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'Collection Memo' 1947

RE: Horton Bros. ETC



General Services Administration
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, DC 20409

August 25, 1983

Reply to: AS-83-3005

Mr. Hugh L. O'Neal
4219 W. Olive St. #247
Burbank, CA 91505

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

Enclosed is the first installment of your order of Army intelligence files 452.1 ("unconventional aircraft"). We have begun declassification procedures of the 1953-1956 files and we will forward copies to you at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

MISS AMY SCHMIDT
Modern Military Field Branch
Military Archives Division

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



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SUBJECT: Reply to inquiry

Mr. Hugh L. O'Neal
4219 W. Olive Street, #247
Burbank, CA 91505

You will find an answer to your inquiry in the statement(s) checked below.

1. ☐ The enclosed information will help answer your recent inquiry.
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3. ☐ Your order costs \$ _____.
4. ☐ Your refund of \$ _____ ☐ is enclosed ☐ will be sent by Treasury check in a few weeks.
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EDWIN R. COFFEE
Assistant Chief
Modern Military Headquarters Branch
Military Archives Division

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AFOIR-CO/Lt Col Garrett/mcb/4544
28 Oct 47

Intelligence Requirements on Flying Saucer Type
Aircraft

Eq. USAF - AFOIR

30 OCT 1947

Lt Col Garrett/mcb/4544

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Attn: Plans and
Collection Branch

1. It is requested that a Collection Memorandum, similar to the attached draft, be issued to the addressees indicated thereon. This is in accordance with conversation between Lt. Colonel Smith and Lt. Colonel Garrett.

2. It will be appreciated if, at the time this Memorandum is reproduced, ten (10) additional copies could be run off and sent to the Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Collection Branch, for file purposes.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

2 Incls.

1. Intelligence Requirements
2. Draft of Collection Memorandum

GEO. F. SCHULGEN

Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.

Chief, Air Intelligence Requirements Div
Office of Ass't. Chief of Air Staff-2

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30 OCT 1947

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OFFICE SYMBOL	1. AFOIR-CO	2.	3.	4.	5.
TO AND FROM	Col Taylor 3rd				
BY	Geo. F. Schulgen				
DATE	Lt Col Garrett	Brig. Gen. USAF			

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DRAFT OF COLLECTION MEMORANDUM

OBJECT

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GENERAL

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- b. Absence of sound except for an occasional roar when operating under super performance conditions.
- c. Extreme maneuverability and apparent ability to almost hover.
- d. A plan form approximating that of an oval or disc with a dome shape on the top surface.
- e. The absence of an exhaust trail except in a few instances when it was reported to have a bluish color, like a Diesel exhaust, which persisted for approximately one hour. Other reports indicated a brownish smoke trail that could be the results of a special catalyst or chemical agent for extra power.
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5. There is also a possibility that the Horten brothers' perspective thinking may have inspired this type of aircraft - particularly the "Parabola", which has a crescent plan form. Records show that only a glider version was built of this type aircraft. It is reported to have been built in Heiligenberg, Germany, but was destroyed by fire before having ever been flown. The Horten brothers' latest trend of perspective thinking was definitely toward aircraft configurations of low aspect ratio. The younger brother, Riemer, stated that the "Parabola" configuration would have the least induced drag - which is a very significant statement. The theory supporting this statement should be obtained if possible.

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REQUIREMENTS

1. Requirements appear at Inclosure No. 1.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Control No. A-1917

DISTRIBUTION

1. To MA's England, France, Sweden, Finland, USSR, Turkey, Greece, Iran, China, Norway, Philippines, and to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and Commanding General, United States Air Forces in Europe, through Commanding General, EUCOM.
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INCLOSURE NO. 1

