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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 May 1949 21/2130Z	2 OCATION Moses Lake Air Force Base, Washington
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION RADAR: AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Phone call was received the same day from tower that a/c were in
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	Report from Control Tower that Flying Saucers were over
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar Air-Visual 7. COURSE Northeasterly	Atomic Plant. A/C were scrambled with an negative effort. Report stated UFO's were faster then 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 silver color
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505TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING GROUP
Moses Lake Air Force Base
Washington

23 May 1949

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TO:

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

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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 meterlogist tower.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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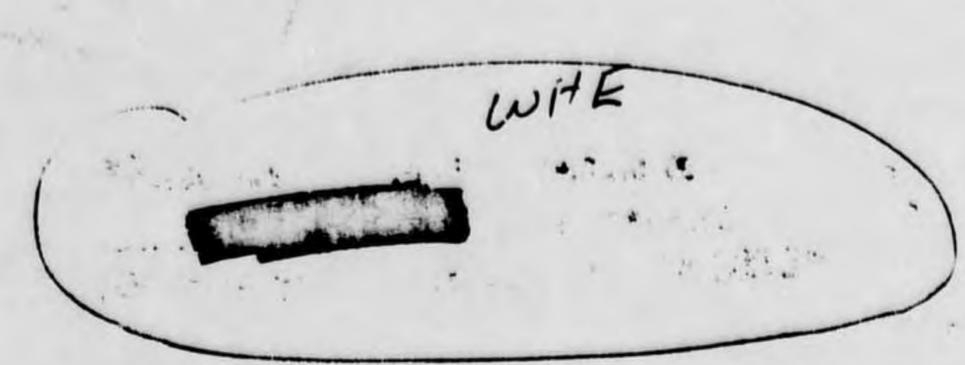
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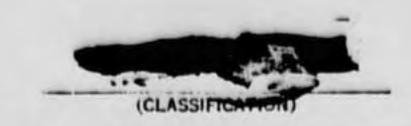
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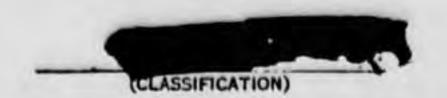
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- 4. Position of observer Ground
- 5. What attracted attention to object
- 6. Number of objects
- 7. Apparent size
- 8. Color of object White or silver
- 9. Shape Round (disc intimated)
- 10. Altitude 17,000 20,000 ft
- 11. Direction from observer
- 12. Distance from observer
- 13. Direction of flight of object(s) South easternly
- 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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Occupation and hobbies:

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

At 1330 a call was received from the hanford Area (Concrete) that a Flying Saucer was over the Last 200 area approximately four miles east of the Hanford Atomic Plant, .ashington; the operator at Hanford stated that the Disk was standing still and thon took off in a southeasterly direction at a speed greater HARRATICHARS the Are a jet fighter. The available sircraft 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 northeasternly 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-62, Gertrude 20, pilot Gardner was airborne and reported in to Torch controller. A target, number 81, was being tracked in the east-southeast sector by Torch at this time and the ADCC instructed the cortroller to intercept it in hopes that it might be a Disk. Turget of faded in radar contact just after (approximately 5 minutes) Gertrude 20 was airborne. The controller was able to give two vectors before target of 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 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, 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 lianford 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 lianford 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 droppin the pamphlets was a PT-19 flown by Don Wise of the Atomic Speedway in Pasr Washington. This pilot holds a commercial ticket. The aircraft NC numb is (NC 42256). At 1426 the F-22, was-cleared to Moses Lake Tower and la UNCLASSITIANE

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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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