

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 9, 1949

FROM : Mr. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

*me*

██████████ advised that Walter Winchell had received a letter from ██████████, Los Angeles 7, California. Mr. ██████████ read the letter to me and it was very well written, obviously by a man of intelligence. In this letter ██████████ stated that in August of 1947 he left Los Angeles for the mountains and started hiking through the mountains. About 10:00 A. M. he was lying on the ground when he observed about one-half block away from him a large silver metal, greenish in color, shaped like a child's top and about the size of the balloons used at County Fairs. He stated that there appeared to be two windows in the object and portions of metal appeared transparent and that he gained the impression that there was some life within this object although he saw no persons. The object appeared as though ~~was~~ as a pressure chamber. He stood up and waved towards this object and this so-called flying saucer was off the ground in a second, knocking ██████████ to the ground. In its flight he stated that its power was silent and he raised the question as to whether this was an inter-global landing on our planet. He thought that it might be a device to land in our planet because the occupants of another planet had become curious as to the reaction caused by the explosion of the atomic bomb causing trouble in an expanded universe. He left the question as to whether it was possible that the occupants of another planet might have solved the theory of negative gravity.

Mr. ██████████ stated that this letter indicated a very good knowledge of physics and that he thought it would be interesting to check into Jones' background and then possibly interview him about this alleged flying saucer. Mr. ██████████ stated that it would appear that ██████████ may have actually seen a flying saucer, that in any event it made an awfully good story and he requested that the Bureau keep the matter in confidence.

I would recommend that the Los Angeles Office discreetly check into the background of ██████████ and thereafter interview him for the purpose of determining any facts he possesses about flying saucers in order that it may be determined whether his story is in any way accurate.

PML:dhb

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 12, 1949

MS FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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- Miss Gandy

I took a call from [redacted] by reference from your office. He referred to his call of last Saturday relative to a letter Mr. Winchell received from a man in Los Angeles concerning flying saucers. He stated that Winchell wanted to do a column on this letter if the Bureau had no objection.

I told him that whatever he did with reference to writing the story concerning this letter was entirely up to him and would in no way affect anything the Bureau was doing. I suggested that he might desire to check with the Air Corps inasmuch as the handling of flying saucers was a matter of primary interest to them. He stated, "To hell with the Air Force. He just didn't want to release the information if it would affect the Bureau".

Robert Winchell

DML:dad

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROUTINE

JULY 12, 1949

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SAC, LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES

INFORMATION CONCERNING. SUBJECT ADDRESSED A LETTER TO WALTER WINCHELL  
RELATING THAT IN AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, HE WAS HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS  
OUT OF LA AND HE OBSERVED ABOUT ONE HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM HIM A LARGE SILVER  
METAL OBJECT SHAPED LIKE A CHILD'S TOP ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BALLOON. HE  
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THERE WAS LIFE WITHIN THE OBJECT THOUGH HE SAW NO  
ONE. HE STOOD UP AND WAVED TOWARDS THE OBJECT AND WITHIN A SECOND IT  
TOOK OFF, KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND. DISCREETLY CHECK BACKGROUND OF  
THEREAFTER, INTERVIEW HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ANY FACTS  
IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING THE STATEMENTS SET OUT HEREIN.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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United States Department of Justice

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Los Angeles 13, California

July 13, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: ~~REDACTED~~  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Re your teletype July 12, 1949.

~~REDACTED~~

Other investigation in an endeavor to locate ~~REDACTED~~ was not productive.

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DEFERRED RECORDING

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

INFORMATION CONCERNING

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BACKGROUND ~~RESEARCH~~ <sup>INVESTIGATION</sup> AND INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT.

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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

You inquired as to what was being done with reference to the information concerning flying saucers, which information was furnished by ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

I desire to advise that a letter is being prepared for the Los Angeles Office suggesting that they make a discreet check of the background of the individual who wrote the letter to Winchell and thereafter interview him for details.

It is believed that a letter is satisfactory inasmuch as it is noted that this alleged incident occurred in 1947.

DWL:dad

*This should have been done the first thing Monday instead of waiting until Wed. to get it out*

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July 21, 1949

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New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

You will recall the telephone conversations about Mr. [redacted] 37th Street, Los Angeles 9, California, and information furnished by him on the subject of flying saucers.

I thought you would like to know that efforts made to locate Mr. [redacted] have been unsuccessful and casual inquiry in the vicinity he mentioned did not develop information about any one who is acquainted with him.

I thought you might wish to consider the possibility that the original letter in this matter may have been a prank.

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- Mr. Tolson
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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Mohr
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Mr. [redacted] thru. ODF. from  
called-phoned. NYC

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hour: 10:29am Date: July 12, 1949

REMARKS

When informed that Mr. Hoover was not in his office, Mr. [redacted] asked to speak with Mr. Ladd, and after checking the call, was transferred to Mr. Ladd.

Mr. Ladd advises that Mr. [redacted] was calling about the matter he discussed with Mr. Ladd on last Saturday re. U.S. flying saucer in California. Mr. [redacted] asked if he could release the story. He was told that this was up to him.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visit

*ms* Flying Saucers

Mr. [redacted] called from New York City

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 10:54am Date July 11, 1949

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

When informed of Mr. Hoover's and Mr. Ladd's absence from their office, Mr. [redacted] declined to speak to anyone else and stated that he was just following up on a conversation he had with Mr. Ladd over the weekend. He asked that Mr. Ladd be informed of his call.

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RECEIVED - TELETYPE

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UFO

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Set II 189 pages

August 8, 1952

sec 11

[Redacted]  
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

*Flying SAUCERS*

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1952.

Since the matter referred to therein is within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to that Agency.

Your interest and cooperation in furnishing this material are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Note: Bufiles reflect no record concerning [Redacted]

cc - 1 - SAC, Savannah (with copy of incoming)

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Miss Gandy

August 21, 1952

RECORDED - 64 62-83714-299

Staunton, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1952, addressed to Air Force Intelligence, the Justice Department, and this Bureau.

A careful review of the contents of your communication fails to reflect that the subject matter contained therein is within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - 2 - Richmond - with copy of [redacted]

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Note: Bufiles fail to reflect any identifiable record on the addresses.

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COMM. ED.

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Air Force Intelligence

August 12,

F. B. I.  
Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

Flying Saucers

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments on August 1st. I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 1st to the Air Force Intelligence telling my views of a saucer. In about four days the physicist and Scott gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out when did Mr. Scott start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address if you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

I have much better working proof of my theory than Scott, which has been before me all along, until I hit upon the idea.

The solution should not have been published. There is great deal more to it than that, which I can explain. The idea should have been worked out thoroughly and secretly. Rainmakers could probably do a great deal of harm with the answer. There is a possibility that it could mean a entirely-different type of air warfare. The Air Force could possibly use it for lifetime warfare. It could lead to open-trade

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Man-made flying saucers possibly could be used in conjunction with atom and hydro-bombs or to destroy them. Astronomers could use the information to predict about other planets or planetary warfare. This information could be of use in a trip to the moon.

Does the Air Force wish me to keep my impression to myself or shall I give a statement to the press? My country comes first if the information should be kept secret.

I signed my other letter "Respectfully". When a lady from Virginia pays her respects to the Air Force she expects the Air Force to pay its respects right back to her.

Respectfully,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
S. Taunton  
Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1952

Air Force Intelligence  
 F. P. I.  
 Justice Dept.

Fellow Americans,

I am writing the same letter to all three Departments. On August 1st, I wrote a letter, and mailed it on August 2nd, to the Air Force Intelligence telling my views of a flying saucer. In about four days the physicist [REDACTED] gave out a report of findings identical to my report. Now if I have hit upon the meaning of a flying saucer I would like to get the credit for it. I have reason to believe my ideas have been hi-jacked. It should be easy to find out. When did Mr. [REDACTED] start his experiment? Which office did my letter go through? Was my letter placed on file? It had a return address. If you cannot find it that proves it was destroyed and the information used.

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Staunton,  
 Virginia

62-83894

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Date: August 11, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF 2040

DATE 9/1/72

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,  
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED], Kokomo,  
Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952,  
at approximately 10:00 A. M. while fishing in the back  
waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a  
formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number,  
in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to  
be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the  
lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him  
to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell  
straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor  
and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly  
direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality  
of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish  
smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been  
dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by ██████████ Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. ██████████ had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

No further inquiries are contemplated in this matter. However, if additional information is received by this Bureau, you will be promptly advised.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ *WAB*  
FROM : ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
SUBJECT : FLYING DISKS

DATE: August 12, 1952

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is attached a copy of a periodical entitled "Sunday Graphic" dated July 6, 1952, received by the Bureau from the Office of the Legal Attache, American Embassy, London, England.

It is desired that the attached periodical containing an article relating to the captioned matter be filed in the captioned file.

Attachment

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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August 5, 1952

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62-83894-296

Mr. [Redacted]

Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked July 30, 1952, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring your comments to my attention.

Since your communication may be of interest to another governmental agency, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of it to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

DIC:ank:for

Copy of incoming sent to the Secretary of the Air Force by short form.

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*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*

J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Wash DC

Baltimore Md  
July 28 - 1952

FLYING SAUCERS

Dear Sir,

I would like to submit a theory that may lead to a solution of what the flying saucers really are - these objects could be lights caused by Radio Television Beams illuminating moist vapor, not unlike phosphorus on rain soaked wood in

Certain seasons - The northern lights "aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves for years, setting up Electro magnetism + Earth potential which distorts normal telegraph communications. The lights are somewhat like a fan + can be seen as in South as Equator

RECORDED BY 62-83874-29

It is my opinion that flying saucers are electrically charged currents out a space (small clouds) and causing it to glow - this cloud being charged electrically and a magnetic polarity being same as the interceptors it can never

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gradually ... our dinner + disappear  
giving the impression that it  
outdistanced the pursuer with  
a great burst of speed -  
This is submitted as a theory  
as I do not have the power  
or facilities to prove or disprove.  
But I submit a suggestion  
whereby a test could be made,  
when these saucers appear  
again have the TV + all broadcast  
silenced from the air and check  
for results - This may not change  
immediately, as other elements in  
this Brief <sup>US DEPT OF JUSTICE</sup> not be turned  
off or on at <sup>RECEIVED</sup> a given signal -  
However I <sup>MR. JONES</sup> firmly believe that, if  
the idea as <sup>MR. JONES</sup> set forth in my crude  
way is submitted to more learned  
persons than I some solution  
is inevitable -

