PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 March 1949 24/1115(L)	2. LOCATION Bend, Oregon
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Other (KITES)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object had no definite shape. Object appeared turning or flapping constantly and drifted lazily. Observers believed objs to be sheets of roofing paper blown about by the wind. Object reflected light. Cream color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
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Moffett Field, California
2 August 1949

On 24 May 1949, at approximately 5:00 p.m., while fishing with several friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon, my attention was drawn to an object in the sky by Mr. [redacted] one of the members of the party. To the naked eye this object appeared circular and standing on edge. I then focused a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars and saw that it was indeed circular and that we appeared to be looking upward at the bottom side of it. As nearly as was possible to tell, the object appeared about 5000 feet in altitude, and not more than a mile away. When I first observed it, object was moving very slowly. As I put the glasses on, it made a turn to the South, with no banking or leaning, and picked up speed. I then handed the glasses to [redacted] in order that he might see the object. Observed through the glasses, the object appeared to be made of silvery metal, either completely circular or somewhat oval. It was thin near the edges and thicker in the center. A triangular fin appeared to arise amidship and extended to the trailing end of the object viewed as it traveled. There were no openings visible and no sound was heard. There appeared to be no engines or motors, no landing gear, no other protruding parts other than the fin already described. The object was in sight for approximately ~~three~~ one (1) minutes. Sun was at our backs and there were no clouds.

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WITNESSES:

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Inclosures: (cont'd)

The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of [redacted] dated at Ione, California, 26 July 1949.

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balloons approximately 2 feet in diameter when they leave the earth. When these devices reach high enough altitude, the expanding gases cause the balloons to burst and the devices known as "kites" fold and drift earthward. It is possible that one of these devices from one of these radar installations may have been blown as far North as Gold Beach, Oregon on 24 May 1949.

AT IONE, CALIFORNIA

9. On 26 July 1949, [redacted] obtained the following statement from [redacted], Ione, California:

"During the latter part of May 1949, at approximately 1630 in the afternoon, while fishing in a boat on the Rogue River near Gold Beach, Oregon together with [redacted] and my wife, my attention was attracted by a silvery object in the sky, traveling at a height of approximately 5000 feet in a southerly direction. The object, circular in formation as a silver dollar traveled without sound at a speed greater than that 1 of a high speed or jet plane. [redacted] used a binocular to view the object which was visible to the naked eye for approximately two minutes. Not using the binoculars I could not make out any irregularities of formation, or whether the object had a motor or motors, landing gear, or other items usually connected with a plane. It had no appearance of the conventional plane but in size would be of the diameter of the fuselage length of the DC-3 plane. I have fished in the general area a number of years and have observed various type planes flying in this area, but have never observed anything of this nature before."

[redacted]
Ione, Calif.

WITNESS: /s/[redacted]
S/A 19th Dist OSI

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DETAILS (cont'd)

10. On 26 July 1949, S/A THOMAS H. KELLEY obtained the following statement from [redacted] at Ione, California:

"While on vacation near Gold Beach, Oregon during the latter part of May 1949 and while fishing from a boat in the Rogue River in the late afternoon, my husband [redacted], called the attention of the group to a silver object, circular in shape, crossing the sky at a high altitude and a high rate of speed. I could not estimate its height and its size was as large as a large passenger plane tho shaped like a shiny circular disk. No sound was heard and it crossed our range of vision in two or three minutes. The day had been clear, visibility was good and the sun was just setting. Other occupants of the party who observed the object were, [redacted] and my husband. There was no sound and the object traveled on a direct course."

/s/ [redacted]
Ione, California

WITNESS: /s/ THOMAS H. KELLEY
S/A 19th Dist OSI

Inclosures:

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, DAYTON, OHIO

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The original signed statement (and 7 copies) of [redacted] dated at Ione, California, 26 July 1949.

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DETAILS (cont'd)

3. On 2 August 1949, Mr. [redacted] Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"While fishing with a party of friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from its mouth at Gold Beach, Oregon, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 24 May 1949, my attention was called to an object in the sky. The object was to the East of us about one (1) mile, at approximately 5000 feet altitude. With the naked eye little but a glare and silvery glint could be seen. But after watching it for approximately one minute and a half I was handed a pair of 8-power binoculars by M[redacted] It was then possible to see that the object was roughly circular in shape and appeared to be 30 to 35 feet in diameter. It had somewhat the cross sectional appearance of a pancake, being thicker in the center than at the edges. A small triangular fin started approximately in the middle and grew gradually higher to the rear as the object traveled. When first sighted the object was moving very slowly. As I watched it through the glasses, it picked up speed and when it vanished from sight, approximately 90 seconds later, it was traveling as fast or faster than a jet plane. As far as could be seen, it had no openings or protuberances of any kind other than the fin and there was neither sight nor sound of any driving force. It was a clear day and no clouds in the sky, and the sun was at our backs as we watched the object which vanished in a southeasterly direction, mostly south.

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WITNESSES:

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4. On 2 August 1949, [redacted] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, and Miss [redacted] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, stated they had known [redacted] for approximately three (3) years, that he is an unusually mature individual not given to exaggeration or prone to falsehood. They would be inclined to take seriously any statement Mr. [redacted] had to make.

