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The following is a statement given by Major Richard R. Shoop, Office of Chief of Tech. Engineering Division, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given on 11 July 1947.

At approximately noon on 8 July 1947, my attention was called to an object in the air by Colonel Wilkey. I observed between five (5) and eight (8) miles to the North what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying caused the sun to reflect like an apparently aluminum colored surface. The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again. It climbed to a fairly high altitude and moved off slowly into the distance. The object appeared to be the size of a pursuit airplane but did not have the shape of a conventional plane. The time that the object was in view was approximately eight (8) minutes. This same object was seen by my wife at the same time.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

s/s richard r. shoop  
MAJOR, RICHARD R. SHOOP, AC

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

*June 7*

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The following is a statement given orally by Colonel Gilkey, Commanding Officer, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, given to Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer, on 11 August 1947.

Colonel Gilkey, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the objects not important enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the Colonel to make any further reports justifiable.

This oral statement was given freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/s harry d. black  
CAPT. HARRY D. BLACK, MAC

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**HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE**  
**Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-6**  
**Intelligence**  
**Hawilton Field, California**

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**TITLE** Investigation of Flying Disc. **INVESTIGATION MADE AT** Maroon AAF, Maroon, Calif.  
**FILE NO.** 1200-1 **CONTROLLING OFFICE** Air Defense Command, Mitchell Field.  
**DATE** 18 August 1947 **PERIOD COVERED** 8 July 1947  
**CASE CLASSIFICATION** Incident **STATUS OF CASE** Pending

**REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:** Investigation initiated: at request of Air Defense Command reference ltr Hq ADC, dtd 7 Jul 47, file 1200-1 ID, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

**SYNOPSIS:**

On 8 July 1947, approximately 1000 hours, two incidents occurred in the vicinity of Maroon Flight Test Base.

No further investigation of these incidents is being considered by this headquarters.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 8 July 1947 Incident # 2.
2. Time Approximately noon
3. Location Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.
4. Name of observer Major Richard R. Shoop
5. Occupation of observer Employed in Office of Chief of Tech. Engineering Div  
Major -
6. Address of observer Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer Five (5) to eight (8) miles.
10. Time in sight Eight (8) minutes
11. Altitude fairly high altitude
12. Speed slowly
13. Direction of flight North
14. Tactics The object moved from an intermediate altitude in an oscillating fashion, almost to the surface of the ground and then started climbing again.
15. Sound not stated
16. Size pursuit airplane
17. Color aluminum colored surface
18. Shape unconventional shape
19. Odor detected not stated
20. Apparent construction apparently metallic
21. Exhaust trails not stated
22. Weather conditions not stated
23. Effect on clouds not stated
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance moved off slowly in the distance
26. Remarks: At approximately noon on 8 Jul 1947, Major Shoop, at the attention of Col. Gilkey observed five (5) to eight (8) miles to the north what appeared to be a thin metallic object. It appeared to be metallic because the method in which it was flying the sun was reflected from an apparently aluminum colored surface.

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1. Date **8 July 1947**
2. Time **Approximately noon**
3. Location **Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California.**
4. Name of observer **Col Gilkey to Capt Black**
5. Occupation of observer **Commanding Officer, Muroc Army Air Field, Calif.**
6. Address of observer **Muroc AAF, Muroc, California.**
7. Place of observation **Ground**
8. Number of objects **one (1)**
9. Distance of object from observer **not stated**
10. Time in sight **not stated**
11. Altitude **not stated**
12. Speed **not stated**
13. Direction of flight **not stated**
14. Tactics **The object Col Gilkey saw he stated he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the object not important enough to be reported.**
15. SOUND **not stated**
16. Size **not stated**
17. Color **not stated**
18. Shape **not stated**
19. Odor detected **not stated**
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails **not stated**
22. Weather conditions **not stated**
23. Effect on clouds **not stated**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **not stated**
26. Remarks: **The following is a statement given orally by Colonel Gilkey, to Captain Harry B. Black, Intelligence officer on 11 August 1947. Colonel Gilkey, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the time to be paper and of no significance or the object not important enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the observer to make any further**