

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION.**

FILE NO. 24-23 DATE 17 August 1949

REPORT MADE BY LYNN C. ALDRICH

REPORT MADE AT DO #17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 7, 20, 21 June, 15, 18, 19 July 49

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

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REFERENCE Report prepared by SA THOMAS F. DOYLE, Jr., DO 5, Wright-Patterson AFB, file #Sd-

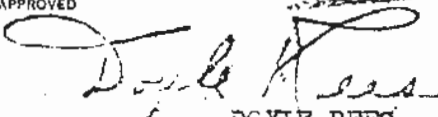
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Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Arizona Corporation Commission checked with negative results. Credit Bureau record attached as Exhibit A. City directories and telephone directory checked. Mr and Mrs. [REDACTED] neighbors, stated SUBJECT is excellent neighbor, caused no trouble, is emotionally high strung, egotistical and a genius in fundamentals of radio and electronics. SUBJECT is musician by trade, has no steady job and devotes all of his time to research. SUBJECT wrote scientific article for nationally known magazine and received honorary Doctor of Science degree from [REDACTED] University for this article. [REDACTED] was name devised by SUBJECT to impress people with his importance. SUBJECT conducts no business under this name; enjoys a good reputation in community and is a loyal citizen. Mrs. [REDACTED] another neighbor, disclosed SUBJECT is a good neighbor who caused no trouble in community. SUBJECT is musician by trade, but spends his time to research in electronics, astronomy, radio and photography. SUBJECT wrote thesis on astronomy and was offered an honorary scholarship by [REDACTED] University in east (name unknown). SUBJECT has no close friends or associates, and informant knew no information concerning the origin of [REDACTED]. Files of T-1 reflected the report of interview and observations of Agent. Local agencies checked with negative results.

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Investigation of "Flying  
Discs"  
2 September 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

On 29 August 1947 in the presence of S/A Brower (FBI Office, Phoenix, Arizona) [redacted] was interviewed at his residence at [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, in connection with investigation of the "Flying Discs". Mr. Rhodes stated that on the afternoon of 7 July 1947 immediately following a local thunderstorm, at about 1:00 hrs., he was walking from his home toward his workshop (located approximately 100ft. directly back of the house) when he heard a noise in the east which sounded to him very much like the approach of a jet airplane, possibly a P-80. He stopped and looked to the east but saw nothing for several seconds. A few seconds later, however, an object appeared from the north-east. The object seemed elliptical in shape with a diameter of 20-30ft. At first sight, it appeared to be at about 5000ft., traveling about 400 to 600MPH. Its color was gray, which made it blend into the clouds and difficult to see at a distance. As soon as it appeared in the north-east, the object spiraled downward reaching a level of about 2000ft. at the end of its second spiral, and then started upward into the west at an angle of 45 degrees, disappearing into the cumulus clouds which appeared to be at about 5000ft. at that time. The object was visible from the time of its appearance in the north-east to its disappearance into the west about 60 seconds. In spite of the fact that a noise was heard prior to the appearance of the object, while in view, it produced no audible sound. The tail of the object had two points on the outside area, visible as it made its two left-to-right circles, which had an approximate radius of 1/4 to 1/2 miles. The object had what looked like a cockpit canopy in the center extending toward the back and under the object. The cockpit did not protrude from the surface but was clearly visible with the naked eye. The object was not revolving on its own axis. It had no discernible landing gears nor propellers. It appeared to have an excellent air foil (tapered from wing tip to wing tip). Mr. [redacted] stated that it is possible that he did not hear the object while it was in sight because of the rustling of tree leaves set up by a wind velocity of 10-15MPH. He also stated that the first sight of the object caused him to think it might be the Navy's new Flapjack plane illustrated on the cover of the May 1947 issue of "Mechanix Illustrated". He later altered his opinion because the object appeared to have no landing gears and no propellers, and the Navy ship is illustrated as having both. [redacted] stated that immediately after the object had started into its first spiral he ran to get his camera, which he kept loaded and set at all times for the purpose of taking candid action shots of his family and which he kept right inside the door of the workshop. By the time he returned with it, the object had completed one circle and had started its second. At the same time he called to his wife who was in the house, but by the time she arrived in the back yard the object had disappeared. [redacted] stated that he managed to take one photograph of the object while it was at its lowest point (about 2000ft.) (Exhibit I) and another just as it turned out of its second spiral and started upward. (Exhibit II). The second

