

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1954 January-May

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

By

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

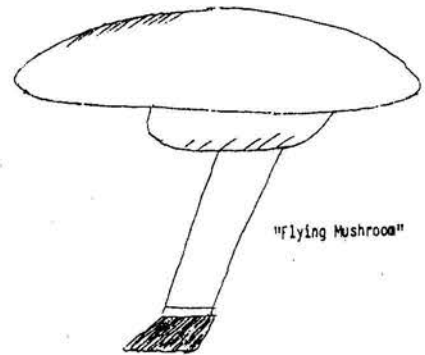
--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

"Supplemental Notes" consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

1 January 1954. Near Melbourne, Australia. (10:15 a.m.)

Captain D. Barker's "flying mushroom." (See: *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.4)

The "thing" reported by Captain Barker is complex. A drawing found in the an Australian UFO publication makes for a clearer image of the alleged object. (See drawing right) (xx.)



(xx.) Fischer, Ray and Les Bristol. *The Victorian UFO Report, 1954 – A Compilation of Reports From The Victorian Press*. Published by the Victorian UFO Research Society, P.O. Box 43, Modrabbinn, Victoria, Australia. 3189. September 1978. Appendix VII. p.19.

7 January. Paynesville, Australia. (3:30 a.m.)

Hemispherical top/flat bottom

According to a press report:

"Mr. D.R. McDonald, a 54-year-old traveller, of Government Road, Paynesville, on the Gippsland Lakes, put a trunk line telephone call through to the *Herald* today to report a 'flying saucer.' Mr. McDonald started his story by saying: 'I don't blame you if you think I'm a bit around the bend. I've always chuckled off at these stories myself' Then he told his story.

" 'At 3:30 a.m. I was in a motor boat in the centre of the lakes. I was with two companions. We were crossing the lakes to do some fishing. I was outside the cabin, and I noticed a brightly lit object in the sky. It was flying at about 1,000 feet—quite low, anyway—and was travelling at about the same speed as a Vampire jet fighter. The object came to within half a mile or so of us, and I could see it quite plainly. You know what a bright new ball bearing looks like? Well, if you cut one in halves, that's exactly what this thing looked like. It had a flat round bottom with a hemispherical top, which seemed to fine down [?] to a tail at the stern. The object had no wings. It flew past us and then turned due east flying directly into the wing.

" 'The sun was not quite up, but it was plenty light enough to see clearly. I can't say whether it made a noise, because the engine of the boat was running, and the exhaust would have drowned any noise from the object. I would say that the object at half a mile and at 1,000 feet altitude looked the size of a DC-3 airliner.'

"Mr. McDonald said he would make a detailed report in writing to the DCA." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. (Melbourne, Australia. *Melbourne Herald*. 7 January 54.)

7 January. Melbourne, Australia. (about 10:00 p.m.)

"Looping" cigar.

According to our source:

"At Bonbeach a woman had gone to bed about 10 p.m. when she heard a loud humming sound. It sounded as if the noise was in a fuse box in the hallway or in the electric wires outside. She awakened her husband and they went outside to investigate. They saw nothing so they went back to bed. The humming continued. Twice the woman went outside to investigate. She was retiring to bed to forget the noise when she glanced through the bedroom window. She saw a shining gold-coloured object circling in the sky. It was circular with hazy edges, almost the size of the moon. The woman hurried outside and saw it travel through the sky for another five seconds and disappear over the horizon. It had been brightly illuminated by the light of the moon.

"For another three minutes she watched. Then a cigar-shaped object shot up into the sky from the same place where the round body had disappeared. It did three or four loops, with a slight pause between jumps. It left a puff of white smoke behind it each time it looped. Then it, too, disappeared and the noise which had continued during the two sightings stopped abruptly." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. (Melbourne, Australia. *Melbourne Herald*. 31 July 54.)

8 January. Hamilton, Australia. (9:30 a.m.?)

"I came out to water the tomatoes."

The local newspaper published:

"...those who saw the phenomenon which appeared on Friday evening were more fortunate for it remained clearly visible for about 7 minutes and left a trail which remained distinguishable for another 20 minutes after that. They were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown of Clifford St., and their neighbor, Mr. L.D. Ryan, of Gordon St.

" 'I came out at half past nine to water these tomatoes,' said Mr. Brown. 'and as I turned around I saw the bright object moving steadily from the north west there and afterwards over towards Coleraine. It was high in the sky and seemed very distant. After 'stooging' along in that direction for 3 or 4 minutes it gradually grew smaller until it disappeared in the distance towards Mt. Gambier.'

"Mr. Brown described the shape of the object as being like two saucers, the upper one placed upside down against the lower. The bright shape was slightly coloured, something like bright orange, he said, and it left a vapour trail which fanned out a little towards the rear. The vapour trail was smoky white, or whitish grey.

" '...I got my field glasses out after the first couple of minutes, and it showed up just the same, only bigger, of course, in the glasses. There was no alteration in its structural shape, but as it banked to turn away, a sort of spout showed up at the bottom towards the rear, the same bright orange colour as the rest.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both former RAAF personnel. In respect to the question as to whether the object could have been a distant aeroplane, Mr. Brown said it was definitely not an aircraft of conventional design. The only aircraft noted on Friday evening was a Douglas passenger plane which passed by at two minutes to eleven. Mrs. Brown

added: 'Even if I'd make a mistake like that, he wouldn't. He's mad on planes...'

"...Mr. Ryan's description of the experience agreed in detail with those of those given by his neighbors. The object was halo-shaped, he said, and brightly coloured like an orangey coloured electric light, with a long illuminated trail.

"...'and I don't think it was just some meteor thing, because it didn't fall, and the whole of the outer ring was illuminated.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. (Hamilton, Australia. *Hamilton Spectator*. 12 January 54.)

8/9 January. Cobalt, Ontario, Canada. (no time)

Cobalt gets ready to shoot.

The Canadian press tells us:

"The new year has brought reports of flying saucers in this Northern Ontario mining area.

"Bright white discs were sighted Friday and Saturday by at least 10 persons. Others have banded together and are planning to take shots at the objects if they prove hostile. But so far they have been harmless.

"A single saucer was observed Friday over Lake Temiskaming by John Hunt, president of the Cobalt chamber of commerce; Ray Johnson, mechanic at Agaunice Mines; and Al Jennings, a truck driver. They said it zipped about the sky for almost two hours.

"On the day after Christmas [December 26, 1953] Mr. Hunt and Willy St. John reported seeing a bright object over the same spot.

"In North Cobalt Saturday objects were seen by seven other persons.

"Maurice Parent, 28-year-old miner, said the light was so bright 'it was difficult to look at.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Cobalt, Ontario, Canada. Jan. 10—(CP)

12 January. Kwinana, (Western) Australia. (12:25 p.m.)

Triangular cloud.

A report found in APRO files says:

"On Tuesday, January 12th, 1954 at 12:25 p.m., an unusual aerial phenomenon was observed in the sky from a beach at Kwinana, Western Australia by six people. Mr. A. Dickerson, the first member of the party to observe it, remarked that a peculiar shaped cloud had formed in an otherwise clear blue sky and called it to the attention of the other members of the party. This cloud was in the form of an isosceles triangle of a heavy dense white vapour and being very sharply outlined. After approximately 15 seconds observation, it was noticed that a vapour trail was ascending from the apex of the triangle; this ascending vapour trail was in a modified zig-zag path. Further observation disclosed a round silvery blue object at the head of this ascending vapour trail.

Within approximately 30 seconds this object had disappeared. The colour of the object was a silvery blue that gave it the illusion of transparency.

"The triangle shaped horizontal vapour trail broke up, slowly drifting across underneath the ascending vapour trail which remained drifting for several minutes after the lower vapours had disappeared.

"One of the members of the party. Mr. A.M. Dryfhamer, a former pilot in the Dutch Air Force, estimated the altitude of the phenomenon at approximately 25,000 [feet]. If this estimation is correct, the size of the object leaving the trail was 100 to 200 feet in diameter, also based on this altitude estimation, the triangle vapour trail would have been approximately ½ mile wide at the base by approximately 1 mile long.

"The following people observed this phenomenon and certify that this report is a true statement of what they observed:

"Mr. James E. Kneiper, 307 Salvado Road,

"Mr. N.R. Rockliffe, Portres Hotel, St. George's Tce, Perth.

"Mr. A. Dickerson, 118 Matheson Road, Applecross.

"Mr. L. Throssell, 15 Rene Road, Ndlands.

"Mr. A.N. Dryfhamer, 53 Lawley Crescent, Mt. Lawley.

"Miss Anne Brown, 9 Hopetoun Terrace, Shenton Park." (xx.)

(xx.) W. Australia. Kwinana. 54-1-12. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

14 January. Hamilton, Australia. (about 11:15 p.m.)

Light grey disc.

An Australian press story states:

"About 11:15 p.m. there was a party of people on the lawn outside Mr. Keith Urquart's home on Kokoda Ave., and two of them, Mrs. W. Barham and Mr. Fred Fanning, saw a bright disc overhead. It was spinning and moved rapidly in a south westerly direction towards the 3HA building. In colour it was light grey, and it seemed to be about 18 inches in diameter. Behind it there was a smoky mist. It was about 30 degrees above the horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Fischer, Ray and Les Bristol. *The Victorian UFO Report, 1954 - A Compilation of Reports from the Victorian Press.* p.6. (Hamilton, Australia. *Hamilton Spectator.* 16 January 54)

15 January. St. Kilda, Australia. (11:00 p.m.)

Mysterious orange objects.

