

Director, FBI  
Re: Flying Discs - Tacoma, Wn.

August 27, 1947

of the information available regarding the disc fragments and that he understood that DAHL had told the press about the disc fragments, stating there was nothing to the story and that it was a phoney. DAHL immediately replied that his story was not false or phoney, but that what he had seen and what had happened to him was so unusual and fantastic that he wanted to forget about the disc fragments. DAHL then agreed to tell Mr. ARNOLD the following story, providing his name and the Harbor Patrols would be left out:

DAHL stated that his dog had been killed and his boy hurt and that the wheel mount on his harbor patrol boat had been struck by disc fragments, and that about twenty ton of this material had fallen on the beach at Mauri Island, and into the bay, and that a day after this incident, a man about forty years of age had contacted him and told him, "I know what you saw at Mauri Island and I'm telling you in a nice way to forget about it and keep your mouth shut." DAHL stated that he had obtained a large number of the fragments and had taken them home, but that FRED TRICKMAN, his superior officer, had told him to send the fragments to RAYMOND PALMER at Chicago; that PALMER would analyze the specimens free of charge. DAHL continued stating that on the afternoon of June 21, 1947, he was on patrol with his boy, dog, and two seamen near a cove on the east side of Mauri Island. He stated that he looked up through the windshield of the boat and at a height of about 1,000 feet, he saw six round circular grey objects that looked like large inner tubes slightly squashed. These objects appeared to be about 100 feet across and in the center was a hole about twenty-five feet. DAHL said he assumed they were some type of a balloon. The object in the center was lower than the rest of the other objects, and the other objects were circling around it. The object in the center seemed to be descending while the others followed. As the objects descended he saw port holes around the inside of the object and what appeared to be windows. He stated that the object in the center descended to about 500 feet, and that suddenly one of the circling objects came down and touched the object in the center and remained in this position for a few minutes, while the other objects continued to circle above. The object which had descended and touched the object in the center and which was lower, then rose and took its place with the other objects.

All of the objects then started to rise and what appeared to be newspapers came out of the center of the object in the middle of the circling object. Then the sky seemed to rain lava, the lava coming from the object in the center and DAHL headed the boat for shore. He stated that the lava coming from the object in the center appeared to be a white metal, and as it fell into the water, clouds of steam rose from the water. He stated that some of the lava landed on the beach. He also stated that his dog was killed and also a sea gull in addition to his boy being hurt by the falling lava. Mr. ARNOLD continued stating that DAHL had said that he had taken pictures of the object and that if Mr. ARNOLD wanted them, he could have the negatives. DAHL took Mr. ARNOLD to the home of his secretary that evening and showed him some of the disc fragments he had picked up, which were smooth on one side and rough on the other, according to Mr. ARNOLD.