

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 August 49 15/245Z</p>	<p>2. LOCATION Seattle, Washington</p>
<p>3. SOURCE Civilian</p>	<p>10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT</p>
<p>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four</p>	<p>Observers attention drawn by sound of A/C overhead. Observer stated that what he saw could have been a formation of jet A/C.</p>
<p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Five Seconds</p>	<p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer spotted four objects appear through a break in the clouds. Appeared at 40 deg elevation and were far away and very high. Objects were silver in color with a dark border. Shaped like a flattened oval. They had about a 3 1/2 to 1 ratio of length to width. There was no evidence of smoke or vapor trails. Object disappeared into clouds in about five seconds.</p>
<p>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual</p>	
<p>7. COURSE Northerly</p>	
<p>8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-40	DATE 10 November 1949
	REPORT MADE BY CARTER O. COOPER	92
TITLE UNCLASSIFIED UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT Sighted by Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Washington on 15 August 1949	REPORT MADE AT DO#20, McChord AFB	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO#20, McChord AFB	STATUS CLOSED

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT


REFERENCE
None - this is an initial report. (AFCSI 24-185)

SYNOPSIS

Investigation directed by District Commander. [redacted], interviewed by writer and a description obtained of four objects seen by him on 15 August 1949. [redacted] admitted that what he saw could have been a flight of jet planes. [redacted], present at the time Mr. [redacted] sighted the objects, could give no substantiating information.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation, directed by the District Commander, was predicated upon letter from the Seattle Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 17 August 1949, File #105-0, in which was set forth information volunteered to that office by Mr. [REDACTED] to the effect that on 15 August 1949 in Seattle, Washington, he had sighted four (4) objects which he believed to be flying discs.

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

2. On 9 November 1949, Mr. [REDACTED], a mail carrier, [REDACTED], Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his home and stated in substance: On 15 August 1949, at approximately 1455 hours (Pacific Daylight Time) he had just stepped off a bus and was standing on the sidewalk along 19th Avenue Northeast about 100 feet from the corner of East 65th Street. As he was sorting a hand full of mail, he became conscious of the sound of airplanes and raised his head to look for them. The planes making the noise could not be sighted, but as he was looking upward he spotted four objects through a break in the clouds. They were flying in a "V" formation with #4 above and behind #2. By this time the noise supposedly heard from conventional type aircraft could no longer be heard. The objects appeared at about a 40° angle of elevation above the horizon and were far away and very high. [REDACTED] observed the four objects about five seconds as they passed from view behind the clouds, reappeared and then finally vanished behind a solid overcast. They were silver in color with a dark border; shaped like a flattened oval, having about a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 ratio of length to thickness; large in size and apparently constructed of aluminum. The objects were flying good formation, straight and level in a northerly direction. There was no evidence of exhaust, no effect on clouds, no light other than the reflection of the sun on the objects, and no apparent support or propulsion. No sound was heard, and [REDACTED] could only judge their speed as very fast. [REDACTED] has worked for the United States Post Office Department for many years and is presently working out of the University Branch Post Office in Seattle. During the first World War he was an Aviation Machinist in the United States Navy. He likes to hunt and fish, spending most of his free time outdoors. At the time of sighting the objects, he was completing an exceptionally easy work day and was not fatigued or under any strain. The only person in the vicinity of the sighting was Miss [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Northeast, Seattle, Washington, who, although having her attention called to the objects, was unable to see anything. [REDACTED] stated that the four objects could have been airplanes, as they were a considerable distance from him.

AGENTS NOTE: Mr. [REDACTED] was quick to admit that the four objects could have been airplanes and that he is not familiar with the new types of jet aircraft. Prior to sighting the objects, [REDACTED]

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had read an article in a national magazine about "flying discs" His character and intelligence would indicate that he is a sincere and reliable individual, capable of describing anything exactly as he saw it.

3. On 9 November 1949, Miss [REDACTED], a student at the University of Washington, [REDACTED] Street, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at her home and stated in substance: A few months ago, during the morning hours, she had stepped off a bus and was walking along 19th Avenue Northeast toward her house when she noticed a small plane flying overhead. Immediately thereafter the mailman, whose route she is on and who had also gotten off the bus, called to her to look at the "flying discs". A tree blocked her view in the direction she was supposed to look and she was unable to see anything. She walked as far as her house with the mailman, who did not appear to be overly excited, but seemed to have a profound veneration for the preceding episode.

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