A press report states:

"An ex-RAAF man saw three mystery orange objects over St. Kilda Beach at

11 p.m. last night. Mr. David Efron, 28, of Larnook St., East Prahran, said: 'They were circular and to my eyes about 5 inches in diameter. They were moving much faster than any plane I have seen, two close together in formation, the other lagging a bit. They were visible for about two minutes and disappeared in the direction of Pt. Ormond.' Mr. Efron said the lights were too far apart for navigation lights."

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(xx.) Ibid, p.6. (? , Australia. *Kerang New Times*. 16 January 54.)

15 January. Sao Paulo, Brazil. (night?)

Hovered for 15 minutes.

A Brazilian source states:

"On January 15th, 1954, Miss Nilce Correa, 15 years old, while walking on the beach of Itanhaem, Sao Paulo, had her attention called to an object hovering above the ground, fifty meters high on the divisory line of sea and shore. It had no apparent windows, conning tower or any conspicuous protuberance, but it irradiated some sort of dull light which changed from orange to gray. The moon was present and was reflected by the water but the light emitted by the strange body was not reflected.* It was bigger than a DC-3 and hovered for 15 minutes before speeding noiselessly west."

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* This mysterious "non-reflection" characteristic has been reported before. One theory is that the "saucer" emits an energy wave that acts direction on the brain of the observer.

(xx.) *The Flying Saucer*. No. 2. Ed.: Jose Escobar Faria. Published by the Flying Disks Research Center (C.P.D.V.) – P.O.B. 8449. Sao Paulo, Brazil. p.5.

13-16 January. "How the Air Force Investigated UFOs."

"When I went to Dayton, the scientist and the astronomer they had hired, were ready to quit"—Capt. Joseph Cybulski. (See pages 6-8) (xx.)

(xx.) *International UFO Reporter*. Ed.: Jerome Clark. Winter 1995. pp.11,30-32.

13 January. Saucer reports total 50 in a week.

A minor flap took place in Australia at this time, for the most part in the Melbourne area. The *Melborne Argus* headlined: FLYING SAUCER REPORTS TOTAL 50 IN A WEEK. The best reports have been noted in this text. The majority of sightings were "lights in the sky" and of uncertain character. The Australian Civil Aviation Department (CAD) had invited the public to submit reports without fear of ridicule. (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *Melborne Argus*. 13 January 54.

HOW THE AIR FORCE INVESTIGATED UFOs

BY CAPT. JOSEPH A. CYBULSKI

4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON

Editor's note: This report is taken from *A Summary of the Third Commanders' Conference, 13-16 January 1954*, issued by the Headquarters of the 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs. See the preceding article by Brian Skow and Terry Endres for background.

First I wish to caution you that the regulation on UFOB reporting is only in draft form and that we are waiting for approval to go ahead from Headquarters USAF.

No Flight or Detachment personnel will be authorized to arrange with local Air Defense units for interception action. The 4602d is an investigating agency. We are not operations. Colonel Walton, Intelligence, at the Pentagon asked that we be permitted to go into this, before the regulation becomes final, but so far I have not heard any report on it. The primary reason for our participation in this program is to solve a very perplexing problem for the Air Force and the country as a whole. To the Air Force the investigations of the UFOB is very important. In all but a few cases a satisfactory solution has been reached and the Air Force feels that adequate, thorough investigative procedures can solve the small percentage of unsolved sightings. This is where we come into the picture.

Due to our strategic locations throughout the country, we can be available at a moments notice, to investigate any legitimate sightings. However, before any flight or detachment embarks on an investigation, it should first accomplish 2 major steps: (1) Determine the reliability of the reported sighting, (2) obtain permission to investigate from this headquarters by TWX or MARS. It is possible, under some circumstances, to obtain permission by placing a phone call to our headquarters. As a matter of fact that may be necessary in some cases.

For example: If the information indicates that the sighting will be around for some time, it may pay off to obtain permission by telephone, because you want to go out there immediately. Several factors will determine that of course. Distance will be a factor. If you have to go some place 250, 300 miles away and you feel that you should, the time that you have spent placing the phone call would not matter. However, if it was 15 or 20 miles away, and someone calls, reporting an object still in sight, you may want to go immediately. Many factors will have to be taken

into consideration when a sighting is reported to one of the flights or detachments. To better understand the elements and procedures involved in the investigation of UFOB I would like to cover this draft of the regulation. Now you are going to be faced with many, many new problems that you haven't had to face to date, and it will call for and require a great deal of common sense. Determine first how legitimate it is, how serious it is, if there really is something, or if it is a letter from some crackpot. If it is the latter, you'll have to ignore it. Above all, the Air Force is sincere in its attempt to obtain proof one way or the other. When I went to Dayton, the scientist and the astronomer they had hired, were ready to quit. But before they were permitted to say anything I was introduced and told them what I was there for and what I was going to do. They threw their resignations away and decided to stay. Because as the astronomer [Hynek] said—"Put yourself in my position. I am being ridiculed by members of my profession for chasing these imaginary objects, and when I went into this, I went into it sincerely, because I thought that both from the astronomical standpoint and also from the scientific value, I could disprove these things. In so doing I would be rendering my profession and my country some service. However, in the past, I have not been able to get support from the Air Force. It seems that they all think this is a hot subject, and they want to drop it. They don't want to have anything to do with it. No one wants to be quoted."

Now that the 4602d has entered the picture, we are assuming quite a serious role. The feeling is, both at Wright-Patterson and Washington, that we could be very very instrumental in bringing this thing to a head once and for all. They feel that it *can* be done by personal contact, where a piece of paper fails, because in the past if they had a sighting somewhere, the people looking into it were the people at Wright-Patterson where there was only one officer, and one airman available. So they get a sighting in South Dakota. They send out a form of about 6 or 8 pages. Lt Ledher is quite familiar with it, as probably all of you are. The man takes one look at it, depending on the intelligence level of the person, and he more or less decides that he didn't see anything. Or he'll answer it hastily in a haphazard way, and it doesn't give anyone anything to work with. And that is where we hope to rectify the situation, because you will fill out this form if you go out. Let's say that there is a

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sighting in Kansas City. You go and you look into it and you fill out the form and there's sufficient evidence that it should be looked into, and you've made all efforts to investigate it, it would be turned over from there to ATIC and they would take over. In many cases they could come up with a solution, whereas now it's dropped dead. They don't do anything about it. It just comes to a blank wall.

because of insufficient information. The biggest files at ATIC, are compiled of materials that stated insufficient evidence. Of course some of it you can't help. Obviously if someone calls in and says that he saw an object for 5 seconds, he or she would have to have some very conclusive evidence to substantiate, maybe a picture, maybe some other factor, before you could put any value on it. What can you prove in 5 seconds? But if at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where apparently a number of people had seen it for several

hours, that's another story. There you could really make something out of it. Then there are cases, like that near Great Falls, Montana where a Warrant Officer shot 40 feet of film. After you blow it up and look at it, you see it's a formation of high-flying geese. Powerful telescopes like those in California or the East, can analyze some of the sightings as being stars.

I'd like to say a few words on the analysis portion of this AF Reg. (See Par 4b) After we have gone as far as we

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can, and we have exhausted all efforts to identify a sighting, we will turn it over to ATIC, with a recommendation that it be investigated. You will send it in to us here at Headquarters. I will review it, AND WE WILL PUT AN INDORSEMENT, a cover letter on it, and send it on to ATIC. They will investigate from both the astronomical and the scientific standpoint. They will come up with some answer, and will notify us. We here in headquarters will keep a complete file on all the sightings. That's why we want the information copied. We will file them under separate headings, such as the type of personnel involved, military or civilian, or air-lines. We will record it under the type of object it was eventually determined to be.

Cooperation: When requested by ATIC, the 4602d will conduct investigations, within our capability, and furnish air and ground transportation, to ATIC, and 4602d representatives when feasible. Direct communication is authorized between us and ATIC.

Area of Responsibility: All portions of this regulation are equally applicable to us and to ATIC under the following conditions: When the 4602d AISS exhausts all efforts to identify the object, we will turn it over to ATIC. That is one time when the ATIC comes into the picture and the second is when it is actually in their area, and we will be responsible for telling them that. Bear in mind that their military facilities are practically nil. As I cited earlier, they have only one officer. The airman (assigned to this project) was discharged the 31st of December, leaving only the officer and a typist.

Guidance: The thoroughness and quality of the reports and investigations is entirely up to you. It's up to the individual. He can make it or break it. The steps you should take to identify the object are (1) the theodolite measurements, (2) the possibility of interception, (3) contact which is your biggest factor. If it happened, in this area, who would you check with? Pueblo Airport? Albuquerque? Denver? Determine if they had any aircraft in the area at that time. Contact AC&W people and find out if they had any information on it. Check with weather people and find out if any balloons had been released at that time and in that area. All these steps you would have to take before you could feel that you had exhausted all efforts. Now, consult astronomers in the area to determine if any astronomical body or phenomena could account for it, or have any bearing on the observation. This is optional. If you are fortunate in having an astronomer, or their facilities in your area, go to them, and see if they can help you. However, there cannot be any expense involved, because the astronomer in Dayton is under contract to the Air Force for all investigation, astronomically speaking and he receives funds to contact other people. If you were in the Albuquerque area and had exhausted all efforts, and we turned it over to ATIC, their astronomer would undoubtedly call the local astronomer whom he probably knows, and ask him to look into it. However you could save time and money if you happened to have that contact yourself. Not all people will

have that. Originally we were trying to work out something where we could take care of that end of it, but it would entail the task of lining up 18 different astronomers with 18 different contracts. Besides the man at ATIC is getting quite a sum of money for this and they feel that it should be his business. In case you can do it, go ahead. Contact military and civilian tower operators, that of course, goes without saying. You would almost automatically do all that. Contact persons who might have knowledge of experimental aircraft, and so on. Lt. Ledher ran into that. They have firms up there that do experimental work at Niagara Falls. Bell Aircraft does much experimental work with supersonic aircraft and things like that.

