PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 49	2 OCATION Mesa, Arizona
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION [redacted] Unreliable Report
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Initally, the four discs observed together were approximately 85 deg above the horizon. Objects appeared to hover around ax small cloud, estimated to be at an extremely high altitude. The fifth disc, which moved from W to E, was a lower altitude than the other four but was also extremely high. Observation was sustained for about 30 minutes. The discs were metallic in composition, steel gray in color, varied in form depending on position at which viewed. Seven power binoculars were used for part of the time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visusl	
7. COURSE W to E	
6. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185/1

DATE 27 Sept 49

REPORT MADE BY ELMER M. NEVILLE ep

REPORT MADE AT DO #18

PERIOD 22 Sept 49

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #18

STATUS PENDING

TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISCS
ON 24 JUNE 1949 AT MESA,
ARIZONA, BY [redacted]

CHARACTER "SPECIAL INQUIRY, UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT"

REFERENCE AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

This report is made in conformity with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, subject: "Special Inquiry, Unconventional Aircraft". In a personal interview with this agent, [redacted] stated that on 24 June 1949 he observed four (4) flying discs, later a fifth appeared, observation was sustained for about 30 minutes. The discs were metallic in composition, steel gray in color, varied in form depending on position at which viewed. Seven power binoculars were used for part of the time. There were four (4) witnesses, (two (2) adults and two (2) children), in addition to [redacted] expressed interest in contacting Commanding General, AMC, for permission to photograph future phenomena of this type with the object of commercial sale.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted in conformity with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, subject: Unconventional Aircraft, "Special Inquiry".

2. This report is based upon a personal interview of [redacted] by this agent on 22 September 1949 at the Federal Building, Los Angeles, Calif. Contact was established with [redacted] by means of a telephone call to OSI District Office No. 18 by Warrant Officer LeMASTER in the Los Angeles Communication Center, Room 1418 Federal Building. LeMASTER stated that [redacted] was in the office relating that he had seen flying discs and desired permission of the military authorities to photograph future sightings of discs with the object of commercial sale. The details set forth below are the observations, comments and estimates of WILLIAM A. [redacted], except as otherwise indicated.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

3. Date of sighting:

24 June 1949.

4. Time of sighting:

1545 - 1630 hours.

5. Where sighted (observers position):

From the ground on western outskirts of Mesa, Arizona.

6. Number of objects:

Four (4) initially, later a fifth disc appeared.

7. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting:

Sighting occurred between the hours 1545 - 1630.

8. Distance of objects from observer:

Distance varied. Initially, the four (4) observed together were approximately 85 degrees above the horizon. Objects appeared to hover around small cloud, estimated to be at an extremely high altitude. The fifth disc, which moved from west to east, was at a lower altitude than the other four (4) but was also extremely high.

9. Time in sight:

Four (4) objects - approximately 30 minutes. Fifth object - about 25 seconds.

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10. Appearance of object:

(a) Color - Steel gray; reflected sunlight brilliantly; appeared ruby red when viewed from great distance.

(b) Shape - Consisted of two (2) principal parts, a disc supported by two (2) flanges extending around the disc. Appeared rectangular in some positions. The sketches, shown in Inclosures 1 and 2, are reproductions of [redacted]'s rough sketches to show appearance at different distances.

(c) Apparent construction - Metallic. [redacted] is definite on this even though flanges were flexible under what appeared to be air pressure.

11. Direction of flight:

After the four (4), hovering near the cloud, had been observed for about 20 minutes, they dispersed. One proceeded in a smooth direct course to the southeast, a second moved straight east, a third went northeast, and the fourth moved upward at about an 82 degree angle. The fifth object, which was not visible at first, appeared in the west and moved eastward.

12. Tactics or maneuvers:

Four (4) were observed to move horizontally, one moved upward at about an 82 degree angle.

13. Evidence of exhaust:

None noted.

14. Effect on clouds:

No effect noted.

15. Lights:

Reflected sunlight brilliantly in some positions. Gave off ruby red light at distance.

16. Support:

The only visible means of support consisted of two flanges or extensions from the inner disc. These flanges partially enveloped the disc.

17. Propulsion:

(a) Propeller or jet - None noted.

(b) Rotor - None noted.

(c) Aerodynamic vanes - Extensions or flanges in front and back of disc could serve as vanes.