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photograph includes the tops of some trees and a telephone pole. Mr. [redacted] stated that he developed the negatives himself. He still had the negative of the first photograph (Exhibit III), but he could not find the negative for the second photograph.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA

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SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTENTION: AC of AS-2

Attached MOIC is forwarded your office in compliance with  
letter Headquarters Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field, New York,  
subject as above, dated 7 July 47.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER P. BURNHAM  
CWO, U. S. Army,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

Incls:  
MOIC Aldrich 14 Jul 47 (dup)

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,  
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,  
ARIZONA.

14 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The Subject objects flew at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. [REDACTED] home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. [REDACTED] and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. [REDACTED]. The height of the object was estimated at 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.

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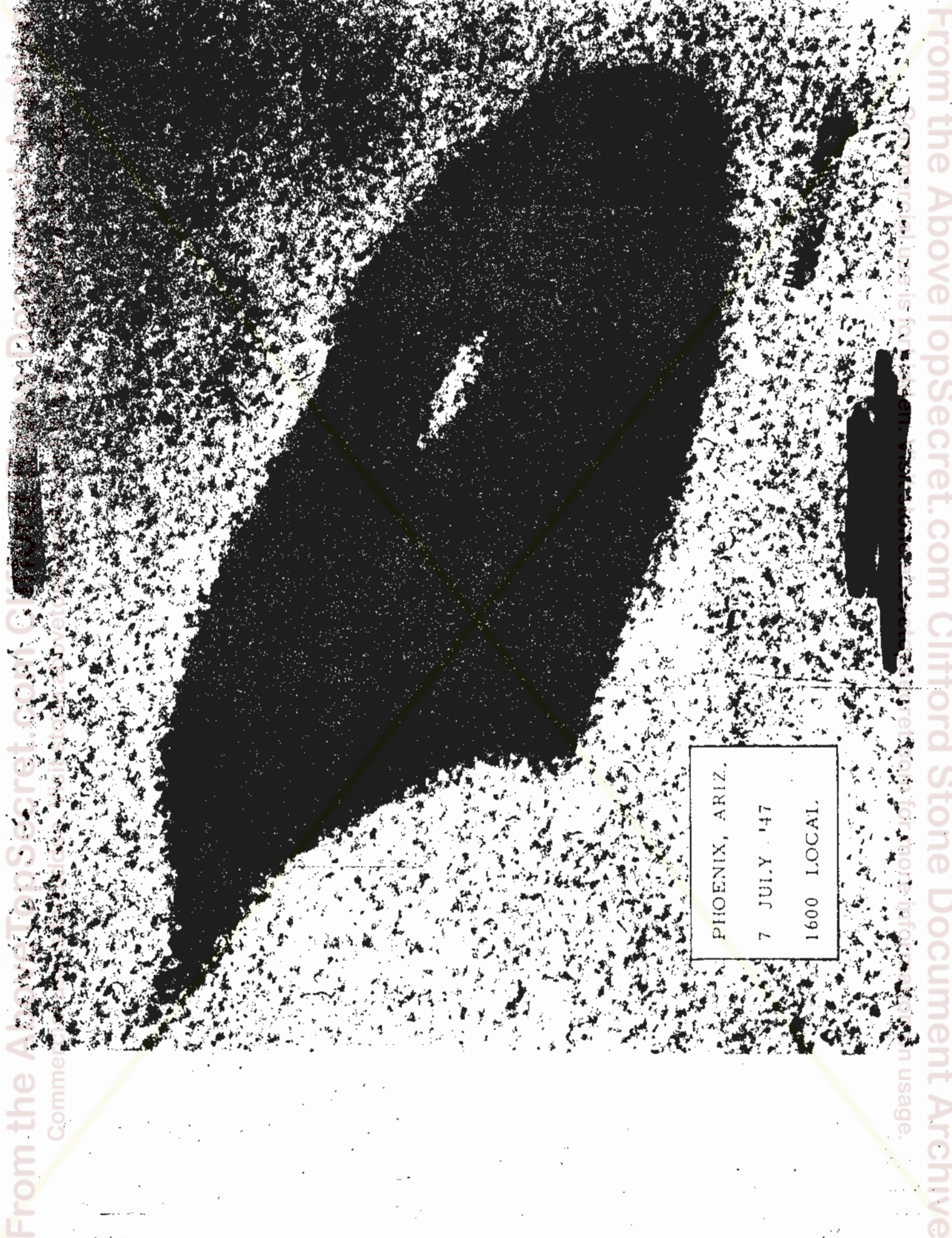
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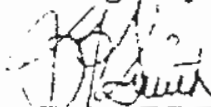
# ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Negatives of UFO's Taken By [REDACTED] of Phoenix, Arizona in 1947

