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- 1. Date of Observation 3 April 49 Date of Interview
- 2. Exect time (local) 2220
- 3. Flace of Observation Merced, California (1 mile West)
 - I. Fositi n of observer Ground
 - 5. Mat attracted attention to object & clicking noise of considerable intensity.
 - 6. Number of objects one
 - 7. Apparent size 4 or 5 foot in diameter
 - S. Color of object Appeared to be dull surfaced light metal. (seen by reflection of ground lights only.
 - 9. Shape Appeared to be solid mass, but under sufface believed to have been curved.
- 10. Altitude 400 (appeared to be less than 1,00 ft.)
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a light private aircraft, he had sighted a circular disc which seemed to be suspended from a parachute or balloon. This circular object when viewed through ten (10) power binoculars, seemed to be aflame along the entire inner edge of disc or circle. Mr. said that the object ascended to approximately twenty-five (25) thousand feet and he was unable to keep it in sight. Mr. save the nine (9) inch fragment of the unidentified object to this Agent.

AT LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

- above mentioned objects were an integral part of a Japanese Bomb or Incendiary Carrying Balloon. Page 2061, O.N.I. Weekly, Volume IV, No. 26 dated 2' 27 June 1945, contains a descriptive article on same and pictures found between pages 2046-2047 of the same volume will substantiate this theory.
- 12. Enclosed as exhibits: Exhibit I, newspaper clipping of Mr. and fragment of object. Exhibits II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, 8"x10" photos of the three fragments.

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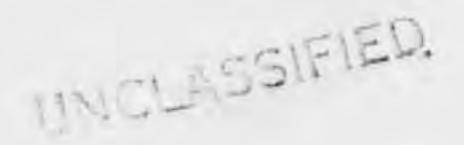
1. This investigation was requested by the District Commander, 14th OSI District, Lowry AF Base, on 2 April 1949, who was telephonically informed by Mr. All 1949, who was telephonically informed for Vestinghouse Electrical Co., that he was in possession of an object that he believed to be a part of a rocket or guided missile.

AT DENVER, COLORADO

- 2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents ROY E. BURKEY, FREDERICK K. UNGERER and the writer.
- 3. At 1120 hours, 2 April 1949, this agent interviewed Mr. at his office, Room 1025, Gas & Plactric Building. Mr. produced a semi-circular object, approximately nine (9) inches long, with eight (8) hozzles protruding along entire inner surface of arc. Above object was constructed of a rough aluminum, magnesium material, with brass or brass alloy, nessle like projections that threaded into inner curve of arc at approximately one half (1/2) inch intervals. This object was not identifiable as a part of any known aircraft engine, jet engine, or rocket. Mr. stated that this object was found by a Mr. & a rancher, whose ranch was located near Delta, Colorado, adjacent to the Uncompangre National Forest, said that had picked up the object while riding the northern range limits of his ranch, and that several other similar nortions were still lying on the ranch. In Mr. 200 opinion, had discovered the objects thirty (30) to sixty (60) days prior. Mr. the portion he had, to identify it, and Mr. brought the above mentioned object to Denver. (See Exhibits, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7);

AT LOWRY-AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

- 4. The following interviews were conducted by Special Agent FREDERICK H.
- 5. Upon examination of metal article, 1st Lt. JOSEPH P. L. BERNIER, OIC, ombs & Rockets Franch, 3415th Technical Training Ting, stated that he did not becognize it as anything within his scope of knowledge. It was Lt. BERNIER's opinion that the detachable nozzle-like parts were some sort of metering jets possibly used in large type rockets. Due to its size Lt. BERNIER stated that if the part were from a rocket or guided missile, it would be from the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico.
- 5. M/Sgt HUR J. SHINKLE, AF 6652021, NCOIC, Machine Shops, Lowry AF are, measured the metal parts and came to the conclusion that all dimensions that in the metric system. The threads of the nozzle-like parts are not of a mentard J. S. site.