5. On 2 August 1949, [redacted] and [redacted] Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, stated they had known [redacted] for approximately two (2) months, that he was not inclined to falsehood or exaggeration, in fact not inclined to talk much at all. They would be inclined to place considerable reliability in anything [redacted] had to say.

AT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

6. On 2 August 1949, [redacted], Sunnyvale, California, stated he had known [redacted] for about six (6) or seven (7) years, that HEAPHY was trustworthy and reliable in all of his talk and statements, and he would be inclined to give credence to anything [redacted] had to say.

7. On 2 August 1949, [redacted] California, stated that he had known [redacted] for about two (2) years, that he was inclined to believe that Mr. [redacted] was trustworthy in speech and manner, not given to wild talk or exaggeration in any form. He would place considerable belief in any statements made by Mr. [redacted]

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

8. On 2 August 1949, Air Force radar installations at Treasure Island and the military reservation at Fort Baker, both in the San Francisco area, send aloft radar testing devices known as "kites" twice each day, at around 1000 and 1600. These devices are of aluminum sheet, approximately 5 feet on a side, roughly diamond shaped and containing a double set of triangular fins on the top side. These are carried aloft by gas filled

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-14	DATE AUG 9 1949
	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES E. BROOKS	
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (PROJECT SIGN) Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon, on 24 May 1949	REPORT MADE AT DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
	PERIOD 26 July, 2 August 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 19, Fairfield-Suisun AFB	
	STATUS CLOSED	

CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of S/A CHARLES E. BROOKS, 19th District OSI, File No. 24-14, dtd

SYNOPSIS

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted], Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Ione, California, all signed statements to the effect that they saw an unusual and unidentifiable object in the sky. Three (3) character witnesses for Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] vouched for their reliability and responsibility. Radar units at Treasure Island and Fort Baker revealed that they had testing devices aloft on the date in question, 24 May 1949.

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DETAILS:

1. This is a joint investigation by S/A THOMAS H. KELLEY and the writer:

AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA

2. On 2 August 1949, Mr. [redacted], Moffett Field, California, signed the following statement:

"On 24 May 1949, at approximately 5:00 p.m., while fishing with several friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon, my attention was drawn to an object in the sky by Mr. [redacted], one of the members of the party. To the naked eye this object appeared circular and standing on edge. I then focused a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars and saw that it was indeed circular and that we appeared to be looking upward at the bottom side of it. As nearly as was possible to tell, the object appeared about 5000 feet in altitude, and not more than a mile away. When I first observed it, object was moving very slowly. As I put the glasses on, it made a turn to the South, with no banking or leaning, and picked up speed. I then handed the glasses to [redacted] in order that he might see the object. Observed through the glasses, the object appeared to be made of silvery metal, either completely circular or somewhat oval. It was thin near the edges and thicker in the center. A triangular fin appeared to arise amidship and extended to the trailing end of the object viewed as it traveled. There were no openings visible and no sound was heard. There appeared to be no engines or motors, no landing gear, no other protruding parts other than the fin already described The object was in sight for approximately one (1) minute. Sun was at our backs and there were no clouds."

[redacted]

WITNESSES:

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
20th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, McCHORD FIELD, WASHINGTON

File No. 24-9

27 May 1949

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHENOMENA
Flying Objects over Bend, Oregon
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Forwarded herewith is Closed Report of S/A JOHN T. REILLY of this District, dated 24 May 1949.

2. Alleged flying saucers sighted over Bend, Oregon, on 24 March 1949 appear to be natural phenomena. It is generally agreed by observers that these so-called flying saucers were large pieces of paper or other articles of like nature raised high into the sky by whirlwinds occasioned by convection currents. As all logical leads are exhausted in this District, the case is forwarded to your Headquarters for necessary evaluation.

FOR THE ACTING DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Jay J. Jordan
Capt USAF

1 Incl:
Rpt of S/A JOHN T. REILLY
dtd 24 May 1949 (in quad)

R. D. MELCHER
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. On 17 and 18 July 1949, it was learned from the San Francisco Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) Office that there are 161 listed air carriers in the Bay Area. Only 14 of these have regularly scheduled flights and less than 1 per cent of the remaining file any kind of plan or clearance for their flights. A check with the Oakland Air Port and the San Francisco Air Port revealed that less than 1 per cent of the planes normally using those fields file any type of schedule or clearance.
NOTE: Since such a large percentage of these flights file no type of clearance and the majority of them are operating without schedule, it is deemed inadvisable to check on them in the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, around 1700 hours, 24 May 1949. Such an operation does not seem feasible in view of the fact that many of the cities between the Bay Area and Gold Beach, Oregon, and north of Gold Beach could have had such a flight, and in all probability the large percentage of these had no flight plan or clearance filed.

2. On 19 July 1949, information was received from the Aerological Station and Forecast Center, U. S. Weather Bureau, San Francisco Air Port, South San Francisco, California, that the weather report for the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, for 24 May 1949, and the teletype sequence for same may be obtained at the Airways Communications Station, Medford, Oregon.

3. On 19 July 1949, a check with the Sixth Army and the Twelfth Naval District Intelligence revealed that those commands do not possess any radar installations in California or Oregon that are near enough or powerful enough to have recorded anything unusual at Gold Beach, Oregon, on 24 May 1949.