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center DATE 19 Jan 54  
 ATTN: Capt Hardin  
 FROM: Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O APOIN-X/Lt Col Smith/tjc/71092 COMMENT NO. 1

These negatives and explaining letter were brought to this office for final disposition, therefore, we are forwarding to you.

  
 W. K. SMITH  
 Lt Colonel, USAF

- 2 Incls  
 1. Ltr to PIO dtd 14 Aug 52 fr Capt Philip Haring, PIO  
 2. Negatives a/s

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)  
HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE  
HAMILTON, CALIFORNIA

REF 3/8/52

SUBJECT: Photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects (FLICHT)

FROM: Commanding General  
Western Air Defense Force  
Hamilton Air Force Base  
Hamilton, California  
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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TO: Director of Intelligence  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with letter, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, dated 1 August 1952, the Historical Officer, this headquarters, forwarded negatives of "Flying Saucers" to the above office on 12 August 1952.

2. Forwarded herewith for information are copies of prints made from negatives sent to the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense.

3. Photographs of the "Flying Saucers" were taken by [REDACTED] on 7 July 1947 at Phoenix, Arizona. The first photograph, Incl No. 1, was reported taken when object was at its lowest point, approximately 2000 ft above the terrain. The second photograph, Incl No. 2, was reported taken when object started its climb upward.

4. Complete information relative to subject photographs may be obtained from the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Fourth Air Force, this Base.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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- 1. Photo taken at lowest altitude
- 2. Photo taken as object started upward

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10, AFIC  
ATTN: ATIAA-2c

[REDACTED]

AFO II-283  
Capt Fournet/llz/  
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JUN 18 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Declassification of Unidentified Flying Object Photographs

1. In accordance with request contained in your memorandum of 5 June 1952, photographs 34921 A. C. and A-34921 A. C. taken by Mr. [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona in July 1947 have been reviewed by this office and an attempt has been made to locate the original negatives.

2. The original negatives are not on file in this Directorate nor at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. If it is determined that the Photographic Records and Services Division here does not have them, it is suggested that Mr. [redacted] be asked to furnish sufficient data to facilitate tracer action. Such information should include the name and rank of the officer to whom the negatives were submitted as well as the organization, location and date. All of this data should appear on the receipt obtained by Mr. [redacted].

3. If, upon completion of the action suggested above, it is established that the original negatives have never been returned to Mr. [redacted], it is recommended that this be done as soon as they can be located since current policy is to retain personal photographic negatives of unidentified flying objects only as long as is required to analyze and duplicate them for USAF use. Such action would automatically declassify the photographs.

4. It is also recommended that the letter accompanying the original negatives upon their return to Mr. [redacted] include an expression of apology. This should state our regret that, because of an oversight, the negatives were not returned promptly. Such a statement will possibly eliminate any air or secrecy which may have become associated with them as a result of their prolonged retention by the USAF. In this manner, it is hoped that Mr. [redacted] and the press will not accord them any unwarranted attention.

5. Although the photographs would be on file in this Directorate as unclassified following the action suggested in paragraphs

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3 and 4, it is requested that no attention be directed to them, particularly that of press representatives, for the same reason as stated in paragraph 4.

