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Incident #236

ATIC NO. ----- DATE OF INFO 4 Jan 49

AF NO. ----- LOCATION Hickam Fld, Hawaii

REPORT NO. ----- SOURCE AF Officer

DATE OF REPORT ----- DATE IN TO ATIC -----

TIME OF SIGHTING 1407-1435 local COLOR brilliant white

SHAPE disc SPEED 85 mph Estimated x Measured Estimated x Measured

SIZE "T-6" ALTITUDE 3,000'

COURSE 25° mag LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 28 min

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground

MOUND ---- MANEUVERS Oscillated continually while circling area, gaining altitude and increasing speed and angle of climb

PHOTOS ----- SKETCHES -----

Temporary ATIC Form 389
(2 Jan 52)

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HEADQUARTERS, 1810TH AACS GROUP
APO 953, % P.M., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

C-1/bc

AACS 350.09 8 January 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of "Flying Disc"

THRU: Commanding Officer
1808th AACS Wing
APO 925, c/o PM
San Francisco, California

ATTN: A-2

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXD-3

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1. In compliance with directives received from higher headquarters, forwarded herewith is complete information as received from a witness who viewed an object presumed to be a "flying disc" over Hickam Field. This object was first seen by Capt. [redacted] on 4 January 1949 at 1407 local time and went out of sight at approximately 1435 local time. The object was first sighted by Capt. [redacted] when it was approximately 25 miles due east of Hickam. There were scattered clouds at 3500 feet (base) and the visibility at the time was approximately 20 miles plus. Capt. [redacted] is the Assistant S-3 Officer of the 1810th AACS Group located at Hickam Field, T. H., and is also a twin-engine pilot. No photographs are available due to the fact that Capt. [redacted] was not in possession of a camera at the time and had no idea that he would have sufficient time to procure one. In the words of Capt. [redacted] the object appeared to be a large round piece of flat white cardboard, oscillating continually. The object sighted was the only one seen and appeared to approximate the size of an AT-6. Capt. [redacted] stated that the object seemed to be extremely white on the underside, while the topside portion of the object seemed to have a dark, non-reflecting surface. The speed of the object was approximated at 85 miles per hour. Capt. [redacted] further stated that the object circled the area, making right circles and left circles at approximately

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3000 feet, continually gaining altitude and then suddenly departed, still climbing on a straight course of 25 degrees magnetic. It is the opinion of the witness that the object had limited maneuverability, and that no audible sound emanated from the object. There was no exhaust trail visible.

2. The witness was much impressed by the brilliance of the whiteness of the underside of the object and stated that prior to the disappearance of the object at a distance of 40 to 50 miles from Hickam Field, the object still seemed to give off a blinking whitish reflection and, according to the witness, this blinking seemed to go on and off with decided regularity.

3. Capt. [redacted] reported the presence of a C-54 type aircraft in the vicinity of Hickam Field at the time of the initial sighting of the object, and he stated that he was almost convinced that this object was released from or by this C-54 aircraft.

4. Capt. [redacted] reported that, at all times and during the departure of the object, the undulation of the object was extremely rhythmical and that this rhythmical cycle was completed approximately once every second.

5. When object ultimately departed on a straight course, it appeared to increase speed and also to increase the angle of climb so that the angle of climb approximated 25 degrees. Witness stated that it was extremely difficult to approximate the rate of speed during departure due to the distance involved and the intermittency of the reflection. Witness stated that it was his opinion that this object was under absolute control at all times and that definite gyrations were being executed. The turns were extremely wide and decisive.

6. The opinion of Capt. [redacted] on this subject is considered to be worthy of consideration as this officer is an extremely cool and level-headed person, who is not given to the making of rash statements or using poor judgment.

