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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. On 17 and 18 July 1949, it was learned from the San Francisco Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) Office that there are 161 listed air carriers in the Bay Area. Only 14 of these have regularly scheduled flights and less than 1 per cent of the remaining file any kind of plan or clearance for their flights. A check with the Oakland Air Port and the San Francisco Air Port revealed that less than 1 per cent of the planes normally using those fields file any type of schedule or clearance.

NOTE: Since such a large percentage of these flights file no type of clearance and the majority of them are operating without schedule, it is deemed inadvisable to check on them in the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, around 1700 hours, 24 May 1949. Such an operation does not seem feasible in view of the fact that many of the cities between the Bay Area and Gold Beach, Oregon, and north of Gold Beach could have had such a flight, and in all probability the large percentage of these had no flight plan or clearance filed.

2. On 19 July 1949, information was received from the Aerological Station and Forecast Center, U. S. Weather Bureau, San Francisco Air Port, South San Francisco, California, that the weather report for the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, for 24 May 1949, and the teletype sequence for same may be obtained at the Airways Communications Station, Medford, Oregon.

3. On 19 July 1949, a check with the Sixth Army and the Twelfth Naval District Intelligence revealed that those commands do not possess any radar installations in California or Oregon that are near enough or powerful enough to have recorded anything unusual at Gold Beach, Oregon, on 24 May 1949.

4. On 20 July 1949, a check of the Air Force Early Warning Radar Stations in the Bay Area revealed that these have insufficient range to have reached as far north as Gold Beach, Oregon. These stations reported nothing unidentified on 24 May 1949.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 20, MCCHORD AFB

AT MEDFORD, OREGON

1. Will obtain weather report and teletype sequence for 24 May 1949, for vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, at Medford, Oregon, Airways Communications Station.

2. Will check all radar installations in southern Oregon for unidentified object on their screens around 1700 hours, 24 May 1949, in locale of Gold Beach, Oregon.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will make interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.

2. Will check possibility of Government testing devices being used in this area.

3. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

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DETAILS:

1. This is a joint investigation by S/A THOMAS H. KELLEY and the writer:

AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA

2. On 2 August 1949, Mr. [REDACTED], Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"On 24 May 1949, at approximately 5:00 p.m., while fishing with several friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon, my attention was drawn to an object in the sky by Mr. [REDACTED], one of the members of the party. To the naked eye this object appeared circular and standing on edge. I then focused a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars and saw that it was indeed circular and that we appeared to be looking upward at the bottom side of it. As nearly as was possible to tell, the object appeared about 5000 feet in altitude, and not more than a mile away. When I first observed it, object was moving very slowly. As I put the glasses on, it made a turn to the South, with no banking or leaning, and picked up speed. I then handed the glasses to [REDACTED] in order that he might see the object. Observed through the glasses, the object appeared to be made of silvery metal, either completely circular or somewhat oval. It was thin near the edges and thicker in the center. A triangular fin appeared to arise amidship and extended to the trailing end of the object viewed as it traveled. There were no openings visible and no sound was heard. There appeared to be no engines or motors, no landing gear, no other protruding parts other than the fin already described. The object was in sight for approximately one (1) minute. Sun was at our backs and there were no clouds."

WITNESSES:

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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DETAILS (cont'd)

3. On 2 August 1949, Mr. [REDACTED] Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"While fishing with a party of friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from its mouth at Gold Beach, Oregon, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 24 May 1949, my attention was called to an object in the sky. The object was to the East of us about one (1) mile, at approximately 5000 feet altitude. With the naked eye little but a glare and silvery glint could be seen. But after watching it for approximately one minute and a half I was handed a pair of 8-power binoculars by [REDACTED]. It was then possible to see that the object was roughly circular in shape and appeared to be 30 to 35 feet in diameter. It had somewhat the cross sectional appearance of a pancake, being thicker in the center than at the edges. A small triangular fin started approximately in the middle and grew gradually higher to the rear as the object traveled. When first sighted the object was moving very slowly. As I watched it through the glasses, it picked up speed and when it vanished from sight, approximately 90 seconds later, it was traveling as fast or faster than a jet plane. As far as could be seen, it had no openings or protuberances of any kind other than the fin and there was neither sight nor sound of any driving force. It was a clear day and no clouds in the sky, and the sun was at our backs as we watched the object which vanished in a southeasterly direction, mostly south.

WITNESSES: [REDACTED]

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DETAILS (cont'd)

4. On 2 August 1949, [REDACTED] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, and Miss [REDACTED] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, stated they had known [REDACTED] for approximately three (3) years, that he is an unusually mature individual not given to exaggeration or prone to falsehood. They would be inclined to take seriously any statement Mr. [REDACTED] had to make.

5. On 2 August 1949, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, stated they had known [REDACTED] for approximately two (2) months, that he was not inclined to falsehood or exaggeration, in fact not inclined to talk much at all. They would be inclined to place considerable reliability in anything [REDACTED] had to say.

AT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

6. On 2 August 1949, [REDACTED], Sunnyvale, California, stated he had known [REDACTED] for about six (6) or seven (7) years, that HENRY was trustworthy and reliable in all of his talk and statements, and he would be inclined to give credence to anything [REDACTED] had to say.

7. On 2 August 1949, [REDACTED] California, stated that he had known [REDACTED] for about two (2) years, that he was inclined to believe that Mr. [REDACTED] was trustworthy in speech and manner, not given to wild talk or exaggeration in any form. He would place considerable belief in any statements made by Mr. [REDACTED]

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

8. On 2 August 1949, Air Force radar installations at Treasure Island and the military reservation at Fort Baker, both in the San Francisco area, send aloft radar testing devices known as "kites" twice each day, at around 1000 and 1600. These devices are of aluminum sheet, approximately 5 feet on a side, roughly diamond shaped and containing a double set of triangulation flits on the top side. These are carried aloft by gas filled

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balloons approximately 2 feet in diameter when they leave the earth. When these devices reach high enough altitude, the expanding gases cause the balloons to burst and the devices known as "kites" fold and drift earthward. It is possible that one of these devices from one of these radar installations may have been blown as far North as Gold Beach, Oregon on 24 May 1949.

AT IONE, CALIFORNIA

9. On 26 July 1949, [REDACTED] obtained the following statement from [REDACTED] Ione, California:

"During the latter part of May 1949, at approximately 1630 in the afternoon, while fishing in a boat on the Rogue River near Gold Beach, Oregon together with [REDACTED] and my wife, my attention was attracted by a silvery object in the sky, traveling at a height of approximately 5000 feet in a southerly direction. The object, circular in formation as a silver dollar traveled without sound at a speed greater than that of a high speed or jet plane. [REDACTED] used a binocular to view the object which was visible to the naked eye for approximately two minutes. Not using the binoculars I could not make out any irregularities of formation, or whether the object had a motor or motors, landing gear, or other items usually connected with a plane. It had no appearance of the conventional plane but in size would be of the diameter of the fuselage length of the DC-3 plane. I have fished in the general area a number of years and have observed various type planes flying in this area, but have never observed anything of this nature before."

WITNESS: /s/ [REDACTED]
S/A 19th Dist OSI

[REDACTED]
Ione, Calif.

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10. On 26 July 1949, S/A THOMAS H. KELLEY obtained the following statement from [REDACTED] at Ione, California:

"While on vacation near Gold Beach, Oregon during the latter part of May 1949 and while fishing from a boat in the Rogue River in the late afternoon, my husband [REDACTED], called the attention of the group to a silver object, circular in shape, crossing the sky at a high altitude and a high rate of speed. I could not estimate its height and its size was as large as a large passenger plane the shaped like a shiny circular disk. No sound was heard and it crossed our range of vision in two or three minutes. The day had been clear, visibility was good and the sun was just setting. Other occupants of the party who observed the object were, [REDACTED] and my husband. There was no sound and the object traveled on a direct course."

/s/ [REDACTED]

Ione, California

WITNESS: /s/ THOMAS H. KELLEY
S/A 19th Dist OSI

Inclosures:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, DAYTON, OHIO

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of [REDACTED] dated at Moffett Field, California, 2 August 1949.

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of [REDACTED] dated at Moffett Field, California, 2 August 1949.

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of [REDACTED] dated at Ione, California, 26 July 1949.

ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS (cont'd)

Inclosures: (cont'd)

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of
[REDACTED] dated at Ione, California, 26 July 1949.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21U

9 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Rogue River, Oregon
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Reference is made to letter this office, dated 27 July 1949, subject as above.

2. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO #19, dated 28 July 1949.

3. Investigation is continuing in other OSI Districts and reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt in this office.


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R/I dtd 28 Jul 49 (dup)

Cy to: Hq OSI

Jerome M. Braun
for *W.D.J.G., USAF*
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST
3. Place of Observation 2 1/2 miles up from mouth of Rogue River in Oregon.
4. Position of observer Ground through 8 power binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object. glittering
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 25 to 30 ft diameter and 1 ft thick
8. Color of object Aluminum
9. Shape Round flat (disc)  with fin
10. Altitude 5000'
11. Direction from observer 60°
12. Distance from observer 1 to 2 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) SW (170°)
14. Time in sight 2 minutes
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail
18. Luminosity Appeared to reflect light from aluminum-like surface.
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional Information Concerning Object-
24. Weather* Conditions.

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED]

NACA Ames Aeronautical Lab.
Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Appeared sober, well-rounded, very mature not easily swayed by someone else's opinion.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Oregon, in a boat anchored approximately midstream, about the same distance East of the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, an object was sighted about 5000 feet above the ground in a direction approximately 60° reading clockwise from North. Object appeared to be about 1 to 2 miles away. Mr. [REDACTED] observed the object about 30 seconds with the naked eye at which time he could see only a bright glitter, like a round mirror standing on edge with no apparent motion. Just as the object began to move, [REDACTED] handed [REDACTED] a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars through which [REDACTED] viewed the object. With the binoculars the object resolved into a pancake-like shape, somewhat thicker in the center than in the edges, perfectly flat on the bottom with a small fin or vane arising about midship and growing gradually higher to the rear ending flush with a trailing edge as the object traveled. Flat surface was parallel to earth. The object appeared to be made of metal, aluminum or some other shiny metal, and while it appeared oval it could have been perfectly round in plan section. There appeared to be no opening or protuberances of any sort other than the fin already described. Object appeared to be 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It was traveling in a southeasterly direction, about 170° clockwise from North. It executed no maneuvers; no lights, no propellers, no landing gear or any method of propulsion that could be seen or heard. There were no clouds and the sun was at [REDACTED] back at the time of sighting. The trailing edge of the object as it traveled appeared to be somewhat wrinkled and dirty looking. [REDACTED] ventured that these might have been vents but said he could not see them well enough to say for sure. With [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the boat at time of sighting was Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of a druggist at Ione, California; Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of a [REDACTED] distributor at Gold Beach, Oregon; and Mrs. [REDACTED]

INCIDENT NO. 367A

1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST
3. Place of Observation Mouth of Rogue River, Oregon, near Gold Beach, Oregon
4. Position of observer Ground through 8X Binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object Glitter
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 30 ft diameter
8. Color of object Silvery
9. Shape Round similar to 50-cent piece.
10. Altitude 5000 ft
11. Direction from observer Last seen SE
12. Distance from observer 4 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight 90-120 Seconds
15. Speed Speed of Jet
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections Slight fin starting amidship which came back flush with trailing edge.
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of observer: [REDACTED]

Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies: [REDACTED]

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

Appeared very reliable, not easily excitable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. [REDACTED] National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was ascertained: On Tuesday, 24 May 1949, at 1700, P.S.T., Mr. [REDACTED] and four (4) other persons, while fishing, two (2) miles upstream (East) of the mouth of the Rogue River, at approximately the same direction and distance from the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object which is described as follows: When first sighted it appeared to be a glimmer about four (4) miles away laterally, at some 5000 feet above the ground which at that point was at sea level or approximately so. The object was then examined through a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars. Observation time about 90 to 120 seconds. Object appeared round and shiny, something like a fifty-cent piece, viewed from below and to one side. Object's color was silvery and it appeared round in a plan view. The object seemed to be solid with no visible openings and was about 30 feet in diameter as nearly as could be judged. Just before Mr. [REDACTED] handed the glasses to Mr. [REDACTED], the object made a turn on its vertical axis with no tilting or banking and started to move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sign of exhaust or propeller; no driving force could be seen or felt and no sound was heard. The object at no time contacted or came any closer than 5000 feet, approximately, to the earth, and when last seen was disappearing in a southeasterly direction, accelerating to an approximate speed of a jet plane. There were no protuberances other than a slight fin which seemed to start amidship and come back flush with the trailing edge viewed as the ship drifted. No radio antenna or windows, port holes, or any other protuberances, gaps or openings were visible. The only land mark near the sighting point was a rock formation locally known as "Elephant Rock", approximately 700 yards E.S. of where the boat in which Mr. [REDACTED] and party were anchored.

