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"PROWL CARS SPOT DISKS IN SKY HERE"

Whatever they are, there are some disk-like objects flying around in the sky.

Or else eight Portland area policemen and deputy sheriffs who sighted the objects Friday, numerous private citizens, the crew of a United Air Lines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coastguardsman who claims to have photographed one near Seattle, are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was sounded over police radio at 1:06 p.m. Friday, after the East Side station received a score of calls that the disks were overhead. Within seconds, two prowler cars reported spotting the mysterious craft.

FLASHES SEEN, NOISE LACKING.

First to report in were Patrolmen Walter Lissy and Robert Ellis in Car No. 82, who stopped near Oaks Park. Both World War II veterans and civilian pilots, they sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds traveling at great height and speed over the park. They reported they heard no engine noises but saw flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The patrolmen agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed or altitude.

Patrolman Earl Patterson in car No. 13 stopped at SE 82d avenue and Foster road to look eastward from there the disks were reported. Telephone calls located them coming out of the sun. He saw nothing, but a few seconds later observed one coming out of the west and heading southeast. The craft seemed to be aluminum or eggshell white and didn't flash or reflect light, he said.

OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED.

A former air corps veteran, he said the object was unlike any plane he'd ever seen. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disk could change direction at a 90-degree angle without difficulty.

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AIRLINES CREW CONFIRMS REPORTS OF FLYING DISKS: FIVE SPOTTED.

Circumstantial reports of flying disks in the sky Friday came from the crew of a United Airlines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guard's man near Seattle, as well as from Portland area police and citizens.

E. J. Smith, captain of the airliner, told United Press that he sighted five "somethings" which were "thin and smooth on the bottom and rough appearing on top." The objects appeared against the sunset shortly after the plane took off at 5:04 p.m., he said.

"We saw them clearly," he reported. "We followed them in a north-westerly direction for about 45 miles. Finally the objects disappeared. We were unable to tell whether they outsped us or disintegrated."

NOT AIRCRAFT.

"We can't say whether they were saucer-like, oval or anything else," the captain said, "but whatever they were, they were not another aircraft, nor were they spots or clouds."

In Seattle, Coast Guardsman Frank Lyman, 27, reported to United Press that he snapped a picture from the front porch of his home which showed a "white saucer" flying over the north end of Lake Washington.

Lane News Pictures, New York City, said a 7x9 inch print of the photograph showed two tiny dots, one of which was a flaw in the print.

Don "etcelfo", 19, Oaks Amusement park employee, reported that he saw several objects "like spinning disks" in the sky Friday. He said several picnickers, including a woman pilot, noticed them.

In Vancouver, Wash., Sheriff's Deputies John Sullivan, Clarence McKay and Fred Krives heard the Portland police radio broadcast and ran out of the sheriff's office to look at the sky. Over Portland, three to five miles away, Sullivan said, they saw 20 to 30 objects "like a flight of geese." They heard a low humming sound.

OTHERS DOUBTFUL.

Col. F. E. Dodson, commander of the Oregon national guard, made an inspection of this area from the air after the disks were reported here. He said he saw nothing "suspicious."

Only known military airplanes in the air at the time of the reports were 23 B-29 bombers near Astoria.

Despite all the reports, at least two persons remained unconvinced of the existence of the disks. Al P. Sanford, Holgate moorage, gave his opinion that the objects were cottonwood blossoms.

Earl Hollisch, 64, of 3504 N. Burrage avenue, telephoned the Journal to berate the newspapers for "perpetuating a hoax." He said he saw objects in the sky about a minute after an airplane passed over his house. To him the objects looked like bits of aluminum foil, perhaps cigarette wrappers.

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MORE SEEN LATER.

Several late flights of objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon. E. A. Evans, 3433 SE Wagadam avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette river near the Ross Island bridge about 2 p.m.

The objects did not appear high, he said, and were traveling so fast that, appearing in the west, they were out of sight in the east in two to four seconds. He said they resembled metallic disks glinting in the sunlight.

Later, he said, he and neighbors saw a single disk-like object flying north far away and very high.

At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayward, 6124 NE 31st Avenue, reported sighting a disk "like a new dime flipping around" in the air over the Sandy district. She said it seemed to be moving slowly.

PAPER RECOVERED.

Thomas W. Dwyer, 1232 NE 59th Avenue, said he sighted two white or silver objects flying southeast high over Portland a few minutes before 5 p.m. He reported another, headed northeast, over his home at 5:30 p.m.

C. J. Bagno, Tigard, reported that four disks flew past Mount Jefferson at about 11 a.m. while he was driving near Redmond.

Sherman Cook, 2000 NE 65th Avenue, recovered from Rose City golf course a piece of paper he said had fallen from a great height in the sky. Time of its fall coincided with some of the reports of flying disks. The paper, of low quality, measured 23 1/2 x 36 inches.

