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Subject: 1947 J. EDGAR HOOVER FBI

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Office Memorandum - United States Government

TO : D. M. Ladd DATE: 7/10/47  
FROM : E. G. Fitch  
SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS

At request of Brigadier General George F. Schulgen, Chief of the Requirements Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence, Special Agent [ ] discussed the above captioned matter with him on July 9, 1947. General Schulgen indicated to [ ] that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilizing all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the thought that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled.

General Schulgen also indicated to [ ] that all Air Corps installations have been alerted to run out each reported sighting to obtain all possible data to assist in this research project. In passing, General Schulgen that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was thoroughly interrogated by General Schulgen and scientists, as well as a psychologist, and the pilot was adamant in his claim that he saw a flying disk.

General Schulgen advised [ ] that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called flying disks were fallacious and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon.

General Schulgen indicated to [ ] that he is desirous of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports of his scientists and findings of the various Air Corps installations will be available in his office. He advised that to complete the picture he desired the assistance of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks, or whether their statements were prompted by personal desires for publicity or political reasons. General Schulgen assured [ ] that there are no War Department or Navy Department research projects presently being conducted which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated to [ ] that if the Bureau would cooperate with him in this matter, he would offer all the facilities of his office as to results obtained in the effort to identify and run down this matter.

[ ] advised General Schulgen that his request would be made known to the Bureau and an answer made available to him as soon as possible

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ also discussed this matter with Colonel L. H. Forney of MID. Colonel Forney indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request.

SWR:AJB

ADDENDUM

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

DML

(Clyde Tolson) - I think we should do this. (Dated 7/15)

(J. Edgar Hoover) - I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the [Sw or La] case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination.

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From: UFO INFO SERVICE

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Subject: 1947 AAF W/FBI UFO INVES.

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DATE OF DOCUMENT 7/30/1947

(B) FLYING DISCS -- The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Force intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigation of flying discs. The Air Forces have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would descend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria.

(AUTHORIZATION TO INVESTIGATE)

7-30-47

BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 42

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Series 1947

You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it is a bonifide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria, or playing a prank.

The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have asured the Bureau complete cooperating in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Any information you develop in connection with these discs should be promptly brought to the attention of the Army through your usual liason channels.

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From: UFO INFO SERVICE

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Subject: 1966 J.E.HOOVER RESPONSE

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ST-101

July 21, 1966

Cleburne, Texas 76031

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Your letter of July 16th has been received.

For your information, the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects is not and never has been a matter that is within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I can assure you the photograph you mentioned does not represent employees of this Bureau and the FBI has never had custody of an occupant from a foreign planet.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to our activities which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (2)

Know your FBI  
Story of the FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Bureau has had other inquiries concerning this photograph. The article which appeared in a recent issue of this magazine purported to be an actual report of unidentified flying objects and has been brought to the attention of the Bureau previously. In view of the fictional aspects of the material and our relations with "Real" magazine no contact was made with the magazine regarding the representation of FBI Agents.

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Subject: 1949 FBI MEMO RE: PHOTOS

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI  
FROM : SAC KNOXVILLE  
SUBJECT : "FLYING SAUCERS" OBSERVED OVER  
OAK RIDGE AREA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: January 10, 1949

There are being submitted herewith two photographs of reputedly "flying saucers" which were seen at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, sometime during July of 1947. All of the information contained in this letter was received from George Rateman, Resident Engineer, Air Material Command, United States Army, who is the principal army technician at the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research Center at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. Rateman advised that the attached photographs were taken by \_\_\_\_\_

in July of 1947. He stated that interview with \_\_\_\_\_ revealed that he had been snapping photographs of his family in front of his residence at 218 Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, late in the afternoon, when he looked into the sky and observed the vapor trail as exhibited by the photograph numbered "1." \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he took a snap of this trail, was winding the film to the next number, when he looked into the sky and observed the ball of fire as shown in photograph 2. \_\_\_\_\_ made these photographs available to reporters of the Knoxville News-Sentinel and a story concerning them was run in that paper; however, as shown by the photostatic copy of the newspaper clipping, which is also being submitted herewith to the Bureau, the print was very indistinct; the news story did not contain any factual information; and it was regarded generally by the public at the time as a possible trick.

Later, it was learned by Rateman and \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ had made several copies of this photograph and had distributed them among his acquaintances at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Upon \_\_\_\_\_ finding that the photographs had received some distribution, he requested Rateman as Head of the Compliance and Investigations Division, to recover as many as possible of the photographs, advise the persons in whose possession they were found to say nothing to anyone concerning them, and to return the said photographs to him for transmission to the United States Air Force Intelligence Service. Rateman advises that he succeeded in rounding up twenty four copies of these photographs, and that, according to the statements of \_\_\_\_\_, no more copies were made or distributed. Rateman further stated that \_\_\_\_\_ had appeared extremely concerned over the matter and seemed quite emphatic that the matter should be given no more publicity than was absolutely necessary. Rateman also advised that he studied the negatives from which the reproductions were made, and they appeared to be authentic in that trick photography should have been apparent, but from the \_\_\_\_\_.

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23 September 1947

SUBJECT: AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"  
TO: Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen  
AC/AS-2

1. As requested by AC/AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this command concerning the so-called "Flying Discs." This opinion is based on interrogation report data furnished by AC/AS-2 and preliminary studied by personnel of T-2 and Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division T-3. This opinion was arrived at in a conference between personnel from the Air Institute of Technology, Intelligence T-2, Office, Chief of Engineering Division, and the Aircraft, Power

Plant and Propeller Laboratories of Engineering Division T-3.

2. It is the opinion that:

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximately the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.
- c. There is the possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.
- d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.
- e. The apparent common description of the objects is as follows:
  - (1) Metallic or light reflecting surface.
  - (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances when the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions.
  - (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.
  - (4) Several reports of well kept formation flights varying from three to nine objects.
  - (5) Normally no associated sound, except in three instances a substantial rumbling roar was noted.
  - (6) Level flight speeds normally about 300 knots are estimated.

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