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Jone, California.

26 July 1949.

While on vacation near Gold Beach, Oregon during the latter part of May, 1949, and while fishing from a boat in the Rogue River in the late afternoon, my husband [REDACTED], called the attention of the group to an, silver object, circular in shape, crossing the sky at a high altitude and at a high rate of speed. I could not estimate its height and its size was as large as a large passenger plane, the shape like a shiny, circular disk. No sound was heard and it crossed our range of vision in two or three minutes. The day had been clear, visibility was good and the sun was just setting. Other occupants of the party who observed the object were, [REDACTED] and my husband. There was no sound and the object traveled on a direct course.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jone, California

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Witness

Thomas H. Kelly, S.A. 19th Dist O.S.D. [REDACTED]

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Moffett Field, California
2 August 1949

While fishing with a party of friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from its mouth at Gold Beach, Oregon, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 24 May 1949, my attention was called to an object in the sky. The object was to the East of us about one (1) mile, at approximately 5000 feet altitude. With the naked eye little but a glare and silvery glint could be seen. But after watching it for approximately one minute and a half I was handed a pair of 8-power binoculars by [REDACTED]. It was then possible to see that the object was roughly circular in shape and appeared to be 30 to 35 feet in diameter. It had somewhat the cross sectional appearance of a pancake, being thicker in the center than at the edges. A small triangular fin started approximately in the middle and grew gradually higher to the rear as the object traveled. When first sighted the object was moving very slowly. As I watched it through the glasses, it picked up speed and when it vanished from sight, approximately 90 seconds later, it was traveling as fast or faster than a jet plane. As far as could be seen, it had no openings or protuberances of any kind other than the fin and there was neither sight nor sound of any driving force. It was a clear day and no clouds in the sky, and the sun was at our backs as we watched the object which vanished in a southeasterly direction, mostly south.

[REDACTED]

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Jones, California.
26 July 1949

During the latter part of May 1949 at approximately 16:30 in the afternoon, while fishing in a boat on the Rogue River near Gold Beach, Oregon together with [REDACTED] and my wife, my attention was attracted by a silvery object in the sky, traveling at a height of approximately 5000 feet in a southerly direction. The object, circular in formation as a silver dollar traveled without sound at a speed greater than that of a high speed or jet plane. [REDACTED] used a binocular to view the object which was visible to the naked eye for approximately two minutes. Not using the binocular I could not make out any irregularities of formation, or whether the object had a motor or motor, landing gear, or other items usually connected with a plane. It had no appearance of the conventional plane but in size would be of the diameter of the fuselage length of the D.C-3 plane. I have fished in the general area a number of years and have observed various type planes flying in this area, but have never observed anything of this nature before.

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Witness -
Thomas H. Kelly, S/A. 14th Dist O.S.D.

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Moffett Field, California
2 August 1949

On 24 May 1949, at approximately 5:00 p.m., while fishing with several friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon, my attention was drawn to an object in the sky by Mr. [REDACTED] one of the members of the party. To the naked eye this object appeared circular and standing on edge. I then focused a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars and saw that it was indeed circular and that we appeared to be looking upward at the bottom side of it. As nearly as was possible to tell, the object appeared about 5000 feet in altitude, and not more than a mile away. When I first observed it, object was moving very slowly. As I put the glasses on, it made a turn to the South, with no banking or leaning, and picked up speed. I then handed the glasses to [REDACTED] in order that he might see the object. Observed through the glasses, the object appeared to be made of silvery metal, either completely circular or somewhat oval. It was thin near the edges and thicker in the center. A triangular fin appeared to arise amidship and extended to the trailing end of the object viewed as it traveled. There were no openings visible and no sound was heard. There appeared to be no engines or motors, no landing gear, no other protruding parts other than the fin already described. The object was in sight for approximately ~~three~~ ^{two} (2) minutes. Sun was at our backs and there were no clouds.

[REDACTED]

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]