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- 7. Captain HENRY C. MACQUEEN, A0-384961, Tech Inspector, Lowry AT Jaze, stated that the metal part was definitely not part of a Jet engine and that it was not any part known to him.
- 8. Captain DARWIN D. CHARBONNEAUX, AC-37013, CIC, Inspection and Flight Test Section, Lowry AF Base, stated that he had returned from schooling at ero Jet Engineering Corporation, Azusa, California, 25 earch 1949. The Aero Jet Ingineering Corporation is presently building rockets for the J. S. Government. During his schooling Captain CHARBONNEAUX became familiar with all types of Jet engines and rockets, including the V-1 and V-2 rockets. Upon exemination of the metal part presented by this agent, Captain CHARBONNEAUX stated that it was unlike any part of any rocket constructed by the J. S. He also stated that in his opinion the section shown was part of a diffuser ring or injection ring used in some type of rocket. When used in a rocket, a diffuser or injection ring is not subjected to intense heat, according to Captain CHARBONNEAUX.

AT DELTA, COLORADO

9. On 5 4 ril 1949, Special Eent RIY L. DIRINY and the writer contacted Massrs. 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 their ranch, a proximately eight (8) miles southwest of Telta, Colorado. Er. Manual that he had discovered the unidentified objects while riding range, in the latter part of April 1946. at that time, _r. stated that he was slightly curious as to what said objects might be; however, he left them lie until April 1949, at which time he brought the objects back to the ranch house and attempted to identify them, giving one seab of the fragments or portions to Mr. Denver, and Mr. Sof Montrose, Colorado. (wee attached clipping, Exhibit I). Mr. Sof Montrose, Colorado. (wee attached clipping, approximate lose in where objects were first found, on a high, extremely rocky mesa, appreximately two and one half (2 1/2) miles from his ranch house. A thorough search was conducted, of this inaccessible area, with negative results. An examination of available mans of locality where objects were found, indicated position by map co-ordinates, as thirty eight (38) degrees, forty two (42) minutes north and one hundred eight (108) degrees ten (10) minutes, thirty (30) seconds west, Mr. E. Lave Agent BURKEY the object which he still had in his possession; this was identical with that received from Lr. I except it was longer, being approximately twenty (20) inches in length. Mr. and and both stated that neither they or any of their neighbors had ever seen any "flying discs", rockets, or balloons in their area.

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that he had received a mine (3) inch fragment of the object found on the franch at Delta. Destated that he believed the object to be a cortica of a so called "Clying dise", as he had observed many of them, dering he surface of 1917.

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Laintenance incinser, ., Denver, Colorado, telephonically informed the reputy District Commander, 14th CSI District that he was in possession of an unidentified object found on a rahom near Delta, Colorado, and he believed it to be a part of a rocket. Ir. The said that larger portions of this same agaterious object were still lyday on the ranch of Lessrs. Band & ... near Delta, Colorado. Agent Per and the writer proceeded from Jenver to the Tanch -elta, Colorado, conducted a thorough search of the area and questioned all persond concerned, and recovered two (2) additional portions of the same object. Investigation revealed to a object to be an integral part of a Japanese Bomb or Incendiary Carrying and a. The recovered parts of this object are in the custody of the District Cornander, leth District OSI (IG), Lowry AF Pase, Colorado.

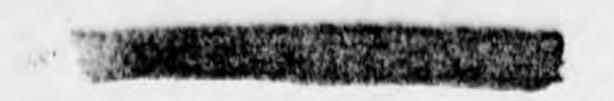
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surfaced, light colored metal. The only ground lights of intensity were a row of street lights behind me one half block which leads me to believe the under surface of this object to be curved in shape.

"This object when first sighted, was moving very slowly in a west or northwesterly direction. I would estimate that I had it in my range of vision for 35 seconds, after having heard it about ten seconds before locating it. It passed on beyond the house and maneuvered through an arc of turn to the left of about ninety degrees, the clicking sound was continuous throughout this turn, however, it became louder as it returned on its new heading of south or southwest. On its return the clicking sound became louder, but I was unable to see it at this time. The clicking sound stopped when it was at its greatest intensity and appeared to come from a position directly over head. I was unable to see the object after the sound stopped.

"This clicking sound retained the same pitch and speed throughout the entire course observed, but intensity varied. There was no whistle or roar, but only the clicking noise which might be compared to heaters of a home mixer that were not properly meshed. No lights or flame were observed during its entire comese with exception of the previous described reflections twice. No exhaust trail was distinguishable.

"My dog was with me and directed her attention in the general direction of this object's flight throughout its course. She had been romping with me on coming out of the house, but without spoken word stopped and directed her attention to the previously described area. The clicking sound might not have been unwould to the dog, but there is a possibility of sounds on wave lengths discorrable only to the dog, being emitted."

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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