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Dear colleagues,

I recently received copies of the 'Irish Times' and 'Irish Independent' newspapers dated 9 July 1947, which contained some fascinating references and quotes derived from what happened at Roswell.

I should add as a matter of courtesy that these clippings were located by Mr. John Scarry in Dublin.

The clippings reference the basic story and cite 'flying saucer' incidents over Johannesburg, Sydney, Mexico City, and various parts of the United States and Canada, plus a report from England dated 30 June '47.

The following quotes may be of interest to Roswell 'historians' in that this is what was being reported on this side of the 'pond'...

'Brigadier Gen. Roger Ramey, Commander of the 8th Air Force, said that the battered object, which was being shipped by air to the U.S. Army Air Force's research centre at Wright [sic] Field, Ohio, was of "flimsy construction almost like a box kite".

'It was made of some sort of tin-foil. Later the Army Air Force said that the object might have had a diameter of about 10 - 25 feet if reconstructed, but nothing indicated any capacity for speed, and there was no evidence of a power plant.

'Mr. Charles G. Ross, President Truman's Press Secretary, said earlier that no official investigation was under way, so far as the White House was concerned.

'It was reported yesterday that a Wisconsin civil air group planned to conduct a series of mass flights, as two pilots had sighted discs in Wisconsin. About 150 'planes, it was stated, would participate.'

The above text is taken from the 'Irish Independent', Wednesday, July 9, 1947.

The 'Irish Times' runs its coverage along similar lines, but has three interesting statements:

'The U.S. War Department stated last night that they were without news of the New Mexico "flying saucer," and were checking with Roswell.

'Professor Einstein told a U.P. correspondent he had "absolutely

no comment" to make.

'The Daily Telegraph (English newspaper) declared that the "saucers" were "the in-direct result of large recent exports of Scotch whisky".'

Thus endeth the relevant quotations from a couple of 50-year-old newspapers.

I included the Daily Telegraph comment to illustrate that ridicule existed long before any civilian UFO researchers got in on the act. I don't profess to know if any of the afore-mentioned quotations are of significance (not least because this is being posted late on an evening after a tiring day) but I'd be interested of course in your comments.

Best regards,

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