1. Research and Development

- 1691-1 Berghel X201-1000
- a. What German scientists had a better-than-average knowledge of the Horten brothers' work and perspective thinking; where are these scientists now located, and what is their present activity? Should be contacted and interrogated.
 - b. What Russian factories are building the Horten VIII design?
 - c. Why are the Russians building 1,800 of the Horten VIII design?
 - d. What is their contemplated tactical purpose?
 - e. What is the present activity of the Horten brothers, Walter and Riemer?
 - f. What is known of the whereabouts of the entire Horten family, particularly the sister? All should be contacted and interrogated regarding any contemplated plans or perspective thinking of the Horten brothers, and any interest shown by the Russians to develop their aircraft.
 - g. Are any efforts being made to develop the Horten "Parabola" or modify this configuration to approximate an oval or disc?
 - h. What is the Horten perspective thinking on internal controls or controls that are effective mainly by streams of air or gas originating from within the aircraft to supplant conventional external surface controls?

2. Control

For any aircraft whose shape approximates that of an oval, disc, or saucer, information regarding the following items is requested:

- a. Boundary layer control method by suction, blowing, or a combination of both.
 - b. Special controls for effective maneuverability at very slow speeds or extremely high altitudes.
 - c. Openings either in the leading edge top and bottom surfaces that are employed chiefly to accomplish boundary layer control or for the purpose of reducing the induced drag. Any openings in the leading edge should be reported and described as to shape, size, etc. This investigation is significant to justify a disc shape configuration for long-range application.
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d. Approximate airfoil shape in the center and near the tips.

e. Front view and rear view shape.

3. Items of Construction

a. Type of material, whether metal, ferrous, non-ferrous, or non-metallic.

b. Composite or sandwich construction utilizing various combinations of metals, plastics, and perhaps balsa wood.

c. Unusual fabrication methods to achieve extreme light weight and structural stability particularly in connection with great capacity for fuel storage.

4. Items of Arrangement

a. Special provisions such as retractable domes to provide unusual observation for the pilot or crew members.

b. Crew number and accommodation facilities.

c. Pressurized cabin equipment.

d. High altitude or high speed escapement methods.

e. Methods of pressurization or supercharging from auxiliary units or from the prime power plant.

f. Provisions for towing - especially with short fixed bar, and for re-fueling in flight.

g. Provisions for assisted take off application.

h. Bomb bay provisions, such as dimensions, approximate location, and unusual features regarding the opening and closing of the doors.

5. Landing Gear

a. Indicate type of landing gear - whether conventional, tricycle, multiple wheel, etc.

b. Retractable, and jettison features for hand gear.

c. Provisions for takeoff from ice, snow, or water.

d. Skid arrangements for either takeoff or landing.

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6. Power Plant

- a. Information is needed regarding the propulsion system used in the aircraft. Possible types of engines that could be employed include:
- (1) Reciprocating (piston type) engine or gas turbine. Either or both of these could be used to drive propellers of conventional or special design, rotating vanes, ducted fans, or compressors.
 - (2) Jet propulsion engines including turbo jets, rockets, ramjets, pulse jets, or a combination of all four.
 - (3) Nuclear propulsion (atomic energy). Atomic energy engines would probably be unlike any familiar type of engine, although atomic energy might be employed in combination with any of the above types.

Aircraft would be characterized by lack of fuel systems and fuel storage place.

- b. The power plant would likely be an integral part of the aircraft and could possibly not be distinguished as an item separate from the aircraft. If jet propulsion is used, large air handling capacity, characterized by a large air inlet and large exhaust nozzle, should be evident. The size of entrance and exit areas would be of interest. It is possible that the propulsive jet is governed or influenced for control of the aircraft. The presence of vanes or control surfaces in the exhaust or methods of changing the direction of the jet should be observed.
- c. Information desired on the propulsion systems pertains to the following items:
- (1) Type of power plant or power plants.
 - (2) General description.
 - (3) Rating (thrust, horsepower, or air flow).
 - (4) Type of fuel.
 - (5) Catalytic agents for super-performance or normal cruising power.
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AFOIR-CO/Lt. Col. Garrett/jh/4544
16 Feb 48

AFOIR-CO-5

24 FEB 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVE
Record Group 166
1900-1948

1. Attached, for your information, is copy of Collection Memorandum Number 7, which was forwarded to field collection agencies for action on above subject.