[REDACTED]

1952

[REDACTED]

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
Baltimore 18 MD  
July 28-1952

J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washn DC

Dear sir,

I would like to submit a theory that may lead to a solution of what the Flying saucers really are-these objects could be Lights. caused by Radio Television Beams illuminating moist vapor, not unlike phosphorus on rain soaked wood in certain seasons-the northern lights "aurora Borealis" have manifested themselves for years, setting up Electro magnetism & Earth potential which distorts normal Telegraph Communications. The lights are somewhat like a Fan & can be seen as far south as Equator-

It is my opinion that Flying Saucers are Electrically induced currents onto a space (small clouds) and causing it to glow-this cloud being charged Electrically and a magnetic polarity being same as the interceptor it can never be overtaken, and would if pursued gradually grow Dimmer & disappear giving the impression that it out distanced the pursuer with a great Burst of speed.

This is submitted as a theory as I do not have the power or facilities to prove or disprove. But I submit a suggestion whereby a test could be made.

When these saucers appear again Have the TV & all Broadcasts silenced from the air and check for results-this may not change immediately, as other Elements in this Build up can not be turned off or on at a given signal.

However I firmly believe that, if the idea as set forth in my crude way is submitted to more learned persons then I some solution is inevitable.

/s/ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

August 15, 1952

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DIRECTOR, FBI

(62-89894) - 295

FLYING SAUCERS  
OSI LIAISON

EX-25

Reurlet August 7, 1952, in which you stated that at a weekly liaison conference held in Philadelphia Major ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

OSI, as the official Air Force liaison agency, has agreed to accept reports regarding flying saucers and to transmit these reports to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where all information pertaining to flying saucers is coordinated. If Major ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ still insists that he does not desire to receive reports regarding flying saucers, you should advise the Bureau and the matter will be discussed further with OSI Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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- Tolson
- Ladd
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia  
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

DATE: 8/7/52

At the weekly liaison conference held in the Philadelphia Office on August 5, 1952, Major [redacted] advised that OSI is no longer interested in receiving reports concerning flying saucers.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

JLK:ERG

Letter to  
SAC, Philadelphia  
8/15/52  
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CO. 100-2-1120

August 19, 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac, Michigan  
62-83894-294

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 5, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

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The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - 1 - Detroit

Note for Detroit:

Mr. [REDACTED] advised the Bureau, in his letter, of his theory regarding flying saucers. It was Mr. [REDACTED]'s opinion flying saucers are manufactured by General Electric or General Motors Research Laboratories, consist of aluminum tanks filled with helium gas under pressure, and work on magnetic principles.

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Pontiac, Mich

Aug 5 '52

Flying Discs

F.B.I. Wash. D.C.

Gentlemen: - Dear Sirs

8-13-52  
FBI  
Wash. D.C.

I have a theory on the so called flying saucers.

I don't know where to write to express my opinion.

But yours is the best office inside the [redacted] when it comes to investigations.

If and when I get ready to commit a crime I will expect to get caught but so be it.

If the flying saucers are real then in my opinion they are [redacted] from another planet.

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AUG 6 1952

I would be willing to bet [redacted] Brain child of [redacted]

Electric of General Motors Research  
Laboratories

I am not an electrician all I know  
about elect. is to grab a hold of one  
wire at a time on alternating current  
and let current strike me alone.

It's my opinion that there devices  
or what have you are aluminum  
tanks filled with helium gas under  
a lot of pressure. and permanent magnets  
(power full one) built on the sides  
with the north poles outside.  
When another metal object approaches  
them they are repelled at the same  
speed as the approaching object.

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when you look at it from that plane  
you can see they can never be caught  
no matter how fast the pursuing plane  
goes they retreat at the same speed.

One good way to check that would  
be to have three planes to approach  
at three angles.

The retreating  
object could not cross in front  
of any of the planes it would  
have to go straight ahead.

you try and get the north pole of a  
magnet and south pole to connect and  
you will see what I mean.



One seen a steel bar lying in space  
at auto shows, it was nearly two  
poles pushing against each other instead  
of pulling together.

Or Push your watch or a piece  
of steel through a demagnetizer  
and you will see what I mean.

If a plane were equipped with  
a magnet of about two or 3 Gs  
and the north pole pointed at the  
nose of the plane or stuck out ahead  
of the propeller a foot or two I think  
those savers would be caught.

Respectfully yours

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

Postman 11

Winding Gulf

4 flying SAUCEES

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Mr. Edgar Hoover


A few lines to let you know a few things that the Govern-  
ment should know for all of US takes ps  
stop the people from Broad casting how  
far these flying saucers are going and  
where they are being

them at the reason Russia is  
inventing some thing

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and is coming over  
here by radio activity  
and later they will  
be sending the atomic  
Bomb over here so they  
to stop them are now  
getting the distance  
and they send out one  
and then our people  
tells where they see  
at and that is all  
they want to know  
later on they will send  
suicide planes without  
air pilots here to bomb.



