

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 May 1949 21/2130Z	2. LOCATION Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION RADAR: AIRCRAFT VISUAL? AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Phone call was received the same day from tower that a/c were in area dropping pamphlets for an Air Rodeo
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Report from Control Tower that Flying Saucers were over Atomic Plant. A/C were scrambled with a negative effort. Report stated UFO's were faster than jet a/c. Another report later was made that falling bits of paper in their area were observed on radar. Red on one side green on the other and approximately 6 inches square. First object was round, white or silver color
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Northeasterly	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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B/L frm Hq, 637th Aircraft Control & Warning Sq., 505th Aircraft Control & Warning Group, Moses Lake AFB, Wash., dtd 23 May 49, Subj: Project "SIGN"

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq., USAF, Washington 25, D.C. ' 3 JUN 1949

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

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HEADQUARTERS
637TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
505TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING GROUP
Moses Lake Air Force Base
Washington

23 May 1949

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN".

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington, 25, D.C.
Attn: Director of Intelligence, Requirements Division

1. At 1330 a call was received from the Hanford Area (Concrete) that a Flying Saucer was over the East 200 area approximately 4 (four) miles east of the Hanford Atomic Plant, Washington. The operator at Hanford stated that the Disk was standing still and then took off in a south-easterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter. The available aircraft was called for by the Hanford operator and the aircraft was scrambled. The Hanford operator cleared the aircraft into their prohibited area (authorization coming from the Assistant Chief of the Security Section at Hanford). The scopes were instructed to search the southern sector with no results. Crew personnel and the controller searched the sky, visually, and noted a round, white or silver object traveling in a north easterly direction at a speed greater than that of jet fighters at approximately 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The base weather section was then contacted to see if any weather ballons were sent up and they reported in the negative. Base weather section stated that they do not utilize weather ballons. At 1420 an F-82, Gertrude 20, pilot Gardner was airborne and reported in to Torch controller. A target, number 81, was being tracked in the east-south-east sector by Torch at this time and the ADCC instructed the controller to intercept it in hopes that it might be a Disk. Target 81 faded in radar contact just after (approximately 5 minutes) Gertrude 20 was airborne. The controller was able to give two vectors before target 81 faded. Radar contact with the fighter was spotty, so poor that a coherent track on the fighter was impossible. At approximately 1425 Hanford reported falling bits of paper in their area (in the vicinity of the Rattlesnake Mountains). The Hanford operator described the papers as being approximately 6 inches square, red on one side and green on the other. The fighter was then sent to the vicinity of the Rattlesnake mountains to examine the area for the papers.

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2. It is believed that two separate and distinct alert conditions existed on the afternoon of 21 May 1949. The first was caused by the sightings of Flying Saucers (noted) by Hanford using a telescope and the operations crew of the 637th ADC. The second was caused by the dropping of leaflets by an aircraft into the Hanford area. It is believed that there is no connection between the two events.

3. Teletype sequence of local weather and winds aloft reported at time of observation: 5000 feet scattered, visibility 20 miles, sea level pressure 15.6, temperature 69, dew point 29, wind SSW 10 knots per hour, altimeter setting 29.99. Winds aloft, MSL 4000 feet 240 degrees at 15 knots, 6000 feet, 220 degrees at 15 knots, 8000 feet, 280 degrees at 20 knots, 10,000 feet 255 degrees at 15 knots, 12,000 feet 240 degrees at 10 knots, 14,000 feet 222 degrees at 15 knots, 20,000 feet 190 degrees at 15 knots, 25,000 feet 17 degrees at 20 knots, 30,000 feet 160 degrees at 30 knots, 35,000 feet 150 degrees at 40 knots.

4. Observer states that the altitude (estimated) was between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. The witnesses name is Max Segoinns, 504 Falley, Richland, Washington. Segoinns place of work is 200 West meterlogist tower.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Robert K. Plutt

ROBERT K. PLUTT
1st Lt., USAF
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dfh ATSC FORM NO. 80-506 (1 JAN. 45)

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INCLOSURES:

None.

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CONTROL NO. **R-357** SUBJECT: **1st Ind DECIMAL FILE NO. Project SIGN Secret S-50466** FOLLOW UP ON **R-838** DATE **6/3/49**

FROM: **AFCIR-CO-17** DATED **6/3/49**

TO: **IAXS** NO. INCLS.

