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TO : Director

FROM : SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

DATE: September 5, 1947

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Reference is made to my teletype dated August 15, 1947 advising that a Mr. JOHN BARTLETT of Agate Beach, Oregon had reported on August 7, 1947 that he sighted what he believed to be a disc. Mr. JOHN BARTL, instead of BARTLETT, now residing in Newport, Oregon was interviewed by Special Agent ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN. Mr. BARTL stated that on August 7, 1947 he was residing at Agate Beach, Oregon and that his house was very near the ocean beach; that at about 12:30 A. M. he was awakened by his son coming in and that while awake he noticed a bright glow of light across the sky out over the ocean. He stated that he immediately thought of flying discs and thought this might be one of the discs.

Mr. BARTL went on to say that he had no idea as to the shape or size of this object but that it appeared to be about five miles out over the ocean and that he was able to see it for about 15 to 30 seconds. He further stated that due to the darkness he could tell nothing about the speed of this object but thought it was traveling a great deal faster than any airplane he had ever seen. He informed that this glow of light was somewhat similar to "The Northern Light" which sometimes appears in the sky but of course not nearly as large and that it appeared to be going up and down, that is fluctuating in altitude as it traveled along. He stated it disappeared in the west, either falling into the ocean or disappearing over the horizon. He could give no other information concerning this object of light reported by him as possibly being a flying disc. Mr. BARTL has an Agate and Myrtlewood shop in Newport.

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