EX-125

Date: August 13, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN  
IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE, RECEIVED  
BY THE "CINCINNATI ENQUIRER"  
PERTAINING TO "FLYING SAUCERS"  
SECURITY MATTER - X

There is attached for your information and any action you desire to take in this matter a Photostat of a letter, written in German, received from an anonymous source, which was addressed to the [REDACTED]. A Photostat of the envelope, in which the letter was forwarded, is attached and indicates it was mailed on July 31, 1952, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

For your further assistance in this matter a translation of the attached letter from the German is attached.

Attachment

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 6, 1952

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FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-0)

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION WRITTEN  
IN GERMAN LANGUAGE RECEIVED BY  
"CINCINNATI ENQUIRER" PERTAINING  
TO "FLYING SAUCERS"  
SECURITY MATTER - X

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[redacted] furnished the Cincinnati Office with the enclosed letter and envelope received anonymously at the [redacted] in an envelope postmarked 7-3-52 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that the enclosed letter is written in the German language, and I am also enclosing a rather loose translation of the letter as furnished by the [redacted]

In view of the widespread interest in so-called "flying saucers," I am forwarding this material to the Bureau, with the thought in mind that the Bureau may desire to have a careful translation made of the attached letter, and the results, if deemed advisable, made available to other Governmental agencies.

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Enclosures (3)

EMY:LM

*7-21*  
*copy of report of [redacted]*  
*copy of report of [redacted]*  
*copy of report of [redacted]*  
*copy of report of [redacted]*  
*copy of report of [redacted]*

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT.~~

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*8-13-52*  
*1-051*  
*EMY:LM*

Folgende Unterlagen

Seit 1949- unerschütterliche Waffen welche jetzt  
nicht schon zur Anwendung hergestellt sind  
und zur Zeit sich von sich selbst nicht  
selbst im U. Waffensysteme können die Kan. die  
hoch. Körper hat die im Durchschnitt etwa  
im Durchschnitt etwa, die die Anwendung der  
ethnographische Geschichte der nach Richtung der  
Schätze von einer Zahl von 100 bis 1000  
offen liegt die im in der Befindlichkeit in dies  
und Kontrollgeräte für Fernleitung befinden  
In der der Regel sind auch genug Mann für die  
eigentliche Arbeit. Diese Waffen haben  
auch die Kontrolle über die Mann einen über  
von 20-35000 km. Entfernung U. Waffensystem  
Auch die deutsche Luft sagt es ist eine  
Kategorie 17 davon ist selbst geschicklich  
ist im Grunde der die Wahrheit über die  
als eine Kultur unter Volk  
der die Wahrheit ist H. Sch.



## FLYING SAUCERS

Since 1944 there have been experimental weapons which should now be in production. The one about which there has been so much discussion is a V-Weapon which has a disc-like round body, about 48.50 metres in diameter and has by way of emission 45 to 50 automatic ----- (word not legible). With the setting off of the disc these rotate around a spheroplexi-glass sphere in the center in which are located the ----- (word not legible) and guiding apparatus for distance flights. Inside the sphere there is also enough space for high explosive atom bombs. These weapons ----- (not legible) and show an effective range from 30 to 35,000 kilometres. V-Weapon Konstruk (Technician?) Riedel (or Riedet), Germany, says it is a typical V-Weapon on which he himself worked

I am positive that the truth is better than keeping the world in ignorance.

H. Sch.

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This letter is written apparently by a not highly literate undeveloped handwriting. It is my opinion that he is

he has written. If I were handling this, I should turn his letter over to the FBI or some other investigating agency to see if he knows anything more.

F.I.

August 4, 1952

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August 14, 1952

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Mrs. [redacted]  
EX-25 Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 1, 1952, and want to thank you for making the information contained therein available to this Bureau.

The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - 1 - Pittsburgh (Attachment)

NOTE:

Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mrs. [redacted]

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August 1, 1952

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dept. F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

RA  
my

Dear Sir:

I have been hearing so much about the objects called Flying Saucers that I begin to speculate as to whether we are the only Nation or county to witness such a display.

Of course it could be that those odd objects are pest filled Radar controlled waiting to be punctured. We have been so accused by another Nation that no doubt they have devised some diabolical plan to test on us.

I am not inclined to pass those over lightly, because I believe that these gadgets can be made and controlled to the extent of great numbers in groupings.

Also, I believe it is very unwise to make public the locations of sightings as many folk are prone to worry, and a state of mind like this is exactly what our enemy is seeking.

Any one wise enuf to perfect such would not only know their travel distance but also their location, therefore no talk or publications could benefit us in that.

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I hope that someone has had the integrity and foresight to learn where if in any other country these 'things' have been seen.

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Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Miss [Redacted Signature]

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file OSI  
E.H.M.

