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ATIC NO.

DATE OF U/D 26 November 1948

AP NO.

LOCATION Eastern Washington, & Oregon

OUTLINE NO.

SOURCE Navy Cdr.

DATE OF REPORT

DATE IN TO ATIC

TYPE OF REPORTING

COLOR

NAME

SIZE Estimated

TIME

ALTITUDE Met. alt. Estimated

COURSE

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED

AB. IN GND

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial

FOUND

RADIOPHONES

PICTOS

SKETCHES

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ANKS:

Other

REMARKS: Source points out that although objects seemed authentic they were actually only reflections of the sun, from the tops of metal farm structures.

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1611 W. Wheeler Street
Seattle 99, Washington

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26 November 1948

From: Commander W. J. Young, USNR
TO: District Intelligence Officer, 13ND
SUBJECT: Flying Disks, Report on.

1. Reporting officer has had occasion to do considerable flying as a passenger in connection with his duties. On several occasions he has witnessed a phenomenon which could easily have been mistaken for flying disks. This phenomenon has been observed in the vast plains of the Willamette Valley and the plains of Eastern Washington and Oregon. One striking example was on the trip over the Willamette Valley on a clear sunny day when the blue haze, always present, seemed somewhat thicker than usual. The aircraft flying at 3,000 ft, appeared to be in company with several planes flying at altitudes from approximately 1,000 to 5,000 feet. Some appeared on the beam of the airplane, others on the bows or dead ahead. The objects would disappear from time to time and new ones would appear. It was finally determined that what looked to be aircraft at various altitudes were reflections of the sun from aluminum roofs or barns and other farm buildings at great distances from the aircraft. This was caused by the perspective of land converging with sky on the horizon, and the reflection of the roofs and the limited ground visibility made it appear as though these objects were actually airborne at various altitudes in the haze.

2. This report is not meant to discount the possibility of "flying disks" but may be helpful in the evaluation of the many reports which will be received from sincere sources once a cycle of such reports has started.

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s/ W. J. Young

W. J. Young
Comdr., USNR

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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B/L fm ND,ONI, dtd 10 Dec. 48, subj: Report on Flying Discs.

AFOIR-CO-5 (L-12-37) 1st Ind

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

31 DEC 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Wright Field, Ohio

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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Op-322v
P16-3/QN

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL
OPERATIONS
Washington 25, D. C.

Serial 08211P32

10 Dec 1948

From: Chief of Naval Intelligence
To: Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force
(Attn: Air Intelligence Requirements Division)

SUBJECT: Report on Flying Discs

Reference: (a) DI/USAF Conf ltr AFOIR-OO-5 dtg 14 Oct 48

Enclosure: (A) DIO 13ND Conf ltr to CNO (CNI) dtd 26 Nov 48
with enclosure attached thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith as a matter of
interest to your office in compliance with reference (a).

D. L. DAY
By direction

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THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. Naval Station
Seattle 99, Washington

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DIO/13NDO
Flying Discs (JACKET)

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From: District Intelligence Officer THIRTEENTH Naval
District

TO: Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

Subject: "Flying Discs"

Reference: (a) CNO Conf. ltr. Op-322V P16-3/QN Ser 04422p32
dtd 4 Nov 1948

Enclosure: (A) (HW) Report of Commander W. J. YOUNG, U. S. N. R.
Dated 26 November 1948.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded as being of possible interest.
2. The reporting officer is Commander YOUNG.

s/A. E. Jarrell

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