(d) Visible exhaust or jet openings - None noted.

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18. Control and stability:

(a) Fins - None noted. UNCLASSIFIED

(b) Stabilizers - Conceivably the flanges or extensions from the disc could have served as stabilizers.

19. Air ducts:

The only aperture reported was an opening between the flanges and disc which permitted a view directly through the object at certain positions.

20. Speed:

Speeds varied during the 45 minutes of observation. A maximum of 400 miles per hour was estimated.

21. Sound:

No sound emanating from the objects was heard.

22. Manner of disappearance:

Faded from view.

23. Relative to the observer:

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted], Los Angeles, California

Permanent mailing address: [redacted] Arizona.

Occupation: Owner of Old Gold Bond Mine at Goldfield, Arizona.

Reliability:

[redacted]s manner during the two hour interview was direct and businesslike. In personal appearance he was well dressed and neat. His descriptions were precise; his statements were coherent and consistent. This agent did notice, however, that [redacted] was inclined to be emotional and his face moved nervously on occasions. [redacted] claims his vision is good, although he wears glasses to correct minor defects due to advancing age. He is about 50 years of age.

A check of the records at the University of Southern California reveals that [redacted] took courses in education, Socialogy and Psychology at that University in the summers of 1923 and 1924. No degree was obtained. These same records also reflect that he later attended the Lawton Business College at Mesa, Arizona. This information confir[redacted]s statements concerning his education.

Hobbies - [redacted] claims to be an amateur astronomer, and to have his own telescope with 9-inch reflector.

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Manner of noting objects:

Observer was changing a tire on his car. Upon wiping perspiration from his forehead, he raised his head slightly and noted the four (4) discs.

Witnesses:

[redacted]
(was an instructor in aircraft gunnery during World War II.)

[redacted] Supervisor of Water Association, Mesa, Arizona.

Also two (2) children of [redacted] age 7 and 9.

2 INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO
FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D.C.
FOR DO #17, KIRTLAND AFB, ARIZONA
FOR DO #18, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

1. Handdrawn reproduction of [redacted] rough sketch of view of flying disc from great distance.

2. Same as 1. above except that view of disc is at closer range.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 17, KIRTLAND AFB, ARIZONA

AT MESA, ARIZONA

Will interview the four (4) persons listed below to determine the accuracy of W[redacted] account of the flying disc incident, to check on his reliability, and to obtain such other information on the flying discs as they may be able to furnish.

[redacted] (brother of [redacted], P[redacted], Mesa, Arizona.

S[redacted] Supervisor of Water Association, Mesa, Arizona.

The two (2) children (aged 7 and 9) of [redacted] ARIZONA

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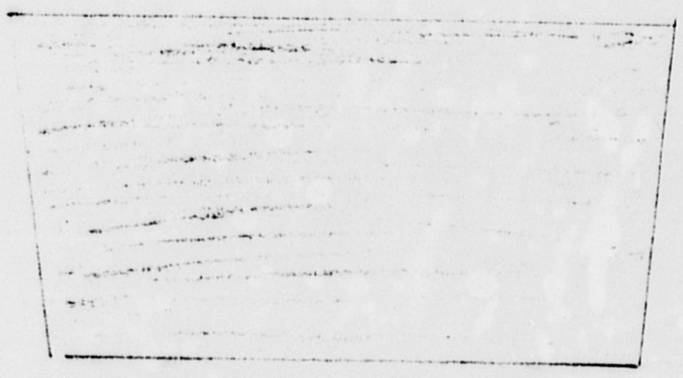
INCLOSURE 2

Appeared this shape at times with the flanges occasionally curling back around the inner disc to reveal the form of the disc which remained fixed.

INCLOSURE 1

This shape was noted when object viewed from a very great distance. Appeared ruby red in color. Also appeared this shape on one occasion when disc turned in the air.



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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

6 October 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE - Incident of Flying Discs
Mesa, Arizona - 24 June 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action is report of investigation of Special Agent ELMER M. NEVILLE, DO #18, dated 27 September 1949.

2. This investigation is continuing and reports of investigation will be forwarded to your office upon receipt in this office.