Reports: Information relating to UFOB will be reported without delay to the nearest 4602d unit. It will eventually end up at an Air Force Base or an Air Force channel, regardless of who reports it, whether it's a civilian, or the police. The method and priority of the dispatch will be selected in accordance with the apparent value of the material. There's nothing classified about this. We want to make this as unclassified as possible. Unless, and this I rather doubt, unless it happens to be the real thing. In that case additional data will be necessary, and we will have to come back to you to follow it up and you would have to give us the additional information that we need. The only time I can see that coming up, is when we turn it over to ATIC and they get together with their astronomer and scientists, and decide that they need more information. They would come directly to you, the people who investigated it. We want to give them every assistance possible. That's where the program has been falling down. All written reports will be prepared on the Form 112, short title, "UFOB." I won't go into the report format because it's outlined for you, and it is also on this form.

Security: Reports should be unclassified, unless data included necessitates a higher classification.

Evidence: If anyone has ever looked up AFR 9506 and 95-7 as to what you have to do to send photographs forward, the way to mark them, the way to identify them, measurements etc., you'll know it's complicated. These regulations outline where you have to send them. The photographs go to Washington. In addition one copy of each print will be forwarded to ATIC, and one to us here at headquarters. Fortunately there will not be too much of that. In almost every case where gun cameras or aircraft cameras have been used, the thing has been too small for identification and the photographs haven't been of much value.

Material: In case of any physical evidence of UFOB, you're to safeguard it and notify us. We will tell you what to do with it.

10. Release of Information:

a. Inquiries concerning specific local sightings will be referred to the activity information officer. The reporting officer may furnish the latter all raw information except names of principals, Air Force comments, details of intercept procedures involved and classified radar data. Ex-

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amples of the type of information which may be released are:

- (1) The location, time, and date
- (2) Description of the object(s)
- (3) Maneuvers reported
- (4) Type of physical evidence (If requestor knows that such physical evidence exists)
- (5) Intercept or other identification attempt made
- (6) The fact that the object has been conclusively

identified by ATIC or 4602d AISS as a conventional aerial device or other familiar object and no further evaluation is contemplated

b. General information, such as periodic news releases, summaries of investigations, and status of the program, will be released by Headquarters USAF. ATIC and Headquarters 4602d AISS, will furnish this news release material to Headquarters USAF. ♦

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One would think that if Capt. Cybulski, and Air Force Intelligence in general, was so concerned about doing a good job, the gathering of information from all available sources would be essential (That's the way the CIA operates). Note the response from ATIC to an inquiry made by the Assistant Attache stationed at Rome, Italy. (See pages 9-10) As a result of such a policy, the great European UFO flap (and the rest of the world for that matter) of 1954 was, and is, largely non-existent in Air Force records.

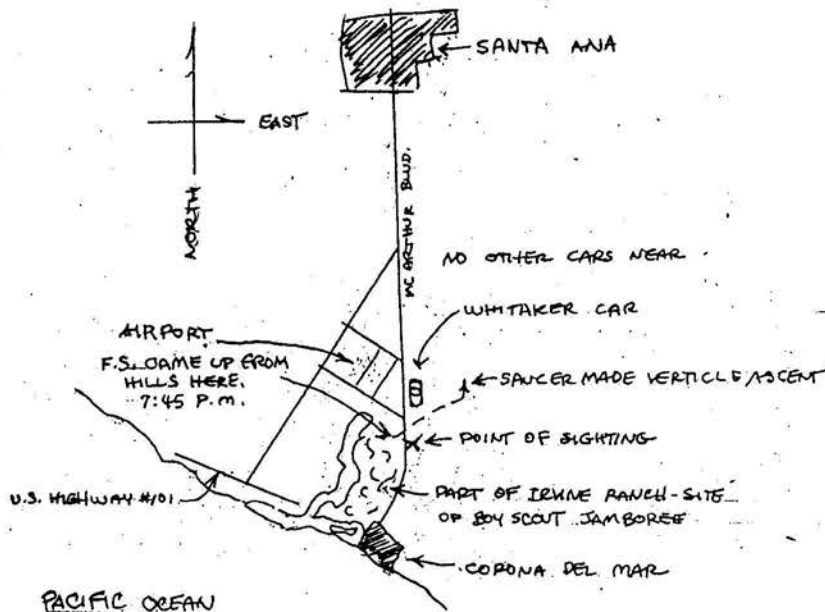
29 January. Near Corona Del Mar, California. (7:45 p.m.)

Radio/engine trouble.

A report in APRO files states:

"Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Whitaker made this sighting on January 29, 1954, about six miles south of Santa Ana, California. A saucer came off [sic] from a hilly field—used as the national Boy Scout Jamboree as a campsite in 1953. It passed over and ahead of [their] car at a height of approximately 200 feet and at an estimated speed of six hundred m.p.h. After passing, it made a vertical ascent and disappeared in a few seconds. The car radio had to be turned off because of static and the engine started to miss and continued to do so for some time. These people are reliable and Mr. Whitaker is an auto mechanic. The saucer appeared about 60 feet in diameter and gave off a burry blue-white light." (xx.) (See map below. This is a cleaned up version of the original

(xx.) Report found in APRO files by the date: 29 January 54. Name of investigator not given. Date report filed not given. If a 1954 date could be confirmed, the electrical problems mentioned would be of great interest.



ITALY

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer Report		
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DATE OF REPORT 25 January 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION December 1953	EVALUATION ---
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOSEPH A. WOIDA, Lt Col USAF, Asst. Air Attache		SOURCE La Provincia (Cremona); Italian Newspaper
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-700-53		

SUMMARY. (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-1 (Part 1).)

1. Report submits a translation of a newspaper report on flying saucer sighting.
2. There have been many flying saucer newspaper articles in Italian newspapers in the last months. Consequently the reporting officer would appreciate an estimate on the value of these news items.

JOSEPH A. WOIDA
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Asst. Air Attache

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COMMENTS (Keep the intelligence collectors informed. Your comments, guidance and criticism are greatly appreciated. Definite and detailed evaluation will lead to improvement in the quality of intelligence reporting). Newspaper and published articles concerning UFO's are, in most cases, only of general interest to ATIC. They are not used as a basis for originating case files, but are used to supplement when an official report on the incident has been previously received. For ATIC purposes, the clipping itself or a brief summary of UFO articles which appear to be significant will suffice.			
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☆ GPO : 1952 O-281381

"Beginning of 1954." Mediterranean Sea. One day out of Malta. (about 9?/10:00 p.m.)

"Volley ball" checks out ship.

The witness was aboard the U.S.N. LST (Landing Ship Tank) 532 attached to the Sixth Fleet. The sea was calm and the night sky clear. Object seen was a round, white, light the size of a volley ball. No sound was heard. A Frank Lusch tells what occurred:

"We [the crew] were watching a movie on the tank deck inside the ship because of the cold weather (to the best of my recollection, this took place after Christmas, early in '54). Somebody came down to the tank deck and said to come on up and see the light. So we all proceeded up topside and off the port bow there was this white light. The best estimate, it's extremely difficult to say, is 200 yards off the bow. I am not sure of the sequence of events, but the order was given to turn the spotlight on the light. When the light hit the object, it was clear that the object itself had no base [emphasis in the original] and was above [emphasis in the original] the water. For approximately five minutes it stayed in the same place (The color was white and remained so.).

"Although we were travelling at approximately 10 knots, we did not overtake the light.

"After about five minutes the object came toward the ship at a rapid rate of speed. It came within about 10 yards of the ship and then veered toward the stern of the ship, remaining approximately 200 yards away.

"The Capt., Lt. Commander Lloyd V. Sternberg, ordered all engines stopped. Then engines were started up and he turned the ship toward the light (port) and took a run at the light. The object backed off farther from us. Sternberg stopped engines again and the light came flying in at us and veered off. This cat and mouse game went on for about ten minutes. After this period the Captain ordered a small boat (LCVP) in the water to investigate. The LCVP was manned by three men. When the boat was put in the water it made a run at the object and at that time the object disappeared.

"We stayed in the vicinity for about an hour, but the light never reappeared.

"The Naval Command in Naples was notified. When we reached Malta at about 8 a.m. we were met by Naval Intelligence and interviewed individually.

"This incident had to be put into the log because every time a change of speed or course is made, it has to be logged.

"This was witnessed by at least 70 men. Although there was no fear at the time, the crew was left with a feeling of anxiety because we didn't know what we were dealing with." (xx.).

(xx.) Letter: To: Center for UFO Studies, 924 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL. 60202. From: Frank Lusch, 4122 Huey Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA. 19026. Date report written up: 14 June 78. CUFOs archives.

February (no exact date). Lombez (Gers), France. (2:00 p.m.)

"As if nothing had occurred."

