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Here's how the covered up the Maury Island sightings.

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*Sensational newspaper articles charged that the plane had been sabotaged and was carrying saucer debris, but an official Air Force investigation declared the crash an accident. The Air Force and FBI officially declared the whole affair a hoax, the supposed "saucer" debris just ordinary industrial slag identical to that found in a local industrial slag dump shown to Palmer by a local Air Force officer. Crisman and Dahl had supposedly concocted the hoax to sell a sensational true story to Palmer, and had allegedly confessed this to Air Force and FBI investigators though they later denied having made any such confession. Arnold flew home to Boise, Idaho, thankful to be relieved of the whole bewildering affair. He later described his investigation of the Maury Island affair, as well as his own original Mt. Rainier sighting, in his privately printed 1952 book written in collaboration with Ray Palmer, The Coming of the Saucers. *

Dahl gratefully dropped off into quiet peaceful obscurity after the Maury Island affair, an unassuming small businessman with no interest in being mixed up with either paranormal or cloak-and-dagger mysteries. Crisman, however, was first spirited away from Tacoma to Alaska on an Army transport. He later went on to enjoy a curious career as an undercover agent, possibly a CIA operative, while also working as variously a teacher, school administrator, conservative radio commentator, local politician, and librarian. Crisman was subpoenaed as a witness in New Orleans DA Jim Garrison's 1968 investigation of the Kennedy assassination, because he was reputedly friendly with many shady characters gangsters, right-wing extremists, and anti-Castro Cuban zealots--allegedly involved in a Kennedy assassination conspiracy. He was later also alleged to have been one of the three "tramps" arrested at Dealey Plaza right after the assassination. However, nothing came of these attempts to tie him to the assassination. Under oath, he denied any knowledge of a conspiracy, while Tacoma school records showed that he had been teaching as usual on November 22, 1963, rather than suspiciously out of town.

*The whole Maury Island "saucer" slag dumping story has sometimes been interpreted as a "disinformation" cover story concocted by Crisman on his superiors' orders to divert unwelcome public attention from some deep dark government or military hanky-panky, possibly experiments with secret weapons (captured Nazi technology?), or illegal dumping of radioactive waste by the Atomic Energy Commission in Puget Sound the last theory a suggestion favored by the late John A. Keel. Crisman's wild story, in this interpretation, could have been deliberately invented and disseminated to discredit anybody else reporting curious occurrences around Puget Sound as just a kook or saucer nut. His contacting a blatantly sensation-mongering science-fiction editor like Palmer of Shaver dero ill-fame could have been a calculated ploy to bring ridicule on future reports of Puget Sound skullduggery. A lot of
VERY interesting material on Fred Lee Crisman

and his myriad curious shenanigans may be found in Kenn Thomas, Maury Island UFO: The Crisman Conspiracy (Lilburn, GA: IllumiNet Press, 1999), as well as in Richard M. Dolan, UFO's and the National Security State: Chronology of a Cover-Up 1941-1973 (Charlottesville, VA: Hampton Roads Publishing Company, 2002), pp. 35-42. *

The more puzzling aspects of Kenneth Arnolds experiences as an amateur investigator in Tacoma, likewise, might seem less uncanny or paranormal if we see him as a target of close, intense military and/or CI- surveillance from almost the moment of his original June 24 Mt. Rainier flying saucers sighting. The Army Air Force and/or -IA might have regarded Arnold as a possibly suspicious character, uncomfortably close to certain hush-hush national security matters better left in obscurity, because of his June 24 claim of sighting bizarre flying objects, and accordingly bugged his home and his telephone line from the very outset. This could explain things like his anonymous benefactors Tacoma hotel reservation and the seeming bugging of his hotel room. After all, from the perspective of government spooks, his willingness to travel to Tacoma to investigate the Maury Island report just a few weeks after his own flying saucers sighting might seem MOST suspicious INDEED, as the behavior of a possible security risk if not an outright s-y or foreign agent!

*John A. Keel, by the way, as I've noted, abandoned the extraterrestrial hypothesis of UFO origins for his ultraterrestrial theory of UFOs, aliens, and MIBs as other-dimensional visitors whose earlier interactions with Humanity had given rise to beliefs in go-s, de-ons, and fairies. Interestingly enough, however, in the late 1960s Keel went through a phase where he attributed them to an Earthly secret society. This belief inspired Keels April 1968 FATE magazine article **on "The Sinister Men Black." *

In "The Sinister Men in Black," Keel noted that both the "Men in Black" harassing UFO witnesses and the pilots of the UFO's themselves were usually described as dark-skinned humans with Oriental features-- obviously, Keel had never heard of the "Grays" in 1968!. This, he felt, was an excellent reason to reconsider and reject the popular extraterrestrial theory of UFO's. Instead, Keel suggested, UFO's are built and launched on Earth, "made of earthly materials and piloted by humanoid types not too dissimilar from ourselves" (John A. Keel, "The Sinister Men in Black," FATE, April 1968, p. 37). The UFO'nauts and Men in Black-, Keel thought, might be "a subversive group who, like the Gypsies, are able to live among us unnoticed and isolated from our general society" (John A. Keel, "The Sinister Men in Black," pp. 37-38). However, in his popular 1970 books, Strange Creatures From Time and Space and UFO's: Operation Trojan Horse, Keel theorized instead that the UFO's, their pilots, and many other assorted creatures and monsters (like "Bigfoot" and the West Virginia "Mothman") might be "ultraterrestrials," de-onic trickster-like entities from another dimension with a malicious, perverse sense of humor who enjoy confusing, terrifying, "spooking," and misleading us. * **

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