

1948, JULY

PASCO, WASH.

Summary of letter from witness to Major Keyhoe, dated March 10, 1958:
(Original letter not in files; summary presumably by DKK--TB)

Witness: Don Newman, 725 N.E. 5th Ave., Gresham, Oregon; flight mechanic with private pilot license; former USAF pilot.

July, 1948, over Pasco, Washington. Overhead about 3500 alt. circled very slowly, 90 seconds to negotiate about 300 degree turn of about 700' radius. Instantly accelerated to an excess of 500 mi per hour in 30 degree dive in NW for about a 2-mile run and appeared as if going to crash ground, when it made a maneuver that is fantastic as the craft itself. It made an abrupt 160 degree pull up or pull back would better describe the maneuver as it was suddenly back overhead at about 9000 to 10,000 feet alt. As there were light patches of cloud high I had good viewing of background for reference points; from this maneuver the saucer seemed to go berserk and darted back and forth east to west in southerly direction when it seemed to be approx two miles south and southeast of Kennewick, Wash. Again negotiated slow 360 turn coming out of turn and diving about 15 degrees passed overhead at speed about 100 mph or over, until nearly out of sight north, and began climb at 30 degrees until out.

Craft about 100 feet diameter, semispherical and finish like spun or brushed aluminum. No apparent projections on bottom. However a canopy or bubble visible on top side as revealed in some maneuvering. No exhaust, jets, or motivating power apparent, nor noises.

Personally think probably from another planet, otherwise it possibly may be remote controlled by man. At any rate I am and have been for ten years waiting for the opportunity to learn more of this amazing flying object.

From form 97 sighting report by witness, dated March 19, 1958:

Witness Don Newman (address above), observed single object over Pasco, Washington sometime in July, 1948, at 1 p.m. while lying on lawn in company of three others, Bonnie Cowan, Valera Lamb and Virgil Lamb, present addresses unknown. Bright daylight, sun obscured by partial clouds.

Object solid, sharply outlined, seen passing under high cloud cover. Almost negotiated 360° turn in 750 ft. radius, followed by high speed dive toward ground and sudden pull back to high altitude, passed to south and maneuvered rapidly, making final dive toward the north at high speed, finally climbing out of sight. Highest speed "3 times maximum" jet speed; estimated height when first seen, 300 to 3500 ft. Estimated size of object, 90 feet.

"During procedure of maneuvering object revealed bottom & side views

canopy



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