

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

DATE OF INFO 7.22.52

LOCATION Malaya

SOURCE male civilian

DATE IN TO ATIC 7.22.52

COLOR grey

SPEED very fast

ALTITUDE 5,000 ft

LENGTH OF TIME IN 1 hr

TYPE OF OBSERVATION visual

MANEUVERS glide, climb

Other (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

Temporary ATIC Form 309
(1 Jan 52)

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 84

1. Date 7 July 1947
2. Time between 1300 and 1400 hours EST
3. Location 1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla
4. Name of observer Mr. Hiram William Griffin
5. Occupation of observer "sign painter" previously cab-driver amateur artist. Also former 2d-class seaman in U. S. Navy
6. Address of observer 602 N. Tennessee Ave., Lakeland, Fla
7. Place of observation 1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla - ground
8. Number of photos 5
9. Distance of object from observer N/A one mile
10. Time in sight 15 - 30 seconds
11. Altitude between 5,000 to 7,500 ft
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight N/S - upward
14. Tactics climbed 2500 feet in just a few seconds
15. Sound swishing noise that seemed to sing with a more or less shrill whine.
16. Size N/S
17. Color "glittery"
18. Shape N/S - seemed "turtle-backed" from ~~maxitax~~ photograph submitted
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction plastic appearance
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions Clear with scattered clouds
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs photograph
25. Manner of disappearance climbed out of sight
26. Remarks: (over)

DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR
INTERVAL
DECLASSIFIED
ON 02-01-06

UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED]

While walking on U. S. Highway #92 7 July 47, at approximately 1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla., between 1300 and 1400 hours observer's attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise which seemed to sing with a shrill whine. He saw 5 shiny objects going upward from 5,000 ft to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds (between 15 - 30). They were traveling northeast and in an upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He thought they were a mile from him when first sighted. [REDACTED] observed 2 spots on either side of the missile and an additional spot in the center which he believed to be the tail. The objects did not have wings and the witness thought they were jet jobs. It appeared to him that the leading jet (of plastic appearance) was towing the four other shining objects.

NOTES: [REDACTED] made a model of what he saw and forwarded it as an exhibit.
(See file)

PERTINENT FACTS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Questioning of neighbors & associates disclosed that he belonged to no subversive organization.

Evaluation of source: "B"; of information "3"

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

He is married and has two children; his description is as follows:
Height 5'10^{1/2}", weight 160 lbs.; medium brown hair; blue eyes; slender
build; ruddy complexion; [REDACTED].

A neighborhood and employment check disclosed that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Questioning of neighbors and former associates with the cab company
disclosed that [REDACTED] did not belong to any subversive organizations.

Previous Distribution

None

Distribution:

2 cys., SAC
1 cy., file

Evaluation	
-of source	-of information
B	3

UNCLAS 2

RECEIVED 15

[REDACTED] 10/20/50
[REDACTED] 10/20/50

UNCLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS 94th COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING VEB (PROV)
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,
A-2

MacDill Field, Florida
11 July 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On 10 July 1947, Mr. [REDACTED], Lakeland, Florida, appeared at the A-2 Office, MacDill Field, Florida and voluntarily reported the following item of information:

While walking along U.S. Highway No. 92 on 7 July 1947, at approximately one mile east of Lakeland, Florida, between 1300 and 1400 hours, EST, his attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise that seemed to sing with a more or less shrill sound. Instantly, [REDACTED] turned his head and saw five shiny objects going upward at more or less 5,000 feet and they climbed to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds, between fifteen and thirty seconds. [REDACTED] said that they were traveling in a northeast and upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He estimated that the objects were approximately one mile from him when initially sighted.

However not distinct, [REDACTED] observed two spots on each side of the flying missiles and one additional spot in the center which he believed was the tail as they climbed upward. Because the objects did not have wings like an ordinary plane, [REDACTED] was inclined to believe that they were jet jobs and it appeared to him that the leading jet, of plastic appearance, was towing the four other glittery objects.

