was mailed on July 31, 1952, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

For your further assistance in this matter a translation of the attached letter from the German is attached.

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 6, 1952

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FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-0)

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN
IN GERMAN LANGUAGE RECEIVED BY
"CINCINNATI ENQUIRER" PERTAINING
TO "FLYING SAUCERS"
SECURITY MATTER - X

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[redacted] furnished the Cincinnati Office with the enclosed letter and envelope received anonymously at the [redacted] in an envelope postmarked 7-3-52 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that the enclosed letter is written in the German language, and I am also enclosing a rather loose translation of the letter as furnished by the [redacted].

In view of the widespread interest in so-called "flying saucers," I am forwarding this material to the Bureau, with the thought in mind that the Bureau may desire to have a careful translation made of the attached letter, and the results, if deemed advisable, made available to other Governmental agencies.

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Enclosures (3)

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FOR LAB ACTION AND REPORT~~

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FLYING SAUCERS

Since 1944 there have been experimental weapons which should now be in production. The one about which there has been so much discussion is a V-Weapon which has a disc-like round body, about 48.50 metres in diameter and has by way of emission 45 to 50 automatic (word not legible). With the setting off of the disc these rotate around a spherexi-glass sphere in the center in which are located the (word not legible) and guiding apparatus for distance flights. Inside the sphere there is also enough space for high explosive atom bombs. These weapons (word not legible) and show an effective range from 30 to 35,000 kilometres. V-Weapon Konstruk (Technician?) Riedel (or Riedet), Germany, says it is a typical V-Weapon on which he himself worked

"I am positive that the truth is better than keeping it in ignorance."

H. Sch.

This letter is written apparently by a not highly literate undeveloped handwriting. It is my opinion that he is

he has written. If I were handling this, I should turn his letter over to the FBI or some other investigating agency to see if he knows anything more.

F.I.

August 4, 1952

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August 14, 1952

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Mrs. [redacted]
EX-25 Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 1, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - 1 - Pittsburgh (Attachment)

NOTE!

Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mrs. [redacted]

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August 1, 1952

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

RA
my

Dear Sir:

I have been hearing so much about the objects called flying saucers that I begin to speculate as to whether we are the only Nation or county to witness such a display.

Of course it could be that those odd objects are pest filled Radar controlled waiting to be punctured. We have been so accused by another Nation that no doubt they have devised some diabolical plan to test on us.

I am not inclined to pass those over lightly, because I believe that these gadgets can be made and controlled to the extent of great numbers in groupings.

Also, I believe it is very unwise to make public the locations of sightings as many folk are prone to worry, and a state of mind like this is exactly what our enemy is seeking.

Any one wise enuf to perfect such would not only know their travel distance but also their location, therefore no talk or publications could benefit us in that.

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I hope that someone has had the integrity and foresight to learn where if in any other country these 'things' have been seen.

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Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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EX-25

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New York City

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 31, 1952. The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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100-1 - New York (Attachment)

NOTE:

Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mr. [REDACTED]

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Office of the Director
New York City

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L.H. Rame
OST
L.H.R.

July 31/52

Department of Investiga-
tion
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

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Am sorry hearing
and reading too; much
noise about the mistaking
of "Lying Plates"

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government of U.S. is going
to catch a picture of the
mysteriously
"Flying Plates"

by the radar detectors
I say impossible!!!! ???
Ja!!! Ja!!! You please
and excuse me, for my
laughing.

If you would please
refer I wrote to you about
sixth months before. How
you would not be in
troubles with what
happens in the atmosphere

Ja!!! Ja!!! Ja!!!

I say if you please

3.
and may excuse me again
because I laugh of this

Mystery that put in
troubles my government.

Just I was waiting for
this to write to you again.

Now you are in the line
because you don't know
what happens.

The letter that you
"refused" from Washington
to me; was sendd again
to the Organization of
the United Nations
at the New York State.

So if you like to know
about the "Living plates"
look for that letter that
should be there. And also

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about some other things
I talk in the same letter.

Ja!!! Ja!!! Ja!!!

I have to laugh because
I know that the peace comes
very soon after. I explain
this mystery to my lovely
government of the United
States of America.