4. On 20 July 1949, a check of the Air Force Early Warning Radar Stations in the Bay Area revealed that these have insufficient range to have reached as far north as Gold Beach, Oregon. These stations reported nothing unidentified on 24 May 1949.

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Northeast between the altitudes of 7 to 12 thousand feet above sea level. The same chart for 1900 hours (PST) indicated that the wind had shifted to the West and had increased to 20 miles per hour. GRAHAM stated that there was a wedge of cold air moving Eastward across this area and had passed the Bend, Oregon, area between 0700 and 1900 hours (PST). Mr. [redacted] also stated that due to the lack of a weather station within 130 miles of Bend, Oregon, and the nearness of the Cascade Mountain Range, only a generalization of existing conditions could be made.

INCLOSURE

1. Newspaper article setting forth information pertaining to "flying saucers" sighted over Bend, Oregon, on 24 March 1949.

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Flying Saucers
Sighted at Bend

BEND, March 25 (Special)---Bend residents Friday were still talking about two "flying saucers" that cavorted in the Deschutes skies, mirrored the rays of the March sun and dipped through vernal clouds.

Scores of local residents spotted the "saucers," witnessed for more than half an hour Thursday, but few could agree on their size or heights.

One war-time aviator, Vernon Leverett, estimated their height well over 10,000 feet. Estimated size of the objects ranged from that of kites to large tubs.

First sighted from a barber shop window, the objects soon attracted a group that blocked sidewalks to traffic. Before disappearing, the objects changed courses and headed west.

A TRUE COPY:

E. D. Jameson
E. D. JAMESON
2d Lt, USAF
Summary Court

Exhibit #1

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8. Other people, who viewed the objects, were contacted. As they had passed the objects off as pieces of paper, they did not feel qualified to render any account of them.

9. Efforts to locate anyone on the outer edges of Bend, Ore., or in surrounding towns who might have sighted the objects failed.

AT REDMOND, OREGON

10. There is no weather reporting station in Bend, Oregon. However, the Hourly Sequence Reports for 1100, 1200, and 1300 hours for 24 March 1949 from the U.S. Airways Commission, Redmond Municipal Airport, Redmond, Oregon, are as follows:

1100 Hours: Sky Coverage - less than 1/10, Visibility - 80 miles, Barometric Pressure - 1018.0 millibars, Temperature - 45°F, Dew Point - 26°F, Wind from the West at 3 miles per hour, Sea level barometric pressure - 30.02 inches.

1200 Hours: Sky Coverage - less than 1/10, Visibility - 80 miles, Barometric Pressure - 1017.3 millibars, Temperature - 48°F, Dew Point - 27°F, Wind from the West at 3 miles per hour, Sea level barometric pressure - 30.00 inches.

1300 Hours: Sky Coverage - less than 1/10, Visibility - 80 miles, Barometric Pressure - 1016.9 millibars, Temperature - 51°F, Dew Point - 30°F, Wind from the West Northwest at 6 miles per hour, Sea level barometric pressure - 29.98 inches. The six hour observation, taken at 1300 hours, indicated the barometric trend to be downward, low clouds were strata cumulous not formed from cumulous clouds, no middle clouds, and filaments or strands of cirrus clouds scattered in isolated masses. These were surface observations, there being no facilities for other reports from this station.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

11. On 25 April 1949, Mr. [redacted], staff forecaster and assistant meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, Customs House, 220 NW 8th Street, Portland, Oregon, was contacted in his office in regards to the Upper Air Charts for the period covering 0700 to 1900 hours (PST) on 24 March 1949. The 700 millibar, or 10,000 feet from sea level charts were consulted, and with Mr. [redacted] assistance, it was learned from the charts that at 0700 hours (PST) on 24 March 1949 there was a wind of approximately 10 miles per hour from the North

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at arm's length. It appeared to be light cream in color, becoming brighter or darker as its movement caused reflection of light from the sun. Its movement was very slow, heading in a Southwesterly direction with a slight fluttering action. It maintained a steady altitude estimated at 10,000 feet above the terrain. There was no audible sound nor visible exhaust trail. It was first viewed at a position of eleven o'clock clockwise from North, and stayed in view until the eight o'clock position was reached, at which time his view of the object was cut off by some tall trees in the immediate vicinity. The object maintained a steady height of approximately 70° above the horizon. The geographical coordinates in regard to his position at the time of sighting are 44° 3' 33" North latitude and 121° 18' 10" West longitude.

5. [redacted] Bend, Oregon, were interviewed at their place of business and stated in substance as follows: At 1115 hours on 24 March 1949 their attention was attracted to the street outside their shop by several people looking up into the sky. They stepped outside and also looked up and noticed an object which appeared to them to be tinfoil as it was only visible to them when it reflected light from the sun. The object did not appear to be motivated by any visible force, but seemed to be drifting with the air currents. Only one object was sighted, and it was passed off as a piece of paper borne aloft by the wind and air currents. No particular attention was given to the size or shape of the object because no importance was attached to it.