On the date of observation, [REDACTED] reported, the weather was clear with scattered clouds.

[REDACTED] made a model of what he saw and offered it as an exhibit. (See Exhibit A).

PERTINENT FACTS:

[REDACTED] a former Second Class Seaman in the U.S. Navy, was born in Tampa, Florida on 10 October 1923. His parents are American-born citizens. He served overseas on a troop transport and was discharged from the Navy on 28 March 1944. His serial number is [REDACTED].

Records at the Lakeland, Florida Police Department list [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] is presently self-employed as a sign painter. Previously, he was a cab driver, ice cream peddler and amateur artist.

~~TOP SECRET~~
UNCLASSIFIED

SAC 350.09 (14 July 47)

1st Ind

13 JUL 1947

A23

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Andrews Field, Washington
20, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. H. Harrison
SAC, SAC
1st Ind 1st Ind 1st Ind

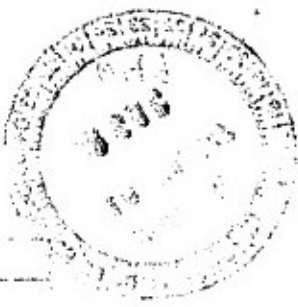
1 Incl: n/c

DOWNGRADED AT 10 YEARS
EXPIRATION DATE 10-10-57
REASON FOR DOWNGRADING
10-10-57

RECEIVED
10-10-57

10-10-57
10-10-57

UNCLASSIFIED



[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

Incident #84 -- near Lakeland, Florida -- 7 July 1947

There appears to be no astronomical explanation for this incident: upward trajectory and "plastic appearance," if accurately reported, do not lend themselves to such an explanation. No trail is mentioned.

UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED]

With 194 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and the Flies of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "A" and "B").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (AFMCL) Report
212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. These errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had there been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Group

Summary of AFMCL Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AFMCL Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") have common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reports, could not have been made had the witnesses not read of the Mt. Rainier Incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generalize the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements which must be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the case number of the incident in the project files.

1, 2, 17, 21, 22, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212.

Incident No. 24 -- 7 July 1947, 1300-1400 Hours, Lakeland, Fla.
One observer reported hearing a swishing noise and then seeing, five shiny objects climbing from 5000 ft to 7500 ft in fifteen to thirty seconds. He estimated the objects were one mile from him. The lead object was of plastic appearance and appeared to be towing the other four. The reporter made a model and submitted it as an exhibit. The model is roughly two feet in diameter, domed top and bottom and with an opening in the rear on either side of a vertical fin. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AFC Opinion: This incident has all the aspects of a psychopathological report.

File 43

July 7, 1947

Lakeland, Florida

1 photo.

EXHIBIT A

UNCLASSIFIED



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 (Chart)
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 (FOLDER) *	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)	Earlston (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Hoax)
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 (Hoax)
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, Ruvolo, Scott	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Rogers Dry Lake, California	Strapp	Balloon
9	Boise-Meridian, Idaho	Shoop, Gilkey, Balck	Balloon
9	Midland, Michigan	Johnson visual	Balloon
9	Grand Falls, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	(PHOTO) (NOT IN FILE)	Other (No Image)
20	Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Lane (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Fireworks)
23	Harmon Field, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Wearsey	Astro (Auroral Streamer)
15	Between Novo Scotia & Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Maitland, Larkin, Douglass	
10	Morristown, New Jersey	Hammaker, Abbott	
10	Harmon AFB, Newfoundland (FOLDER) *	Gulleage	
10	Codroy, Newfoundland	Jansen (FOLDER) *	
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 (Hoax)
20	Cumberland, Maryland (CASE MISSING)	Graham	Balloon
21	Cengtu, China (CASE MISSING)	Kremer (PHYSICAL S)	Other (Hoax)
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

JUL 4