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THE A. P. R. O. BULLETIN

1952: over Japan

Very small metallic
disc does a very close
in-air encounter.

RELEASED IN JAN '53.

WHY? THIS IS A
DIRECT CONTRADICTION
TO ROBERTSONIAN
PHILOSOPHY.

Oddly enough, while denying the reality of solid objects over Washington, D. C., Air Force intelligence on January 26, 1953, released to the press the account of an incident which took place over northern Japan at 11:20 a.m., March 29, 1952. The occurrence involved an American jet fighter-bomber and a small disc. The GRAND RAPIDS (Mich.) PRESS of Jan. 27, 1953 carried the following account of this happening:

"AIR FORCE REPORTS SMALL 'DISC' MAKES PASS AT THUNDERJET."

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It was a bright, cloudless day, Brigham said he got a very good look at the object from about 30 to 50 feet for about 10 seconds.

"Says It's Small"

The pilot described it as "about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round and as shiny as polished chromium: had no apparent projections and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails."

He said it caught up with an F-84 Thunderjet, hovered a few moments and then shot out of sight. The F-84 pilot, whose name was not revealed, did not see it.

It was the second disclosure in a week by Air Force intelligence of mysterious flying objects over northern Japan near the Russian-Siberia area.

Brigham was flying a prop-driven reconnaissance craft at 6,000 feet when an F-84 drew alongside them, he said, he saw the disc to the right of and just behind the Thunderjet. He said it appeared to be traveling 30 to 40 miles an hour faster than the F-84, which was going 150-160 miles an hour.

"It closed rapidly and just before it would have flown into his fuselage, it decelerated to his air-speed almost instantaneously," Brigham said in his report to intelligence officers. "In doing so it flipped up its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it fluttered within 20 feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard (right) wing, appearing to flip once as it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank.

"Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate, and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb.

An unusual flight characteristic was a slow fluttering motion. It rocked back and forth at approximately 40-degree banks at approximately one second intervals throughout its course."

When it pulled away, "It did so more sharply than a plane could have done. Its maneuvering throughout was always clear and precise." Unquote.

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Odd thought: can someone in USAF "hi-up" be using this as a scare-monger funding gambit? If so, cross purposes to Robertson & probably causing big internal shoot-out.

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Reveal Flying Disc Pass

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Then, he said, he saw the disc to the right of and just behind the Thunderjet. He said it appeared to be traveling 30 to 40 miles an hour faster than the F-84, which was going 450 miles an hour.

at U. S. Jet Near Siberia Border

"It closed rapidly and just before it would have flown into his fuselage it decelerated to his airspeed almost instantaneously."

Brigham said in his report to Intelligence officers. "In doing so, it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90 degree bank. Then it fluttered within 20 feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard (right) wing, appearing to flip once as it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank.

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The sightings were reported in frozen, ice-locked territory, already tense from harassment by Russian aircraft based on Soviet islands just north and northeast of Japan's northern island, Hokkaido.

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ing Air Force Reveals Pilot's Story ke Flying Disk Buzzed Japan F-84

By The Associated Press

A UNITED STATES AIR BASE IN NORTHERN JAPAN, Wednesday, Jan. 28.—An American pilot saw at close range a mysterious flying disk make a pass at an F-84 Thunderjet over central Japan and then speed away, the Air Force reported Tuesday.

The hitherto secret report from intelligence files said the disk was seen at 6,000 feet on a bright, cloudless day, just before noon March 29, 1952, by Lt. David C. Brigham, of Rockford, Ill. He said the disk was about eight inches in diameter and that it closed to within twenty feet of the Thunderjet before shooting up out of sight.

It was the second disclosure in recent days of mysterious objects zooming through the skies over Japan, near Russian-held territory. On Jan. 21, the Air Force made public Intelligence reports of "rotating clusters of red, white and green lights," sighted Dec. 29 by American airmen.

The Air Force issued the two reports without comment.

Lt. Brigham was flying a reconnaissance plane when a Thunderjet pulled alongside. The incident occurred soon afterward. Lt. Brigham estimated that he watched the disk for about ten seconds from a distance of thirty to fifty feet at the closest point. The Thunderjet pilot, who was not identified, did not see the disk.

Lt. Brigham described the disk as "about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round, and as shiny as polished chromium, had no appar-

ent projectors and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails."

He said there were no markings on the disk but there was a "ripple in the metal skin." He estimated it was flying at about 200 miles an hour.

Lt. Brigham's report to Intelligence said the disk made a pass on the Thunderjet, closing from slightly above him.

"It closed rapidly, and just before flying into his fuselage it decelerated to his air speed almost instantaneously," he reported. "In doing so it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it fluttered within twenty feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard wing, appearing to flip over at it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank.

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Sightings of the light clusters were made at several points over northern Japan on Dec. 29. On Jan. 9 a rotating cluster was tracked by radar from two F-94 jet interceptors. The radar actually "locked" on the cluster and steered the jets toward it.

[In Washington, a spokesman at Air Force headquarters said the technical intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Base, Ohio, which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of this incident. It was indicated there probably would not be a request sent to the Far East for such a report.]

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NEWS

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FLYING AT 200 MPH

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