6. [redacted] of the Bend Bulletin, Bend, Oregon, was interviewed and advised that he was greatly incensed at the appearance of the article regarding the "flying saucers". It was learned that the writer of the article, one [redacted] was a young [redacted] just out of [redacted] did not see the objects, but learned of them from bystanders who had seen them. According to [redacted] when [redacted] showed extreme interest in the objects, the bystanders expanded on the movements of the objects, and their story was further expanded upon by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he sharply criticized [redacted] for resorting to "sensationalism" with the end result that [redacted] is no longer in their [redacted] is now working for the [redacted], a weekly newspaper published in [redacted] Oregon.

7. [redacted] Bend Municipal Airport, Bend, Oregon, was contacted and advised that none of the planes based at the Bend Municipal Airport were in the air on 24 March 1949.

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3. [redacted], Bend, Oregon, manager of the [redacted], located in the [redacted], [redacted], Bend, Oregon, was interviewed at her office and stated in substance as follows: She first sighted Object #1 at approximately 1130 hours on 24 March 1949 while walking in the 100 block of Oregon Avenue. The object was described as being white in color, of no regular shape, but not longer than wide. The size of the object was considerably smaller than a dime held at arm's length. There was no visible indication of speed, but the object seemed to be drifting lazily on a South Southwest heading. The object appeared to be revolving, or turning over, with no audible sound nor visible exhaust trail. [redacted] had no idea of the height of the object above terrain. Object #1 was first sighted 45° above the horizon, and from the observer's position, it appeared to be at ten o'clock clockwise from North. [redacted] had business at a local bank, and upon her return outdoors after a lapse of approximately ten minutes, she sighted Object #2 directly overhead. This object remained in view during her return to her office on the second floor of the O'Donnel Building, at which time she proceeded to the porch on the rear of the building and again sighted Object #2. She watched the object until her view was cut off by trees. Position of the object at this time was 60° above the horizon at eight o'clock clockwise from North. Object #2 was described as being the same as Object #1 with the exception of the maneuverability, which was said to be a slight fluttering and not the revolving action associated with Object #1. [redacted] stated that she does not believe these objects were paper as the sun reflected from their surfaces as they fluttered or revolved. She does not believe that their rotation, or movement, was motivated by any force. [redacted] did not see both objects at the same time. The geographical coordinates in regard to her position at the time of sighting were 44° 3' 33" North latitude and 121° 18' 10" West longitude.

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4. [redacted], Bend, Oregon, was interviewed at his place of employment, the [redacted], Bend, Oregon, and stated in substance as follows: His attention was directed to the object by [redacted] who called to him from the rear of the O'Donnel Building while he was on the loading platform in the rear of the Shop. The time was approximately 1135 hours, the weather was clear with patches of cirrus clouds at great heights. The only object sighted (believed to be Object #2) was of no definite shape, but of a size comparable to an object one quarter inch in diameter held

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3. [redacted] Oregon, manager of the [redacted] located in the O'Donnel Bldg., 921 Wall Street, Bend, Oregon, was interviewed at her office and stated in substance as follows: She first sighted Object #1 at approximately 1130 hours on 24 March 1949 while walking in the 100 block of Oregon Avenue. The object was described as being white in color, of no regular shape, but not longer than wide. The size of the object was considerably smaller than a dime held at arm's length. There was no visible indication of speed, but the object seemed to be drifting lazily on a South Southwest heading. The object appeared to be revolving, or turning over, with no audible sound nor visible exhaust trail. [redacted] had no idea of the height of the object above terrain. Object #1 was first sighted 45° above the horizon, and from the observer's position, it appeared to be at ten o'clock clockwise from North. [redacted] had business at a local bank, and upon her return outdoors after a lapse of approximately ten minutes, she sighted Object #2 directly overhead. This object remained in view during her return to her office on the second floor of the O'Donnel Building, at which time she proceeded to the porch on the rear of the building and again sighted Object #2. She watched the object until her view was cut off by trees. Position of the object at this time was 60° above the horizon at eight o'clock clockwise from North. Object #2 was described as being the same as Object #1 with the exception of the maneuverability, which was said to be a slight fluttering and not the revolving action associated with Object #1. [redacted] stated that she does not believe these objects were paper as the sun reflected from their surfaces as they fluttered or revolved. She does not believe that their rotation, or movement, was motivated by any force. [redacted] did not see both objects at the same time. The geographical coordinates in regard to her position at the time of sighting were 44° 3' 33" North latitude and 121° 18' 10" West longitude.

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DETAILS:

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1. Investigation initiated by Acting District Commander after reviewing a newspaper article in the 26 March 1949 edition of the Oregonian (a Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper). Article, republished from the 25 March 1949 edition of the Bend Bulletin, Bend, Oregon, set forth information pertaining to two "flying saucers" sighted over Bend on 24 March 1949. (See Exhibit #1)