August 19, 1952

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EX-25

Mr. [REDACTED]  
New York City

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of July 31, 1952. The matter referred to in your letter is not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Department of the Air Force for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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100-2 - New York (Attachment)

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Bureau files fail to reflect any information that can be identified with Mr. [REDACTED]

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my Office  
Office of the Director  
New York City

S-13-5  
July 31, 1952  
DST  
E.M.H. etc

July 31/52-

Department of Investiga-  
tion  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: B

Am sorry hearing  
and reading to; much  
noise about the mystery  
of "Flying Plates"

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for the most part is  
said to be out of the

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government of U.S. is going  
to catch a picture of the  
mysteriously  
"Flying Plates"

by the radar detectors.  
I say impossible !!! ???

Ja !!! Ja !!! You please  
and excuse me, for my  
laughing.

If you would please  
when I write to you about  
sixth months before. How  
you would not be in  
troubles with what  
happens in the atmosphere

Ja !!! Ja !!! Ja !!!

I say if you please

3.

and may it give me a grain  
of reward & laugh of others

Wishing that but in  
I could my government.

Just I was writing for  
this to write to you again  
Now you are in the line  
because you don't know  
what I hope.

I hope to better that you  
"referred" from the "Kingdom"  
to me; some several again  
to the Organization of  
the United States  
at the New York State  
I if you like to know  
about the of things to do  
look for that letter that  
should be there. And also

4.

about some other things  
I talk in the same letter.

Ja!!! Ja!!! Ja!!!

I have to laugh because  
I know that the peace comes  
very soon after. I explain  
this mystery to my lovely  
government of the United  
States of America.

Nobody can explain the  
mystery of the "Flying Plates"  
in a sincerely truth before  
one. Just make a try with  
the scientific people; and  
I'll call for me.

Sincerely with all my  
love

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[Redacted signature]

City

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. E. Belmont

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL FLASHES DURING  
ELECTRICAL STORM, JERSEY SHORE, PA.,  
JULY 28, 1952

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[REDACTED] COMPLAINANT

*FLYING OBJECTS*

At 2:15 AM on July 31, 1952, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Jersey Shore, Pa., telephonically advised that in the early morning of 7-28-52, during a severe electrical storm in the area of his residence, he had observed seven unusual flashes in the sky, each flash being accompanied by a loud report.

Complainant, who appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants, called as a result of recent newspaper stories regarding phenomena allegedly observed during past week in this country.

Bureau indices contain no information identifiable with the complainant.

Actions:

File.

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Date: August 12, 1952  
To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.  
62-83894-288  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: FLYING SAUCERS

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Attached are two copies of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] dated July 31, 1952, addressed to the War Department, c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Mrs. [redacted] letter has been acknowledged and she has been advised of this referral.

Enclosure

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) ON 2040  
DATE 9/1/77

Note On Yellow Only:

Previous material concerning flying saucers furnished OSI. (62-83894)

TOC: jdt

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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W. O. Palestine Indian  
July 31/52

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The War Dept  
Washington D.C.

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out

Gentlemen: OF FLYING SAUCERS

Since reading & hearing  
over Radio about the  
"flying saucers";

I am compelled to write  
to you -

W. O. Palestine

I am a strong believer in  
our Almighty God & Christ

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I have the fact based  
had. I feel that these saucers are  
filmed from a secret camera  
operated by something like  
T.V. I do believe



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They are operating through  
the Communist Party  
right here in the, or  
our United States, by radar  
Every Group of saucers has  
a picture, the best pictures  
are kept for bombing  
purposes.

Why we see them just  
once & a while;

They don't want the  
U.S. to catch on.

To my opinion they have  
a way of causing them  
to be invisible.

They can see them or  
send them high; when  
high they are invisible.  
It could be from an enemy  
plane, or from a tall  
building in the United States.  
It could be the camera is  
carried in to cities and  
operated from tall buildings  
the ones that some one  
seen with a tail of fire  
in the picture that is  
kept.

So let's be on the look out  
for the next one and  
follow their path.

Please keep my name  
confidentially.

WOT. GIE  
(over)

When they were over Washington  
D.C. it could have been from  
the tallest building there.  
You might start from  
the first place they were  
ever seen. trace back  
you might find the  
secret place.

And pray with out seeing  
"and have faith"  
Our good Book. says donot  
let our secrets be known.  
when praying & trusting  
in God pray secretly  
into his hand.

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TRUE COPY

New Palestine Indiana  
July 31, 1952

c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The War Dept  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Since reading & hearing over Radio about the "flying saucers," I am compelled to write to you -

I am a strong believer in our almighty God & Christ our Lord. I have the faith Daniel had.

I feel that these Saucers are films from a secret Camera operated by something like T.V. I do believe, They are operating through the Comunist Party right here in the, or our United States, by radar Every Group of Saucers has a picture, the best picture are kept for bombing purposes.

Why we see them just once & a while; They dont want the U.S. to catch on. To my opinion they have a way of causing them to be invisible.

They can Lower them or send them high; When high they are invisible; It could be from an enemy plane, or from a tall building in the United States. It could be the Camera is carried, in to cities and operated from tall buildings the ones that some one seen with a tail of fire is the picture that is kept;

So lets be on the look out for the next one and follow their path. Please Keep my Name confidently.

/s/ ~~██████████~~

P.S.

When they were over Washington D.C. it could a been from the Tallest building there. You might Start from the first place they were ever seen - trace back you might find the secret place.