This is one of those belated, sensational, stories a serious researcher is reluctant to entertain. The narrative, however, has one thing worth checking (See below). If the 1954 date is correct, then the case may have value:

"While pushing her son in a baby carriage across the bridge over the River Save, Mme. Jandot observed a motorcyclist staring into the sky. Going a few feet further, and seeing no change in his concentration at something above, she too looked upwards and, a short way off over a grove of poplars, just above the river, she saw a motionless, silent object of oval form and metallic appearance. A little cone at the rear ejected a white smoke; inside the object she was able to see two human heads, 'heads like you and me.' She thought it was perhaps four meters across. The heads were seen presumably through transparent ports or windows, although this is not stated. After a short period of time, the object departed at a vertiginous speed in the direction of Toulouse. There were two other persons on or near the bridge who had also stopped to watch, and whom Mme. Jandot knew. *Curiously, not one of the four witnesses acknowledged to any other having sighted such a strange spectacle; rather, they all continued on their ways as if nothing unusual had just occurred* [emphasis mine—L.E. Gross]." * (xx.)

* This very odd thing has been noted in other cases!

(xx.) HumCat #1781. LDLN #176. (June-July, 1978)

Gray Barker's *Saucerian*. (See cover on page 13)

3 February. Sydney, Australia. (about 9:30 a.m.)

"Someone from outer space spies on the queen?"

According to a story in papers:

"A Darlinghurst man thinks that 'someone from outer space' may have watched the Queen's arrival in Sydney. He is Mr. H.E. Ireland of Liverpool St. Mr. Ireland claims to have seen a Flying Saucer about 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, while the Queen was on the Royal Yacht *Gothic* in Sydney Harbour. He says he watched the 'saucer' from the doorway of his knife and die casting factory on Burke Street. It hovered east of Sydney several thousand feet up for about ten minutes then disappeared leaving a blue vapour trail, Mr. Ireland said. 'It seemed to be flat and threw a brilliant white light. I called a policeman and he saw what I saw. I knew it couldn't be an ordinary aeroplane. I've flown in all these modern planes—Constellations and so on. I was Internal Auditor with the R.A.A.F. during the war, therefore I'm not a dill [sic].' An R.A.A.F. spokesman said yesterday that he knew of no service plane or balloon which could have been mistaken for a flying saucer on the morning of February 3." (xx.)

(xx.) Sydney, Australia. *Sydney Sunday Telegram*. 14 February 54.

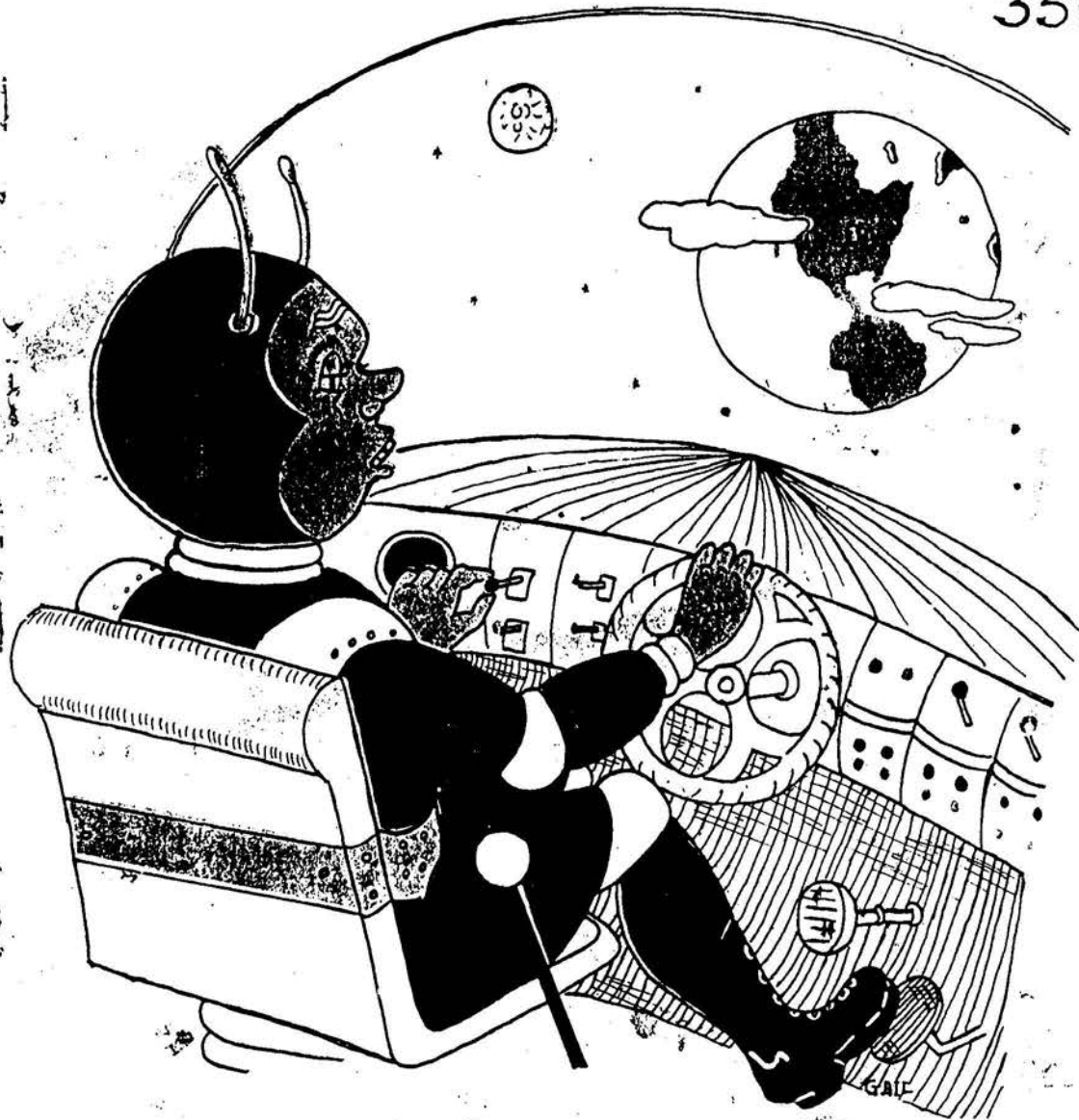
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I SAW THE DEVIL IN A FLYING SAUCER!

Misterioso haz de Luz Sobre la Cabina de un Avión que Volaba por Punta San Juan

Iluminó a intervalos de segundo los puestos de mando del avión a punto que este se dirigía a Maquettia, y al parecer procedía de una nave situada hacia el norte a la misma altura de vuelo

Los tripulantes de un avión comercial fueron sorprendidos anoche a las 8 y 45 de la tarde por una extraña aeronave en el momento en que sobrevolaban Punta de San Juan. Dijeron que no recordaban que sus nombres fueran publicados con la presente información, pero que en dicho lugar el co-piloto había llamado la atención al capitán de la aeronave sobre un punto luminoso que se destacaba en la oscuridad, de color anaranjado, hacia el norte de la ruta.

El capitán de la nave advirtió a su segundo que eso bien podría ser la luz de cola del DC-4 de la misma compañía que vuela a Maracaibo, mas como la luz incre-

montase, se leone y su brillantez, los aviadores descartaron esta posibilidad y llamaron para corroborar de que la visión era correcta. A dos empleados de la empresa que viajaban en el mismo avión. Estando ya sobre la cabina de los tripulantes, tuvieron el mismo efecto visual. La luminosidad se acrecentó aún más a la misma altura de vuelo y de pronto un haz de luz fulgurante penetró a la cabina a intervalos de segundos, sucesos que causó viva impresión entre los tripulantes del DC-3, no hallando ninguna explicación aparente al fenómeno, aparte de la necesaria vinculación que se hace de este suceso con la existencia de los ya famosos platillos voladores.

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atlántico "Vera Cruz" de-
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33° de Anaco, un aparato
descomunal luminoso que
se desplazaba a fantásti-
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nio Golliscochea dijo que
varios tripulantes y pasa-
jeros habían observado el
extraño aparato por espas-
ios de cinco minutos. Igual
declaración fue hecha por
los pasajeros Martín de
Silva, Julián Alcázar,
Luis y Fernando Nar-
raez y por el radiotele-
grafista de la nave, señor
Luis Eugenio Soudatt.

4 February. Punta San Juan ?

"Mysterious beam of light."

(See clipping)

(No translation available)

5 February. Cunerdin, Western Australia. (5:45 p.m.)

Checking on the pipeline?

According to our source:

"A big, shiny, flat disc floated stationary for five minutes in midair over a farm at 5:45 p.m. before moving slowly westwards and disappearing. It glittered in the sun, and took 15 minutes to disappear beyond the horizon; and three observers, two women and a man, living on the farm, agreed that it made not the slightest sound in passing overhead. It seemed to be about as large as 'a big aircraft,' they reported to police immediately after it had disappeared. An A.F.S.B. [Australian flying saucer bureau] observer for the Kojonup-Bridgewater district in Western Australia, Mr. W. H. Davies, reported officially that the direction taken by the Cunerdin disc apparently followed that of a large water pipeline very clearly visible from the air." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine*. The only official publication of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, Headquarters, 3 Ferguson Avenue, Fairfield, New South Wales, Australia. March 1954. p.12.

? February. Near Jakarta, Indonesia. (between 11:00 and 12:00 a.m.)

Cadets see disc?