7. In the event that further information is desired by your headquarters concerning the object as reported, this headquarters will be ready to cooperate in every way possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

George E. Murray

GEORGE E. MURRAY
Captain, USAF
Security & Intelligence Officer

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BASIC: Ltr frm 1810 AACS Gp, 8 Jan 49, subj: "Sighting of "Flying Disc"'

AACS 350.09 1st Ind C1/dms

HQ 1808TH AACS WING, APO 925, c/o PM, San Francisco, California,
17 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, Airways & Air Communications Service,
Washington 25, D.C., Attn: A/C of S, A-2

This written report confirms information contained in Priority radio, DTG 050330Z Jan, of the 1810th AACS Group.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Elton D. Vaughan

ELTON D. VAUGHAN
Major, SIG C (USAF)
A/C of S, A-2

AACS 350.09 (8 Jan 49) 2d Ind 8 FEB 1949
SUBJECT: Sighting of "Flying Disc"

Hq Airways and Air Communications Service, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base,
Dayton, Ohio, ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. Foregoing correspondence is forwarded in compliance with Hq USAF Letter, subject: "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs,'" dated 26 February 1948, as amended by Hq USAF Letter, same subject, dated 26 February 1948.

2. The attention of the 1808th AACS Wing has been invited to the above-referenced Hq USAF Letters, with particular emphasis on the correct routing of information pertaining to the sighting of "Flying Discs."

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff
Intelligence & Security

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BASIC: Ltr fr Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Subj: "Sighting of Flying Discs - Incident #236", dtd Feb 21 49

AACS 350.09 1st Ind C-1/bc

Headquarters, 1810th AACS Group, APO 953, 15 March 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. In compliance with requests contained in basic communication, forwarded herewith is one completed copy of Guide to Investigation.

2. In lieu of a signed statement, the observer was requested to certify to the statements of observation contained in the Guide to Investigation. This information supplements the initial radiogram report to your headquarters immediately subsequent to the occurrence of the incident and the complete written report forwarded immediately thereafter.

3. No other witnesses reported observance of this incident to the undersigned. However, it has been noted that observers of the incident, who are presently connected with other commands, have reported the incident to the Intelligence Section of their command.

4. Reference paragraph 4, basic communication, item 3 of the "General" Section of the inclosed completed form has been completed in as much detail as is possible. The flight schedules of John Rogers Airport are rather difficult to obtain as most flights are transoceanic in nature, covering great distances and the following Commercial Airlines operate in and out of that airport: Pan American Airways, United Air Lines, Hawaiian Air Lines, Phillipine Air Lines, Matson Air Lines, Transocean Air Lines, Pacific Overseas Airways, China National Airlines, Northwest Airlines, and British Comm. Pacific Airlines.

5. Should your headquarters desire any additional information concerning this incident, this headquarters will be pleased to further cooperate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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(1 copy)

GEORGE E. MURRAY
Captain, USAF
Security & Intelligence Officer

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS, 1810TH AACS GROUP
APO 953 c/o P. M., San Francisco, California

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AACS 312/1 19 May 1949

SUBJECT: Tracer

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, subject: "Sighting of Flying Discs - Incident #236," dated 21 February 49, and 1st Indorsement thereto from this headquarters, dated 15 March 49, which was forwarded to your headquarters via Registered Mail on 15 March 49, bearing Postal Registry No. CA-401.

2. Information is requested as to whether or not your headquarters has received the aforementioned correspondence, as this headquarters has not received the signed copy of WD AGO Form 996.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ George E. Murray
GEORGE E. MURRAY
Captain, USAF
Security & Intelligence Officer

1st Ind MCIAXS/GWT/amc

Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: Airways and Air Communications Service, Hq, 1810th AACS Group, APO 953 c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

Communication referenced in basic letter received this Headquarters on or about 23 March 1949.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

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FEB 21 1949

SUBJECT: Sighting of Flying Discs - Incident #236

TO: Commanding Officer
Airways and Air Communications Service
Hq, 1810th AACS Group
APO 953, c/o P. M.,
San Francisco, California
ATTENTION: Security and Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to your letter to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, File No. AACS 350.09, Subject "Sighting of 'Flying Disc'", dated 8 Jan 1949.

2. It is requested that Base Intelligence Officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed signed statements from Capt Paul R. Stoney and all other available witnesses of the aerial phenomenon reported in referenced letter.

