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DATE OF REPORT 8 Aug 1949

LOCATION Medford, Ore.

SOURCE Airmen and Tower Operators

DATE IN TO ATIC

COLOR Shiny

SPEED Varying slow to very fast

ALTITUDE Very High

NUMBER OF THEM OBSERVED

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

DATE & HOUR OF SIGHTING 1200? to 1130 ?

DURATION

SHAPE

SIZE

NUMBER Varying 1-7

SOUND

WEATHER

WIND

MANEUVERS Horizontal maneuvers only when other personnel observed object through binoculars, which were rare. The objects would fly formation for a while, separate widely from each other for a while, then rejoin in small formation. They would disappear in the same general area.

(See AAF Form 34 for short periods [illegible] in the same general area.

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Other Calls of [illegible]

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1. Date of Observation 8 Aug 49 Date of Interview
2. Exact Time (local) 1130P
3. Place of Observation
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 3
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape
10. Altitude Presumed to Make being above 17,000
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Very Fast greater than Standard Jet Speed
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Manouvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: [redacted]

1. The following information received from the Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Detachment 1908-1, 2,05th AAGS Squadron, Medford Municipal Airfield, Medford, Oregon, is submitted in accordance with USAF Letter, subject "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs" dated 6 February 1947.

2. "At approximately 1130P; 7 Aug 47, a shiny object was seen in the sky by a member of this detachment and reported to the writer. Almost immediately thereafter, another such object was sighted, and the Control Tower was requested to locate and attempt to identify the objects, since the altitude was too great for accurate observation without the aid of binoculars. The Control Tower operator on duty, George E. Milligan, reported to Seattle Air Traffic Control and McChord Flight Service that he had seen three (3) silver-colored objects at an undetermined altitude, apparently with conventional wings, going "very fast". An informal conversation with Mr. Milligan revealed that the objects sighted appeared to be moving at a speed comparable to or greater than that of standard jet aircraft, and an unofficial altitude estimate of thirty thousand (30,000) feet. No accurate altitude estimate could be obtained, due to the absence of clouds to form a basis for such an estimate. However, a United Air Lines DC-4, in the vicinity at seventeen thousand (17,000) feet reported to the Tower that he was unable to see any strange objects; therefore, presumably the objects can be definitely determined to have been above that height. Further investigation by means of aircraft proved fruitless, since the objects were not seen again for some time prior to their arrival. Numbers of reports were received of sightings after it was generally known that some strange objects had been seen; but it is believed that these sightings were balls of thistle prevalent in the area at the time."

3. "No definite conclusions as to the identity or nature of the objects were reached by this detachment, since accurate observations could not be made. Therefore, the foregoing information is essentially that furnished by Mr. Milligan."

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 Incident 419

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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ARMY AIR FORCES
AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, ATC
[redacted]
HEADQUARTERS 1905TH AACS SQUADRON
McChord AF Base, Washington

E/WGW/djs

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350.09

16 August 1949

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

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SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

PAUL O MCGINNIS
1st Lt, USAF
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cc: Hq USAF
Hq AACS
1800th AACS Wg
1801st AACS Gp

