

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

August 27, 1947

Mr. ARNOLD stated he received a telephone call from the press upon returning to his hotel room, and that the press wanted to know about the flying disc fragments, and he told them that he was not talking until he had proved it. He stated he did not know how the press ever knew he was in Tacoma or had seen DAHL.

Mr. ARNOLD informed that at 9:30 A.M. the next morning, July 31, 1947, DAHL and CHRISMAN appeared at his hotel room and DAHL again asked him to go home and forget about the discs, that his story was not false, but that he had had enough trouble. DAHL said that his boy had been missed one morning and had been found at Lust, Montana, waiting on tables in a cafe; that he did not know how he had got there and that too many things were happening. Mr. ARNOLD stated that when DAHL and CHRISMAN came to his hotel room, they had an armful of fragments, and that CHRISMAN had then informed about how he had seen an object resembling those seen by DAHL. CHRISMAN stated he had taken the patrol boat on July 23, 1947, and had gone to Mauri Island and had found the beach littered with lava. CHRISMAN stated he had looked up and had seen a balloon-like object with port holes and windows, which had disappeared into a large cloud. ARNOLD stated that he asked DAHL again to see the pictures of the objects; that DAHL had again agreed to show them to him. Mr. ARNOLD informed that he had then asked DAHL and CHRISMAN if it would be all right for him to call a friend, Captain SMITH, who had also seen some flying discs and let him see the fragments and hear Mr. DAHL's story. DAHL dissented, however, CHRISMAN readily agreed. He also stated that he had placed a call to Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON, Army intelligence officers at Hamilton Field, and had asked them to come to his hotel, as they had previously instructed him to report to them anything of an unusual nature or of interest regarding the flying discs.

He stated he flew to Seattle and got Captain SMITH, and that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON had come to his room about 4:00 P.M. Mr. ARNOLD advised that he had asked Lieutenant BROWN just what he had found out regarding the discs, and Lieutenant BROWN had confidentially informed him that they had obtained a picture of a disc, which appeared to be authentic, which picture was taken by a man in Phoenix, Arizona. The picture, according to Lieutenant BROWN, was of a circular object with a hole in the center, and of another object that looked like a flying wing. He stated that when Lieutenant BROWN told him this that he immediately thought of the object seen by DAHL. He stated that after hearing DAHL's story, Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON's attitude had changed immediately, and that they appeared disinterested. It was then suggested that they all go to Mauri Island and look for the disc fragments. Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON stated that they had to return to Hamilton Field immediately. Mr. ARNOLD stated that Lieutenant BROWN and Captain DAVIDSON were very careful to gather up all of the fragments which had been brought to the room by DAHL and CHRISMAN.