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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY FRED CHRISMAN AND HAROLD A. DAHL, TACOMA, WASHINGTON SECURITY MATTER - X

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Re Seattle tels August 7, 1947, and August 12, 1947, in the above captioned matter.

KENNETH ~~ARNOLD~~, Route 1, Mountain View Drive, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed at the Boise Resident Agency, Boise, Idaho, by SA JOSEPH E. JETTE on August 19, 1947. Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~ advised that he received a letter from RAYMOND A. PALMER, Editor, Venture Press, Evanston, Illinois, dated June 26, 1947, in which Mr. PALMER advised that he was interested in publishing an article in his magazine concerning the flying discs seen by Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~ near Mount Rainier on June 24, 1947, which letter is being enclosed to the Bureau. Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~ stated that he did not give much thought to PALMER's letter until PALMER wrote him again and informed him that FRED CHRISMAN and HAROLD A. DAHL of Tacoma, Washington, had sent him fragments of a flying disc and that he would like him (~~ARNOLD~~) to go to Tacoma, Washington, and contact CHRISMAN and DAHL to find out if there was any truth in their story about the disc fragments. He stated that he did not answer PALMER's letter, but inquired of several friends for their opinion in the matter, and that they all told him if PALMER desired to pay his expenses to go to Tacoma, Washington, and look into this matter, that they did not see where he had anything to lose. He informed that he gave a talk at the Boise Ad Club on July 25, 1947, about the flying discs he had seen, and also of the request contained in PALMER's letter to go to Tacoma to investigate additional information regarding the finding of disc fragments by CHRISMAN and DAHL.

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~~ARNOLD~~ advised that following his talk, he was approached by a person who said he knew both CHRISMAN and DAHL and that they were very reliable individuals. He stated that after thinking it over, he called PALMER by telephone and at which time he informed PALMER that he would contact CHRISMAN and DAHL and investigate the matter regarding the disc fragments, if PALMER would send him \$200.00 expense money. He also advised that he received \$200.00 expense money from PALMER via Western Union the next morning. He informed that he left for Tacoma, Washington, via his personal plane on July 30, 1947. Upon arriving at Pendleton, Oregon, he told his story to ED LEACH, CAA Inspector from Portland, Oregon, who advised him to go ahead with his investigation.

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He stated that he landed at Barry's Airport in Tacoma and obtained a room at the Winthrop Hotel. He informed that he then called 34 HILSEY telephone to make arrangements to talk to him regarding the disc fragments. He advised that DAHL insisted on coming to the hotel room immediately. Upon arriving at Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~'s hotel room, DAHL stated that he wanted to forget about the discs as too many things had been happening to him, and advised Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~ to return home and forget about the discs. Mr. ~~ARNOLD~~ stated that he informed DAHL that he wanted to obtain all

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