PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	LOCATION
7 Jul 47	Shreveport, Lousiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other (HOAX)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS See case file.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☒ Yes ☐ No	

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F159 FOR AFACB IN REPLY TO TWX 585 PD ALLEGED FLYING DISK CMA NOW IN POSSESSION A-2 THIS HQ CMA PROVED TO BE PRACTICAL JOKE PERPETRATED BY ONE MR [redacted] CMA [redacted] CMA SHREVEPORT CMA LA PD APPARATUS CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN INCH ALUMINUM DISK CMA ELECTRICAL CONDENSORS AND WIRE WAS MADE IN MACHINE SHOP OF ABOVE CONCERN AND TOSSED FROM BLDG INTO STREET AS JOKE ON [redacted] EMPLOYER PD FBI RESIDENT AGENT CMA SHREVEPORT CMA WAS INFORMED AND CONTACTED FBI OFFICE CMA NEW ORLEANS CMA BY PHONE CMA MADE INITIAL REPORT AND LATER INFORMED THAT OFFICE THAT DISCOVERY WAS HOAX AND RENDERED COMPLETE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION PD SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON CASE WILL BE FORWARDED PD

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7 JULY 1947
SHREVEPORT, LA.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

BARKSDALE FIELD, LA.

23 July 1947

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Summary of Information

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

1. Reference is made to TWX F 159, Headquarters, Air Training Command, dated 23 July 1947.

2. The enclosed Summary of Information, subject, "Flying Disc Found in Shreveport, Louisiana, Headquarters, Air Training Command, dated 23 July 1947" and pictures are submitted for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Lt Colonel, GSC
Asst CofS, A-2

4 Incls
1. Summary of Information
2. 3 pictures Flying Disc

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Office of ACofS, A-2

IN REPLY REFER TO:

BARKSDALE FIELD, LA.

23 July 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Disc Found in Shreveport, Louisiana
7 July 1947

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

This office received a report at 2100, 7 July 1947, that a flying disc had been located in the [redacted] block of [redacted], Shreveport, Louisiana, and immediately initiated an investigation which revealed the following information:

1. Mr. [redacted], Shreveport, Louisiana, stated in an interview on 7 July 1947 that at 1805, 7 July 1947, he had heard the disc whirling through the air and had looked up in time to see it when it was approximately two hundred feet in the air and coming over a sign board adjacent to the used car lot where he was standing. [redacted]n stated that smoke and fire were coming from the disc and that it was traveling at a high rate of speed and that it fell into the street in his immediate vicinity. [redacted]n further stated that he had retrieved the disc from the street and immediately notified Army Officials at Barksdale Field. (C-4)

2. Examination of the disc disclosed that it had been made from a round piece of either Alclad or Pureclad, Specification AN-A-13T aluminum, .064 inches in thickness. In the center of the disc was an ordinary starter from a flourescent light which was fastened on by means of a Parker-Kalon self-tapping screw. Located on each side at approximately one inch from the edge of the disc was a condenser of an unknown type which was held in place by an aluminum strap which was fastened to the disc by two brazier head aluminum rivets, Specification AN-456-D6. Two strands of coiled copper wire connected the condensers to the starter in the center of the disc. The condensers and the portion of the disc adjacent to the top of the condensers appeared to be covered with soot. (A-1)

3. On 8 July 1947, [redacted] the [redacted]y, manufacturers of electric fans, whose business address is [redacted], Shreveport, Louisiana, stated in an interview that he had made the disc in order to play a joke on his boss and that the starter had been taken from a

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flourescent light and the two condensers from electric fans. [redacted] further stated that he had used an acetylene torch to put soot on the edges of the disc to create the impression that the disc had been whirling at a high rate of speed. [redacted] stated that he had climbed to the top of the building at [redacted] and that he had sailed the disc in front of his boss's car, but that his boss had failed to notice the disc and drove away. [redacted] further stated that some man (presumably Harston) saw the disc fall into the street and picked it up. [redacted] further stated that he did not retrieve the disc or tell the man who picked it up what it was, as he was of the opinion that anyone who examined the disc could readily tell that it was not dangerous, and that it was the work of a practical joker. [redacted] stated that it definitely was not intended to cause the excitement that it had caused. (C-2)

Investigation was discontinued immediately upon uncovering enough evidence to reasonably assure this office that the disc incident was only a practical joke and no further investigation is contemplated.