Nobody can explain the
mystery of the "Flying Plates"
in a sincerely truth before
me. Just make a try with
the scientific people; and
I'll call for me.

Sincerely with all my
love

John
[Redacted]
[Redacted] City

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. E. Belmont

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL FLASHES DURING ELECTRICAL STORM, JERSEY SHORE, PA., JULY 28, 1952

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pink*

[REDACTED] COMPLAINANT

FLYING OBJECTS

At 2:15 AM on July 31, 1952, [REDACTED], Jersey Shore, Pa., telephonically advised that in the early morning of 7-28-52, during a severe electrical storm in the area of his residence, he had observed seven unusual flashes in the sky, each flash being accompanied by a loud report.

Complainant, who appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants, called as a result of recent newspaper stories regarding phenomena allegedly observed during past week in this country.

Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with the complainant.

Action:

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W. Palestine Indian
July 31/52

Federal Bureau of Investigation
The War Dept
Washington D.C.
Gentlemen: OF FLYING SAUCERS

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Since reading & hearing
over Radio about the
"flying saucers";

I am compelled to write
to you -

Mr. Noaburg

I am a strong believer in
our Almighty God & Christ

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I have the fact based
had. I feel that these saucers are
filmed from a secret camera
operated by something like
T.V. I do believe

They are operating through
the Communist Party
right here in the, or
our United States, by radar
Eye Group of saucers has
a picture, the best pictures
are kept for bombing
purposes.

Why we see them just
once & a while;

They don't want the
U.S. to catch on.

To my opinion they have
a way of causing them
to be invisible.

They can't see them or
send them high; when
high they are invisible;
It could be from an enemy
plane, or from a tall
building in the United States
It could be the camera is
carried in to cities and
operated from tall buildings
the ones that some one
seen with a tail of fire
in the picture that is
kept.

So let's be on the look out
for the next one and
follow their path.

Please keep my name
confidentially.

WOT. GIB
(over)

When they were over Washington
D.C. it could have been from
the tallest building there.
You might start from
the first place they were
ever seen. trace back
you might find the
secret place.

And pray with out seeing
"and have faith"
Our good Lord. says do not
let our secrets be known.
When praying & trusting
in God pray secretly
into his hand.

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TRUE COPY

New Palestine Indiana
July 31, 1952

c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation
The War Dept
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Since reading & hearing over Radio about the "flying saucers," I am compelled to write to you -

I am a strong believer in our almighty God & Christ our Lord.
I have the faith Daniel had.

I feel that these Saucers are films from a secret Camera operated by something like T.V. I do believe, They are operating through the Communist Party right here in the, or our United States, by radar Every Group of Saucers has a picture, the best picture are kept for bombing purposes.

Why we see them just once & a while; They dont want the U.S. to catch on. To my opinion they have a way of causing them to be invisible.

They can Lower them or send them high; When high they are invisible; It could be from an enemy plane, or from a tall building in the United States. It could be the Camera is carried, in to cities and operated from tall buildings the ones that some one seen with a tail of fire is the picture that is kept;

So lets be on the look out for the next one and follow their path.
Please Keep my Name confidentially.

/s/ [REDACTED]

P.S.

When they were over Washington D.C. it could a been from the Tallest building there. You might Start from the first place they were ever seen - trace back you might find the secret place.

And pray with out sceasing "And have faith" Our good God - says do not let our secrets be known, when praying & trusting in God pray secretly into him.

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Date: August 8, 1952

EX-129

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS;
"FLYING SAUCERS"
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are attached two copies of a letter dated August 1, 1952, from [redacted] Post Office Box 526, Charleston, South Carolina, regarding "Flying Saucers."

Miss [redacted] communication has been acknowledged and she has been informed of this referral.

No investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

Attachment

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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TO : MR. A. H. I. MONT

RE: July 29, 1952

FROM : V. P. KERRY

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE:

To advise at the present time the Air Force has failed to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in its research regarding numerous reports of flying saucers and flying discs sighted throughout the United States.

DETAILS:

Mr. N. W. Philcox, the Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative, made arrangements through the office of Major General John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to receive a briefing from Commander Randall Boyd of the Current Intelligence Branch, Estimates Division, Air Intelligence, regarding the present status of Air Intelligence research into the numerous reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs.