AT BEND, OREGON

2. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] both employed as barbers in [redacted], Bend, Oregon, were interviewed at their place of employment and stated in substance as follows: The objects were first sighted at 1105 hours on 24 March 1949 through the barber shop window. At the time of sighting, [redacted] remarked to [redacted] "Let's step outside and see how many people we can get to look up". The weather was clear with good visibility. The objects were two in number, of no specific shape, but were more square than round. The first object (hereinafter referred to as Object #1) appeared to be similar to bright metal on one side and of a slightly duller color on the other. The second object (hereinafter referred to as Object #2) appeared to be of a light tan color on both sides. Neither object showed any sign of speed, and they seemed to be drifting in a Southwesterly direction with Object #1 showing a greater drift toward the West. The objects were considerably smaller than a dime held at arm's length, and both men believed them to be the size of a large commercial cigarette carton in the air. Object #1 appeared to be flipping, or turning, over constantly, but Object #2 seemed to float lazily in the air. There was no sound nor exhaust trail associated with either object, and they were guessed to be about 10,000 feet above the terrain. Both objects were sighted at approximately the same time at a position 30° above the horizon at what would be a position of one o'clock clockwise from North from the observers' positions. The objects drifted to a 90° position above the horizon, or a straight overhead position, and continued past the vertical, receding toward the southern horizon. [redacted] and [redacted] lost interest at this point and did not see the objects disappear. It had taken over thirty minutes for the objects to traverse 90° of arc in regard to the horizon. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had done no flying until after the war. He further stated that the local paper expanded to some extent on the objects sighted. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] do not believe that the objects were any of the so-called "flying saucers", but believed them to be sheets of roofing paper or some such article raised aloft by the wind. Both stated that it is not uncommon at this season of the year for "dust devils" to develop in the open country surrounding the town and raise pieces of debris to

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TITLE AERIAL PHENOMENON Flying Objects over Bend, Ore.	REPORT MADE BY JOHN T. REILLY REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB PERIOD 19, 20, 25 April 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #20, McChord AFB STATUS CLOSED	

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by Acting District Commander after reviewing a newspaper article in the 26 March 1949 edition of the Oregonian (a Portland, Ore., daily newspaper). Article, republished from the 25 March 1949 edition of the Bend Bulletin, Bend, Ore., set forth information pertaining to two "flying saucers" sighted over Bend on 24 March 1949. (See Exhibit #1) On 20 April 1949, [redacted] all of Bend, were interviewed in regard to objects they had seen in the air over the city on 24 March 1949. All statements were vague in regard to size and shape. Objects were not motivated by any apparent force, and their courses were independent of each other. They followed a general North to South direction and altitude was estimated at 10,000 feet. It took half an hour for objects to cover an arc of 90°. All parties advised that objects were probably pieces of paper or some such article raised aloft by wind. Geographical coordinates were 44° 3' 33" North latitude and 121° 18' 10" West longitude. There was no flying activity at the Bend Municipal Airport on 24 March 1949. Mr. [redacted] of the Bend Bulletin, charged the reporter responsible for item's publication with resorting to "sensationalism". The weather was clear according to Weather Sequence Reports of the U.S. Airways Commission, Redmond, Ore. Mr. H. E. GRAHAM, staff forecaster for the U.S. Weather Bureau, Portland, Ore., advised that Winds Aloft Chart for the time and date objects were sighted indicated a wind of ten miles per hour from the North Northeast between altitudes of 7 and 12 thousand feet above sea level.

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9 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident, Rogue River, Oregon
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to letter this office, dated 27 July 1949, subject as above.

2. Inclosed for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO #19, dated 28 July 1949.

3. Investigation is continuing in other OSI Districts and reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt in this office.

for JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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INCIDENT NO. 367

1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 June 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST

3. Place of Observation 2 1/2 miles up from mouth of Rogue River in Oregon.

4. Position of observer Ground through 8 power binoculars

5. What attracted attention to object. glittering

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 25 to 30 ft diameter and 1 ft thick

8. Color of object Aluminum

9. Shape Round flat (disc) with fin

10. Altitude 5000'

11. Direction from observer 60°

12. Distance from observer 1 to 2 miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s) SW (170°)

14. Time in sight 2 Minutes

15. Speed

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail

18. Luminosity Appeared to reflect light from aluminum-like surface.

19. Projections None

20. Maneuvers None

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional Information Concerning Object-

24. Weather Conditions.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 20, MCCHORD AFB

AT MEDFORD, OREGON

1. Will obtain weather report and teletype sequence for 24 May 1949, for vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, at Medford, Oregon, Airways Communications Station.

2. Will check all radar installations in southern Oregon for unidentified object on their screens around 1700 hours, 24 May 1949, in locale of Gold Beach, Oregon.

DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 19, FAIRFIELD-SUISUN AFB

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will make interviews with people to evaluate reliability of observers.

