

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 May 1949 25/0100Z	2. LOCATION Rogue River, Oregon
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	No data presented to indicate object could NOT have been an A/C.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round, silver in color and about the size of a C-47. Object flew in a straight flight. Object was coming from the East but later turned to the SW.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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7 Nov 1949

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. UNCLASSIFIED 24-33	DATE 30 September 1949
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (PROJECT SIGN) Sighted at Rogue River, Oregon, on 24 May 1949		REPORT MADE BY RALEH R. HOUSER, SA	REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB
		PERIOD 8 August, 22 September 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #19
		STATUS RUC	
		CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY	
REFERENCE Rpt of CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO#19, dated 20 July 1949, File No. 24-14 Rpt of CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO #19, dated 28 July 1949, File No. 24-14			
SYNOPSIS Mrs. [REDACTED], Box #207, Gold Beach, Oregon, advised that her attention was called to this object while on a fishing party on the Rogue River near Gold Beach on 24 May 1949. She described it as being round in shape, silver in color, and about the size of a C-47 aircraft. It made no noise, left no exhaust trail, and made no maneuvers. When first called to her attention, the object appeared to be three or four miles away. It was coming from the east, but later turned to the southwest. The position of the observer is as follows: 42° 25' North Latitude and 124° 24' West Longitude. Personnel of the CAA Weather Station, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, advised that there are no reports available exclusively for Gold Beach and vicinity. However, charts for the coastal area indicate the coast was open and clear on 24 May 1949. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DDO DIR 5200.10			
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DETAILS:

AT GOLD BEACH, OREGON

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1. On 8 August 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED] Gold Beach, Oregon, was interviewed and advised that at approximately 1700 hours, 24 May 1949, she and four other persons, while fishing on the Rogue River near Elephant Rock approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles above the highway bridge near Gold Beach, Oregon, sighted an object described as being round in shape, silver in color, and about the size of a C-47 aircraft. When first brought to Mrs. [REDACTED] attention by one of the other witnesses, the object appeared to be three or four miles away. It was coming from the east, but later turned to the southwest. It appeared to be traveling at the same rate of speed as a C-47. It made no noise, left no exhaust trail, and made no maneuvers. The interviewee stated that she was not familiar with aircraft; therefore, she could not estimate with any accuracy the speed or altitude at which the object was traveling. Mrs. [REDACTED] made the comparison between the object and a C-47 because she is familiar with that type aircraft. Her son has pointed out C-47's to her as they flew over Gold Beach. The position of the observer at the time of sighting is as follows: $42^{\circ} 25'$ North Latitude and $124^{\circ} 24'$ West Longitude.

AT MEDFORD, OREGON

2. On 22 September 1949, personnel of the CAA Weather Station, Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, advised that there are no reports available exclusively for Gold Beach and vicinity. However, available weather charts for the coastal area indicate the coast was open and clear on 24 May 1949.

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Rpt of S/A CHARLES E. BROOKS, DO#19, dtd 20 Jul 49, file 24-14, and Rpt of
S/A BROOKS dtd 28 Jul 49; Rpt of S/A HOUSER, DO#20, dtd 30 Sep 49, file 24-33,
(AFCSI 24-186)

SYNOPSIS

On 25 October 1949, Colonel [REDACTED] Co, 505th
Aircraft Control and Warning Group, advised that the vicinity of
Gold Beach, Oregon, is not under radar coverage by his unit or
any other unit at present.

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1. Special Agent ANDREW LETA conducted this portion of the investigation.

AT SILVER LAKE, WASHINGTON

2. On 25 October 1949, Colonel JAMES R. MC NITT, Commanding Officer, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Silver Lake, Washington, was interviewed and information was requested as to whether or not any unidentified aircraft had been detected in the vicinity of Gold Beach, Oregon, on 24 May 1949. Colonel MC NITT informed this agent that the area in question was not covered by the 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group net and, in fact, is not under radar coverage by his unit or any other at present time.

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