SILVERED DISKS, DROPPED BY PLANE.

EUGENE, July 5 -(AP)- A Eugene railroad cashier said Friday he saw silvered disks being dropped out of a light airplane flying over this city.

E. F. Smith, Rt 2, Eugene, an assistant cashier for the Southern Pacific Railroad, said he was driving on a Eugene street when

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 5

1. Date **4 July 1947**
2. Time **1305**
3. Location **Portland, Oregon**
4. Name of observer **Kenneth A. McDowell**
5. Occupation of observer **Patrolman, Portland City Police**
6. Address of observer **Portland City Police Dept., Portland, Oregon**
7. Place of observation **Parking lot back of police station**
45° 26' N 122° 23' W
8. Number of objects **5**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Great speed**
13. Direction of flight **2 discs flying south, 3, in easterly direction**
14. Tactics **Dipped up and down in oscillating motion at great speed**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **N/A Large**
17. Color **Could not be determined**
18. Shape **Round - disc-shaped**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S - No visible means of propulsion observed**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Quickly - before any detailed observation could be made**
26. Remarks:

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Officer McDowell stated that at approximately 1305, 4 July 1947 while he was on duty at Precinct #1 and feeding the pigeons in the parking lot back of the station he noticed that the pigeons became quite excited over something and fluttered in the air. Officer McDowell in looking around to see what had disturbed them saw 5 large discs in the air east of Portland; two discs flying south and three flying in an easterly direction. He stated he could determine no color to the discs but advised they were dipping in an up and down oscillating motion and were traveling at great speed. He was unable to give an estimate of the speed or altitude of the discs as they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made. Officer McDowell advised that he notified the Police Radio who immediately broadcast an alert. He saw no indication of any motivating force nor heard any sound coming from the discs and could give no description other than round.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 6

1. Date 4 July 47
2. Time 1305
3. Location Milwaukee, Oregon
4. Name of observer Sergeant Claude Cross
5. Occupation of observer Oregon State Police Officer
6. Address of observer District #1, Milwaukie, Oregon
7. Place of observation Police station
8. Number of objects 3
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Undetermined
12. Speed ~~N/S~~ Terrific
13. Direction of flight Northwest
14. Tactics Three discs following each other at terrific speed
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Whitish brown glint as the sun was reflected from them
18. Shape Disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

Cross saw three discs following each other at an undetermined altitude at terrific speed, traveling in a northwesterly direction. He noticed a whitish brown glint to them as the sun reflected from them. Could give no other description nor could he judge the speed or altitude. No sound was made by the objects.

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1. Date 4 July 1947 Incident # 7
2. Time 1305
3. Location Oregon
4. Name of observer Earl E. Patterson
5. Occupation of observer Patrolman - former Air Corps pilot
6. Address of observer 124 Southeast 15th Avenue, Portland, Oregon
7. Place of observation Southeast 82d and Foster Road, Portland
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Approx 30,000 ft
12. Speed Terrific - faster than any speed witness had ever seen
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly direction over Portland
14. Tactics N/S Performed 90° angle without difficulty - thought to be radio controlled
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Aluminum
18. Shape disc
19. Color detected none N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S Apparently metallic or eggshell white didn't reflect light
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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Witness was getting out of his car when he observed one disc flying in a Southwesterly direction over Portland. Disc was aluminum in color and traveled at terrific speed - faster than any flying object witness had ever seen - It left no vapor trail or smoke trail. ~~Witness was unable to identify~~ speed, Estimated altitude approx 30,000 ft. Thought the disc was definitely some type of aircraft but could not give further description as speed made observation difficult. No sound was heard from the flying object. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disc could change direction at a 90° angle without difficulty.

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Incident # 5

1. Date: 4 July 47
2. Time 1305
3. Location Portland, Oregon
4. Name of observer W. A. Lissy
5. Occupation of observer Patrolman - also a private pilot
6. Address of observer Portland City Police Dept.
7. Place of observation ground
8. Number of objects 3
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 40,000 ft
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight South
14. Tactics Straight-line formation except last disc fluttered to side in arc
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color white
18. Shape disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear - with little or no cloud formations visible from ground.
23. Effect on clouds N/S - no clouds
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (Over)

Patrolman W. A. Lissy of the Portland City Police Department . possesses a private pilot license. He perceived three flat round discs which flew at terrific speed in straight line formation the last disc fluttering very rapidly in a side-way arc. They saw no evidence of any motivating powers and there were no vapor or smoke trails. No sound could be heard. Ground temperature was 82°F with little or no cloud formation.

NOTE: Corroborated account. Witnessed by Patrolman D. W. Ellis (also a private pilot) Both very dependable & trustworthy officers.

