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Informants stated that on 11 Aug 48 between 1200 and 1215 hours, CST, Jerome and Benno were playing in the back yard and noticed an object in descent approximately twelve feet from the ground which was descending between the two of them. It settled to the ground gently - much as a balloon. Upon hitting the ground the object spun once, made a sort of whistling noise, described by the two boys as resembling a steam whistle, and then shot straight up into the air approximately 20 feet, halted and again made a whistling noise. The object then shot upward to a height of about 30 feet, and, in this ascent, maneuvered around tree branches and telephone wires. Upon reaching a height of approximately 30 feet the object shot off in a northeasterly direction. The object approached from the northwest.

The boys described the object as "approximately one foot thick, two feet side and round." The object had no windows, wires, or any visible appurtenances. It was a dull gray in color and when it hit the ground, it made a slight clanking noise, much as metal hitting against metal.

Philip and Mrs Leuer stated the boys were visibly frightened when they ran into the house and were afraid to tell what they had seen. Upon close questioning, the boys related the above story to them.

Mr. Leuer advised that he then had notified Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster at Hamel, Minnesota (who subsequently notified the proper authorities)

AGENTS NOTES: Agent noted that the spot where the alleged "flying saucer" had landed was approximately 2 feet in diameter and appeared as though some heavy object had landed there or had been set down - as the ground was dented and protruding rocks had been leveled. The spot was covered by a washtub.

Mr. E. R. Sheridan, Postmaster, advised that he had no reason to doubt the story of the boys or of Mr. and Mrs. Leuer, and for this reason had reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn.

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