2. This Directorate has been advised that contact has been made with the Horton Brothers, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of European Command has accordingly been advised by Telecon to use this Memorandum as the basis for interrogation.

3. The results of this interrogation will be forwarded to your Headquarters as soon as received.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1 Incl
Col Memo #7
dtd 21 Jan 48

C. P. GABELL
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

P 99247

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- (5) Catalytic agents for super-performance or normal cruising power.

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RELATED
DOCUMENTS

1947 COLLECTION MEMO

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HEADQUARTERS ELEVENTH AIR FORCE

1612 South Cameron Street

WAPD

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Discs"

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 1a, ADC Letter 45-5, 25 March 1948, the following information relative to "Flying Discs" is hereby submitted. The attached report was received this headquarters 27 May 1948, from Special Agent, E.A. Brown, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio. This Headquarters has no further information and is not initiating any investigation in accordance with paragraph 2, ADC Ltr. 45-5. Any additional information received by this Headquarters will be immediately forwarded to your Headquarters. Copies of report have been forwarded to Hq. Air Materiel Command and Hq. Air Defense Command as directed in above mentioned directive.

- a. Location and time of sighting - Hobson, Ohio; night of 3 May 48.
- b. Weather at the time - unknown by this Hq.
- c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses - addresses for file, from 1st Central Postal Dir Inspector unknown.
Earl Housh, " " " " "
Bob White, Ward Clerk, W.I.C.
C. A. Hite, Retiree, W.I.C.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available - unknown this Hq.
- e. Sketches of objects configuration - unknown this Hq.
- f. Objects sighted:
 - (1) number - not known this Headquarters
 - (2) shape - round
 - (3) size - appeared to be six inches in diameter from ground level.

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Subj: report of "Flying Discs"

- (4) Color - phosphorescent
- (5) Speed - Great amount of speed
- (6) Heading - 90°
- (7) Maneuverability - not known
- (8) Altitude - 6 to 8 miles
- (9) Sound - unknown to this Hq.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not - Phosphorescent trail in the sky

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ H. B. MAX
Lt Col., USAF
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4 Incls.

- 1. FBI Ltr., Cleveland, Ohio, 25 May 48
- 2. A.I. Central System Ltr., Columbus, Ohio
15 May 48
- 3. A.I. Central System Ltr., Hobson, Ohio
- 4. A.I. Central System Ltr., 21 May 48
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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 4 - JUN 1948

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

T-2 Report "German Flying Wings Designed by Horten Brothers" has
been retained by this office.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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GRADE AND SURNAME OF COORDINATING OFFICERS	Incl. 1. 1 2 2 n/c 3 w/d			Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F. Executive, Air Materiel Command Directorate of Intelligence

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

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TMAD-2B/ACL:ecg
Wright Field, Dayton, O.
24 September 1947

"Flying Disc"

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: AC/AS-2
Major General George McDonald

1. In compliance with General McDonald's telephone conversation, this date, to Colonel H. M. McCoy, T-2, Hq. AMC, attached herewith is a copy of a drawing entitled, "Loedding Flying Disc", designated LD-2. Because of patent rights involved, it is requested that a record be kept of all persons reviewing this drawing by witnessing with signatures and dates directly on the drawing.
2. This drawing should be returned to this office when it has served its purpose so that it can be turned over to the Patent Office Hq. AMC for official record.
3. Inclosed herewith is also a report prepared by the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Technical Note, AERO 1703, which describes the Horten tailless aircraft. The following references are invited which is considered significant in relating the Horten brothers perspective thinking and accomplishments toward the alleged "Flying Saucer" case:
 - a. Page 5, Paragraph 4 and 6.
 - b. Page 6, Paragraph 1 and 7.
 - c. Page 26, Paragraph 3 and 10.
 - d. Page 27, Paragraph 12.
 - e. Page 28, Paragraphs 1 through 5.
 - f. Page 54, Photograph of Horten "Parabola".

