

FLYING DISCS

30 July 1947

For purposes of analysis by AFBR-CO, eighteen reported sightings of "Flying Discs" were selected for breakdown into detailed particulars. Each report was assigned a number and each number appears in the left-hand column of the data on the following pages.

One report, Number 7, has not yet been received and therefore no information is included other than Date, Name of Observer, and Location. The Fourth Air Force is attempting to secure a statement from this observer.

Four reports, Numbers 2, 4, 17, and 18, have not been analyzed.

The subject headings on which the breakdown has been made are:

Date
Hour (Local standard Time)
Location
Observer's Name
Observer's Occupation
Observed from Ground or Air
Number of Objects Sighted
Altitude
Direction of Flight
Speed
Distance Covered
Length of Time in Sight
Deviation from Straight Flight
Color
Size
Shape
Sound
Trail
Weather
Manner of Disappearance
Remarks



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<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>*Hour</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	19 May	1215	Manitou Springs, Colorado
2	22 May 17-21 May		Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
3	22 June	1130	Greenfield, Massachusetts
4	24 June		Mt. Rainier, Washington
5	28 June	2120	Maxwell Field, Alabama
6	29 June	1330	Hera White Sands, New Mexico
7	1 July		Bakersfield, California
8	4 July	2015 - 17 July 15	Emmett, Idaho
9	6 July	1345	Clay Center, Kansas
10	6 July	-	Fairfield-Juisun, California
11	7 July	1145	Koshkonong, Wisconsin
12	7 July	1430	East Troy, Wisconsin } Lilly
13	8 July	1550	Mt. Baldy, California } Lake
14	9 July	2330 9 July J. Linnor	Grand Falls, Newfoundland
15	10 July	1600	Harmon Field, Newfoundland
16	12 July	1930	Elmendorf Field, Alaska
17			
18	- 20 July	0945 PST	between Antennas & Cambridge, 1945

*Local Standard Time

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Observer's Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Observed From</u>
1		Railroad Employee	Ground
		" "	"
		" "	"
2		Businessman-Pilot Savase	Ground
3		*Not stated	Ground
4		Business-man Pilot <i>Annuel</i>	Air
5		Captain, AAF	Ground
		" "	"
		" "	"
6		1st Lieut., AAF	"
		Employee, N.H.L. <i>Zehn</i>	Ground
		" "	"
		" "	"
		Wife of 	"
7		Civilian Pilot	Ground
8		United Air Lines Pilot	Air
		" " " Co-pilot	"
9		Major, AAF	Air
10		Captain, AAF	Ground
11		CAF Instructor	Air
		CAF Student	"
12		CAF Pilot	Air
		CAF Passenger	"
13		1st Lieut., ACCNG	Air
14		Constable, Newfoundland Constabulary	Ground
15		TWA Representative	Ground
		FAA "	"
16		Major, AAF	Ground

*From letter received, observer is obviously well educated.

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Deviation from Straight Flight</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>
1	Climbed, dove, hovered overhead, resumed original course	Silver	Apparently small
2	None reported	Silver, very bright	Small
3			Not stated
4	Zig zag course "much like a water-bug"	Brilliance slightly greater than a star Some solar specular reflection	Not stated
5			Not stated
6	None reported	Almost dusk; could not distinguish	Impossible to determine
7	None reported		30-50' in diameter
8	None reported	Very bright and silvery colored Reflection from sun	Comparable to a C-54 at 10,000'
9	None reported		Not stated
10	None reported	Not stated	Not stated
11	Descended edgewise, stopped at 4,000' and assumed horizontal position. Proceeded in horizontal flight for 15 seconds, stopped again, then disappeared		Of light-reflecting nature
12	None reported	Phosphorous color	Not stated
13	None reported	Silvery	Same span as a C-54 at 10,000'
14	None reported		Approx. 10' in diameter
15	None reported	Resembled a grayish balloon	
16	Followed contours of mountains five miles away from observers		