A book by Air Vice-Marshal J. Salatun tells us:

"In the month of February, 1954, a lifeboat with a bunch of cadets and an instructor from the Indonesian Merchant Marine were having a rowing [exercise?] off the coast of (?) east of the harbour of Tanjung Brioche in the vale of Jakarta. They belonged to the (?) of (?). The time was between eleven and twelve AM. The weather was clear and the sun shining brilliantly in the sky. All of a sudden They saw a brilliant round object with the apparent shape of a saucer, which hung motionless in the northern sky at an elevation of 45 degrees. It shone like a mirror reflecting the sun's rays. After having been visible for fifteen seconds, the object changed its apparent altitude and was seen on its edge like a flat object while describing [flying in?] circles. Then the size of it diminished as if it streaked away a tremendous speed to vanish out of sight in the twinkling of an eye." (xx.)

(xx.) Salatun, Colonel J., Secretary of the Indonesian Joint Chiefs of Staff. *The Mystery of the Flying Saucers Revealed*. Publishing information not available. I have not seen the book although some say the book can be found in an English edition. The account quoted above is from a translation discovered in CUFOS files. The book is also said to have a foreward written by Indonesian Air Force Chief of Staff, Air Chief Marshall S. Suryadarma. CUFOS has a letter from Dr. J. Allen Hynek to Colonel Salatun written in 1976. At that time J. Salatun had been appointed Chairman of LAPAN,

Indonesian National Aeronautics and Space Institute.

6 February. Dorothy Kilgallen.

Dorothy always claimed to have "hot" tips and "inside" information. Since her sources were never disclosed, one has to take what she wrote with a fist of salt. Here is her February 6, 1954, contribution: "Don't expect them to admit it, but the Air Force has outfitted whole interceptor squadrons with special cameras in another attempt to grab a photo of a flying saucer." (xx.)

(xx.) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Daily News*. Dorothy Kilgallen column. 6 February 54.

Sperry-Rand in 1954.

While the Kilgallen claim is dubious, a more credible bit of information showed up a letter by Dr. James McDonald, which also asserts some kind of specially equipped aircraft existed to hunt down flying saucers. McDonald happened to be talking to Gordon Lore: "Lore mentioned Sperry-Rand program of 1954 involving four instrumented aircraft equipped to search for UFOs. Later learned this was [a] mistake to release." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To:? From: Dr. James McDonald. I am missing the first and last page of what appears to be a letter at least five pages long. Fortunately McDonald had a habit of putting the date of the missive at the top of each page. The date in this case is: 29 September 1967. Dr. Jim McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division.

14 February. Greenfield, Massachusetts. (6:15 p.m.)

Object "follows" girl. Girl terribly frightened.

Witnesses: Mary Ann Hall, 14, and his little brother Edward, 6 years old.
Weather conditions: Partly overcast.

According to APRO files:

"About 6:45 p.m. on Sunday evening the local police received a call from Mrs. Henry Hall. She said that her little, Mary Ann, 14, had been terribly frightened by an object which had 'followed her' as she passed from their home to Mrs. Hall's mother's home about 100 feet to the north of them. She said that Mary Ann was 'in hysterics' and the two other children, Pearl (12) and Edward (6) were very excited by what they had seen. She asked the police to come out and investigate. The police did so and talked with the children. On the following morning a member of the police force phoned me [APRO investigator Albert Baller] and asked me if I would care to look into the matter further, since he happened to know that I had made some general study of the 'flying saucer' problem. I agreed to do so and met the Hall family on Monday evening at six o'clock for an hour and a half. I asked their permission to tape-record our interview for reference, which they gave." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report filed by APRO investigator Albert Baller. APRO files.

Here is the interview as it was taped:

"Mrs. Hall said: 'I sent Mary Ann over to my mother's with some cake. It was 6:15. Edward went along. Pearl stood on our back porch to watch them go. After a few minutes, Pearl came running in and said: 'Mother, an aeroplane is following Mary!' I said, 'Why, that's impossible! No plane could follow anybody! What do you meant! She said, 'But it is....' In a few minutes my mother came in with the two other children. Mary Ann was in hysterics. She said that this saucer-like thing had flown right between the house (their house and Mrs. Hall's mother's) and had CHASED [emphasis in the original] her! Mrs. Hall talked with Edward who said that he, too, had seen it and that it had flown right over him. Mrs. Hall tried, with Mr. Hall's help, to break down the children's story and to convince them that they had really seen an airplane or a helicopter. But the children insisted that what they had seen as it had flown into the area lighted by the back yard flood light was a saucer-like thing with LOTS OF WINDOWS! [emphasis in the original]. Edward kept saying, 'It was ROUND [emphasis in the original], like the world.' (Later, he explained to me that by this, he meant it was round, like the upper half of the globe he sees in his school-room) After Mrs. Hall could not break down the children's story into some conventional object and because Mary Ann continued to be hysterical, she phoned for the police who came out immediately to investigate and to hear the children's story.

"Mary Ann said: 'Mother sent Edward and me over to grandmother's and grandfather's with some cake. Pearl stood on the back porch to see us over. When I came out on the porch, I turned on the flood-light. As I walked off the porch, I noticed something over in the back (some 100 yards distant in an open field) of our place with a red and green light on it. It surprised me, because at first I thought it was a plane. But this thing rose right straight up. Then I turned wondering about it and started over to grandmother's. Just as I got about 2/3 of the way there this thing came flying around the front of our house and came right at me between the houses. I started to scream because it looked so strange and was coming right at me and it was slowing down. I ran to grandmother's house and couldn't get the door open, so I screamed some more and pounded on the door. I could see the thing slowly turn and come toward me. Then the door opened and I rushed in!

"Edward said: 'I was walking behind Mary and when I saw it coming I started to run too. But I stumbled over some snow and fell down. I looked up and saw this thing, round like the world, go right over me and I put up my hands like I had guns and said, 'BANG! BANG! BANG! [emphasis in original]. I wanted to scare it. It slowed down almost to a stop and then tipped up like this (shows with a china bowl or dish) and goes right up into the sky (angle indicated by motion is about 45 degrees)." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

26 February. London, England. Russian disinformation?

"Cow 7." There is no evidence the story below is anything but total fiction.

THE MYSTERY OF "COW 7"

Has Russia got atomic saucers?

Special to the Auckland Star — From K. FRANK FELDMAN

LONDON (Airmail).—The contemporary flying saucer mystery is now seven years old. Explanations that the disks are of extra-terrestrial origin have been debunked frequently enough, but the studied silence on the part of successive U.S. Air Force commissions which were entrusted with the investigation of these phenomena was portentous. Apart from hypothetical inter-stellar craft, there is now strong evidence that the Soviets are building flying saucers.

Jet-disk plants were established in an irregular chain south of Kuzalinsk, near the shore of Lake Aral. These littoral plants have been working at full pressure. In 1947 a number of German specialists were selected to join three teams in this region. The German technicians and aircraft designers did not know it but there were 174 of them working on the secret disk project.

This division prevented the Germans from knowing what was going on. They knew only part of the story. Each team dealt with a different aerodynamic problem.

First success

WITH the passing of time the pattern fell into shape. Six test prototypes failed before the first success could be reported to Moscow. The Soviet engineers assembled the various parts of the disk planes themselves. They permitted no alien to watch this process.

By 1951 the Russians discarded all pretence and allowed their German colleagues to watch a take-off. The ascent was very quick. The disks did not taxi for a start. They rose vertically at high velocity and were lost in the eye within ten seconds. Twelve lenticular jets powered the saucer.



Professor Einstein . . . what is Kapitza really after?

The code-name for the experimental saucer is COW 7. It is not quite clear whether the disk consists of two independently functioning parts, but, judging by the quartzitic cockpit which is bedded in a rail that feathers on ball-bearings, the outer disk of the superstructure rotates on its own axis.

The disk plane gains altitude at a speed of 630 m.p.h. in vertical

flight and then burns up space at 1000 m.p.h. in horizontal flight.

Berserk craft

A FLANGE rotates around the core of the disk. The saucer can either be deployed as a guided missile or can be used as a manned fighter. It holds up to four flyers.

Chief of the entire project is believed to be the relatively young Soviet Air Marshal Constantin Vershinin.

It is known that occasionally a saucer gets out of control and zips off. Some defect in the "brain" of the machine causes this lapse and the saucer goes ripping through the sky at a tremendous speed, having thrown off its invisible shackles.

Such berserk projectiles are believed to have traversed Scandinavia. If Russia's flying saucers are designed to carry atomic weapons they would fall within the jurisdiction of I. I. General Ploir Kapitza, 50-year-old former pupil of Lord Rutherford.

Kapitza recently created a first-class sensation when he gave a three-minute interview on Magadan Radio. "I am glad," he said, "to have switched to practical work after so many years' research." Russia's Foreign Ministry must have known, indeed must have inspired, this broadcast.

Fled to England

KAPITZA is not a Communist by choice. He fled from the blood-spattered scene in Lenin-grad shortly after the Revolution, and joined Rutherford in England, staying in Britain until 1934 when he accepted the invitation of a scientific congress and went to Russia. Stalin refused to grant him an exit permit and for a whole year Kapitza staged a one-man sit-down strike in a Moscow hotel room. Finally his resistance broke.

There is a witty anecdote about this. Baldwin telegraphed to Stalin requesting that Kapitza be permitted to leave the U.S.S.R. "Send us Rutherford," Stalin is alleged to have cabled back, "and you can have Kapitza."

Professor Einstein thinks highly of Kapitza's scientific acumen. "I wonder," the relatively man once said, "I wonder what Kapitza is really after."