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*for: William W. Wilson, Col, USAF*  
EDWARD H. FORCER  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Director for Estimates  
Directorate of Intelligence

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(See instructions on reverse side of page)

1. ITEM NO.	2. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>	3. DATE TRANSMITTED 11 June 1952
4. FROM: (Name & Symbol) Lt C. J. Ruppalt, ATIAA-20	5. TO: (Name & Symbol) Capt Fournet, AFOLB-33	
<p>Security Information. Reference TT 143 dated 10 June 52, CSAP Item #4. AIGC has no negatives of the unidentified object that were taken by Mr. ██████████ in July 47. In addition, there is no information available as to whether or not ██████████ ever sent his negatives to the Air Force or whether he just sent prints. We do have some rather poor quality prints of the object. As you know, we have concluded that these photos were probably not authentic. It seems as if Mr. ██████████ attempted to get on the "picture selling band wagon" and if he can prove he sent the negatives to AIGC or to the Air Force and they were never returned, it may lead to a touchy situation. Will you answer Mr. ██████████ or do you request that we answer? Copy negatives of the prints can be made if you so desire, however, the originals are not here.</p>		
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TT-143 CSAP Item #4 SUBJECT NAME FROM AFOLB-33 Fournet		13 June 52 SUSPENSE DATE DATE 10 June 52 FILE DESIGNATION E538424 NUMBER TYPE TT
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7. ORIGINATED BY: (Name) Lt C. J. Ruppalt,		
8. APPROVED BY: (Name)		
TO ATIAA-20 Ruppalt DATE 10 June 52 REPORT OR INCORPORATED TO FILED IN OTHER ACTION		
Air Adjutant General, AFISA		

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Block 9. Air Adjutant General Enter signature.

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CSAF ITEM 4 (UNCL)

[REDACTED]

TO ATIAARC SUPPELT

FROM APOIN-283 FOURNET

REF PHOTOS OF W/I OBJECT TAKEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA IN JULY 47.

USAF OPR HAS REQUEST FROM [REDACTED] FOR RETURN

OF HIS NEGATIVES AS REF ABOVE. REQUEST

YOU SEARCH YOUR FILES FOR THESE AND, IF

FOUND, FORWARD THEM TO US SOONEST. WE

WILL ENSURE THAT DUPLICATE NEGATIVES ARE

MADE FOR YOU BEFORE RETURN TO [REDACTED]

PLS ADVISE SOONEST ACTION BEING TAKEN.

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ITEM 3 AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
FROM LT E J RUFFELY ATIAA-2C  
TO CAPT FOURNET AFOIN-2B3

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11 JUN 52

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REFERENCE TT 143 DATED 10 JUNE 52,  
CSAF ITEM NO 4. ATIC HAS NO NEGATIVES OF  
THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT THAT WERE TAKEN  
BY MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IN JULY 47. IN ADDITION,  
THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS  
TO WHETHER MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ EVER SENT HIS NEGATIVES TO  
THE AIR ORCE OR WHETHER HE JUST SENT PRINTS.  
WE DO HAVE SOME RATHER POOR QUALITY PRINTS  
OF THE OBJECT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THESE  
PHOTOS WERE PROBABLY NOT AUTHENTIC. IT  
SEEMS AS IF MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IS ATTEMPTING TO  
GET ON THE "PICTURE SEELING BAND WAGON"  
AND IF HE CAN PROVE HE SENT THE NEGATIVES  
TO ATIC OR TO THE AIR FORCE AND THEY WERE NEVER  
RETURNED, IT MAY LEAD TO A TOUCHY SITUATION. WILL  
YOU ANSWER MR. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ OR DO YOU REQUEST THAT WE  
REVERT COPY NEGATIVES OF THE PRINTS CAN  
BE MADE IF YOU SO DESIRE, HOWEVER, THE  
ORIGINALS ARE NOT HERE.