3. Inclosed are two (2) copies of "Guide to Investigation" to aid the interviewing officer in obtaining the desired data.

4. It is particularly desired that three and four of the "General" section of the inclosed form be completed.

5. All collected data should be forwarded directly to Commanding General, Hq, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCIAXO-3.

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CONTROL NO.	SUBJECT:	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP ON
N-531	2 Ind Flying Disc	S-1295	DATE

FROM: HQ AMC Wash

TO: IAXO

N-1493 DATED 2/8/49

NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AXI-3

DATE RECORDED 2/14/49

HOUR 1415

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O - 868	Sighting of Blying Disc (Secret S-25109) 0-2384		DA[illegible]

FROM: Hq 1810th APO Cal DATED 3/15/49

TO: IAXO NO. INCLS. 1

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M-163	CITE DTG 05033 02 X-	to CM S-129	DATE

FROM: Hickam AFB M-466 DATED 1/5/49

TO: MCIA NO. INCLS. 0

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SUPERCEDES AMC FORM 3A AND 80-306

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FROM: CG 7TH AGS OFF EUCOM APO 201 WASH

REG. NO. CM IN 56-E 1/6

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)
Two (2) R5D's in area; naval designation for C-54 type aircraft. A check of military airfields in area disclosed no aircraft in that specific vicinity at time. Places not checked: John Rogers Commercial airport; Kaneohe Air Base (NAF) and Barbers Point.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other:

Unknown.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

Never contacted earth during observance.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

a. Object (See verbal description)
b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
d. Maneuvers
e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. None.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true and precise to the best of my knowledge.

[redacted]
Captain, USAF

Interrogated by:

GEORGE E. MURRAY
Captain, USAF
Security & Intelligence Officer
1810th AACS Group

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Relative to Radar Sightings (Not applicable)

1. Re radars now operating on ground

a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed:

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:

d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:

e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?

2. If airbourne, when object was sighted

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: (NOT AVAILABLE)

2. Winds aloft report: (NOT AVAILABLE)

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)

None detected.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance):

Appeared to be luminous white and extremely brilliant in pure whiteness.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):

None detected.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path):

Rhythmical undulation executing definite maneuvers completing cycle approx. every second.

21. Manner of disappearance:

Departed climbing at accelerated speed out of sight - visible to approx. 50 miles.

22. Effect on clouds:

None.

23. Additional information concerning object:

Object seemed to maneuver under control at all times - completing 360 degree turns and 90 degree turns.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:

Scattered clouds. Base 3,500 feet. Visibility 20 miles +; light excellent.

Name and address of observer: Capt. [redacted] Hq 1810th AACS Group. APO 953, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies:

Occupation: Air Force pilot (Twin Engine), (3500 hrs) and Communications Officer.

Hobbies: Amateur radio; photography.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Observer is a Regular Air Force Officer who holds a cryptographic clearance. Observer is above average in intelligence and is known to be extremely trustworthy, mentally alert, morally above average and is of unquestionable integrit Interrogator has known observer for two years; has been closely associated with him both officially and socially.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No glasses were worn; object was viewed from outside of building in an open clearing.

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Incident No. 236

1. Date of Observation 4 Jan 49 Date of Interview 14 Mar 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1407 (local)

3. Place of Observation : Long 157 degrees - 57 minutes - 28.41 seconds West
(Map Coordinates) Lat 21 degrees - 20 minutes - 21.88 seconds North

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:

Standing outside Pacific Air Command Headquarters building.

5. What attracted attention to object: Observer was watching an aircraft in the air at the time.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:
One object - No sketch of formation as none existed.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i. e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Appeared to approximate the size of an AT-6 type aircraft at an altitude of 3,000 feet, travelling at approximately 85 miles per hour at a distance of approximately 6 miles from the observer.

8. Color of object: Flat, white.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):

Flat elliptical in appearance.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
3,000 feet - Varied in circling area; never closer than 40 degrees above horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):
Almost due East.

