

Abstract:**THE FIRST MILITARY RELEASE ON A CRASHED UFO...**

Enclosure No. 4.

On July 9, 1947, the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE published the following release of the Roswell Army Base, New Mexico, public information officer:

The declassified documents of the Department of Defense (Army, Navy, Air Force), Project Blue Book, Atomic Energy Commission, Air Force Intelligence, CIA, FBI, have proved as a fact that between 1947-49, the Los Alamos-Albuquerque — Las Cruces — Roswell triangle in the State of New Mexico, with the White Sands Military Proving Ground within, — during the TOP SECRET EXPERIMENTATION with atomic energy and the first guided missiles, was under the tightest surveillance of "FLYING DISCS". (Consult for Pentagon's documentation: ICUFON Archives.)

...AND ON ITS COVERUP**San Francisco Chronicle**

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ROSWELL STATEMENT

A platter - puzzled Nation thought it was about to get the answer to the mystery of the "flying discs" yesterday.

A press relations officer at the Roswell Army Air Base in New Mexico announced without qualification that the 509th Bomb Group had picked up a flying disc which landed on a nearby ranch last week.

Here is the unqualified statement issued by the Roswell Army Base public relations officer:

"The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality yesterday when the intelligence of-

fice of the 509th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the co-operation of one of the local ranchers and the Sheriff's office of Chaves county.

"The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week. Not having phone facilities, the rancher stored the disc until such time as he was able to contact the Sheriff's office, who in turn notified Major Jesse A. Marcel, of the 509th Bomb Group Intelligence office.

"Action was immediately taken and the disc was picked up at the rancher's home. It was inspected at the Roswell Army Air Field and subsequently loaned by Major Marcel to higher headquarters."

The same article also surprised the naive public with the cover story of the AFB. Commander, Brigade General Roger M. RAMEY's attempt - by the Pentagon's order - immediately debunk his official investigation, and to REDUCE THE "DISC" — TO A MERE "WEATHER BALLOON":

Disc Solution Collapses**'Flying Saucer' Find Turns Out to Be A Weather Balloon****RAMEY BROADCAST**

There was immediately much telephoning from the Pentagon in Washington, and then Brigadier General Roger M. Ramey, commanding the Eighth Air Force at Fort Worth, said the object had been identified as the wreckage of a high-altitude weather observation device.

General Ramey later made a radio broadcast further to deflate the excitement caused by the first announcement.

Originally, he said, it consisted of a box-kite and a balloon.

"The wreckage is in my office right now and as far as I can see there is nothing to get excited about," he said.

The device, a star-shaped tinfoil target designed to reflect radar, is incapable of speeds higher than the wind.

The mysterious flying discs which have been "seen" all over the Nation (except Kansas, which is dry) have been described as traveling at speeds up to 200 miles an hour.

"This isn't the first time people have seen 'flying discs'."

Could it be believable that amongst the highly educated Air Force personnel and officers — who carried out the investigation — that ONLY A GENERAL WOULD BE ABLE to distinguish a "DISC" SHAPED craft from a mere "WEATHER BALLOON"....?

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When the foregoing was indeed a weather balloon, — then why did this same "balloon" cause the local staff commander —

of Kirtland AFB to become "...perturbed by implications of phenomena..." in January 1949? (See Enclosure: 4a/1). — On January 1976, — 27 years later — USN Rear Admiral J.B. MORIN had recorded likewise in New Mexico "two 25 yards in diameter UFOs in operation near the flight line at Cannon AFB." (See Enclosure: 4a/2)