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Basic ltr, dtd 24 Sep 47, to CG, Hq AAF, Wash, subj: "Flying Disc"

- g. Page 69, The Horten VIII.
- h. Pages 71 and 72, Photographs of the Horten IX Versions.
- i. Page 74, Drawing of the "Parabola".

This document should also be returned when it has served its intended purpose.

4. A recent report from the U. S. Military attache, Moscow, USSR, dated 9 June 1947, indicates that 1800 aircraft, directly or indirectly based on the Horten VIII design (six engine pusher, having a wing spread of 131 feet and a gross weight of approximately thirty-three thousand pounds) are being built for bomber squadron use. The Russian version, however, is jet propelled, reference report whose identification No. is 7-32291-3.

5. The T-2 report "German Flying Wings Designed by Horten Brothers", No. F-SU-1110-ND, also inclosed herewith, may be retained by your office if desired.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

sgd

H. H. MCCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

3 Incls:

- 1. Drawing
- 2. AAE Tech Note, AFRO 1703
- 3. T-2 Rpt, No. F-SU-1110-ND

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AF HQ-44
3 Dec 1947

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AFOLH-CC/Lt Col Garrett/lwi/6282
12 May 48

AFOLH-CC-5

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

Forwarded for your information.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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GEORGE D. GARRETT, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

HQ USAF

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AFCIR-CO/Lt. Col. Garrett/jh/4544
26 Apr 48

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Basic ltr, subj: Report of Information on "Flying Disc" dated 12 Apr 48

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HEADQUARTERS, THE AIR UNIVERSITY, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

TO: Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington 25, D. C., Attn: Dir of Intelligence 14 Apr

Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 4 of letter cited in basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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/s/ F. E. LANKSTON
MAJOR, ACD
ASS'T. ADJ. GEN.

AFCIR-CO-5

2nd Ind.

27 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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

1 Incl
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HQ USAF

27 APR 1948

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Reference: Ltr frm Hq Tyndall AFB, dated 12 Apr 48, subject as above.
1st Ind frm Hq Maxwell Air FB, to C/S, USAF, dated 14 Apr 48.

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HEADQUARTERS
500th AIR UNIVERSITY WING
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

(H-4) MEJ/al/R

12 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Disc"

THRU : Commanding General
Air University
Maxwell Air Force Base
Montgomery, Alabama
ATTN: AC of S, A-2

TO : Commanding General
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

The attached information is forwarded in compliance with USAF Letter,
subj: "Reporting of Information on "flying Discs", dtd 6 February 1943.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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MOIC and Exhibit I. (in dup)

/S/ J. B. PRICE
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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AF 100-14
3 Dec 47

AFOIR-CO/Lt. Col. Garrett/jh/4544
2 Apr 48

AFOIR-CO-5

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Ltr frn CSGID, 25 Mar
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ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

NO USAF
6 APR 1948
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Reference: DF frn Hq USAF, Comment No. 1 to CSGID dtd 27 Feb 48.
DF frn CSGID, Comment No. 2, to Hq USAF, dtd 25 Mar 48.

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FILE No. AFOIR-CC-5	SUBJECT Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs."													
TO CSRD Attn: Plans & Collection Branch Lt.Col. Smith	FROM HQ. USAF - AFOIR	DATE 27 FEB 1948 Lt.Col. Garrett/dk/4544												
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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on
"Flying Discs"

TO: HQ, USAF, AFMIR FROM: D/I, GSUSA DATE: 25 Mar 48 COMMENT NO. 2
Lt. Col. Smith/2931/jes

1. Action on Comment No. 1 has been completed by request for information at Inclosure 1.

2. It is requested that Air Materiel Command be directed to transmit to the Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, an information copy of each communication received from or sent to commands subordinate to the Department of the Army in connection with so-called "flying disc" reports.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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Colonel, GSC (Acting)
Chief, Intelligence Group (Acting)

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Ltr frm Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Disc"

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Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA-3/1208-I