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Trail</u>	<u>Weather</u>
1.	No definite shape could be determined	None	None	CAVU
2				
3	Irregular; round, Dis not appear particularly disc-shaped	None	None	Not stated
4				
5	None stated; seemed like a bright light	None	None	Clear moonlight
6	No details other than that shape was uniform with no protuberances	None	Possible vapor trails	CAVU
7				
8	None definite, but seemed flat on base with the top slightly rough in contour	None	None	CAVU
9	Round, disc-shaped	None	None	CAVU
10	No shape could be distinguished	None	None	Sunny
11	Not stated, but report refers to "saucer" several times	None	None	CAVU
12	Same as Report No. 11	None	None	CAVU
13	Flat object, of light-reflecting nature which appeared to be without vertical fin or any visible wings	None	None	Not stated
14	Egg-shaped, or like barrel head	None	None	CAVU
15	Circular in shape, like wagon wheel	None	Bluish black trail approx. 15 mi. long	Clear with scattered cumulus at 8 to 10,000'
16	Resembled balloon	None	None	Not stated

Report Number

Manner of Disappearance

Remarks

- 1 Climbed very fast and out of sight
- 2
- 3 Obscured by a cloud bank
- 4
- 5 Lost in brilliancy of the moon
- 6 Cannot explain, except that reflection angle may have changed abruptly
- 7
- 8 Don't know whether they put on a tremendous burst of speed, or disintegrated. However, they did disappear into sunset
- 9 Unexplained
- 10 Disappeared at an angle of about 30° above the earth's surface
- 11 Unexplained
- 12 Unexplained
- 13 Pilot (at 300MPH) attempted to keep object in sight, but unable to do so
- 14 Unexplained
- 15 Unexplained
- 16 Not stated

initially fuzzy

No definite shape could be determined and even with the aid of 4 to 6 power binoculars object could not be brought into focus

From letter this observer wrote, it is obvious he is a well-educated person. Seeks no publicity.

Observers (2 rated, 2 air intell.) phoned Field Ops to ascertain no scheduled experimental a/c were in vicinity. Sky chart attached to report. Observer is Admin. Asst. in the Rocket Jonde Sect. of NAL. Two other "scientists", and wife of one, were in party and made same observation

Observers were Pilot, Co-Pilot, of scheduled UAL DC-3. Stewardess also saw objects. Suggest reading of very detailed statements.

When first sighting object near horizon, observer looked at chart in his lap to check position. When he looked out window again, object was off his left wing at 11 o'clock. Rolled from side to side 3 times in its path across the sky. Sun reflected from top side, but never from underside, even when turning

None

None

Observer contacted bases in area where reported no a/c in air at time. First 4 discs flying line-a-trail seemed to cut clouds open as it passed thru. Trail was like beam seen after a high-powered landing light is switched off.

Object was observed paralleling the course of a C-47 then landing.

From detailed study of reports selected for their impression of veracity and reliability, several conclusions have been formed:

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(a) This "flying saucer" situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon. Something is really flying around.

(b) Lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know.

(c) Whatever the objects are, this much can be said of their physical appearance:

1. The surface of these objects is metallic, indicating a metallic skin, at least.

2. When a trail is observed, it is lightly colored, a Blue-Brown haze, that is similar to a rocket engine's exhaust. Contrary to a rocket of the solid type, one observation indicates that the fuel may be throttled which would indicate a liquid rocket engine.

3. As to shape, all observations state that the object is circular or at least elliptical, flat on the bottom and slightly domed on the top. The size estimates place it somewhere near the size of a C-54 or a Constellation.

4. Some reports describe two tabs, located at the rear and symmetrical about the ~~line~~ axis of flight motion.

5. Flights have been reported, from three to nine of them, flying good formation on each other, with speeds always above 300 knots.

6. The discs oscillate laterally while flying along, which could be snaking.