The world may never know, although he definitely has had a hand in the disk project. In the three-minute broadcast Kapitza said that he hoped the "nuclear teams" in his charge would never be used.

Guided missiles

EXPERTS of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, including its chairman, Lewis L. Strauss, believe that Kapitza may have been speaking of guided missiles with atomic charges. At any rate, Kapitza now resides in the back of beyond. Magadan is the headquarters of a section that has

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1954

28 February. Montevideo, Uruguay. (2:30 p.m.)

A brief news dispatch datelined Montevideo told of thousands of bathers at a seaside resort, Pocisto Place, near Montevideo, reporting a metallic disc hovering for about two minutes high in the sky before moving out of sight. (xx.)

(xx.) Montevideo, Feb. 28 (AFP)

A second news dispatch four days later confirmed the existence of UFO activity over the Montevideo area on the 28th and claimed control tower personnel at the Uruguayan capital airport had observed the phenomenon. Again the news dispatch contained little detail. (xx.)

(xx.) Montevideo, March 1 (AFP)

Fortunately, an APRO source obtained a detailed report from the control tower personnel:

"Sr Jefe de Aeropuerto: I bring to your attention the following entry on page 62 of the daily log of this service, referring to the observation by personnel of this station of an air vehicle of form and velocity quite extraordinary. At approximately 14:30 hours the undersigned and ACC operator Sra. De Rizzardo were observing the sky to the northeast when we noticed a stationary oval-shaped object. It was changing shape rapidly [?], which called our attention to it. We located it at 30 degrees azimuth and 15 degrees of vertical angle. Later we observed that it appeared to discharge another form, similar but much smaller that maintained a position below and later behind but close together. Both began an oscillating vertical ascent and disappeared rapidly. Five minutes later the ACC operator again observed them at 120 to 130 degrees azimuth and 20 degrees vertical—again of of ovular form with a small protuberance, and with two smaller discs in its vicinity.

"While [I was] reaching for the binoculars, the object sped off at great velocity to the east and when I brought it into focus it was over the Sierras de Minas and disappearing. Later a telephone call from CX-30 to the tower inquired if we had seen anything in the sky. We gave them no information. Signed: Pedro V. Ocampo, Chief of Tower Control." (xx.)

(xx.) 1 de marzo de 1954.-DOCUMENTO OFICIAL DEL AERO PUERTO NACIONAL DE CARRASCO.-

"Nota Int. No. 6/954, No. 555131.-Aeropuerto Nacional de Carrasco.-
Marzo 1 de 1954. APRO files.

2 March. Katterbach, Bavaria, Germany. (10:30 a.m.)

Small, white disc.

According to a German newspaper:

"Saucer or not?

"Paul Krii of Ansbach and his friends Lenz and

Fliegende Untertasse' oder nicht?
Einige Himmelserscheinungen beobachtet
KATTERBACH, 4. März (DZ)
"Fliegende Untertasse' oder nicht?" Diese
Frage stellen sich am Montagmorgen Paul
Krii, sein Bruder und seine Freunde in Katterbach.
Schon um 10:30 Uhr sahen sie etwas oben am
Himmel. Ein kleines, weißes, ovales Objekt.
Es schien zu fliegen.
Die Kinder, die merkwürdige Erscheinung
sahen, waren Paul Krii, sein Bruder Lenz und
seine Freunde. Die Erscheinung stand etwas oben
am Himmel. Sie sahen sie um 10:30 Uhr.
Es schien zu fliegen. Die Erscheinung war
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Schrehard, employed in Katterbach, asked themselves this question as they discovered a strange, white object in the sky.

"They observed a small, white disc just south of Katterbach, hovering, easily

visible in the sky. Time 10:30 a.m. It did not change position until about 1 p.m. when an American plane was sent up to investigate. The white dot then curved away at great speed and disappeared. So maintain Kruger and his pals.

"This strange phenomenon is said to have been watched by many other inhabitants of Katterbach." (xx.)

(xx.) Nuremberg, Germany. *Nurnberger Nachi(?)chren(?)* (Clipping not clear)
4 March 54. NICAP Files. CUFOS archives. Translator not identified.

2 March. Atomic tests in the Pacific.

One hypothesis is that UFO activity has some relationship with nuclear activity. UFO reports from New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, New Guinea, islands of the South Pacific, etc., may be due to U.S. testing in the Marshalls. (See clipping below)

~~The Bee~~ Danville, Va., Tuesday, March 2, 1954

New Atomic Tests Begin In Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP) — Screened from the world by a tight cordon of Navy ships and an umbrella of warplanes, the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) has started its newest series of atomic explosives tests in the mid-Pacific.

Before these tests are through, American scientists may touch off a hydrogen blast, perhaps bigger than the one that ripped a mile-wide hole in the ocean bed 18 months ago.

Signs that the tests were imminent have been building up for weeks as U. S. authorities tightened security around the AEC's proving ground in the Marshall Islands.

Yesterday, AEC confirmed that the tests had begun. The commission issued a scanty four-line announcement that "Joint Task Force Seven has detonated an atomic device at the AEC's Pacific proving ground."

Nothing was said of the results nor was any other information furnished beyond the fact that this was the "first in a series of tests."

Nearly two months ago, the AEC and the Defense Department announced that the tests would "carry out a further phase of a continuing series of weapon tests of all categories."

There had been mounting evidence that possibly the biggest man-made blast of all time was in preparation. The AEC widened its proving ground in the Marshalls. And it restricted the observers who would be on hand, barring any from even the most friendly powers.

It seemed unlikely that the big hydrogen blast had yet been detonated. The AEC announcement referred to an "atomic device." Generally, the term "thermonuclear" is applied to a hydrogen reaction.

Government officials close to the nation's atomic program have been talking more freely of late about the devastating effects of the pioneer hydrogen blast at Eniwetok in the Marshalls and about the general progress this country has made in this field.

Until fairly recently, there was no official confirmation that a hydrogen device had even been set off by this government.

President Eisenhower told Congress two weeks ago that "the thermonuclear (hydrogen) weapon today . . . dwarfs in destructive power all atomic weapons."

Chairman W. Sterling Cole (R-) of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee said in a recent

Chicago speech that an explosion like that which obliterated the test island in the 1952 hydrogen test would tear the heart out of a big American city. Cole hinted the nation's hydrogen program has made mighty strides since then.

AEC Chairman Louis Strauss, who made the test blast announcement yesterday, said in a speech last night that Eisenhower's proposal for an international pool of atomic materials and information for peaceful purposes "ended a period of drift and restored the moral leadership of the United States."

Addressing winners in the annual science talent search among the nation's high school students, Strauss called the President's proposal "the only measure which offers to the generation of young people a fair prospect of getting on with the world's work . . . rather than having to buy our casualties and painfully build again from the very ground up."

8/9? March. Greenfield, Massachusetts. (about noon)

"Look at that jet come!"

Greenfield was the same city that had the "saucer follows girl" report back on February 14th. In any case, the same APRO investigator, Albert Baller, obtained a second UFO report from a Mr. Joseph E. Crepeau:

"Mr. Crepeau told me that he stood in his barber shop about noon. Was looking out the large window toward the sky to the West and North. He suddenly said to his helper: 'Look at that jet come!' He thought it a jet until it reached a point in the sky at about 45 or 50 degrees from the zenith and almost directly before him. Then he noted that it stopped, hovered for a short while. By this time his assistant was watching it too. He said that it stopped suddenly, hovered by sort of swinging to and fro, pendulum-like, then just as suddenly it shot away at right angle to it's previous path. He said it was as large, or larger in appearance than the moon, seemed very solid but More 'white' than silver in color. Both Mr. Crepeau and his helper first thought it to Be a jet, and then a bird. Then they realized it could be neither." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen, National Director, The A.P.R.O., Box 358, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. From: Albert Baller, 59 Munson St., Greenfield, Massachusetts. 13 April 54. APRO files.

8 March. Laredo, Texas and Nueve Lardo, New Mexico. (no time)

Went straight up.

A brief note in the *APRO Bulletin*: "Large circular object was observed by at least 20 people who observed it for several minutes before it went straight up at high speed." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. Vol. II, No.5. March 15, 1954. p.10.

13 March. Biscayne Key, Florida. (night)

Ball or disc on edge.

According to a phone interview by William Nash:

"Mr. R.L. Rohe, of 331 Beachwood, Biscayne Key, was entering Hurricane Harbor on the West Side of Biscayne Key, Florida, on the night of March 13, 1954, when he saw a bluish-green object apparently over the sea to the East of the palm trees in the sky, and it was stationary. Suddenly it accelerated rapidly to at least a supersonic speed, he guessed, and headed to the south parallel to the horizon. His first reaction was that it was



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that it was a spotlight which had moved, but realized immediately that is not. It was a starry night with no clouds or inversion haze to reflect a searchlight. It was as large as a full moon. Duration of sighting—12 seconds. Object was round—could have been a ball or a disc on edge. He pulled up to another boat, the *Red Witch*, and the five persons aboard her were excited and asked him if he'd seen the object. They had gotten a clear view of it. The color one girl described was yellow-blue. In all, there were six witnesses. Mr. Rohe, an Engineer, was skeptical of saucers 'til now. He worked for the Air Force for two years on Wind Tunnel work." (xx.)

(xx.) Phone interview my William Nash. Date of interview not given, probably in the month of March, 1954. Photocopy in author's files.

18 March. Miami, Florida. (daytime?)

Disc follows B-36?