RECORDING **AAT-1** DATE **6/8/49** 1130

DESK RECORDED HOUR

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DATE OF REPLY OTHER DISPOSITION: TRANSMITTAL AMC FORM NO. 10-2 (20 NOV. 47) SEE OTHER SIDE FOR REMARKS

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AT 1330 PM 21 MAY 1949 AN OBJECT, DESCRIBED AS A [REDACTED]
OBJECT WAS SIGHTED OVER THE HANFORD PROVED AREA BY [REDACTED]
OPERATOR ON DUTY. OPERATOR STATED THAT OBJECT TRAVELLED [REDACTED]
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NOT KNOWN. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS. EOD 0000

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Conventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON 8005 Base Air Force Base, USAF	FROM (Agency) 837th AG, USAF, Dayton, Ohio	
DATE OF REPORT 1 June 1948	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 June 1948	EVALUATION [REDACTED]
PREPARED BY (Officer) Francis S. Merrill, Capt., USAF	SOURCE 8005 Base Air Force Base, USAF	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Following is copy of report received at the headquarters of the 1st AF, from the 8005 Base Air Force Base, USAF, on 23 June 1948. The aircraft control and warning team, 8005 Base Air Force Base, USAF, reported:

SYNOPSIS: Project "315".

At 1300 a call was received from the Hanford operator (operator) that a flying saucer was over the east side of the Hanford area, approximately four miles east of the Hanford Atomic Plant, Washington. The operator at Hanford stated that the disk was stationary until it took off in a southeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter. The operator at Hanford cleared the aircraft into their prohibited area and advised the Assistant Chief of the security section at Dayton. The security section was alerted and the southern sector with no results. The controller searched the area, visually, and noted a round, white object traveling in a southeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter at approximately 15,000 to 16,000 feet. The base weather section was then contacted to see if any weather balloons were sent up and they reported in the negative. The weather section stated that they do not utilize weather balloons. At 1400 an F-32, [REDACTED] was airborne and reported in to [REDACTED]. A target, [REDACTED], was being tracked in the east-south-east sector of [REDACTED] at this time. The controller instructed the controller at [REDACTED] in hopes that it might be a disk. [REDACTED] radar was lost just after [REDACTED] minutes, [REDACTED] was airborne. The controller was able to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at 81 [REDACTED]. Radar contact with the fighter was lost, as [REDACTED] a coherent track on the fighter was impossible. At approximately 1420 Hanford reported falling bits of paper in their area (in the vicinity of [REDACTED] mountains). The Hanford operator described the papers as being approximately 6 inches square, red on one side and green on the other. The fighter was then sent to the vicinity of the Rattlesnake mountains to examine the area for the papers, and also to search the Hanford area for other evidences of the flying saucers. The search continued, with spotty radar coverage, with no results. The Hanford operator again cleared the F-32 into the prohibited area and indicated that he, himself, was taking off in an airplane to search. He stated further that a weapons carrier had been dispatched to the pamphlet (paper) drop area and no papers had been found. The fighter was vectored to the Columbia river gorge to lessen the time to be flown in the prohibited area. At approximately 1525 a call was received from the Hanford operator that the papers dropped were advertisements for a Rodeo at Richland. The Rodeo is an Air Rodeo. The Hanford operator indicated that the pamphlets did fall into the prohibited area and were dropped by one of the aircraft participating in the Air Rodeo. The aircraft that was dropping the pamphlets was a PT-19 flown by Don Wise of the Atomic

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 637th AC/W Sq, 505th AC/W Sq Wesley Lake AFB, Wash	REPORT NO. Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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Speedway in Pasco, Washington. This field holds a commercial license. The aircraft number is (C 48298). At 1425 the F-2 was cleared to Wesley Lake tower and landed at 1435.

2. It is believed that two separate and distinct alert conditions occurred on the afternoon of 21 May 1948. The first was caused by the sighting of a saucer (object) over Hanford using a telescope and the operations of the F-2. The second was caused by the dropping of leaflets by an aircraft into the Hanford Area. It is believed that there is no connection between the two events.

3. Teletype sequence of local weather and winds aloft reported at time of observation: 5000 feet scattered, visibility 20 miles, sea level pressure 30.1, temperature 65, dew point 25, wind SSW 10 knots per hour, altimeter setting 30.1. Winds aloft, MSL 4000 feet 240 degrees at 10 knots, 5000 feet, 22 degrees at 10 knots, 6000 feet, 250 degrees at 20 knots, 10,000 feet 250 degrees at 10 knots, 12,000 feet 240 degrees at 10 knots, 14,000 feet 230 degrees at 10 knots, 16,000 feet 190 degrees at 15 knots, 20,000 feet 190 degrees at 20 knots, 30,000 feet 190 degrees at 30 knots.

4. Observer states that the altitude (estimated) was between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. The witnesses state it was over the valley, directly above the Hanford area. The piece of wood, is 200 feet meteorologist tower.

