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FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY FRED ~~CHRISMAN~~ AND HAROLD A. ~~DAHL~~, TACOMA, WN., SM DASH X. RMYTEL AUGUST SEVEN LAST. EMIL J. ~~SMITH~~, UNITED AIRLINES PILOT, INTERVIEWED RE ASSOCIATIONS WITH HAROLD A. DAHL, FRED CHRISMAN AND KENNETH ~~ARNOLD~~ IN TACOMA, WN., FROM JULY THIRTYONE TO AUGUST THIRD LAST. SMITH HAS RECEIVED PREVIOUS PUBLICITY FOR HAVING SEEN FLYING DISCS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS ON JULY FOURTH LAST IN COMPANY WITH HIS CO-PILOT, RALPH ~~STEVENS~~, DURING ROUTINE UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT OUT OF BOISE, IDAHO. SMITH RELATES THAT HE WENT TO TACOMA, WN., FROM SEATTLE ON THURSDAY, JULY THIRTYONE LAST IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM KENNETH ARNOLD AT TACOMA. SMITH CLAIMS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MET ARNOLD ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE FIRST TIME ON JULY FIFTH LAST IN OFFICES OF SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER WHERE BOTH WERE INTERVIEWED RE FLYING DISCS THEY HAD SEEN, AND ON SECOND OCCASION IN BOISE, IDAHO, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO WHILE HE, SMITH, WAS PASSING THROUGH ON ROUTINE FLIGHT. ON THIS LATTER OCCASION, ARNOLD WAS IN COMPANY OF CAPTAIN ~~DAVIDSON~~ AND LIEUTENANT ~~BROWN~~, ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, AND A REPORTER ~~JOHN JOHNSON~~ OF THE IDAHO STATESMAN NEWSPAPER. SMITH CLAIMS NO PREVIOUS ACQUAINTANCE WITH DAHL OR CHRISMAN. SMITH RELATES THAT ON NIGHT OF JULY THIRTY ONE LAST IN TACOMA, WN., THE DAHL AND CHRISMAN STORY, WHICH BOTH HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITTED TO BE FALSE WAS TOLD TO SMITH, ARNOLD, CAPTAIN DAVIDSON, AND LIEUTENANT BROWN BY CHRISMAN AND DAHL. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS INTERVIEW, CHRISMAN GAVE CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND BROWN A BOX OF THE ALLEGED FRAGMENTS WHICH THEY APPARENTLY TOOK WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. SMITH STATES THAT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST FIRST LAST, AFTER LEARNING OF THE CRASH AND DEATH OF DAVIDSON AND BROWN, ARNOLD CALLED RAYMOND ~~PALMER~~, EDITOR OF THE VENTURE PRESS IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS AND WAS TOLD BY PALMER TO DISCONTINUE HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE DAHL-CHRISMAN STORY AND TO KEEP THE MATTER UNPUBLISHED TO SAVE EXPENSE MONEY WHICH SMITH HAD PREVIOUSLY

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