Another UFO report in Nash's files states:

"Norman Bean, Electrical Engineer and Technical Director, WTVJ TV station, while working on the roof of the Miami WTVJ building saw a B-36 traveling West to East at about 30,000 feet, he estimated. It followed at the B-36's speed to the East until both went behind a cloud. He had watched it for 12 minutes. He watched it thru binoculars brought to the roof by a Mr. Wolfson. A man named Armenez and two others also watched it." (xx.)

(xx.) William Nash's files. Photocopy in author's files.

18 March. Hecla Island, Canada (Hecla is about 80 north of the city of Winnipeg in Lake Winnipeg) (10:25 p.m.)

Big "long thing."

A Conservation officer for the Games and Fisheries Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, and a companion, observed a "silver-colored object" in the sky. The thing was an estimated 10 miles from the witnesses' position on Hecla Island and at an angle of 45 degrees above the horizon. Whatever it was, it was definitely long and thin. It was an estimated 8 feet by 100 feet, but at a 10 miles and with no reference points, the actual size is in question. The principal witness told authorities he was:

"...attracted by a bright reflection of [the] sun on surface of [the] object. [The] object initially sighted at 70 degrees from horizontal plane, slowly moving to full vertical position [and] remaining at vertical position for three to five minutes. [It] very slowly returned to full horizontal [position] taking 30 seconds. [The] object left (east) slowly for an estimated two miles and stopped for a minutes and then apparently without turning or changing shape or size, moved due west (right) to its original position. It remained in horizontal position for five minutes and then slowly again assumed a full vertical position. It again reverted to a horizontal position,

moving east and returning as previously. [The] object then proceeded at a slow rate directly away from the observers in a broadside horizontal position, on a SSW heading. It was kept in sight for several minutes and finally appeared as a fine wire before disappearing from sight. Observers lined object up on defroster wire on windshield and were positive object did not change altitude at any time and when in vertical position did not appear to move in any direction, remaining absolutely stationary. Observers left Bombadier and stood outside watching the object for approximately 3 minutes. No change in appearance, shape, altitude or speed was noticed whether in or out of vehicle [no sound was heard at any time].

"At one time in the horizontal position [the] object appeared to lose some thickness and appeared brighter but immediately regained former features.

"Observer has been with Game and Fisheries 12 years and is familiar with aircraft both through his employment and DND a/c and balloons through his duties on Manitoba lakes." (xx.)

(xx.) "Unknown Flying Object." Sighting Report. Confidential. Canadian UFO report form. Interrogator F/L (...deleted) RCAF Station, Gimli. Date of interrogation: 19 March 54. pp.1-5. Photocopy in author's files.

The interrogator offered his opinion of the observer's reliability:

"A genial alert individual whose many years of out door life are reflected in his faculty of observation. He was astounded at what he saw and originally would not consider reporting his sighting until he thought of its possible significance. He is definitely not perpetrating a hoax nor seeking publicity. The interrogator is certain that the observer reported exactly what he had seen and although unable to correlate his sighting with any known object or behavior pattern, did his best to truthfully convey the details. It was obvious that all estimates of height, distance and size were extremely rough and little reliability is placed on these factors." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. p.5.

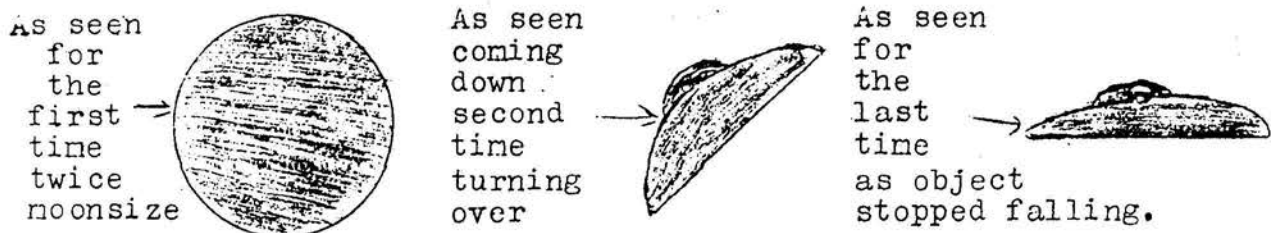
19 March. Nelson, New Zealand. (2:35 p.m.)

Newspaper headline: "EXPLOSIONS AND STRANGE NOISES IN NELSON SKIES."

Here is one story that tries to explain the commotion:

"It was a beautiful day with a clear blue sky. Mr. Berkett [first name not given] was inside having a late lunch, when he heard the first noise, but did not take much notice of it. Shortly after, on going out to attend to the pigs, he heard a second noise in the sky. He looked in the direction of the sound but did not see anything. After a few minutes there was a third loud noise, like an explosion. On looking up into the sky in the general direction again, he saw for the first time a round, whitish, soft-looking object, not hard [edged?] like a 'plane.' The object appeared to be twice the apparent diameter of the moon (full) and as it came down from the sky at an angle of 35 degrees it turned over twice. The object when first seen was high in the sky about 40

degrees SSE of Whangamoa. After travelling down to a bearing a little south of east, it suddenly shot up and away to the east and disappeared very quickly. While the object was coming down the noise continued but not so loud. It left behind a trail that looked like five separate streams quickly merging as one as they diffused. When the object shot up there was no trail but a distinct hissing noise. The loud explosive-like sounds were at approximately five minute intervals. A Heron aircraft was seen at a much lower altitude than the object. Planes pass the area frequently and make slightly different sounds dependent on the weather conditions. The object was in view for approximately one minute and was estimated to be at approximately 5,000 feet, going much faster than normal aircraft. Mr. Berkett said the object was flat on one side and oval on the other. On the oval side appeared a hump in the centre of a darker shade. The object did not stop, but kept moving all the time." (xx.) (See sketch below)



(xx.) *Flying Saucers*. Ed.: H.H. Fulton. Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ). P.O. Box 1914. Auckland, New Zealand. June 1954. p.7. Case investigator Julian Fletcher.

23 March. Rockford, Illinois. (1:50 a.m.)

"The ring went around the ship."

Unfortunately there is no firm evidence this report was made on the date claimed by Mr. Nicholls. We say unfortunate, because of the better known Capt. Holland case of March 25th. (See the Nickolls case on page 25) (xx.)

(xx.) CUFOS archives? (I'm not sure if it actually came from CUFOS -Loren Gross)

25 March. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (3:20 p.m.)

Capt. Holland "ringed ball" report. (See news clipping on page 26). This is a more detailed account than that given in my monograph: *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*. p.61.

26 March. Landstuhl, Germany. (7:00 p.m.)

Flying objects over U.S. Air Base.

According to a *Stars and Stripes* news story:

SPHERICAL OBJECT SIGHTING
A SATURN-LIKE OBJECT

The following description is a copy of the sighter's description of the experience, as sent to Mr. J.C. Gregory, Executive Secretary, Civil Defense Council, Old City Hall Building, Rockford, Illinois. It is the total information he has on this subject. (This particular sighting)

"The ring went around the ship. This was its motor. It made a noise somewhat like a wood-saw going at High R.P.M. It was something like a pin-wheel in many ways, only there was no fire that I could see.

The ship, as I will call it at this time, could go up or down and make right angle turns with much ease. This must have been controlled from the ring in some manner.

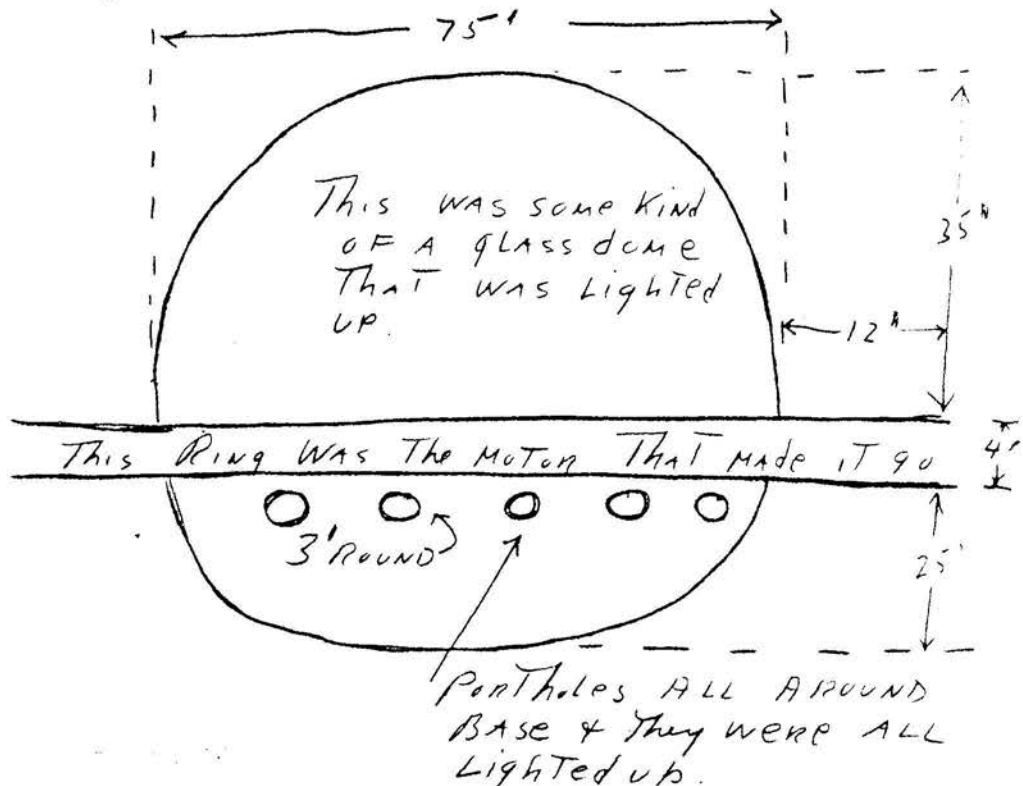
I saw this at 1:50 A.M. on the night of March 23, 1954, just ~~WEST~~ 11 Miles West of my home, on the corner of Edwardsville and Conger Road. It was South of me as I was coming to Rockford. "

Signed,

Charles D. Nicholls, Jr.,
331 Cole Ave., Rockford,
Illinois. "

COPY OF SKETCH OF OBJECT MADE BY NICHOLLS

(Mr. Nichols is employed at a Gunite Foundry in Rockford, Phone 43301, ext. 32. No phone at home)



'STRANGE OBJECT' SEEN BY OTHERS

MIAMI DAILY NEWS

4-4-54

Five Citizens Back Marine On Sighting Flying Saucer

By LARRY BIRGER

Miami Daily News Staff Writer

Spotting a "flying saucer" is one thing.