Commander Boyd advised that Air Intelligence has set up at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Technical Intelligence Center which has been established for the purpose of coordinating, correlating and making research into all reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs. He advised that Air Force research has indicated that the sightings of flying saucers goes back several centuries and that the number of sightings reported varies with the amount of publicity. He advised that immediately if publicity appears in newspapers, the number of sightings reported increases considerably and that citizens immediately call in reporting sightings which occurred several months previously. Commander Boyd stated that these reported sightings of flying saucers are placed into three classifications by Air Intelligence:

(1) Those sightings which are reported by citizens who claim they have seen flying saucers from the ground. These sightings vary in description, color and speeds. Very little credence is given to these sightings inasmuch as in most instances they are believed to be imaginative or some explainable object which actually crossed through the sky.

(2) Sightings reported by commercial or military pilots. These sightings are considered more credible

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by the Air Force inasmuch as commercial or military pilots are experienced in the air and are not expected to see objects which are entirely imaginative. In each of these instances, the individual who reports the sighting is thoroughly interviewed by a representative of Air Intelligence so that a complete description of the object sighted can be obtained.

(3) Those sightings which are reported by pilots and for which there is additional corroboration, such as recording by radar or sighting from the ground. Commander Boyd advised that this latter classification constitutes two or three per cent of the total number of sightings, but that they are the most credible reports received and are difficult to explain. Some of these sightings are originally reported from the ground, then are observed by pilots in the air and then are picked up by radar instruments. He stated that in these instances there is no doubt that these individuals reporting the sightings actually did see something in the sky. However, he explained that these objects could still be natural phenomena and still could be recorded on radar if there was some electrical disturbance in the sky.

He stated that the flying saucers are most frequently observed in areas where there is heavy air traffic, such as Washington, D. C., and New York City. He advised, however, that some reports are received from other parts of the country, covering the entire United States and that sightings have also recently been reported as far distant as Acapulco, Mexico; Korea and French Morocco. He advised that the sightings reported in the last classification have never been satisfactorily explained. He pointed out, however, that it is still possible that these objects may be a natural phenomenon or some type of atmospherical disturbance. He advised that it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars. He advised that at the present time there is nothing to substantiate this theory but the possibility is not being overlooked. He stated that Air Intelligence is fairly certain that these objects are not ships or missiles from another nation in this world. Commander Boyd advised that intense research is being carried on presently by Air Intelligence, and at the present time when credible reportings of sightings are received, the Air Force is attempting in each instance to send up jet interceptor planes in order to

obtain a better view of these objects. However, recent attempts in this regard have indicated that when the pilot in the jet approaches the object it invariably fades from view.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

EX - 69

Date: August 11, 1952

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dr. [REDACTED] Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952, at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk

Dr. [REDACTED]
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (52-0)
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 31, 1952

Dr. [redacted] Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952 advised Special Agent [redacted] that on July 27, 1952 at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

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Dr. [redacted] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had a single trail of bluish smoke.

He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by [redacted] Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. [redacted] had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

Dr. [redacted] was referred to the FBI by [redacted] President of the First National Bank of Kokomo, Indiana, who advised that Dr. [redacted] enjoyed a good reputation in Kokomo.

UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter. The above is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau in the event they desire to communicate this information to the Air Force.

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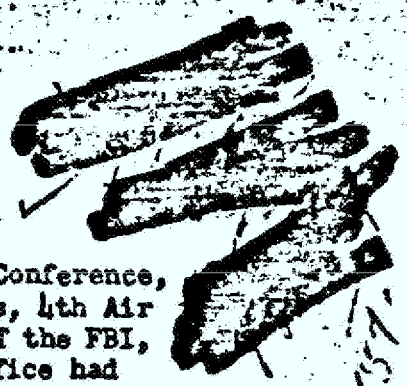
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 62-0
SUBJECT: AERIAL OBJECTS
"Flying Saucers"
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 29, 1952

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On July 28, 1952, at the Weekly Intelligence Conference, Captain [redacted], Office of Special Investigations, 4th Air Force Base, Bolling Field, advised the representative of the FBI, Washington Field Office, over the prior weekend, his office had received reports concerning the observation of aerial objects. Captain [redacted] referred to a phone call made to his office by Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, furnishing to OSI the identity of a woman who reportedly had observed an aerial object. [redacted] praised the WFO for the expeditious notification in this instance.