Mar 11, 1948

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Directorate of Intelligence
Air Intelligence Requirements Division

1. Incident reported on 9 March 1948, this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt. A. M. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Bakersfield, California.

a. Observation by Mr. Las Buchner, Bakersfield, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 5 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and debris trailing. Observation made at Bakersfield with objects sighted southwest toward Buena Vista Lake, California.

b. Observation by Mr. Denio, employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Bakersfield, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source north of Bakersfield, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

2. Informant Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

3. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/S/ DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of S, A-2

Information to:
ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.
FBI, San Francisco
C-2, Sixth Army
DIO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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9 March 48

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17 MAR 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

1. Reference is made to Colonel McCoy's informal proposal that certain fighter aircraft be maintained on a continuous alert status, within the Zone of the Interior, to aid in gathering information on Flying Discs.
2. This proposal is considered unfeasible for the following reasons:
 - a. The outlay of aircraft and personnel would be too great in relation to the results obtained.
 - b. Proper interception is not possible, except by accident, without complete radar coverage. The Air Force is incapable of providing such coverage.
 - c. It is doubtful if fighter aircraft would be able to follow up reports emanating, for the most part, from civilian sources.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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17 MAR 1948
ONE-MAIL MESSAGE

GEORGE C. McDONALD
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence, Office of
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

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above answer by P 82
Cmt # 3 was to D/ USAF

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	030
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Director of Plans and Operations

DATE 12 FEB 1948

FROM: Director of Intelligence

COMMENT No. 1
Lt. Col Garrett/lwd/4544

1. By letter from this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1947 with subject as above, the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command is instructed to "set up a project whose purpose is to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security".

2. The Commanding General, Air Materiel Command feels that the responsibility assigned to him for collecting and developing information and intelligence on the "flying discs" should be complemented by a requirement that all Air Force installations in the United States and Alaska provide a minimum of one each fighter or night interceptor type aircraft, with necessary crews, on a continuous alert basis. These aircraft should be equipped with gun camera, and such armament as deemed advisable, in order to secure photographs necessary to the obtainment of all possible data on any reported and sighted unusual phenomena, of the "flying disc" type, in the atmosphere.

3. It is envisaged that each Air Force installation maintaining aircraft on an alert basis for this purpose would investigate all unusual flying objects reported from any source in any area over which it has cognizance. Such a program would obviously require a detailed Standard Operating Procedure, in the preparation of which Air Materiel Command should cooperate.

4. Your comments and/or concurrence are requested.

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Brigadier General, U.S.A.F.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	<i>5</i>
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT:

Flying Discs

TO: Director of Intelligence

DATE 3 MAR 1948

FROM: Director of Plans and Operations

COMMENT No. 2
Major Cook: csk 72233

1. The proposal of Air Materiel Command for stationing fighter aircraft at all bases on a continuous alert status is not considered feasible for the following reasons:

a. The outlay of aircraft and personnel would be too great consistent with the results to be obtained.

b. Proper interception is not possible, except by accident, without complete radar coverage which the Air Force is not capable of providing.

c. It is doubtful if fighter aircraft would be able to follow up reports emanating, for the most part, from civilian sources.

2. It is recommended that Air Materiel Command's responsibility for "collecting" information on unusual phenomena in the atmosphere be confined to the establishment of direct channels for the receipt of such information.

3. It is further recommended that in lieu of the proposal of Air Materiel Command, all other major commands be directed to cooperate with Air Materiel Command and to channel information directly to that command.