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END ITEM 3 AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~



PROJECT CONTR RECORD		PROJECT NO. 6-109
SUBJECT Declassifying Photographs of Unidentified Flyint Objects		
DISCUSS 12 June	DATE RECEIVED 10 June	
ORIGINATED BY Deputy Dir of Public Info		
ACTION BRANCH TC	BRANCH PROJECT OFFICER	
REQUIREMENT  For preparation of reply & return to CIN-2B.		
APPROSED APPROACH  Routine		
ACTION TAKEN  Prepared Memo For Deputy Director of Public Information, 16 Jun 52		
RECOMMENDED FURTHER ACTION  None		
MAN HOURS REQUIRED  Capt Fournet - 1 hour Miss Guider - 45 minutes		
DATE FORWARDED	APPROVED BY	

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5 June 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, DCS/O

SUBJECT: Declassifying Photographs of Unidentified Flying Objects

1. This office understands that two photographs of unidentified flying objects were taken by a Mr. ██████████ of Phoenix, Arizona, and that these photographs were turned over to Fourth Air Force Intelligence in July of 1947.

This office has been contacted by Mr. ██████████ who is requesting return of his original negatives.

2. The two photographs were copied by the Photographic Records and Services Division of the Air Adjutant General's Office at this headquarters and are in a confidential file of Unidentified Missiles as A-3492LAC and 3492LAC.

3. This office requests that consideration be given to declassifying these two photographs and that the original negatives be sent to this office for return to Mr. ██████████

/s/  
ARNO H. LUEHMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Director of  
Public Information

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.

5D-24-27

DATE

19 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY

THOMAS P. DOYLE, JR

REPORT MADE AT

DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

PERIOD

15, 16, 17 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

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REMARKS

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, in connection with a "flying disc" report. Information on the status of SUBJECT'S business and the standing of SUBJECT in the community is desired.

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Captain, USAF

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19 May 1949

SUBJECT:

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MCIAAS

1. Reference is made to Comment 1, R&R from your office, subject: "Investigation of Flying Discs," dated 2 May 1949, signed by Colonel H. R. CLINGEMAN.

2. Attached for your information are two copies of the report of Special Agent Thomas F. Doyle, Jr, 5th OSI District, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 19 May 1949.

3. This is an initial report. The investigation is continuing in other OSI District offices. Subsequent reports will be forwarded for your review.

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Rpt of SA T. F. Doyle  
dtd 19 May 49 (in dnp)

THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR  
Captain, USAF  
Acting District Commander

Copy to: OSI B1

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon a Routing & Record Sheet, subject: "Investigation of Flying Discs," dated 2 May 1949, signed by W. E. CLINGERMAN, Colonel, USAF, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Colonel CLINGERMAN indicates that he is in receipt of a Memorandum written by GEORGE FUGATE, JR, Special Agent, CIE-ADC-4AF, in which Mr. [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, hereinafter referred to as SUBJECT, was interviewed as an observer of a "flying disc." SUBJECT contended that he took a picture of this disc, and two positive prints of these photos were turned over to the CIE agent. Photographic experts cannot agree as to whether the photographs mentioned in SA FUGATE'S report could have been taken under the conditions described. The experts do agree that the technique used in development and printing of the pictures is extremely crude.

Colonel CLINGERMAN requests inquiry to investigate the standing of the [REDACTED] and of SUBJECT in the community. It is further desired to know the type and amount of business conducted by the organization and with whom; and the social and professional status of SUBJECT.

Colonel CLINGERMAN states that later correspondence from the SUBJECT implies that he is connected with a [REDACTED] and Observatory in Phoenix, Arizona and refers to himself variously as Chief of Staff and President of that organization. He also uses the title "Doctor." According to his letterhead, one of the specialties of [REDACTED]

AT DAYTON, OHIO

2. On 16 May 1949 at the Headquarters 5th District OSI (IG), the writer interviewed Special Agent GEORGE FUGATE, JR, previously mentioned in this report, formerly a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps, Air Defense Command, 14th Air Force.

Mr. FUGATE said that the interview resulting in the Memorandum previously mentioned was a bit hazy in his mind. FUGATE said that he had been instructed to interview SUBJECT in the company of Special Agent BRONER of the FBI Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. FUGATE states that the thing he remembers most is the fact he saw a large quantity of expensive looking radio equipment in SUBJECT'S home. This did not seem to be in keeping with SUBJECT'S station in life.