Captain [redacted], Colonel [redacted], superior office, and Special Agent [redacted] in a conference on July 28, 1952, discussed the matter of immediate notification of OSI. This conference resulted in the request by Colonel [redacted] and Captain [redacted] that in the event, whenever information is received by the FBI, in which it is alleged that someone has observed a "Flying Saucer", this information be immediately relayed to Captain [redacted] office. It is to be noted that this office may be reached by dialing Code 1261 and asking for Extension 509. Captain [redacted] said this number should be called under these circumstances at any time, day or night.

Captain [redacted] stated that the Air Force is greatly concerned about this matter of aerial objects and said that the Air Force Intelligence would appreciate the execution of the requested procedure, mentioned above. It is suggested that the Bureau bring this matter to the attention of its night supervisors, since these night supervisors also receive complaints from persons outside of the Bureau and may receive information concerning the observation of aerial objects.

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Let Bureau
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Matter orally advised
SAC [redacted]
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Robinson, Illinois
6-8-74-273
Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of July 8, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, the subject matter of your communication does not relate to an activity within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I have, however, taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., who may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Copy of incoming to Secretary of the Air Force from letter.

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Robinson, Illinois

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, District of Columbia

Handwritten initials

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps this is a little out of your line of endeavor, however, I feel that perhaps you or your organization might be able to give me some information concerning the following matter.

From the first time it was written up in the press I have been keenly interested in strange celestial phenomena such as the flying disks popularly called "flying saucers."

Now out of all the thousands of people who have reported sightings not all of them have had too much to drink, nor could they have been victims of optical illusions, retinal retention, or hallucinations. Some of the objects sighted could not have been jet craft, guided missiles, or rockets, neither could they all have been weather instruments. Untouched and undoctored photographs have given evidence that someone must have seen something.

It seems that both civil and military authorities are most willing to proclaim what the objects are not. I feel there is more to the matter than meets the eye. My decision to write you was based on the thought I would get straight answers.

Do you have any ideas or data on this subject? What are your opinions? If not, where might I write for such information? Any kindness, consideration, or information which you can extend toward me concerning this matter will certainly be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

~~Redacted signature~~

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: June 4, 1952

INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS
BUREAU FILE 62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225

During my absence, at 11:50 A.M. today, [REDACTED] in the office of Dr. W. Pearson, called and talked with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated Pearson has been in contact with Dr. [REDACTED] (Phoenix telephone number [REDACTED]) concerning photographs which the above captioned took of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947.

[REDACTED] states that Dr. [REDACTED] told Pearson today that the FBI borrowed his negatives of the flying discs and when asked for their return the FBI told Rhodes the negatives were not available.

[REDACTED] asked whether there is any truth to this statement of [REDACTED] and what the FBI knew about him.

It appears that Pearson is interested in using the photographs on his television program and is desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to Dr. [REDACTED].

BACKGROUND:

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a Mr. [REDACTED], called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview [REDACTED] who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kimball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. [REDACTED] verified the fact that [REDACTED] came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel [REDACTED] of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist [REDACTED] not in investigating [REDACTED], but in simply talking with Dr. [REDACTED].

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By letter dated September 4, 1947, the Phoenix Office set forth in four pages the results of this interview and stated [REDACTED] had requested the negatives from [REDACTED] who did not have them in his immediate possession. [REDACTED] stated, however, he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning for transmittal to [REDACTED] at Hamilton Field, California.

cc - Mr. Belmont
REV:md

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

June 4, 1952

On the morning of August 30, 1947, [redacted] delivered the negatives to the Phoenix Office at which time they were accepted with the understanding they were being given to Mr. [redacted] a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [redacted] turned the negatives over to the FBI with the full understanding they were being given to the Air Force and he would not get them back. (62-83894-80, page 4)