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D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. (24-8) - 2

DATE 31 December 1949

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REPORT MADE AT DO # 17, Kirtland AFB

PERIOD 28 December 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 18, Maywood Spec Depot

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
on 24 June 1949 at Mesa, Arizona
by [redacted]

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

REFERENCE Report of S/A ELMER M. NEVILLE, DO # 18, dtd 27 Sep 1949

SYNOPSIS

Interview with [redacted] indicated that their reliability is questionable. Mr [redacted] was undecided as to whether objects were conventional aircraft or if they were something else. JOHN [redacted] age 7 and 9 could not be induced to make mention of the alleged unidentified objects because they had been threatened with sever punishment by their parents if they spoke of seeing flying discs.

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DETAILS:

AT MESA, ARIZONA

1. Mr. [redacted], was interviewed on 23 December 1949. [redacted] revealed that the reason he reported the sighting of the unconventional aircraft in California instead reporting it here in Arizona was because every one that made mention of seeing strange objects in the sky was considered to be psychopathic cases and [redacted] was afraid this would harm his chances of serving on juries during sessions of court in Arizona. Prior to verifying any of the information [redacted] gave to Agent [redacted] went to great lengths determining if this Agent was an Agent of the Air Force or whether this Agent was some reporter connected with a publication. Still prior to making any statements concerning the Subject of this investigation [redacted] informed this Agent that his brother [redacted] address, who also saw the objects was an alcoholic and that [redacted] another brother same address, was just a little slow mentally and that any thing either one of them said would have to be evaluated, taking into consideration the aforementioned weaknesses. Then Mr. [redacted] called for [redacted] to verify his statements concerning the unconventional aircraft. All of above stated substantially the same: That the objects were sighted 24 June 1949 at 1545 to 1630 hours from their back yard at Box 217, Mesa, Arizona. This residence is located in West Mesa, Arizona one and one half blocks south of Main Street which is the north and south dividing line in Mesa, Arizona. All of above stated the same as reported by Special Agent [redacted] with two exceptions. One was that the fifth object which was traveling from west to east remained in sight for exactly twenty-three (23) minutes instead of twenty-five (25) seconds. The other exception was the distance of objects from observers. This distance was judged to be approximately twenty-four (24) miles. During the conversation with the [redacted]'s an offer was made by Mr. [redacted] manufacture this Agent a working model of the unidentifiable objects.

2. Mr. [redacted], Supervisor of Water Association, Mesa, Arizona, was interviewed and stated that on 24 June 1949 he was at the [redacted]'s residence and that they were excited about some objects in the air; there were three objects hovering around a small cloud high in the sky; that these objects were at an extreme altitude in the northwest. Two of these objects traveled to the northeast, one to the southwest and then turned to the southeast. They appeared to be of bright aluminium and [redacted] could judge that they were approximately the size of a DC-6 aircraft. Mr. [redacted] further stated that it was impossible to determine if they were conventional aircraft or some other objects. Mr. [redacted] did not observe the objects through the binocular because at that time the objects did not appear to be unusual enough to warrant any undue excitement. Mr. WOOD could not determine the exact size or shape or any other information that would assist in establishing what the unindentified objects were.

3. The two stepchildren of [redacted] been frightened by their parents so badly that no amount of questioning or conversation could get them to mention anything about the alleged objects. The children's mother and father had threatened them with so much punishment if they spoke about it to anyone that no amount of inducement either

by this Agent or the parents would get them to talk about the alleged objects.

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File No: (24-8) - 2

13 January 1950

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC on 24 June at Mesa, Arizona, by WILLIAM A. CRISMON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

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

1. Reference is made to previous reports from this district concerning the sightings of unidentified aerial objects.

2. Attached are two (2) copies of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Lindell W. Politte of this office, dated 31 December 1949, subject as above.

3. This district will continue to forward reports of sightings of this nature to your headquarters.

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DOYLE REES
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-49 UNC 24 January 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Incident of 24 June 1949, at Mesa, Arizona, by WILLIAM A. CRISMON
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, subject as above, dated 6 October 1949.

2. Inclosed for your information is the final report in subject investigation, from 18th OSI District, dated 19 January 1950.

D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
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FILE NO. [redacted]24-185/1

DATE 19 January 1950

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SIGHTING OF FLYING DISCS
ON 24 JUNE 1949 AT MESA,
ARIZONA, BY [redacted]

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE Rpt of SA ELMER M. NEVILLE dtd 27 September 1949 at DO #18

SYNOPSIS

File reviewed and it was found that all logical leads have been developed and reported. For that reason this case is being closed.

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