

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 8, 1947

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Norfolk

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Re Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947, Series 1947, wherein information is set forth pertaining to flying discs.

There is enclosed with this letter a newspaper clipping from the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch", dated July 7, 1947. The photograph appearing on this clipping is alleged to represent a flying disc which was observed by BILLY TURBOWINE, a Norfolk school boy, who was successful in photographing the object with his small camera.

BILLY was interviewed on August 8, 1947 by Special Agent (A) THOMAS J. CONNOR, at which time BILLY informed that the original negative was given by him to a Mr. BROWN of the photo Craftsmen Service, who in turn furnished the negative to the International News Service. BILLY advised that he has an agreement with Mr. BROWN whereby the latter will share equally in any profits derived from the use of the negative by commercial firms or newspapers. As of August 8, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative.

He informed that he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment which is located on the third floor at 410 East 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia, around noon on July 6, 1947. He had read numerous newspaper articles pertaining to flying discs and decided to sit on his front porch in the hopes of seeing one and attempting to photograph it. On July 8, 1947 BILLY observed a large black object moving rapidly through space proceeding from the southwest to a northeast direction. He said the black object was followed by two smaller objects which also proceeded in the same direction. BILLY explained that the objects were moving at a very fast speed which appeared to him to be much faster than the speed of an airplane, and further, that the objects appeared to be extremely high. He said that they were much higher than the average plane travels in the Norfolk area and that they were seen above the clouds, and the objects were seen to be moving in a northeast direction. BILLY was unable to see the objects clearly, but he stated that he has observed similar objects in the past. He indicated that he has observed similar objects in the past, but that he was not certain that he was seeing a great distance from him that it was not necessary that he was in a third floor apartment building. He immediately turned around to obtain

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