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FUGATE further related that about four months ago, approximately February, a friend had shown him an article in the Question and Answer Section of a magazine. FUGATE advised that the magazine is titled "Amazing Stories." The article was based on a letter by a Mr. [REDACTED] of Phoenix, Arizona. The article stated that Mr. [REDACTED] had been interviewed by two Federal agents. That he [REDACTED] had turned over two pictures of "flying discs" to these agents, and that the pictures had never been returned. Mr. [REDACTED] desired information as to how he could sue the Federal Government for these pictures. Mr. FUGATE feels that this individual is the SUBJECT of this investigation, [REDACTED]

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Identification of Subject Matter (as per sample)

RE: [REDACTED]  
ATTN: [REDACTED]

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1. The results obtained in Comment 1 were made before your office received the camera in question. It is, therefore, requested that additional comment be forwarded giving results of the completed examination.

2. Clarification is desired on the following points:

a. Par 1a Comment 1. The conclusion as a result of relations between the "tail" of the image, distortion due to shutter, speed of object and shutter speed.

b. Par 1b Comment 1. The subject is stated as having low visual contrast whereas in the contact print the contrast is very great.

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- 1. Photographs
- 2. Cy of Rpt

by S/A Bagata, Jr

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE DAYTON OHIO

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-27

SUBJECT: ~~REDACTED~~

TO : Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: WCIAXS

1. Reference is made to report of Special Agent THOMAS F. DOYLE, SA, of this office, dated 19 May 1949.
2. Attached for your further information are two copies of the report of Special Agent LYNN C. ALDRICH, District Office No. 17, Kirtland AFB, dated 17 August 1949. With the submission of this report all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported.
3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of any action which may be taken.

1 Incl (1x dup)  
R/I of S/A ALDRICH,  
dtd 17 Aug 49

*Jessie M. Braun*  
JESSIE M. BRAUN  
Acting District Commander

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Receipt of your letter to Col McCoy is acknowledged.

A letter has been written to Mr. Lewis Larnore as per your suggestion in an attempt to secure copies of the photographs mentioned.

It would be appreciated if you would forward any additional information about this or other sightings that may come to your attention.

Yours very truly,

H. M. MCCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

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(Unclassified) Aerial Phenomena

Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O, Air Intelligence Sqdts  
17, Documents & Dissemination Branch

Office of Special Investigations, IG

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1. Forwarded herewith for your information is copy of a report of investigation dated 17 August 1949, subject: ~~REDACTED~~ (Incl 1).

2. Paragraph 8, above referenced report, states that Subject, on 7 July 1947, had taken photographs of an odd shaped aircraft. Attached hereto, as Incls 2 and 3, are copies of the photographs mentioned in the report.

3 Incls

- 1. By R/I, 17 Aug 49
- 2. Photo re Aircraft
- 3. Photo re Aircraft

WILLIAM M. TURNER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Executive, Special Investigations  
The Inspector General, USAF

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ground; that he fully expected that the object would be light on a dark background. He described the light spot which appears in the center of the object (Exhibit II) as being a green house. [redacted] insisted that the ship made no noise that was audible to his ear and he was unable to detect the presence of any propeller. He also related that after the newspaper release over Radio Station WMAZ, wherein statements were made that he, [redacted] had stated Army officials were studying the photographs, and that it was a top secret, he attempted to determine the source of this release and the Radio station finally told him that it was a United Press release from Washington, D. C.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from a conversation and interrogation:

Age	39
Date Birth	11-28-13
Place Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Education	Phoenix Union High School
Marital status	Married - one son

It should be stated that at the time of interview with [redacted] Mr. [redacted] identified himself as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and exhibited his credentials. However, pursuant to a request from Mr. FUGATE, he was introduced only as a representative of the United States government. His exact official connection was not well known to Mr. [redacted] Agent CROWER advised that he felt it was a peculiar procedure, but it was not his business. However, at the conclusion of the interview, Mr. [redacted] requested Mr. [redacted] to furnish him with the negatives and [redacted] stated he would be glad to do so, but they were not in his immediate possession, and he would deliver them to the FBI the following morning. Mr. [redacted] requested that the negatives be returned to him. Agent [redacted] states that to this request, Mr. [redacted] made no reply. Agent CROWER states that after leaving Mr. [redacted] he asked [redacted] if the negatives would be returned to Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that he doubted very much that they would be returned. Mr. [redacted] then advised Mr. FUGATE that before he, CROWER, would accept these negatives that [redacted] must be advised of Mr. FUGATE's identity and also advised that the negatives, if turned over to Mr. FUGATE, would not be returned to him.