And pray with out sceasing "And have faith" Our good God - says do not let our secrets be known, when praying & trusting in God pray secretly into him.

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Date: August 8, 1952

EX-129

To: Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AERIAL OBJECTS;  
"FLYING SAUCERS"  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are attached two copies of a letter dated August 1, 1952, from [redacted] Post Office Box 526, Charleston, South Carolina, regarding "Flying Saucers."

Miss [redacted] communication has been acknowledged and she has been informed of this referral.

No investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

Attachment

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Miss Gandy

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

P.O. Box 529  
Charleston,  
S.C.

J. Edgar Hoover:

Would like to express  
my opinion on the flying  
saucers, and guess it will  
be as good as some disc  
read.

FLYING SAUCERS

I can't remember of hearing  
anything about them  
until the discs come  
into existence

I wondered if the rays  
could be strong enough  
to give off a bright  
object looking apparatus

No, special reason for  
sending you my idea  
just couldn't think of any  
one else to send it to.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

PA 10/10  
PA 20/10  
cc Bureau  
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File 100-1107



TO : MR. A. H. I MONT

RE: July 29, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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 Belmont  
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 Rosen  
 Tracy  
 Egan  
 Gurnea  
 Hendon  
 Pennington  
 Quinn  
 Nease  
 Gandy

PURPOSE:

To advise at the present time the Air Force has failed to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in its research regarding numerous reports of flying saucers and flying discs sighted throughout the United States.

DETAILS:

Mr. N. W. Philcox, the Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative, made arrangements through the office of Major General John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to receive a briefing from Commander Randall Boyd of the Current Intelligence Branch, Estimates Division, Air Intelligence, regarding the present status of Air Intelligence research into the numerous reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs.

Commander Boyd advised that Air Intelligence has set up at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Technical Intelligence Center which has been established for the purpose of coordinating, correlating and making research into all reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs. He advised that Air Force research has indicated that the sightings of flying saucers goes back several centuries and that the number of sightings reported varies with the amount of publicity. He advised that immediately if publicity appears in newspapers, the number of sightings reported increases considerably and that citizens immediately call in reporting sightings which occurred several months previously. Commander Boyd stated that these reported sightings of flying saucers are placed into three classifications by Air Intelligence:

(1) Those sightings which are reported by citizens who claim they have seen flying saucers from the ground. These sightings vary in description, color and speeds. Very little credence is given to these sightings inasmuch as in most instances they are believed to be imaginative or some explainable object which actually crossed through the sky.

(2) Sightings reported by commercial or military pilots. These sightings are considered more credible

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by the Air Force inasmuch as commercial or military pilots are experienced in the air and are not expected to see objects which are entirely imaginative. In each of these instances, the individual who reports the sighting is thoroughly interviewed by a representative of Air Intelligence so that a complete description of the object sighted can be obtained.

(3) Those sightings which are reported by pilots and for which there is additional corroboration, such as recording by radar or sighting from the ground. Commander Boyd advised that this latter classification constitutes two or three per cent of the total number of sightings, but that they are the most credible reports received and are difficult to explain. Some of these sightings are originally reported from the ground, then are observed by pilots in the air and then are picked up by radar instruments. He stated that in these instances there is no doubt that these individuals reporting the sightings actually did see something in the sky. However, he explained that these objects could still be natural phenomena and still could be recorded on radar if there was some electrical disturbance in the sky.

He stated that the flying saucers are most frequently observed in areas where there is heavy air traffic, such as Washington, D.C., and New York City. He advised, however, that some reports are received from other parts of the country covering the entire United States and that sightings have also recently been reported as far distant as Acapulco, Mexico; Korea and French Morocco. He advised that the sightings reported in the last classification have never been satisfactorily explained. He pointed out, however, that it is still possible that these objects may be a natural phenomenon or some type of atmospherical disturbance. He advised that it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet such as Mars. He advised that at the present time there is nothing to substantiate this theory but the possibility is not being overlooked. He stated that Air Intelligence is fairly certain that these objects are not ships or missiles from another nation in this world. Commander Boyd advised that intense research is being carried on presently by Air Intelligence, and at the present time when credible reportings of sightings are received, the Air Force is attempting in each instance to send up jet interceptor planes in order to

obtain a better view of these objects. However, recent attempts in this regard have indicated that when the pilot in the jet approaches the object it invariably fades from view.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

Date: August 11, 1952

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,  
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dr. [REDACTED] Indiana, on July 30, 1952, advised that on July 27, 1952, at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. [REDACTED] stated that the planes went over the lake and suddenly dropped objects, at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had single trails of bluish smoke.

EAB:mes  
cc - Foreign Service Desk

Dr. VPIL  
Jan

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He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by ██████████, Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. ██████████ had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

The above is furnished for your information. No further inquiries are contemplated.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (52-0)

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS SEEN NEAR THESSALON LAKE,  
ONTARIO, CANADA, JULY 27, 1952  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dr. [redacted] Kokomo, Indiana, on July 30, 1952 advised Special Agent [redacted] that on July 27, 1952 at approximately 10:00 A.M. while fishing in the back waters of Thessalon Lake, Ontario, Canada, he noticed a formation of bombing planes, sixteen to twenty in number, in two groups flying south at a height estimated by him to be four or five miles.