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The FBI has received a teletype from their New Orleans Field Division dated 7 July 1947. One [redacted], also known as [redacted] of [redacted], Shreveport, Louisiana, advised that he observed a circular disc at 6:05 P. M. on 7 July coming from a northwesterly direction. The disc landed in the [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] allegedly picked up the disc at [redacted]. The disc was whirling when seen in the air and fire was seen spouting from the sides. The fire allegedly went out when the disc landed. Smoke was observed rising from the disc. [redacted] allegedly stated that when he picked up the disc it was not hot. The disc was described as a thin aluminum disc 16 inches in diameter with small coils 2 inches in diameter by 4 inches in length at the ends of the diameter of the disc. The coils were connected by two copper wires to two terminals on each coil and the wires were connected at the crossing in the center of the disc to an object one inch in diameter by 2 inches in length. This object was described as similar to the starter on a fluorescent light. [redacted] alleged that the object at the center of the disc had on the upper end "Made in USA." [redacted] stated that the disc made a sound when traveling through the air similar to a policeman's whistle and that the smooth side was toward the earth while in flight. [redacted] allegedly notified G-2, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana, and they took the disc in their possession.

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10 July 47 - Maj. Carlan (US Bn. of ID) says FBI advises this was a hoax

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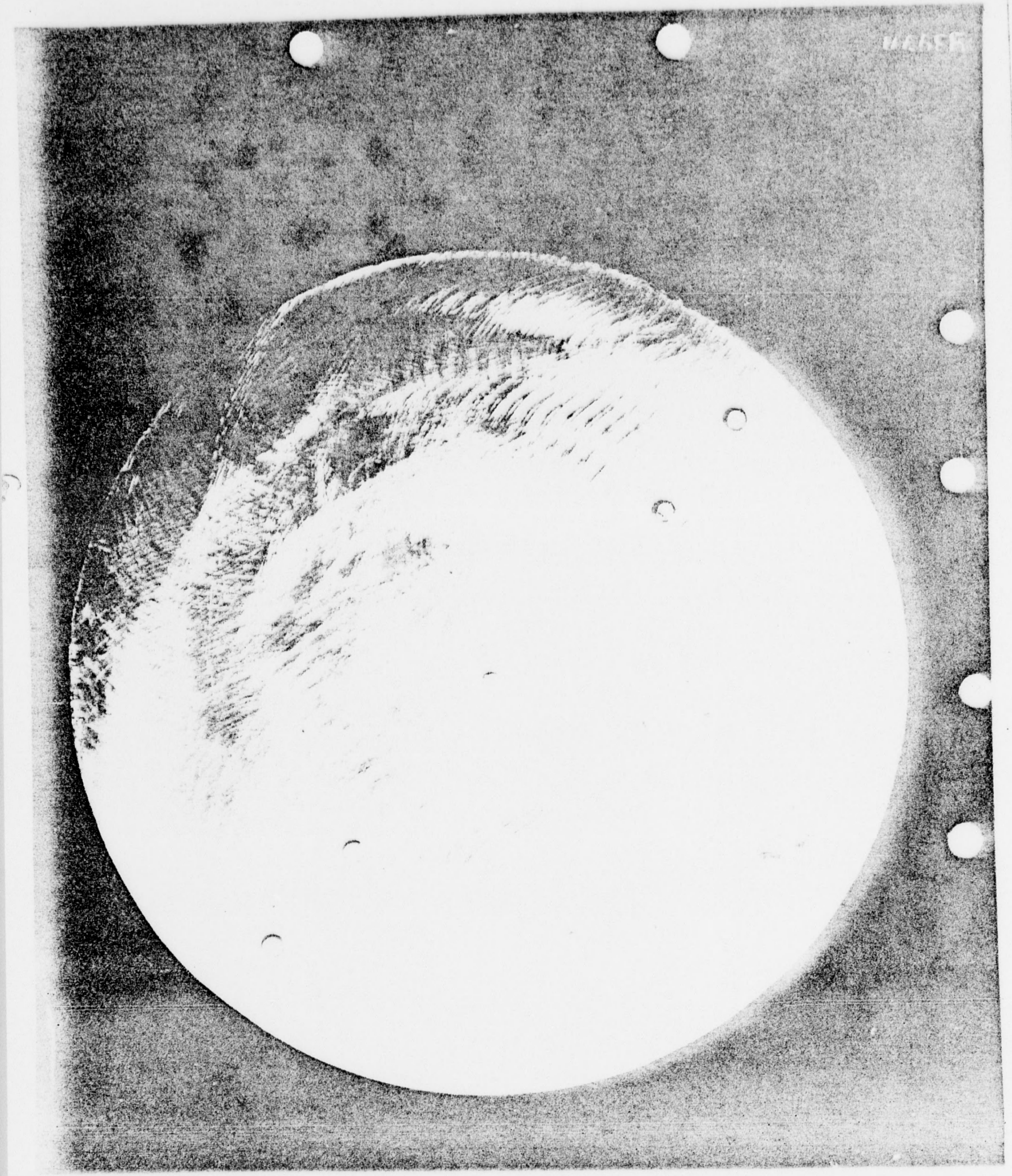

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

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2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

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