Signed: [Signature]
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft		
AREA REPORTED ON Moses Lake Air Force Base, Wash	FROM (Agency) 637th AC/W Sq, 505th AC/W Gp.	
DATE OF REPORT 1 June 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 May 1949	EVALUATION SECRET
PREPARED BY (Officer) Francis W. Sherrill, Capt., Dir of Intell	AUTH Moses Lake AFB, Wash	SOURCE
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
<p>Following is copy of report received at this headquarters 31 May 1949, from 637th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington:</p> <p>SUBJECT: Project "SIGN".</p> <p>1. At 1330 a call was received from the Hanford Area (Concrete) that a Flying Saucer was over the East 200 area approximately four miles east of the Hanford Atomic Plant, Washington; the operator at Hanford stated that the disk was standing still and then took off in a southeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter. The available aircraft was called for by the Hanford operator and the aircraft was scrambled. The Hanford operator cleared the aircraft into their prohibited area (authorization coming from the Assistant Chief of the Security Section at Hanford). The scopes were instructed to search the southern sector with no results. Crew personnel and the controller searched the sky, visually, and noted a round, white or silver object traveling in a northeasterly direction at a speed greater than that of a jet fighter at approximately 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The base weather section was then contacted to see if any weather balloons were sent up and they reported in the negative. Base weather section stated that they do not utilize weather balloons. At 1420 an F-82, Bertrude 20, pilot Gardner was airborne and reported in to Torch controller. Target, number 81, was being tracked in the east-south-east sector by Torch at this time and the ADCG instructed the controller to intercept it in hopes that it might be a Disk. Target 81 faded in radar contact just after (approximately 5 minutes) Bertrude 20 was airborne. The controller was able to give two vectors before target 81 faded. Radar contact with the fighter was spotty, so poor that a coherent track on the fighter was impossible. At approximately 1425 Hanford reported falling bits of paper in their area (in the vicinity ofattlesnake Mountains). The Hanford operator described the papers as being approximately 6 inches square, red on one side and green on the other. The fighter was then sent to the vicinity of theattlesnake mountains to examine the area for the papers, and also to search the Hanford area for other evidences of the Flying Saucers. The search continued, with spotty radar coverage, with no results. The Hanford operator again cleared the F-82 into the prohibited area and indicated that he, himself, was taking off in an airplane to search. He stated further that a weapons carrier had been dispatched to the pamphlet (paper) drop area and no papers had been found. The fighter was vectored to the Columbia river gorge to lessen the time to be flown in the prohibited area. At approximately 1525 a call was received from the Hanford operator that the papers dropped were advertisements for a Rodeo at Richland. The Rodeo is an Air Rodeo. The Hanford operator indicated that the pamphlets did fall into the prohibited area and were dropped by one of the aircraft participating in the Air Rodeo. The aircraft that was dropping the pamphlets was a PT-19 flown by Don Wise of the Atomic</p>		
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 637th AC/W Sq, 605th AC/W Gp Moses Lake AFB, Wash	REPORT NO. Unconventional Aircraft	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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Speedway in Pasco, Washington. This pilot holds a commercial ticket. The aircraft NC number is (NC 48255). At 1420 the F-82 was cleared to Moses Lake Tower and landed at 1436.

2. It is believed that two separate and distinct alert conditions existed on the afternoon of 21 May 1949. The first was caused by the sightings of Flying Saucers (noted) by Hanford using a telescope and the operations crew of the 637th ADCG. The second was caused by the dropping of leaflets by an aircraft into the Hanford Area. It is believed that there is no connection between the two events.

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4. Observer states that the altitude (estimated) was between 17,000 and 20,000 feet. The witnesses name is Max Segoinns, 504 Falley, Richland, Washington. Segoinns place of work is 200 West meteorologist tower.

Signed: ROBERT K. PLIMITT
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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TRANSMITTAL **RA** RESTRICTED **dc** AMC FORM NO. 9 (9 FEB. 48)
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FROM: **HQ 1ST AF FOURTH AF HAMILTON FLD CALIF TO: CG AMC WP**

REG. NO. **A-0515**

DESCRIPTION, DATES AND SUBJECT:
RPT 6-1 (2-4P) UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

INCLOSURES:
NONE **5**

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INCLOSURES:
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INCIDENT NO. 331

1. Date of Observation 21 May 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1330
3. Place of Observation 4 Miles East, Hanford, Washington (A E Plant)
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object White or silver
9. Shape Round (disc intimated)
10. Altitude 17,000 - 20,000 ft
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South easterly
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Greater than jet fighter
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers Standing still then took off
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions 5,000 feet scattered clouds, visibility 20 Miles

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Max Segoinns, 504 ^{Incident} Falley, ~~Richland, Washington~~

Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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Incident 331

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED], Richland, Washington

Occupation and hobbies:

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

at 1435.

It is believed that two separate and distinct alert conditions existed on the afternoon of 21 May 1949. The first was caused by the sightings of Flying Saucers (noted) by Hanford using a telescope and the operations crew of the 637th ADCC. The second was caused by the dropping of leaflets by an aircraft into the Hanford area. It is believed that there is no connection between the two events.

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