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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: FLYING DISC REPORTED AT  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
AUGUST 3, 1947 - MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to the teletype from the Newark Division to the Bureau dated August 4, 1947 stating that a "Flying Disc" had been reported to have been seen at Hackensack, New Jersey on August 3 last by one CHARLES CASELLA, JR. and WILLIAM TRUEX.

CHARLES CASELLA, JR., 287 Euclid Avenue, Hackensack, upon interview by Special Agent ARTHUR F. WILLIAMS of this Division, stated that on August 3 he had been standing with WILLIAM TRUEX, a soldier stationed at Fort Dix, observing a "ham" radio rig atop a two-story house on Simons Avenue, Hackensack. It was approximately 7:45 p.m., and they were in this vicinity for the purpose of meeting TRUEX's girlfriend, one JOYCE Mc FARLAND.

TRUEX commented to CASELLA that a child had apparently lost its balloon. CASELLA looked and about a block or a half block away noticed a round, black object moving from south to north and east of the stop where he and TRUEX were standing. CASELLA noticed that it was moving too fast to be an ordinary balloon, but he could not discern whether it was globular in form or a disc. He said it was about thirty to forty inches in diameter moving north in a horizontal plane about two hundred yards above the top of the hill at Summit Avenue and Simons Avenue. It proceeded at a steady rate, emitted no rays, and was moving fast enough to require them to turn their heads steadily in order to follow it. TRUEX's girlfriend came out about fifteen seconds after they first sighted it. They pointed it out to her, and she said that it looked like a bird on the horizon so small. It faded out of sight shortly thereafter. CASELLA said that a line drawn along its apparent course of flight would go from the vicinity of Bendix, New Jersey to a point west of Westwood, New Jersey.

CASELLA also said that a man on the porch across the street also noticed it and pointed it out to the women. CASELLA said that this man seemed excited but did nothing about it.

CASELLA said that he was positive it was no optical illusion. He was not facing into the sun and saw the object clearly. He also said that he would have thought nothing of it except for the speed at which it was traveling.

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