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The following is a statement given orally by  
Murco Army Air Field, Murco, California, given to  
Captain Harry D. Black, Intelligence Officer, on 11 August 1947.

, stated that the object he saw, he believed at the  
time to be paper and of no significance or the objects not important  
enough to be reported. There was nothing clearly enough seen by the  
Colonel to make any further reports justifiable.

This oral statement was given freely and voluntarily without any  
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)  
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

s/s harry d. black  
CAPT. HARRY D. BLACK, MAC

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE  
 Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,  
 Intelligence  
 Hamilton Field, California

Title Investigation of Flying Disc. Investigation made at Maroo AAF, Maroo, Calif.  
 Controlling office Air Defense Command, Mitchell Field.  
 File No. 1208-1 PERIOD COVERED 8 July 1947  
 DATE 18 August 1947 CASE CLASSIFICATION Incident  
 STATUS OF CASE Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Investigation initiated at request of Air Defense Command  
 reference ltr Hq ADC, dtd 7 Jul 47, file D338.6 ID, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

SYNOPSIS:

On 8 July 1947, approximately 1000 hours, two incidents occurred in the vicinity  
 of Maroo Flight Test Base.

No further investigation of these incidents is being considered by this headquarters.

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The following is a statement given on 14 July 1947, by  
Maroc Army Air Field, Maroc, California.

I am fully aware of my Civil and Constitutional Rights, and understand prior to making this statement.

On Tuesday morning 8 July 1947, at approximately 10:00, while typing some cards, and taking care of my routine work, called me, along with to the front of B.O.Q. "A" Bldg. Pointing up in a direction directly above me he asked us to explain what we saw. There were two, silver colored disc like objects flying toward Mojave, California, one direct back of the other, at a speed of about 300 to 400 miles per hour, having an altitude of approximately 8000 feet. I listened carefully for a few minutes, and heard no drone, such as should be heard from any aircraft. I also cast my eyes to another direction and looking back to the same spot, I was able to distinguish the same objects again. Having assured myself that there was no eye-strain, I was convinced these objects were not weather balloons due to the horizontal position in which they were flying. Nor could they have been birds of any nature, due to the definite reflection from the sun rays.

I have been on this Base, considering an absence of six months, approximately eighteen months, and am familiar with all type aircraft.

About three or four minutes, after these flying objects had nearly disappeared, I glanced around and sighted another flying object, similar to the above mentioned objects. This flying object was silver colored and was in the shape of a disc. Unlike the first two this object was flying in a tight circle, neither losing nor gaining altitude, at approximately eight thousand feet, therefore I was convinced it could not have been a weather balloon, and because of the tight circle it could not have been any type aircraft.

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I am of sound mind and body, and swear that this statement is true and correct.

WITNESSES:

s/s Thomas A. Mc Millan

THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by  
4144th AAFBU, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, statement given  
on 14 July 1947, to

On the eight of July 1947 at ten o'clock (10:00) in the morning,  
I observed personally two (2) flying disc, flying in a north west direction  
at an estimated altitude of seven or eight thousand feet, traveling at  
approximately three or four hundred miles per hour.

Just a few minutes before this I was in the Billing Office and  
First Lieutenant Joseph C. McHenry called me and two (2) others out-  
side. He then asked us what we saw. I saw two (2) objects with my own  
eyes, and I am now and was then in perfect physical condition. I have  
20-20 vision and I am positive these two (2) objects could not have been  
Aircraft, weather balloons or birds. Due to the altitude in which they  
were flying, they gave off a definite reflection from the rays of the sun.

In addition to these two (2) disc I saw another object a few  
minutes later at the same altitude doing certain maneuvers such as flying  
in a tight circle. The two disc had already disappeared. This object to  
my knowledge of aircraft could not have been an airplane because of the  
very tight maneuver it was undergoing. I have been flying in and have  
been around all types of aircraft since 1943 and never in my life have I  
seen anything such as this. If necessary I can and will swear to this  
statement.