Dr. [redacted] stated that the planes went over the lake, suddenly dropped objects at first thought by him to be parachutes. He continued that these objects fell straight down for a short time, then suddenly spurted vapor and at a high rate of speed flew off in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. [redacted] was unable to identify the nationality of the planes, but stated that they had twin trails of bluish smoke. He further stated that the objects which had been dropped from the planes had a single trail of bluish smoke.

He stated that he had been accompanied on his fishing trip by [redacted], Kokomo, Indiana. Dr. [redacted] had no further information concerning instant planes or the objects dropped by them.

Dr. [redacted] was referred to the FBI by [redacted] President of the First National Bank of Kokomo, Indiana, who advised that Dr. [redacted] enjoyed a good reputation in Kokomo.

UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter. The above is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau in the event they desire to communicate this information to the Air Force.

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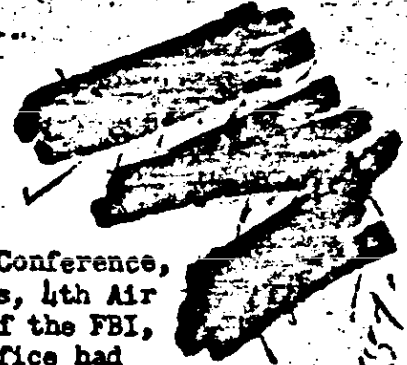
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD 62-0  
SUBJECT: AERIAL OBJECTS  
"Flying Saucers"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 29, 1952

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On July 28, 1952, at the Weekly Intelligence Conference, Captain [redacted], Office of Special Investigations, 4th Air Force Base, Bolling Field, advised the representative of the FBI, Washington Field Office, over the prior weekend, his office had received reports concerning the observation of aerial objects. Captain [redacted] referred to a phone call made to his office by Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, furnishing to OSI the identity of a woman who reportedly had observed an aerial object. [redacted] praised the WFO for the expeditious notification in this instance.

Captain [redacted], Colonel [redacted], superior office, and Special Agent [redacted] in a conference on July 28, 1952, discussed the matter of immediate notification of OSI. This conference resulted in the request by Colonel [redacted] and Captain [redacted] that in the event, whenever information is received by the FBI, in which it is alleged that someone has observed a "Flying Saucer", this information be immediately relayed to Captain [redacted] office. It is to be noted that this office may be reached by dialing Code 1261 and asking for Extension 509. Captain [redacted] said this number should be called under these circumstances at any time, day or night.

Captain [redacted] stated that the Air Force is greatly concerned about this matter of aerial objects and said that the Air Force Intelligence would appreciate the execution of the requested procedure, mentioned above. It is suggested that the Bureau bring this matter to the attention of its night supervisors, since these night supervisors also receive complaints from persons outside of the Bureau and may receive information concerning the observation of aerial objects.

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Mr. [redacted]  
Robinson, Illinois  
62-83874-273  
Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of July 8, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, the subject matter of your communication does not relate to an activity within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I have, however, taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., who may be able to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Copy of incoming to Secretary of the Air Force by form letter.

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Robinson, Illinois

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hoovers:

Perhaps this is a little out of your line of endeavor, however, I feel that perhaps you or your organization might be able to give me some information concerning the following matter.

From the first time it was written up in the press I have been keenly interested in strange celestial phenomena such as the flying disks popularly called "flying saucers."

Now out of all the thousands of people who have reported sightings not all of them have had too much to drink, nor could they have been victims of optical illusions, retinal retention, or hallucinations. Some of the objects sighted could not have been jet craft, guided missiles, or rockets, neither could they all have been weather instruments. Unretouched and undoctored photographs have given evidence that someone must have seen something.

It seems that both civil and military authorities are most willing to proclaim what the objects are not. I feel there is more to the matter than meets the eye. My decision to write you was based on the thought I would get straight answers.

Do you have any ideas or data on this subject? What are your opinions? If not, where might I write for such information? Any kindness, consideration, or information which you can extend toward me concerning this matter will certainly be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: June 4, 1952

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
FLYING DISCS  
BUREAU FILE 62-83894, Serials 80, 184, and 225

During my absence, at 11:50 A.M. today, [REDACTED] in the office of Dr. Ray Pearson, called and talked with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated Pearson has been in contact with Dr. [REDACTED] (Phoenix telephone number [REDACTED]) concerning photographs which the above captioned took of flying discs in the Phoenix area in July of 1947.

[REDACTED] states that Dr. [REDACTED] told Pearson today that the FBI borrowed his negatives of the flying discs and when asked for their return the FBI told Rhodes the negatives were not available.

[REDACTED] asked whether there is any truth to this statement of [REDACTED] and what the FBI knew about him.

It appears that Pearson is interested in using the photographs on his television program and is desirous of borrowing them from the Bureau or having them returned to Dr. [REDACTED].

BACKGROUND:

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a Mr. [REDACTED], called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview [REDACTED] who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kinball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. [REDACTED] verified the fact that [REDACTED] came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel [REDACTED] of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist [REDACTED] not in investigating [REDACTED], but in simply talking with Dr. [REDACTED].