12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be):
Approx. 25 miles at first sighting, and closest object ever came was approximately 6 miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s):

Circling until departure.

14. Time in sight:

Approximately 15 minutes.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance):

Approximately 85 miles per hour while circling; speed increased during departure; departing on a course of 25 degrees magnetic.

16. Sound and odor:

None detected.

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Incident No. 236 -- 4 Jan. 1949, 1400 Hours, Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii.

An Air Force pilot saw an object which appeared to be a large round piece of flat cardboard the size of a T-6. It was white underneath and dark on top. It approached from 25 mile distance at 3000 ft and circled the area at 85. The object seemed to "blink" a "whitish reflection" regularly. It departed climbing at 25° angle.

AMC Opinion: The evidence does not lead to an explanation. It should be noted, however, that if the object were actually the size of a T-6 at 3000 feet a greater amount of detail should have been observed.

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Incident No. 236 -- 4 Jan. 1949, 1400 Hours, Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii.

An Air Force pilot saw an object which appeared to be a large round piece of flat cardboard the size of a T-6. It was white underneath and dark on top. It approached from 25 mile distance at 3000 ft and circled the area at 85. The object seemed to "blink" a "whitish reflection" regularly. It departed climbing at 25° angle.

AMC Opinion: The evidence does not lead to an explanation. It should be noted, however, that if the object were actually the size of a T-6 at 3000 feet a greater amount of detail should have been observed.

With 104 incidents thus eliminated, there remain thirty-four which contain some evidence but have no apparent ready explanation. This statement is true only under the assumption that the evidence is accepted as reliable and accurate. When psychological and physiological factors are taken into consideration, all of these incidents can be explained rationally, as pointed out by Rand Corporation and Dr. Fitts of Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (see Appendix "F" and "G").

Air Materiel Command Aero-Medical Laboratory (Dr. Paul M. Fitts 212 Incidents considered)

There are sufficient psychological explanations for the reports of unidentified flying objects to provide plausible explanations for reports not otherwise explainable. Those errors in identifying real stimuli result chiefly from inability to estimate speed, distance, and size.

All of the remaining 34 incidents are treated in detail in this report. These incidents form no pattern in regard to area of sighting, type of object, or manner of performance. There are indications, however, that some sightings were influenced by earlier reports, and probably would not have been considered unusual or reported had been no publicity.

APPENDIX I

Project Grudge

Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

VII. Summary of AMC Evaluation of Remaining Reports

The remaining unexplained incidents (see Appendix "I") exhibit no few common characteristics. Two of them, by statements of the reporters would not have been made had the witnesses not read of the U.F.O. Earlier incident (Incident No. 17). Most were distributed without pattern throughout the United States. A few were outside the U. S. No two descriptions of appearance or performance were exactly alike. The reported sightings occurred at various times of day and year.

APPENDIX I

In the following section of this report, each remaining unexplained incident is considered separately. It is not the intent to generally discuss the character of observers, but each case has undesirable elements, and cannot be disregarded. The numerical designation is merely the category order of the incident in the project files.

1, 10, 17, 21, 29, 35, 37, 40, 51, 56, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84,

111, 122, 134, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 235

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Incident #236 -- near Hickam Field, Hawaii -- 4 January 1949

There is clearly no astronomical explanation for this incident.

The account given seems trustworthy, even though only one person saw the circular disc. This report differs from many others in that the description of maneuvers executed by the object is definite, rather than hazy.

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Reference your request for specific UFO cases. These reports have been reproduced and are attached; they are for your comments or information. The case of 3 March 1968, Alton Ill[redacted] is for[redacted]

DATE	LOCATION	ACTION
4 Jan 49	Hickam Field, Hawaii	Comments or Info
10 Oct 67	Calhoun, Iowa	Info
6 Feb 68	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Comments or Info
3 Mar 68	Nashville, Tennessee	Info
6 Mar 68	Amarillo, Texas	Comments or Info
19 Apr 67	El Cajon, California	Comments or Info

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