

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 Jul 49 13/2200Z	2. LOCATION Pullman, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS THREE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-8 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Objects were flying in formation. Objects appeared to be circular-shaped discs, about 10 ft in diameter. They were black on top and silver-colored on the bottom. No smoke, trails, exhaust, or sound was observed. The objects continued in flight after making a 90 deg turn until they disappeared from view. Four B-29s were known to be in or around that area at the time of the sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southeast	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INS ,TOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-32 REPORT MADE BY MERLE L. CLEVELAND	DATE 12 October 1949
TITLE AERIAL PHENOMENON Sighting of flying disc on 13 July 49, Pullman, Washington by Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE AT DO #20, McChord AFB, Wn. PERIOD 5,10 Aug; 7 Sept 49 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #20 STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY -- Unconventional Aircraft			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS UNCLASSIFIED Investigation requested by District Commander, DO #20, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, predicated upon a newspaper account of Flying Saucers allegedly sighted at Pullman, Washington. Four witnesses sighted three unknown objects described as being disc-shaped, on 13 July 1949, at Pullman, Washington. Four B-29's were known to be in or near the area at the time of the sighting. Positive identification of objects was not possible. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10			
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		FILE STAMP <i>Initial</i> <i>479</i>	

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, 20th District OSI (IG) USAF, McChord AFB, Washington, predicated upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Spokesman Review, Spokane, Washington, dated 14 July 1949, entitled, "Flying Saucer over Pullman."

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2. The writer interviewed the following civilians on 5 August and 7 September 1949, regarding the sighting of unconventional aircraft:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

All of the above-named furnished substantially the same information which is set forth hereinbelow.

The date of sighting was 13 July 1949 at approximately 1430 to 1500 hours, Pacific Standard Time. The observers were at the Union Pacific railroad yards; two were working on the railroad tracks and two were loading coal from a bin into a truck. Three objects were sighted, flying in formation, echelon to the left. At the time of sighting, the objects were estimated to be ten miles northwest of Pullman at an unknown elevation. None of the observers would venture to make an estimate as to altitude but stated that it was about the same height as the average airliner. The objects were sighted at an indicated 45° angle above the horizon, and two of the objects passed directly overhead. The objects were estimated to be in sight from five to eight minutes. The objects were circular-shaped discs, being approximately six feet through the center or middle section and ten feet in diameter. They were black on the top and silver colored on the bottom. The material or substance of construction was unknown. They were flying toward the southeast. The object oscillated in flight, creating a blinking effect as the silver and black surfaces came into view. The arc or swing of the objects was very mechanical and regular and covered approximately 80° . When the objects were approximately five miles from the observers, the trailing object made a 90° turn to the left and disappeared from view northeast of Pullman. The two remaining objects continued in a straight line of flight until they were directly overhead, and then they executed a 90° turn to the left and continued a straight line of flight to the northeast. There was no evidence of smoke or vapor trails nor any type of exhaust. No sound was audible. The weather was hot and humid, with a few scattered clouds, and the observers did not recall seeing the object pass through or near any clouds. The speed was constant and estimated as about the same as a commercial airliner. There was no evidence of propulsion other than the oscillating effect and no evidence of control surfaces were noted. The objects continued in flight until they disappeared from view. The observers did not know what the objects were.

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a. Mr. [REDACTED] General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer at the Duthies Seed Company, Pullman, Wn. He has no pertinent hobbies. [REDACTED] is approximately 55 years old and apparently not well educated. He displayed excitement in describing the objects and appeared eager for any publicity he may obtain from his account of the objects. [REDACTED] attention was drawn to the objects by [REDACTED] who saw the objects first.

b. Mr. [REDACTED] General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer at the Duthies Seed Company. He admitted that his sight was impaired and that he did not have his glasses on at the time the objects were in view. [REDACTED] incoherent and poorly educated, was unable to give any pertinent details regarding the objects.

c. Mr. [REDACTED] General Delivery, Pullman, Wn., is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Co., at Pullman, Wn., as a laborer on the section crew. He is approximately 35 years old, apparently has a high school education, and appeared to be very observing. He was sincere regarding the information he furnished. He was not able to determine the speed, altitude, or size of the object but furnished what he considered a rough estimate. When he did not know the answers to certain questions, he frankly admitted he did not know.

d. Mr. [REDACTED] 90 - [REDACTED], Pullman, Wn., is employed as a laborer on the section crew by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Pullman, Wn. He is approximately 55 years old and has poor eyesight. He was the first to sight the objects. He was unable to determine their size or shape, but his attention was drawn to the objects by the blinking effect in the sky, and then he asked the others what it was.

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4. Major [REDACTED] Base Weather Officer, Spokane AFB, furnished the following weather sequence from the files governing the Pullman, Wn., area on 13 July 1949: "Scattered clouds at 1800 feet; visibility, 30 miles; temperature, 97°; and wind from the north at 6 miles per hour." VIGER further advised that it could have been clear over Pullman at 1400 hours as the clouds were very scattered.

5. 1st Lt [REDACTED] Base Operations, Spokane AFB, was interviewed and advised that on 13 July 1949 one flight of four B-29's departed Spokane AFB at 1310 enroute to San Francisco, California, and they may have been sighted from Pullman, Washington.

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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 24-21X

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15 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "GRUDGE"
Incident, Dayton, Ohio
10 July 1949

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

1. Reference is made to R & R, your office, dated 14 July 1949, requesting investigation of the sighting of an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1900 hours, Sunday 10 July 1949 in the vicinity of 431 East Stroop Road, Dayton, Ohio.

2. Forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate is the report of Special Agent JOHN L. BRENNER, this office, dated 15 August 1949. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and reported.

3. Your attention is invited to Paragraph 11 of Air Force Regulation 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of the nature, sources or existence of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

4. With the submission of this report, the files of this office are being closed regarding this case.

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R/I DO #5, dtd 15 Aug 49

Copy to:

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