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Incident # 8a

1. Date 4 July 47
2. Time 1305
3. Location Portland, Oregon
4. Name of observer D. W. Ellis
5. Occupation of observer Patrolman
6. Address of observer Portland City Police Dept., Oregon
7. Place of observation Portland, Oregon
8. Number of objects 3
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Approx 40,000 ft
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight South
14. Tactics Straight-line formation except last which flutter to side in arc
15. Sound None
16. Size N.S
17. Color White
18. Shape Disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
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23. Effect on clouds N/S - no clouds
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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1. Date 4 July 1947
2. Time 1305
3. Location Portland, Oregon
4. Name of observer Capt. E. A. Prohn
5. Occupation of observer Harbor Pilot,
6. Address of observer Ft NW Irving St., Portland
7. Place of observation " " "
8. Number of objects 3 to 6 - unable to ascertain
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude High
12. Speed terrific
13. Direction of flight South over the Globe Mills
14. Tactics oscillated, wobbled, disappeared & reappeared.
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color chrome - shiny
18. Shape full disc, half-moon shape, then nothing.
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs N/S
25. Manner of disappearance disappeared and reappeared
26. Remarks: (over)

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RELIABILITY: Corroborated report

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1. Date 4 July 1947 Incident # 12
2. Time 1305
3. Location Vancouver, Washington
4. Name of observer John Sullivan
5. Occupation of observer Sheriff's Deputy
6. Address of observer Vancouver, Washington
7. Place of observation Vancouver, Washington, "ground"
8. Number of objects 20 to 30
9. Distance of object from observer 3 to 5 - 100 away over Portland
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound low humming sound
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape "V" shaped - like flock of geese
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
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CORROBORATED ACCOUNT

JULY 1947 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
July	Tempe, Arizona (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
July	Oak Ridge, Tennessee (FOLDER)*	Presley (PHOTOS)	Other (Development Flaw)
3	S. Brookville, Maine	Cole	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Mt Jefferson, Washington	Bogne	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon Area	Multiple	Other (Chaff)
4	Portland, Oregon	Evans	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon	Hayward	Insufficient Data
4	Portland, Oregon	Dwyer	Insufficient Data
4	Seattle, Washington	Ryman	Balloon
4	Emmett, Idaho (REDACTED)	Smith	UNIDENTIFIED
4	West Trenton, New Jersey	Marshall	Astro (Meteor)
6	Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California	Burniston	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Hollywood, California	Corey	Insufficient Data
6,7,8	Warren, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
6	Clay Center, Kansas	Browning	Astro (SOLAR REFLECTION)
6	Birmingham, Alabama	Livingston	Other (Fireworks)
7	Shreveport, Louisiana	(PHOTO)(NOT IN FILE)	Insufficient Data
7	East Troy, Wisconsin (CASE MISSING)	Harston (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
7	Lakeland, Florida	Mil and Civ	Insufficient Data
7	Muroc AFB, California	Griffin (MODEL)	Other (Psychological)
7	Hickham AFB, Hawaii	Wise	Balloon
7	Phoenix, Arizona (FOLDER)*	Saito	Balloon
7	Oakdale, California (CASE MISSING)	Rhodes (PHOTO)	Other (Boat)
7	Arlington, Virginia	Civilian	Insufficient Data
7	Omaha, Nebraska	Cobb	Astro (Meteor)
8	Muroc AFB, California	Reibold (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Ashes)
8	Muroc AFB, California	McHenry, Ruvalo, Scott	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Rogers Dry Lake, California	Strapp	Balloon
9	Boise-Meridian, Idaho	Schoop, Gilkey, Balck	Balloon
9	Midland, Michigan	Johnson visual	Balloon
9	Grand Falls, Newfoundland (FOLDER)*	(PHOTO)(NOT IN FILE)	Other (No Image)
20	Mono Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER)*	Lane (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Fireworks)
23	Harmon Field, Newfoundland (FOLDER)*	Mearsay	Astro (Auroral Streamer)
15	Between Mono Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER)*	Maitland, Larkin, Douglass	
10	Morristown, New Jersey	Hammaker, Abbott	
10	Harmon AFB, Newfoundland (FOLDER)*	Gullledge	
10	Codroy, Newfoundland	Jansen (REDACTED)	
11	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Leidy (PHOTOS)	Astro (Meteor)
11	Black River Falls, Wisconsin	Evans	Astro (Meteor)
12	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Perry, Guyer	Insufficient Data
15	Seattle, Washington	Hanson (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
20	Cumberland, Maryland (CASE MISSING)	Graham	Balloon
21	Cengtu, China (CASE MISSING)	Kremmer (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Boat)
21	Jackson, Ohio	Civilian	Insufficient Data
29	Helena, Montana	Civilian (PHYSICAL)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
29	Hamilton Field, California	Mapes (PHYSICAL S)	Balloon (Radiosonde)
		Madden	Astro (Meteor)
		Reyherd, Stewart	UNIDENTIFIED

(*) In SEPARATE FOLDER
NO PHYSICAL SPECIMENS INCLUDED