S. E. Anderson
S. E. ANDERSON
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Director of Plans and Operations.

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4 March 48

B/L fm Hq. Tenth Air Force, Brooks Fld, San Antonio, Texas, dtd
7 Jan 48, subj: "Flying Disks"

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 8 MAR 1948

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

ATTN: TSDM

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Incl.
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DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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ref: B/L fm 10th A.F. dtd 7 Jan 48, subj: as above

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HEADQUARTERS
TENTH AIR FORCE
DUNCAN FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

7 January 1968

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SUBJECT: "Flying Disks"

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

Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Mitchel Field, New York
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

Commanding General
Fourth Army
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, G-2

Inclosed is Summary of Information prepared by the Tenth Air Force
Resident Agent at Houston, Texas covering a report of "Flying Disks"
received by the FBI Office at Houston, Texas.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ ROBERT D. CLARK
Major, USAF
Actg Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

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Summary of Inform,
subj: "Flying Disk"
175th AFSS, Ellington AFB,
19 Dec 67

AFOIR-CC/Col Garrett/lwd/4544
2 March 48

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4 MAR 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

Attached report from Military Air Attache, Canada, closes the
incident reported by Johnson and Harrison.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN

Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.

Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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16 Feb 48

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24 FEB 1948

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

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

1. Attached, for your information, is copy of Collection Memorandum Number 7, which was forwarded to field collection agencies for action on above subject.

2. This Directorate has been advised that contact has been made with the Horton Brothers, and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of European Command has accordingly been advised by Telscon to use this Memorandum as the basis for interrogation.

3. The results of this interrogation will be forwarded to your Headquarters as soon as received.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Col Memo #7
dtd 21 Jan 48

C.P. GABELL
Major General, U.S.A.P.
Chief, Air Intel. Req. Div.
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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

6 - FEB 1948

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

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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S/Ltr to AMC dated 16 Jan 48, subject: "Flying Discs"

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

9 - FEB 1948

To: Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: TSDIN

1. The Central Intelligence Agency has contacted the New York office of Ziff-Davis Publishing Company in connection with basic letter's request for information on "Amazing Stories" and their publication of items regarding Flying Discs.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency representative states that the letters from readers, in the possession of the publishing company, are of no value inasmuch as they are from school children, illiterates, "crack-pots", etc. None had a sensible report in connection with sightings, and most bordered on the fantastic side.

3. The feature article which was to have appeared on Flying Discs was written by a man who claims the discs emanate from a buried underground city in the bowels of the earth, which he has visited. However, Ziff-Davis Publishing Company have cancelled this story because it is not amazing enough, and instead are going to run a story about a huge red spider which comes down to earth from Mars and captures humans for a Martian museum.

4. This Office has instructed the Central Intelligence Agency Representatives to stop any further efforts in this matter (to their relief) and assumes that your command will wish no further steps taken in this direction.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
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16 January 1948

"Flying Discs"

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Lt. Col. George Garrett
Collection Branch, Air Intelligence Req. Div.
Office, Director of Intelligence

1. An employee of this Department recently called the attention of the undersigned to a number of letters appearing in AMAZING STORIES Magazine on the subject of flying discs. Several past issues of the magazine were then reviewed, and it does appear that the readers of AMAZING STORIES have reported a number of such incidents which were not previously available to the Air Forces. It is understood that a feature article on this subject is under preparation by AMAZING STORIES. A preprint copy of this article, together with a copy of the letters available on this subject, would be of considerable interest.

2. Due to the nature of the publication AMAZING STORIES and the unfavorable publicity which might accrue to the Air Force if an official request were made for such material, this Headquarters cannot contact the publisher directly. It is therefore requested that arrangements be made through appropriate channels whereby the desired information may be obtained.

3. It is realized that the above request is unusual, however, until such time as the so-called "Flying Disc" phenomenon is laid to rest, all possible sources of information should be utilized.

4. AMAZING STORIES is published monthly by the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company at 115 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois. The New York office is located in the Empire State Building, New York 5, New York.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
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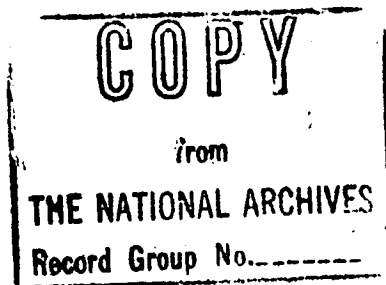
SUBJECT: Report of Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Forces
Washington, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Attached report for your information.

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Rpt of Flying Disc.

/S/ Donald L. Springer
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