On April 17, 1950, Mr. [redacted] advised the Phoenix Office that True Magazine would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to Air Force Intelligence. At that time Rhodes was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since they had been made available to this agency by the Phoenix Office on August 30, 1947.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the Phoenix Office advised the Bureau that on the previous date Mr. [redacted], OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called the Phoenix Office stating he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning the negatives since [redacted] had requested their return. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]'s recollection on the matter was "hazy." OSI requested and was given with Bureau approval a memorandum setting out essentially the information related above concerning this matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. [redacted] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [redacted] and in fact [redacted] knew full well the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

[redacted] was advised the FBI did not investigate this matter, did not investigate [redacted] and had no interest whatsoever in the matter other than to accompany the representative from Hamilton Field while interviewing [redacted]. [redacted] was told that for these reasons, of course, we had no information concerning the reliability of Rhodes.

[redacted] was most appreciative for receiving this information and said he would contact the office of Special Investigations of the Air Force for what assistance they might be to him. He said also he would straighten out [redacted], informing him the FBI only as a courtesy to the Air Force representatives received the negatives from him and transmitted them.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 17, 1952

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated June 10, 1952, from Mr. [REDACTED] to Mr. Belmont, which requested that OSI be contacted to determine if they turned over negatives of photographs of flying discs taken by the above-captioned individual to Mr. [REDACTED] who works for Drew Pearson.

Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] and Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] of OSI were both contacted and both advised that no inquiries had been received by OSI from [REDACTED].

The Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative then contacted Colonel [REDACTED] of Air Force Intelligence (A-2) who likewise advised that no inquiries had been received by the Office of the Director of Intelligence from [REDACTED] or anyone in Pearson's office. It is noted that matters involving flying discs are handled by A-2. Colonel [REDACTED] advised that it was possible that any inquiries made by Drew Pearson's office would be made in the Office of the Public Information Officer of the Air Force. However, Colonel [REDACTED] contacted the Public Information Office, and he was advised that no inquiries had been received from Drew Pearson's office regarding flying discs and no photographs or negatives of photographs of flying discs had ever been furnished to Drew Pearson's office.

Colonel [REDACTED] advised that ordinarily when information regarding flying discs is received by Air Force representatives in the field, the information is referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for research and correlation.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont
FROM : [Redacted]
SUBJECT: [Redacted]

DATE: June 10, 1952

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
FLYING DISCS

PURPOSE

To recommend that Bureau Liaison contact OSI to determine whether photographs allegedly taken by the captioned individual of a flying disc in 1947 were furnished by OSI to the office of Drew Pearson.

BACKGROUND

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a [Redacted], called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview [Redacted] who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kimball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. Kimball verified the fact that [Redacted] came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel [Redacted] of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist [Redacted] not in investigating the matter, but in simply talking with Dr. [Redacted]

By letter dated September 4, 1947, the Phoenix Office set forth in four pages the results of this interview and stated [Redacted] had requested the negatives from [Redacted] who did not have them in his immediate possession. [Redacted] stated, however, he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning for transmittal to [Redacted] at Hamilton Field, California

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On June 4, 1952, Mr. [redacted] in the office of Drew Pearson, called and talked with Special Agent Wick. [redacted] stated Pearson had been in contact with the captioned individual concerning photographs which [redacted] had taken of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947. [redacted] stated the subject told Pearson the FBI borrowed his negatives and when he asked for their return the FBI told him the negatives were not available. [redacted] inquired whether there was any truth to [redacted] statement and what the Bureau knew concerning him. It appeared that Pearson was interested in using the photographs on his television program and was desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to the subject.

Mr. [redacted] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [redacted] and in fact [redacted] knew full well the [redacted] turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

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It has been reported that Drew Pearson, on his television program of June 8, 1952, demonstrated photographs of flying discs. It is not known whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program are those referred to in the captioned case.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to bring our file in this matter to an up-to-date status and to resolve the question raised by the subject, it is recommended liaison contact OSI and determine whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program of June 8, 1952, are the photographs obtained from the subject in this case. Inasmuch as [redacted] indicated he would contact the OSI concerning this matter, it is believed highly probable that is where the photographs of flying discs were obtained by Pearson's office.