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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, Butte

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS SIGHTED MAY 5, 1947,  
BETWEEN ELLENSBURG AND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Warden JOHN HENRY, Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge, Montana, has advised the writer that while driving between Ellensburg and Seattle, Washington, about 3:30 P.M., on May 5, 1947, he sighted a silver object streaking across the sky. This was also seen by MELBOURNE M. HILL, convict chauffeur, and Mrs. HENRY. This object went into a nose dive and they thought it would crash. However, before reaching the earth it disintegrated, leaving a long pillar of "gas" hanging in the sky. It was particularly odd because this remained in form and did not blow away. It was observed by these three people while they drove from twenty to thirty miles.

This smoky, gaseous pillar was a long ways off and remained high in the air. Warden HENRY said that this silver object was traveling at an excessively high rate of speed and when it disintegrated it was still a long way from the earth. Warden HENRY said when he first saw it he thought it was probably a jet propelled plane but that he couldn't tell except that its motions were erratic. He said he had not reported it until he had noticed so much in the papers about these discs. Although three people saw it, they decided that they must be "seeing things".

The Seattle Office is requested to advise Mr. H. R. PETERSON, 4th Air Force, S-2, McChord Field, Washington.

No further action is being taken by the Butte Office due to the time elapsing between the sighting of this object and the report.

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cc - Seattle

*Info furnished to Major Cardin  
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