In view of which, on the morning of August 30, 1947, when Mr. [redacted] called at the Phoenix office to deliver the negatives, they were accepted only after he was advised that they were being given to Mr. [redacted] a representative of the Army Air Force Intelligence, United States [redacted] that there was little, if any, chance of his getting the negatives. [redacted] turned the negatives over to this office with the full understanding that they were being given to the Army and that he would not get them.

On 20 June 1963, name files of the following agencies were checked for negative results:

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and the clouds were at approximately 3,000 feet, the color of which was grey and they resembled dense cumulus. A fifteen mile per hour wind was blowing. At approximately 5 PM on that date, Mr. [redacted] was walking from his home to the [redacted] shop and he heard a noise resembling a P-51 aircraft, apparently coming in a westerly direction. On searching outside he observed to the north-east what appeared to be an odd shaped ship. He described this ship as being possibly 20 to 30 feet in diameter, traveling at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. It appeared to be making a spiral in a small radius of possibly one-half to three quarters of a mile. [redacted] stated the sound which he first heard was not clearly audible; that he hurriedly procured a 135 Brownie box camera from his shop, and as the aircraft completed the first circle he obtained a photograph. As the ship started on the second turn, it was in a northwesterly direction from his place and he again snapped a photograph, which more closely resembled the shape of the ship than photograph #1, this being designated as Exhibit II, as submitted to the Bureau with letter dated August 4, 1947, by the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff A-2 Intelligence, Maxwell Field, California. [redacted] further described the direction of the ship's turning, that instead of completing the left-hand downward spiral the ship turned to the right and disappeared into the clouds. He stated that just as it turned, he had snapped the second photograph, Exhibit II.

At the last point, which was at the time the ship made this turn, Mr. [redacted] estimated it to be between 1,000 and 2,000 feet high. He further described the appearance of this ship as closely resembling a picture which appeared on the front cover of the May 1947 issue of the magazine Illustrated Magazine, the only difference noted by Mr. [redacted] being that the ship appeared to be flying backward.

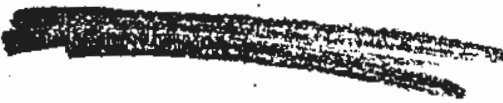
[redacted] also related that he did not associate the appearance of this ship with the numerous reports of flying discs. He related, however, that after a three minute interview with newspaper reporters the story that appeared in the local papers was "blown up" to the extent that he, [redacted] barely recognized the information furnished by him. Mr. [redacted] explained that the aforementioned dimensions and distances were only estimated, pointing out that his previous experience probably assisted him in making fairly close estimates. He related that he had been doing experimental work for the past ten years. He also stated he was employed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Washington, D. C. during the early part of World War II and left there the beginning of 1947. Upon his return to Phoenix, he was employed at Falcon Field near Phoenix which was leased by the British Government for training purposes. He instructed in instrument training, aircraft identification and gunnery practice. He explained that his hobbies have to do with science, physics, radio, electronics and astronomy. He produced a model which he had made of a radio controlled airplane. He related that most of his work consists of building transformers but it is also necessary for him to depend upon his manual ability for his livelihood.

While explaining the results of photographing the object, Mr. [redacted] stated he was surprised that the object appeared dark on a light back-

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SUBJECT's father and mother are presently living with [redacted] SUBJECT's mother was born in Russia and came to the United States in 1900. She married [redacted] a U.S. Citizen, shortly after the start of World War I. SUBJECT is [redacted] divorced from his first wife, [redacted], and has the custody of their seven (7) year old son. [redacted] married [redacted], a girl from a prominent Mesa, Arizona family, in 1947. SUBJECT's wife teaches the 4th grade at [redacted] school and this is the only source of income the [redacted] family has, except when SUBJECT occasionally plays with a dance band. SUBJECT owns a 1947 Willy's Jeep station wagon as well as his home. [redacted] and his family are presently on an extended vacation trip through the western states. SUBJECT is not a religious man and is a registered Democrat, although he did not vote in the last election. As far as informants know, SUBJECT is honest, truthful, loyal, dependable and one who has no bad habits. [redacted] has no close friends or acquaintances and informants know of no one else who knew SUBJECT except Mrs [redacted] a neighbor.

