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TELETYPE

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- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Gurnea .....
- Mr. Harbo .....
- Mr. Mohr .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm .....
- Mr. Nease .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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FBI PORTLAND 8-5-47 8-50 PM HNS

DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T  
 FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM  
 TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF  
 RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE  
 OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. LEAVERITT G.  
 RICHARDS, AVIATION EDITOR THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN  
 WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS,  
 SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED  
 DICK RANKIN, AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN  
 LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERS-  
 FIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO RICHARDS THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED  
 FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED  
 SEEING DISCS - KENNETH ARNOLD, BUSINESS MAN, BOISE, IDAHO, CAPTAIN  
 E. J. SMITH AND CO-PILOT RALPH STEVENS, UNITED AIRLINES, AND DAVE  
 JOHNSON, AVIATION EDITOR, IDAHO STATESMAN, TO ASCERTAIN THE  
 PURPOSE OF <sup>ef</sup> INTERVIEWS RICHARDS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING  
 OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM  
 GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO  
 WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN.  
 ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN  
 DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH