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PROJECT 1t073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 May 1949 21/2130Z	2. LOCATION Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington.
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION RADAR: AIRCRAFT VISUAL? AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Phone call was received the same day from tower that a/c were in area dropping ~~pamphlets for an Air Rodeo~~
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Report from Control Tower that Flying Saucers were over Atomic Plant. A/C were scrambled with an negative effort. Report stated UFO's were faster then jet a/c. Another report later was made that falling bits of paper in their area were observed on radar. Red on one side green on the other and approximately 6 inches square. First object was round, white or silver color
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Northeasterly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON: Moses Lake Air Force Base, Wash
FROM (Agency): 637th AC/W Sq, 505th AC/W Gp.

DATE OF REPORT: 1 June 1949
DATE OF INFORMATION: 25 May 1949
EVALUATION: SECRET

PREPARED BY (Officer): Francis W. Sherrill, Capt., Dir of Intell
SOURCE: Actg Moses Lake AFB, Wash

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report's significance in field otherwise paragraph. List indexable at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—PART II.)

Following is copy of report received at this headquarters 31 May 1949, from 637th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington:

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: (Query)	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
637th AC/W Sq, 505th AC/W Gp Moses Lake AFB, Wash	Unconventional Aircraft	

Speedway in Pasco, Washington. This pilot holds a commercial ticket. The aircraft NC number is (NC 48258). At 1428 the F-82 was cleared to Moses Lake Tower and landed at 1436.

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3. Teletype sequence of local weather and winds aloft reported at time of observation: 5000 feet scattered, visibility 20 miles, sea level pressure 16.8, temperature 68, dew point 29, wind SSW 10 knots per hour, altimeter setting 29.98. Winds aloft, MSL 4000 feet 240 degrees at 15 knots, 6000 feet, 220 degrees at 15 knots, 8000 feet, 260 degrees at 20 knots, 10,000 feet 255 degrees at 15 knots, 12,000 feet 240 degrees at 10 knots, 14,000 feet 222 degrees at 15 knots, 20,000 feet 230 degrees at 15 knots, 25,000 feet 17 degrees at 20 knots, 30,000 feet 165 degrees at 30 knots, 35,000 feet 180 degrees at 40 knots.

4. Observer states that the altitude (estimated) was between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. The witnesses name is Max Segoinne, Soda Valley, Richland, Washington. Segoinne's place of work is 200 feet meteorologist tower.

Signed: [redacted]
1st Lt., [redacted]
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1. Date of Observation 21 July 1949 Date of Interview
2. Local Time (local) 1350
3. Place of Observation 4 Miles East, Hanford, Washington (A & P Plant)
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object White or silver
9. Shape Round (disc intimated)
10. Altitude 17,000 - 20,000 ft
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South easterly
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Greater than jet fighter
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Manoeuvers Standing still then took off
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions 5,000 foot scattered clouds, visibility 20 Miles

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Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

Connection of observer relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

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505TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING GROUP
Moses Lake Air Force Base
Washington

23 May 1949

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TO: Chief of Staff
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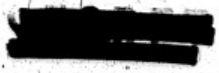

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