This statement has been given freely and voluntarily without any  
threats or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1)  
page, and is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have  
initialed all corrections deemed necessary.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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After the observance of these phenomenon and hoping that I might have time to enlist further witnesses, I immediately ran into the dispensary to get personnel who are Medical Officers to verify, for my own curiosity, the actual observance of these objects, but by the time I reached the back porch of the dispensary, who is a registered nurse, and about seven (7) other personnel were with me, the objects, had by that time, disappeared, due to the speed with which they were traveling. Upon further investigation, two (2) of us at the same time sighted another object of a silver spherical or disc-like nature at approximately eight thousand (8000) feet, traveling in circles over the North-end. I called the objects to the attention of and pointed it out to the other personnel standing near by. All of us saw the object, with the exception of two (2) out of seven (7) personnel. All of us looked away from the object several times to make sure there was no eye strain or from permitting the object to become an optical illusion.

From my actual observance the object circled in too tight a circle and too severe a plane to be any aircraft that I know of. It could not have been any type of bird because of the reflection that was created when the object reached certain altitudes. The object could not have been a local weather balloon for it is very impossible that a weather balloon would stay at the same altitude as long and circle in such a consistent nature as did the above mentioned object.

I am familiar with the results of too constant vision of the sun or any bright object and am aware that optical illusions are possible and probable. I wish to make this statement that the above mentioned observance was that of actual subject matter.

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WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by  
Yuroc Army Air Field, Yuroc, California, statement given to  
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, this Station, on 12 August 1947.

At 11:50 hours, 8 July 1947, while the undersigned was sitting in  
an observation truck located in Area # 3, Rogers Dry Lake, for the  
purpose of observing a P-52 ejection seat experiment, the following  
unfamiliarity was observed.

The undersigned was gazing upward toward a formation of two (2)  
P-52's and an A-26 aircraft flying at 20,000 feet, preparing to carry  
out a seat ejection experiment, when I observed a rounded object,  
white aluminum in color, which at first resembled a parachute canopy.  
The first impression was that a premature ejection of the seat and  
dummy had occurred. This body was ejected at a determined height lower  
than 20,000 feet, and was falling at three (3) times the rate observed  
for the parachute which was ejected thirty minutes later. As it fell  
it drifted slightly north of due west against the prevailing wind, to-  
ward Mount Wilson. The speed, horizontal motion could not be determined,  
but appeared slower than the maximum velocity 50-80 aircraft.

As this object descended through a low enough level to permit  
observation of its lateral silhouette, it presented a distinct oval  
outline, with two (2) projections on the upper surface which might have  
been thick fins or nocks. These crossed each other at intervals, suggest-  
ing either rotation or oscillation of slow type.

No smoke flames, propeller arcs, engine noise, or other audible (?)  
or visible means of propulsion were noted. The color was silvery, re-  
sembling aluminum painted fabric, and did not appear as dense as a  
parachute canopy.

When the object dropped to a level such that comes into line of  
vision of the mountain tops, it was lost to the vision of the observer.

It is estimated that the object was in line of vision about 90  
seconds. Of the five (5) people sitting in the observation truck, four  
(4) observed this object and made remarks about it. These people include:  
- Civilian, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio  
(Other names not given)

The following is my own personal opinions about this object:

1. I think it was a man-made object, as evidenced distantly by  
the outline and functional appearance.

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2. Its size was not far from 25 feet with a parachute canopy.

3. The path followed by this object appeared as though it might have been dropped from a great height.

Seeing this was not a hallucination or other fancies of a sense.

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WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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The following is a statement given by  
Huroc Army Air Field, Huroc, California, statement given to  
Mr. Thomas A. McMillan, CIC Agent, This station, on 13 August 1947.

On 7 July 1947, at approximately 10:10, while running up the  
XP-84 on the ground I noticed everyone was looking up into the air.  
Off to the north about 10,000 to 12,000 feet altitude, was an object  
that I assumed at first to be a weather balloon, but after looking at  
it for a while I noticed that it was oscillating in a forward whirling  
movement without losing altitude. It was traveling about 200 to 225  
MPH, and heading from west to east.

The object was yellowish white in color and I would estimate that  
it was a sphere about 5 to 10 feet in diameter.

I did not have time to chase it in a P-80.

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or promises under duress. This statement consists of one (1) page, and  
is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS:

s/s thomas a. mc millan  
THOMAS A. MC MILLAN

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