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TO W-P AFB ATTN MCIAXO-3

INFO FLIGHT SVC WASHINGTON DC

L 0478.
RE FS REG 200-4 FOLLOWING REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLIYING OBJECTS IS SUBMITTED: A. EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF MEDFORD OREGON, 1120 TO 1230 P, 8 AUGUST 1&49. B. CLEAR VISIBILITY 30 MILES. C. (1) CPL E H CONGER (2) STAFF SGT ARTHUR PAULSON (3) CPL FRANK BISHOP. OCCUPATIONS OF ABOVE PERSONNEL: AACS AIR GROUND OPERATORS OF MEDFORD AIRWAYS. ADDRESS AACS DETACHMENT 1905-1 MEDFORD OREGON. (4) G E MILLIGAN. (5) JACK EDMONDS. OCCUPATIONS, CAA TOWER OPERATOR, MEDFORD AIRPORT MEDFORD OREGON. ADDRESS P O BOX 832 MEDFORD ORE. (6) G W WHITE. (7) EARL WESTCOTT OCCUPATIONS COMMUNICATORS CAA RANGE STATIGN MEDFORD ORE. ADDRESS P O BOX 286 MEDFORD ORE. D. NOT AVAILABLE. E. NOT AVAILABLE. F. (1) VARYING FROM 127 (2) UNDETERMINED (3) UNDETERMINED (4) SHINY (5) VARYING FROM SLOW TO VERY FAST. (6) OBJECTS DID NOT HOLD ANY SPECIFIC HEADING AND WERE LAST SEEN HEADING WEST. (7) OBJECTS MANEUVERED HORIZONTALLY BUT NOT VERTICALLY (8) VERY HIGH (9) NONE. (10) NONE. G. PERS FM MEDFORD AIRWAYS FIRST SIGNTED THE O JECTS AND NOTIFIED MEDFORD TOWER AND MEDFORD RADIO. PERS FM MEDFORD RADIO USED THE THEODALITE TO GET A BETTER LOOK AT THE OBJECTS. PERS FM MEDFORD TOWER USED BINOCULARS AND WERE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH WINGS ON THE OBJECTS BUT NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION COULD BE DETECTED. THE OBJECTS WOULD FLY FORMATION FOR A WHILE AND THEN BREAK OFF AND REFORM IN TRAIL FORMATION. THEY WOULD DISAPPEAR FOR SHORT PERIODS AND THEN REAPPEAR IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. OBJECTS WERE VISIBLE TO THE UN-
AIDED EYE ONLY WHEN THEY REFLECTED THE SUNS RAYS . SIGNED
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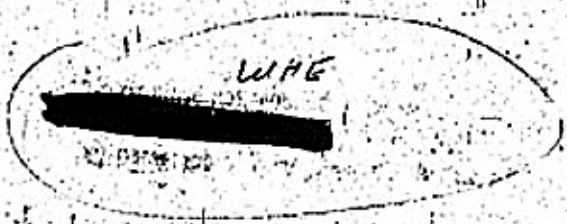

FROM:

9 AUG 49

[redacted] WASH DC ATTN DIR OF INTELL REQUIREMENTS DIV
[redacted] HAMILTON AFB CALIF ATTN DIR OF INTELL 25 AUG0081.
1200 [redacted] ILYUSHIN AIRCRAFT WERE SPTD ORBITING OVER NEDFORD
[redacted] AIRPORT POWER OPERATOR, MISTER MILLIGAN,
[redacted] AND WERE OBSERVED BY THE TOWER
[redacted] THROUGH BINOCULARS. THEY APPEARED TO BE ROUND,
[redacted] THEIR SPEED VARIED AS THEY
[redacted] THE AIRCRAFT WAS OVER NEDFORD AT THE TIME OF
SIGHTING AT 17000 FEET AND THE OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE MUCH
HIGHER THAN THE AIRCRAFT. THE DPS WAS CONTACTED BY THE PILOTS
BEFORE THE [redacted] AND THE OBJECTS WERE NOT VISIBLE
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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

FCH 452

10 August 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXC-3

1. The following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: East and southeast of Medford, Oregon, 1120P to 1230P, 8 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Sky clear, visibility thirty (30) miles.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

(1) Corporal E. H. Conger, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(2) Staff Sergeant Arthur Paulson, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(3) Corporal Frank Bishop, AACS Air/Ground operator of Medford Airways, address AACS Detachment 1905-1, Medford, Oregon.

(4) G. E. Milligan, CAA Tower operator, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 832, Medford, Oregon.

(5) Jack Edmonds, CAA Tower operator, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 832, Medford, Oregon.

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(6) G. W. White, Communicator CAA Range Station, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 286, Medford, Oregon.

(7) Earl Wescott, Communicator CAA Range Station, Medford, Oregon, address P. O. Box 286, Medford, Oregon.

d. Photographs of objects if available: Photographs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration are not available.

f. Objects sighted:

(1) Number: Varying from one (1) to seven (7).

(2) Shape: Undetermined.

(3) Size: Undetermined.

(4) Color: Shiny.

(5) Speed: Varying from slow to very fast.

(6) Heading: Objects did not hold any specific heading and were last seen heading west.

(7) Maneuverability: Objects maneuvered horizontally but not vertically.

(8) Altitude: Very high.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General remarks: Personnel from Medford Airways first sighted the objects and notified Medford Tower and Medford Radio. Personnel from Medford Radio used the theodalite to get a better look at the objects. Personnel from Medford Tower used binoculars and were able to distinguish wings on

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TCI 452 10 August 1949
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

the objects but no further identification could be detected. The objects would fly formation for a while and then break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear for s ort periods and then reappear in the same general area. Objects were visible to the unaided eye only when they reflected the sun's rays.

EARL J. LIVESAY
Lt. Col., USAF
Commanding

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