On 18 July 1948, Mrs [redacted] clerk [redacted] was interviewed and related she had been a neighbor of [redacted] since 1945, but does not know him too well, inasmuch as she works during the day. SUBJECT has caused no trouble in the community and is a good neighbor. SUBJECT is an inventor and devotes all of his time to research in electronics, astronomy, radio and photography. [redacted] develops and prints all of his photographs, is an excellent radio repairman and built a small telescope for study astronomy. SUBJECT recently wrote a thesis on astronomy and was awarded an honorary scholarship by some big University in the east (name unknown). SUBJECT is a musician by trade and has no steady job. He plays occasionally with a dance band in and around Phoenix. SUBJECT's wife, [redacted] is a school teacher at [redacted] school and her pay is the only source of income the [redacted] have. SUBJECT has a seven (7) year old son by his first marriage and married his present wife in 1947. SUBJECT's mother was born in Russia and came to this country in 1901. [redacted] is an only child, is emotionally high strung and egotistical. SUBJECT's parents are presently living with him and his mother is an invalid. Informant considers [redacted] an asset to the neighborhood as he is community minded and devotes much of his time to community projects. SUBJECT dislikes cats and dogs and has shot one dog and several cats which have come into his yard. SUBJECT owns his home and a 1947 Willy's Jeep station wagon. SUBJECT has no religious belief and Mrs [redacted] did not know his political affiliation. [redacted] is honest, truthful, dependable and a loyal citizen. SUBJECT has no close friends or acquaintances and informant knew of no individuals who knew SUBJECT.

On 20 June 1948, the records of T-1, a Federal Investigative Agency [redacted] the following information was obtained:

[redacted] Phoenix, Arizona owns [redacted] and [redacted] at this address, the following is occurring on the afternoon of July 7, 1947:

[redacted] had occurred in Phoenix on the afternoon of July 7, 1947,

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DETAILS:

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AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

1. On 7 June 1949, the records of the Better Business Bureau, Room 257, Adams Hotel; the Chamber of Commerce, 124 North Second Ave; and the Arizona Corporation Commission, Capitol Annex, reflected no record concerning SUBJECT or the PANORAMIC RESEARCH LABORATORY.

2. On 7 June 1949, the City Directories revealed the following information, during the years shown:

- 1942 No record
- 1945-46 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] employee of Wayne's Midway Inn)
- 1946-47 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] Research Laboratory, h [REDACTED])
- 1947-48 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] h [REDACTED])
- 1948-49 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] [REDACTED])
- 1949-50 [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] musician, [REDACTED])

NOTE: There no city directories published from 1942 to 1945."

3. On 7 June 1949, the June 1949 telephone directory was reviewed and listed SUBJECT was listed as: [REDACTED]. The unclassified section of the phone directory failed to disclose SUBJECT's name under Physicians & Surgeons (MD), Dentists and Veterinarians.

4. On 21 June 1949, record of the Credit Bureau, 1017 N Central Ave, was checked and a copy of [REDACTED] credit record was obtained and is inclosed as Exhibit A. There was no record of any credit transactions under the name [REDACTED].

5. On 15 July 1949, Mr and Mrs [REDACTED], [REDACTED] were interviewed and stated they have been neighbors of SUBJECT since 1943. SUBJECT is an excellent neighbor, has caused no trouble in the community and spends considerable time to community projects. SUBJECT is emotionally high, egotistical and a genius when it comes to the fundamentals of radio electronics. SUBJECT has no real occupation but is a musician by trade. [REDACTED] devotes most of his time to research work in radio, electronics, astronomy, radar and photography. SUBJECT has built a small telescope to [REDACTED] has made a television set and numerous other items. [REDACTED] wrote a scientific article for a nationally known magazine (name [REDACTED]) which was read by someone (name unknown) at [REDACTED] University. As a result of this article SUBJECT was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from [REDACTED] University. Informants disclosed that the name [REDACTED] was devised by [REDACTED] to impress people and that he conducted business under this name.

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