2. Will check possibility of Government testing devices being used in this area.

3. Will obtain signed statements from observers.

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S-70171

Incident 367

Name and address of observer: [redacted]
NACA Ames Aeronautical Lab.
Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):
Appeared sober, well-rounded, very mature not easily swayed by someone else's opinion.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:
Oregon, in a boat anchored approximately midstream, about the same distance East of the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, an object was sighted about 5000 feet above the ground in a direction approximately 60° reading clockwise from North. Object appeared to be about 1 to 2 miles away. Mr. [redacted] observed the object about 30 seconds with the naked eye at which time he could see only a bright glitter, like a round mirror standing on edge with no apparent motion. Just as the object began to move, [redacted] handed [redacted] a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars through which [redacted] viewed the object. With the binoculars the object resolved into a pancake-like shape, somewhat thicker in the center than in the edges, perfectly flat on the bottom with a small fin or vane arising about midship and growing gradually higher to the rear ending flush with a trailing edge as the object traveled. Flat surface was parallel to earth. The object appeared to be made of metal, aluminum or some other shiny metal, and while it appeared oval it could have been perfectly round in plan section. There appeared to be no opening or protuberances of any sort other than the fin already described. Object appeared to be 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It was traveling in a southeasterly direction, about 170° clockwise from North. It executed no maneuvers; no lights, no propellers, no landing gear or any method of propulsion that could be seen or heard. There were no clouds and the sun was at [redacted] back at the time of sighting. The trailing edge of the object as it traveled appeared to be somewhat wrinkled and dirty looking. [redacted] ventured that these might have been vents but said he could not see them well enough to say for sure. With [redacted] and [redacted] in the boat at time of sighting was Mrs. [redacted], wife of a druggist at Ione, California; Mrs. [redacted] wife of a [redacted] distributor at Gold Beach, Oregon; and Mrs. [redacted]

INCIDENT NO. 367A

1. Date of Observation 24 May 1949 Date of Interview 24 June 1949

2. Exact Time (local) 1700 PST

3. Place of Observation Mouth of Rogue River, Oregon, near Gold Beach, Oregon

4. Position of observer Ground through 8X Binoculars

5. What attracted attention to object Glitter

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 30 ft diameter

8. Color of object Silvery

9. Shape Round similar to 50-cent piece.

10. Altitude 5000 ft

11. Direction from observer Last seen SE

12. Distance from observer 4 Miles

13. Direction of flight of object(s)

14. Time in sight 90-120 Seconds

15. Speed Speed of Jet

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity

19. Projections Slight fin starting amidship which came back flush with trailing edge.

20. Maneuvers

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Name and address of observer: [redacted]
Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, Calif.

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appeared very reliable, not easily excitable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

On 24 June 1949, in an interview with Mr. [redacted] National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Ames Laboratory, Moffett Field, California, the following information was ascertained: On Tuesday, 24 May 1949, at 1700, P.S.T., Mr. [redacted] and four (4) other persons, while fishing two (2) miles upstream (East) of the mouth of the Rogue River, at approximately the same direction and distance from the town of Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object which is described as follows: When first sighted it appeared to be a glitter about four (4) miles away laterally, at some 5000 feet above the ground which at that point was at sea level or approximately so. The object was then examined through a pair of 8-power Navy type binoculars. Observation time about 90 to 120 seconds. Object appeared round and shiny, something like a fifty-cent piece, viewed from below and to one side. Object's color was silvery and it appeared round in a plan view. The object seemed to be solid with no visible openings and was about 30 feet in diameter as nearly as could be judged. Just before Mr. [redacted] handed the glasses to Mr. [redacted] the object made a turn on its vertical axis with no tilting or banking and started to move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sign of exhaust or propeller; no driving force could be seen or felt and no sound was heard. The object at no time contacted or came any closer than 5000 feet, approximately, to the earth, and when last seen was disappearing in a southeasterly direction, accelerating to an approximate speed of a jet plane. There were no protuberances other than a slight fin which seemed to start amidship and come back flush with the trailing edge viewed as the ship drifted. No radio antenna or windows, port holes, or any other protuberances, gaps or openings were visible. The only land mark near the sighting point was a rock formation locally known as "Elephant Rock", approximately 700 yards N.E. of where the boat in which Mr. [redacted] and party were anchored.

INCIDENT NO. 340

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 1949 Date of Interview

2. Exact Time (local) 1105

3. Place of Observation Bend Oregon 44°-3'-33" North
121°-18'-10" West

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object

6. Number of objects Two

7. Apparent size Smaller than dime at arms length (appeared size of large commercial cigarette box)

8. Color of object Light tan, bright one side, dull on other

9. Shape More square than round

10. Altitude 10,000 ft 30° when first seen drifting to 90°

11. Direction from observer 30°

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southwesterly

14. Time in sight 30 minutes

15. Speed Drifting (object #1 showing greater drift west)

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers One object appeared turning or flopping constantly, second object just drifted lazily.

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object Observers believed objects to be sheets of roofing paper blown about by wind

24. Weather Conditions Clear, good visibility

(over)

Incident 340

Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:

[redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

[redacted], both employed as [redacted]., Bend, Oregon, were interviewed at their place of employment and stated in substance as follows: The objects were first sighted at 1105 hours on 24 Mar 1949 through the barber shop window. At the time of sighting, [redacted] remarked to [redacted] "Let's step outside and see how many people we can get to look up". The weather was clear with good visibility. The objects were two in number, of no specific shape, but were more square than round. The first object (hereinafter referred to as Object #1) appeared to be similar to bright metal on one side and of a slightly duller color on the other. The second object (hereinafter referred to as Object #2) appeared to be of a light tan color on both sides. Neither showed any sign of speed, and they seemed to be drifting in a Southwesterly direction with Object #1 showing a greater drift toward the West. The objects were considerably smaller than a dime held at arm's length, and both men believed them to be the size of a large commercial cigarette carton in the air. Object #1 appeared to be flipping, or turning, over constantly, but Object #2 seemed to float lazily in the air. There was no sound nor exhaust trail associated with either object, and they were guessed to be about 10,000 feet above the terrain. Both objects were sighted at approximately the same time at a position 30° above the horizon at what would be a position of one o'clock clockwise from North from the observers' positions. The objects drifted to a 90° position above the horizon, or a straight overhead position, and continued past the vertical, receding toward the southern horizon. [redacted] and [redacted] lost interest at this point and did not see the objects disappear. It had taken over thirty minutes for the objects to traverse 90° of arc in regard to the horizon. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had done no flying until after the war. He further stated that the local paper expanded to some extent on the objects sighted. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] do not believe that the objects were any of the so-called "flying saucers", but believed them to be sheets of roofing paper or some such article raised aloft by the wind. Both stated that it is not uncommon at this season of the year for "dust devils" to develop in the open country surrounding the town and raise pieces of debris to great heights. The geographical coordinates of the observers' positions are as follows: 44° 3' 35" North Latitude and 121° 18' 10" West Longitude.

INCIDENT NO. 340A

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 1949 Date of Interview

2. Exact Time (local) 1130

3. Place of Observation Bend, Oregon 44° - 3' 33" North 120° 18' 10" West

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object

6. Number of objects two

7. Apparent size Smaller than dime at arms length

8. Color of object White

9. Shape No definite shape discernable

10. Altitude 1st object 45°, second directly overhead

11. Direction from observer First object 300°

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) South, South West

14. Time in sight

15. Speed Drifting lazily

16. Sound and odor none

17. Trail none

18. Luminosity Reflected sunlight

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers 1st objects appeared to be revolving or turning over, 2nd object fluttered

21. Manner of disappearance View cut off by trees, 2nd object disappeared at 60° elevation at 250°

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions

(over)

Incident 5404

Name and address of observer: [redacted] Bend, Oregon.

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

[redacted] Bend, Oregon, mgr. of the [redacted], located in the [redacted], Bend, Oregon, was interviewed at her office and stated in substance as follows: She first sighted Object #1 at approximately 1130 hours on 24 March 1949 while walking in the 100 block of Oregon Ave., The object was described as being white in color, of no regular shape, but not longer than wide. The size of the object was considerably smaller than a dime held at arm's length. There was no visible indication of speed, but the object seemed to be drifting lazily on a South Southwest heading. The object appeared to be revolving, or turning over, with no audible sound nor visible exhaust trail. [redacted] had no idea of the height of the object above terrain. Object #1 was first sighted 45° above the horizon, and from the observer's position, it appeared to be at ten O'clock clockwise from North. [redacted] had business at a local bank, and upon her return outdoors after a lapse of approx. 10 minutes, she sighted object #2 directly overhead. This object remained in view during her return to her office on the second floor of the O'Donnel Bldg., at which time she proceeded to the porch on the rear of the building and again sighted object #2. She watched the object until her view was cut off by trees. Position of the object at this time was 60° above the horizon at eight o'clock clockwise from North. Object #2 was described as being the same as object #1 with the exception of the maneuverability, which was said to be a slight fluttering and not the revolving action associated with object #1. [redacted] stated that she does not believe these objects were paper as the sun reflected from their surfaces as they fluttered or revolved. She does not believe that their rotation, or movement, was motivated by any force. [redacted] did not see both objects at the same time. The geographical coordinates in regard to her position at the time of sighting were 44° 3' 35" North latitude and 121° 18' 10" West longitude.

INCIDENT NO. 3403

1. Date of Observation 24 Mar 49 Date of Interview

2. Exact Time (local) 1135

3. Place of Observation Bend, Oregon 44°-3'-33" North 121° 18' 10" West

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object Mrs. Innes

6. Number of objects One of objects sighted (believed to be #2)

7. Apparent size 1/4 inch at arms length

8. Color of object Light cream

9. Shape No definite shape discernable

10. Altitude 10,000 - 70° Elevation

11. Direction from observer First sighted 330°

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s) Southwesterly

14. Time in sight

15. Speed very slow

16. Sound and odor None

17. Trail None

18. Luminosity Reflected light

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers Slight fluttering maintained steady altitude

21. Manner of disappearance view cutoff by trees disappeared 250°

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions Clear, cirrus clouds at great heights.

(over)

Incident 3LOB

Name and address of observer: [redacted], Bend, Oregon

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted]

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

[redacted], Bend, Oregon, was interviewed at his place of employment, the [redacted], Bend, Oregon, and stated in substance as follows: His attention was directed to the object by [redacted], who called to him from the rear of the O'Donnel Bldg. while he was on the loading platform in the rear of the Shop. The time was approximately 1155 hours, the weather was clear with patches of cirrus clouds at great heights. The only object sighted (believed to be object #2) was of no definite shape, but of a size comparable to an object one quarter inch in diameter held at arm's length. It appeared to be light cream in color, becoming brighter or darker as its movement caused reflection of light from the sun. Its movement was very slow, heading in a Southwesterly direction with a slight fluttering action. It maintained a steady altitude estimated at 10,000 feet above the terrain. There was no audible sound nor visible exhaust trail. It was first viewed at a position of eleven o'clock clockwise from North, and stayed in view until the eight o'clock position was reached, at which time his view of the object was cut off by some tall trees in the immediate vicinity. The object maintained a steady height of approximately 70° above the horizon. The geographical coordinates in regard to his position at the time of sighting are 44° 3' 33" North latitude and 121° 13' 10" West longitude.

