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1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 June 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST
3. Place of Observation Mouth of Rogue River, Oregon, near Gold Beach, Oregon
4. Position of observer Ground through 6X Binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object Glitter
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 30 ft diameter
8. Color of object Silvery
9. Shape Round similar to 50-cent piece.
10. Altitude 5000 ft
11. Direction from observer Last seen SE
12. Distance from observer 4 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in Sight 90-120 Seconds
15. Speed Speed of Jet
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections Slight fin starting amidship which came back flush with trailing edge.
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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Name and address of witness: Mr. Albert Rivera, Drafting Section NACA
Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and Position: Draftsman

Comment of Interviewer relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appeared very reliable, not easily excitable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. ALBERT RIVERA, Drafting Section, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California the following information was ascertained: On Tuesday, 24 May 1949, at 1700, P.S.T., Mr. RIVERA and four (4) other persons, while fishing two (2) miles upstream (east) of the mouth of the Rogue River, at approximately the same direction and distance from the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object which is described as follows: When first sighted it appeared to be a little over about four (4) miles away laterally, at some 5000 feet above the ground which at that point was at sea level or approximately so. The object was then observed through a pair of 6-power Navy type binoculars. Observation time about 90 to 120 seconds. Object appeared round and shiny, something like a fifty-cent piece, viewed from below and to one side. Object's color was silvery and it appeared round in a plan view. The object seemed to be solid with no visible openings and was about 30 feet in diameter as nearly as could be judged. Just before Mr. RIVERA handed the glasses to Mr. MURPHY, the object made a turn on its vertical axis with no tilting or banking and started to move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sign of exhaust or propeller; no driving force could be seen or felt and no sound was heard. The object at no time contacted or came any closer than 5000 feet, approximately, to the earth, and when last seen was disappearing in a southeasterly direction, accelerating to an approximate speed of a jet plane. There were no protuberances other than a slight fin which seemed to start amidship and come back flush with the trailing edge viewed as the ship drifted. No radio antenna or windows, port holes, or any other protuberances, caps or openings were visible. The only land mark near the sighting point was a rock formation locally known as "Elephant Rock", approximately 700 yards N.E. of where the boat in which Mr. RIVERA and party were anchored.

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1. Date of Observation 2[illegible] May 19[illegible] Date of Interview 24 June 19[illegible]
2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST
3. Place of Observation 2 1/2 miles up from mouth of Rogue River in Oregon.
4. Position of observer Ground through 8 power binoculars
5. What attracted attention to object. Flattering
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 25 to 30 ft diameter and 1 ft thick
8. Color of object Aluminum
9. Shape [illegible] flat (disc) with fin
10. Altitude 5000'
11. Direction from observer 60°
12. Distance from observer 1 to 2 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) SW (170°)
14. Time in sight 2 minutes
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail
18. Luminosity Appeared to reflect light from aluminum-like surface.
19. Projections [illegible]
20. Maneuvers None
21. Manner of Disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning Object-
24. Weather conditions.

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Name and address of observer: Don Heaphy
NACA Ames Aeronautical Lab.
Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:
NACA Wind Tunnel employee (mechanic)

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Appeared sober, well-rounded, very mature not easily swayed by someone else's opinion.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Oregon, in a boat anchored approximately upstream, about the same distance east of the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, an object was sighted about 5000 feet above the ground in a direction approximately 60° measured clockwise from North. Object appeared to be about 1 to 2 miles away. Mr. HEAPHY observed the object about 30 seconds with the naked eye at which time he could see only a bright glitter, like a round mirror standing on edge with no apparent motion. Just as the object began to move, RIVERA handed HEAPHY a pair of 6-power Navy type binoculars through which HEAPHY viewed the object. With the binoculars the object resolved into a pancake-like shape, somewhat thicker in the center than in the edges, perfectly flat on the bottom with a small fin or vane arising about midship and growing gradually higher to the rear ending flush with a trailing edge as the object traveled. Flat surface was parallel to earth. The object appeared to be made of metal, aluminum or some other shiny metal, and while it appeared oval it could have been perfectly round in plan section. There appeared to be no openings or protuberances of any sort other than the fin already described. Object appeared to be 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It was traveling in a southeasterly direction, about 170° clockwise from North. It executed no maneuvers; no lights, no propellers, no landing gear or any method of propulsion that could be seen or heard. There were no clouds and the sun was at HEAPHY's back at the time of sighting. The trailing edge of the object as it traveled appeared to be somewhat wrinkled and dirty looking. HEAPHY ventured that these might have been vents but said he could not see them well enough to say for sure. With HEAPHY and RIVERA in the boat at time of sighting was, Mrs. JOY McBETH, wife of a druggist at Ione, California; Mrs. WILLIAM McBETH, wife of a Standard Oil distributor at Gold Beach, Oregon; and Mrs. GILBERT RIVERA.

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REPORT MADE AT	DO [illegible] 17, Wirtland [illegible]
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TITLE

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(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

[illegible]

REFERENCE

Report of JACK L. [illegible], 23 March 1949, file [illegible] subject as above

SYNOPSIS

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