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TITLE	Investigation of Flying Disc	INVESTIGATION MADE AT	Tacoma and Kelso, Washington
FILE No.	4AF-1208-1	CONTROLLING OFFICE	Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field
DATE	12 August 1947	PERIOD COVERED	31 July through 7 August 1947
		CASE CLASSIFICATION	Incident
		STATUS OF CASE	Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Investigation initiated at the request of Air Defense Command, reference ltr Hq ADC, dtd 7 Jul 47, file D333.51D, subj: Investigation of Flying Disc.

SYNOPSIS:

On 31 July 47, Mr. Arnold, Aviation Editor of the Idaho Daily Statesman, telephoned Lt. Brown requesting he return to Tacoma because Arnold believed he had some very vital information on the flying disc.

Lt. Brown and Capt. Davidson interviewed a Mr. Fred L. Crisman and a Mr. Harold A. Dahl, along with Capt. Smith of the United Air Lines, and Mr. Arnold, at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma, Washington, on the night of 31 July 1947.

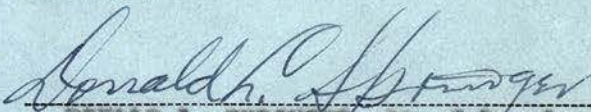
The summary of their interrogation and findings was related to Major Sander, Public Information Officer, McChord Field, by Mr. Arnold and Capt. Smith. Major Sander retold the results of the investigation to this officer from his notes.

Mr. Dahl and Mr. Crisman were not available for interview while this officer was in that area, although every effort was made to contact them.

Further investigation of this particular incident was left with Mr. Brady, Resident Agent, FBI, Tacoma, Washington.

It was apparent from newspaper clippings, telephone calls to this officer, and conversations with Major Sander, that a United Press correspondent, of the Tacoma Times, was instrumental in keeping this case alive. This officer and Major Sander, although quoted many times in the press, did not discuss this matter with the press during the period of this report.

The anonymous mystery caller in Tacoma could possibly be Mr. Crisman.

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