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August 20, 1947

Director FBI

SAC Butte

FLYING DISCS

Refer teletype to the Bureau dated August 15, 1947.

Enclosed please find the newspaper account carried by the Twin Falls Idaho "Times News" on August 15, together with a sheet of paper on which a drawing was attempted to sketch the impressions of the instrument which is claimed to have been seen.

Concerning WRIE's sketches, it may be noted that he believed the rolled outer edge which he attempted to create in his drawing to have been about a foot through. WRIE likewise believed that the ending or exhaust flame which he and his sons claim to have seen was about a foot through and extended at least to the back end of the device. The flame did not appear to taper off nor to widen out toward the back.

BILLY and WRIE stated that they could see a light on the side of the device from which the flames were shooting, and that they could see light between the exhaust flame and the side of the device. The flames did not leave any smoke or odor.

The WRIE boys thought that the "side view" sketch should show that the device was more sharply angled from bottom to top, while WRIE himself thought that it was more streamlined and curved. WRIE said that the instrument came to a pointed or rounded top.

In his recollection, WRIE mistakenly said that he had seen it on Thursday, August 12, 1947, when he and his sons saw the contrivance about 1:00 P. M.

WRIE explained that he had sent his boys to the river to get some toys from his boat. When he thought they were overdue, he went outside the pool shed to look for them. He noticed them about 300 feet away looking in the sky and he glanced up to see what he called the flying disc. He said he could only see it for a moment before it disappeared behind a hill which obscured his view.

WRIE further stated that the contrivance was about seventy-five feet in length, with a diameter of the outer rim of the outer rim, which is about four feet. He also stated that the instrument was about three hundred feet below the top of the steep walls of the canyon on the west side. He likewise said that it was purely by accident that he saw it.

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