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By letter dated September 4, 1947, the Phoenix Office set forth in four pages the results of this interview and stated [REDACTED] had requested the negatives from [REDACTED] who did not have them in his immediate possession. [REDACTED] stated, however, he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning for transmittal to [REDACTED] at Hamilton Field, California.

cc - Mr. Tolson  
cc - Mr. Belmont  
REW:nd

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

June 4, 1952

On the morning of August 30, 1947, [redacted] delivered the negatives to the Phoenix Office at which time they were accepted with the understanding they were being given to Mr. [redacted], a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States Army, and that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives back. Mr. [redacted] turned the negatives over to the FBI with the full understanding they were being given to the Air Force and he would not get them back. (62-83894-80, page 4)

On April 17, 1950, Mr. [redacted] advised the Phoenix Office that True Magazine would like to secure the photographs which he had made available to Air Force Intelligence. At that time Rhodes was referred to OSI, Fourth Air Force Base, San Francisco, California, since they had been made available to this agency by the Phoenix Office on August 30, 1947.

By letter dated June 8, 1949, the Phoenix Office advised the Bureau that on the previous date Mr. [redacted], OSI representative, Phoenix, Arizona, called the Phoenix Office stating he had been requested by his superiors in San Francisco to obtain detailed information concerning the negatives since [redacted] had requested their return. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted]'s recollection on the matter was "hazy." OSI requested and was given with Bureau approval a memorandum setting out essentially the information related above concerning this matter.

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. [redacted] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [redacted] and in fact [redacted] knew full well the FBI turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

[redacted] was advised the FBI did not investigate this matter, did not investigate [redacted] and had no interest whatsoever in the matter other than to accompany the representative from Hamilton Field while interviewing [redacted]. [redacted] was told that for these reasons, of course, we had no information concerning the reliability of Rhodes.

[redacted] was most appreciative for receiving this information and said he would contact the office of Special Investigations of the Air Force for what assistance they might be to him. He said also he would straighten out [redacted], informing him the FBI only as a courtesy to the Air Force representatives received the negatives from him and transmitted them.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 17, 1952

FROM :

SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as above dated June 10, 1952, from Mr. [redacted] to Mr. Belmont, which requested that OSI be contacted to determine if they turned over negatives of photographs of flying discs taken by the above-captioned individual to Mr. [redacted] who works for Drew Pearson.

Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] and Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] of OSI were both contacted and both advised that no inquiries had been received by OSI from [redacted].

The Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative then contacted Colonel [redacted] of Air Force Intelligence (A-2) who likewise advised that no inquiries had been received by the Office of the Director of Intelligence from [redacted] or anyone in Pearson's office. It is noted that matters involving flying discs are handled by A-2. Colonel [redacted] advised that it was possible that any inquiries made by Drew Pearson's office would be made in the Office of the Public Information Officer of the Air Force. However, Colonel [redacted] contacted the Public Information Office, and he was advised that no inquiries had been received from Drew Pearson's office regarding flying discs and no photographs or negatives of photographs of flying discs had ever been furnished to Drew Pearson's office.

Colonel [redacted] advised that ordinarily when information regarding flying discs is received by Air Force representatives in the field, the information is referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, for research and correlation.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 10, 1952

FROM :

SUBJECT:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
FLYING DISCS

PURPOSE

To recommend that Bureau Liaison contact OSI to determine whether photographs allegedly taken by the captioned individual of a flying disc in 1947 were furnished by OSI to the office of Drew Pearson.

BACKGROUND

Bureau files reflect that on August 29, 1947, a [redacted], called at the Phoenix Office exhibiting credentials reflecting he represented A-2, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California. He asked an Agent to accompany him to interview [redacted] who previously reported the photographing of a flying disc in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947.

The Phoenix Office contacted SAC Harry Kimball of the San Francisco Office and Mr. Kimball verified the fact that [redacted] came to Phoenix as a representative of Colonel [redacted] of Hamilton Field, and it was suggested the Phoenix Office assist [redacted] not in investigating the matter, but in simply talking with Dr. [redacted].

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MEMO: [redacted] from [redacted]  
Mr. King 6/17/52  
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#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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Mr. [REDACTED] was advised by Wick that the FBI did not have in its possession the negatives referred to by Mr. [REDACTED] and in fact [REDACTED] knew full well the [REDACTED] turned them over to Air Force Intelligence representatives, Fourth Air Force Hamilton Field, California, on August 30, 1947, with the understanding he might never have them returned.

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It has been reported that Drew Pearson, on his television program of June 8, 1952, demonstrated photographs of flying discs. It is not known whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program are those referred to in the captioned case.

#### RECOMMENDATION

In order to bring our file in this matter to an up-to-date status and to resolve the question raised by the subject, it is recommended liaison contact OSI and determine whether the photographs displayed by Pearson on his television program of June 8, 1952, are the photographs obtained from the subject in this case. Inasmuch as                      indicated he would contact the OSI concerning this matter, it is believed highly probable that is where the photographs of flying discs were obtained by Pearson's office.