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INCIDENT NO. 3400

1. Date of Observation 24 March 1949 Date of Interview

2. Exact Time (local) 1115

3. Place of Observation Bend, Oregon

4. Position of observer Ground

5. What attracted attention to object People in Street looking at sky

6. Number of objects one

7. Apparent size

8. Color of object

9. Shape Like paper in wind

10. Altitude

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer

13. Direction of flight of object(s)

14. Time in sight

15. Speed drifting

16. Sound and odor

17. Trail

18. Luminosity Reflected light

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers

21. Manner of disappearance

22. Effect on Clouds

23. Additional information concerning object Appeared like piece of tinfoil in wind

24. Weather Conditions

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Other (Kites)

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Incident 34OC

Name and address of observer: [redacted]

Occupation and hobbies:

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Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

[redacted] owners of the [redacted], Bend, Oregon, were interviewed at their place of business and stated in substance as follows: At 1115 hours on 24 Mar 1949, their attention was attracted to the street outside their shop by several people looking up into the sky. They stopped outside and also looked up and noticed an object which appeared to them to be tinfoil as it was only visible to them when it reflected light from the sun. The object did not appear to be motivated by any visible force, but seemed to be drifting with the air currents. Only one object was sighted, and it was passed off as a piece of paper borne aloft by the wind and air currents. No particular attention was given to the size or shape of the object because no importance was attached to it.

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CHARACTER Special Inquiry

REFERENCE Pending Report of S/A CHARLES E. BROOKS, 19th District OSI, File No. 24-14, dtd 20 July 1949

SYNOPSIS

The Civil Aeronautics Authority, San Francisco, California, disclosed that there are numerous air carriers in this area, of which a very small per cent file any type of schedule or clearance for flights. Weather report for the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, not available in this area, but can be obtained from the Airways Communications Station, Medford, Oregon. No radar installations in the area of California or Oregon are near enough or powerful enough to have recorded unusual readings at Gold Beach, Oregon, on 24 May 1949. The Air Force Early Warning Radar Stations in the Bay Area reported nothing unidentified on 24 May 1949 for the Gold Beach, Oregon, area as these stations have insufficient range for that great a distance.

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Jone, California.
26 July 1949.

While on vacation near Gold Beach, Oregon during the latter part of May 1949 and while fishing from a boat in the Rogue River in the late afternoon, my husband [redacted], called the attention of the group to an silver object, circular in shape, crossing the sky at a high altitude and at a high rate of speed. I could not estimate its height and its size was as large as a large passenger plane, the shaped like a shiny circular disk. No sound was heard and it crossed our range of vision in two or three minutes. The day had been clear, visibility was good and the sun was just setting. Other occupants of the party who observed the object were, [redacted] and my husband. There was no sound and the object traveled on a direct course.

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Jone, California

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Witness
Thomas H Keeley, SSA. 19th Dist O.S.I. [redacted]

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Moffett Field, California
2 August 1949

While fishing with a party of friends about two and a half miles up the Rogue River from its mouth at Gold Beach, Oregon, at approximately 5:00 p.m., 24 May 1949, my attention was called to an object in the sky. The object was to the East of us about one (1) mile, at approximately 5000 feet altitude. With the naked eye little but a glare and silvery glint could be seen. But after watching it for approximately one minute and a half I was handed a pair of 8-power binoculars by [redacted] It was then possible to see that the object was roughly circular in shape and appeared to be 30 to 35 feet in diameter. It had somewhat the cross sectional appearance of a pancake, being thicker in the center than at the edges. A small triangular fin started approximately in the middle and grew gradually higher to the rear as the object traveled. When first sighted the object was moving very slowly. As I watched it through the glasses, it picked up speed and when it vanished from sight, approximately 90 seconds later, it was traveling as fast or faster than a jet plane. As far as could be seen, it had no openings or protuberances of any kind other than the fin and there was neither sight nor sound of any driving force. It was a clear day and no clouds in the sky, and the sun was at our backs as we watched the object which vanished in a southeasterly direction, mostly south.

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WITNESSES:

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Ione, California.
26 July 1949

During the latter part of May 1949 at approximately 16.30 in the afternoon, while fishing in a boat on the Rogue River near Gold Beach, Oregon together with [redacted] and my wife, my attention was attracted by a silvery object in the sky, traveling at a height of approximately 5000 feet in a southerly direction. The object, circular in formation as a silver dollar traveled without sound at a speed greater than that of a high speed or jet plane. [redacted] used a binocular to view the object which was visible to the naked eye for approximately two minutes. But using the binoculars I could not make out any irregularities of formation, or whether the object had a motor or motors, landing gear, or other items usually connected with a plane. It had no appearance of the conventional plane but in size would be of the diameter of the fuselage length of the D.C-3 plane. I have fished in the general area a number of years and have observed various type planes flying in this area, but have never observed anything of this nature before.

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Witness -
Thomas H Kelley, S/A. 19th Det O.S.I.

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