

Incident No. 22 - 7 July 1967, 1600 hours, Florida Airbase.

On 7 July 1967, an elliptical, flat, gray object, measuring 30-50 ft across, flying 100-200 ft, appearing descended to 200 ft from 3000 ft, was observed at a 10° angle from an observer. Observer on line 4 plane, where he obtained a Kodak Brownie 220 box camera, and snapped two pictures: one negative, and a print of the other, are contained in project files. The negative displays a small, apparently flat object resting on the soil, and appeared on the film. The object appeared to have a hole in the center. The image is in stark contrast with the background of clouds. From the print, the object appears to be jet black with sharp outlines. Four expert photographers concur in the opinion that the image is of less photographic nature. However, they disagree with each other as to the possibility of finding such an occurrence under the conditions described. Considering the object was gray as described, and at a distance of 2000 feet, it seems unlikely that it would appear pure black on the print. In subsequent correspondence to the reporter at this incident, the observer refers to himself as Chief of Staff of Aerospace Research Laboratory, the titlehead of which lists photography among its specialties. He, the negative was carefully cut and carefully developed. It is covered with streaks and over a period of two months, has faded very noticeably. The agent discovered that a letter by this observer was published by Aviation starting sometime early this year. In this letter he stated that he had been interviewed by two Federal agents, had given them pictures of "Flying discs" and that the pictures had not been returned. He reported the advice of the agents as to how to proceed to sue the Government. His intention is to sue the Government of these pictures, but has never requested their return. There are other undesirable aspects to this case. The observer's character and business affiliations are presently under investigation, the results of which are not yet known. Dr. Irving Langmuir stated subject photographs and other leaving of the prior passage of a transmittance, discarded the photographed object as being merely paper stuck to by the wind.

AC Comments: In view of the apparent character of the witness, the conclusion is, no further action entirely probable.

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