

Incident No. 17 -- 21 June 1947, afternoon, Mt. Rainier, Washington. One witness viewed nine "saucer-like objects" from the air calculated to be 20 to 25 miles distant, and 10-20 feet in length, (about 80 times as long as wide) which traveled 17 miles in 100 seconds (1740 MPH). Eye spaces calculated mathematically (see Appendix B) that assuming the estimate of distance to be accurate, in order to see such detail, the objects would need to have been at least 100 feet thick, therefore, 2000 feet long, and the estimated time is more nearly correct, than to have been seen as described, the objects would have been roughly six miles distant. At this distance they would have traveled only 11 miles in 100 seconds, or approximately 660 MPH. The entire content of this incident is repetitive with Incident No. 16. It is to be noted that the observer has profited from this story by selling it to Fate magazine.

AND OPINIONS: The report cannot bear even superficial consideration, therefore, must be disregarded. There are strong indications that this report and its attendant publicity is largely responsible for subsequent reports.

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