Making your friends believe it is quite another, a Marine flier who "saw" the first one this young spring season—has discovered.

But even though most of his buddies are skeptical, Capt. Robert Holland, 32, has received "fan mail" from five citizens who are certain the pilot's eyes haven't gone bad.

Holland several days ago spotted a "strange object" about 25,000 feet up over the ocean east of Fort Lauderdale, and quickly reported it to his superior officers.

Expected Ribbing

"I'd never have reported it if I didn't believe there was something in the sky," he explained, "because I knew I'd be in for a big ribbing."

Two pilots have told me that on another occasion they saw what they thought was a saucer but didn't report it because of the razzing they knew would come.

Fortunately, Holland's wife

already believed in flying saucers before her husband did, so he didn't have any trouble convincing her he'd seen the real thing.

'Something Up There'

"She really believed in them," Holland related. "But I didn't until I saw one. It didn't look like a saucer, but there certainly was something up there."

Holland, in drawing what he saw, described the "strange object" as a round, silvery-white ball with a golden platform circling the lower half of it.

"The thing was flying away from me, at double my speed. I called to the other pilots in the formation, but it was gone before they could spot it," he said.

Nothing Like It

In his more than 2,800 flying hours, the captain, who won six battle stars and two Distinguished Flying Crosses in the Korean War, said he'd never seen anything like it.

"I don't have the slightest idea what it was. I'd sure like to know, though," he said.

"As soon as I hit the ground the ribbing began. Some of the fellows have kept it up, but after I reported it to Washing-

ton, most of the razzing stopped.

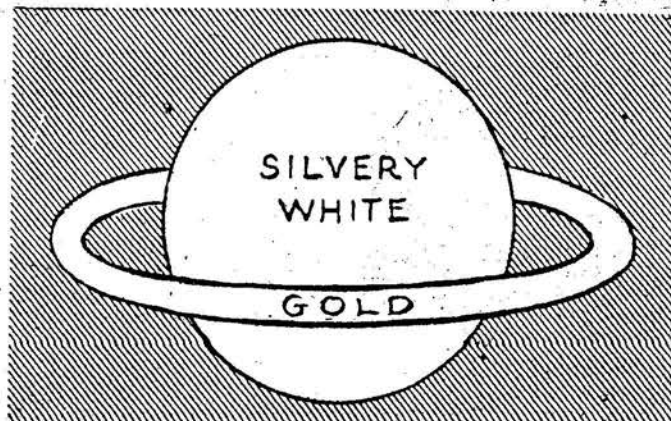
"I'll bet there are quite a few of them out here now that believe I saw one."

Others Saw It

Since the incident, five persons in the vicinity of Fort Lauderdale have written Holland saying they saw something in the air the same day.

"An old lady of 68 wrote me," the captain said. "People thought I was crazy," she related, "until they saw the story in the paper. Now they believe me."

A school teacher said that her students saw something, and an elderly man wrote the same thing, Holland added. "Maybe we're not so crazy after all."



HERE'S WHAT MARINE PILOT SAW
Artist's Concept of 'Flying Saucer'



CAPT. ROBERT HOLLAND
He Saw 'Saucer'

"Twelfth Air Force officials 'have received reports that an unidentified flying object was observed in the sky over Landstuhl Air Base,' it was revealed here today.

"The object, which gave rise to a wave of speculation among base personnel that 'flying saucers' were seen in the area, was reported seen at 7 p.m. Friday. Officials of the 86th Fighter-Bomber Wing here refused to comment on the appearance of the object or to say whether it was tracked on their radar screens.

"Unofficial observers here, however, said the object was lighted and moving at a considerable rate of speed. They added that this was not the first such object sighted here.

" 'There was no definite description of the object,' said a 12th AF spokesman who asked that his name be withheld. 'It was observed to be moving across the sky at the rate of 40 to 60 mph.'

"The official added that two F86 jet planes of the 86th Wing, returning from a routine patrol, were dispatched into the general area but the pilots said they could report no definite sighting.

" "One of the pilots reported fast-moving clouds in the sky at the time,' the spokesman continued, 'and he said that these might have been mistaken for the "unidentified objects" by ground observers.'

"According to one source, three of the 86th Wing's pilots were among the ground witnesses who observed the object hovering over the base. This source added that the jet planes from the 86th Wing and the 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Bitburg were 'scrambled' to pursue the object but were unable to trace it." (xx.)

(xx.) Landstuhl, March 30 (S&S).

April. APRO was given a boost when it was featured in the *American Magazine* (2,000,000 circulation) (See page 28)

April. Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. (daytime)

Strange object seen in nuclear test area.

A letter to M.K. Jessup said:

"My buddy and I were lying on the baseball bleachers sunning—a quiet day—the wind was blowing approximately 15-20 mph, not unusual for the Island. We spotted an extremely bright object almost directly overhead. I then started looking intently to find other bright spots which could be stars as they are sometimes visible during the day. The time of day was between noon and 2:00 p.m. There were no other spots we could see, the object we did see was motionless. After a while I discarded the possibility of an airplane, there are many in the area but they just don't stay still. The next thought was a helicopter with a bird's eye view of the Pacific and the Islands below. There were none stationed on the Island but we considered it. A balloon would have been a fine suggestion except that we had then been watching and talking for ten minutes, possibly longer, but I'm trying to be logical. There was a tree nearby and some of the foliage was in

1954



On the Flying Saucer Trail

Mrs. Coral Lorenzen searches the evening sky for flying saucers. Inset: Husband Leslie helps her put out her bulletin



AMERICAN MAGAZINE - APRIL, 1954

NOW, FOR OUR ASTRONOMY LESSON let's take up flying saucers. Professor of the class is Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, young Sturgeon Bay, Wis., housewife. Mrs. Lorenzen founded and heads the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, an outfit with 1,000 members all over the world, many of whom have seen curious objects in the sky and, like Mrs. Lorenzen, are eager to solve the mystery. Headquarters are in Mrs. Lorenzen's living room, where she pores over the latest findings on flying disks, evaluates "sightings" reported to her by APRO members, confers with astronomers and members of the Air Force who investigate sky-borne objects, and mimeographs a 10-page bulletin which she sends out bimonthly to the membership and which contains all the latest saucer dope.

So what are flying saucers? Mrs. Lorenzen says she doesn't know. That's the purpose of her organization—to find out. She doesn't even claim there are such things. But

she'd like to have somebody explain to her what that strange unidentifiable light was which she saw hurtling across the Arizona sky back in 1947. A few weeks later she read in the papers about nine silvery objects which no one could identify zipping around Mt. Rainier. Mrs. Lorenzen got in touch with others who wanted to find out what they were, and started her club.

Each night Mrs. Lorenzen scans the skies with telescope or binoculars. Because she's intensely interested in astronomy she doesn't count the evening wasted if she doesn't spot any you know what. Members have reported over 200 "bona fide" saucers to her—that is, the kind which, after investigation, can't be explained. She says the saucers come in four categories: 1. Disk-shaped. 2. Cigar-shaped. 3. Ball-shaped. 4. Double-ringed type. This last is a rarity reported twice. Mrs. Lorenzen's husband, Leslie, electronic expert, helps her in his spare time.

the area of vision. Also there were two light wires running angled across the line of sight. With this time lapse and the wind blowing, the object still could be located in its initial position. By this time we were taking into account the object's background. Sometimes the clouds would hide it and at other times you could see it and clouds beyond. It was windy up there, the clouds moved rapidly. I had two pair of binoculars in my locker in the barracks so I told my buddy to watch it and I would get them for us. After returning I put the 7x50 pair on the object, it was still in the same place, still as bright. The object was round, uniform brightness all over, vivid white but not a glare. I could see the outer edge clearly, sharply defined, not hazy or fuzzy. There were no other lines or marks visible. We would change glasses (the other pair is 8x30) but the appearance of the object remained the same. Shortly, with both of us looking through glasses, a cone-shaped mist, exhaust or whatever, appeared on the leeward side of the object. The object seemed to move, I could have shifted my glasses, but at any rate, I lost sight of it. I said, 'What happened to it, I can't see it.' Jones, my buddy, said, 'It looked to me like it went straight up.' With our naked eyes again, you could still see the mist drifting off, it soon disappeared. The time we spent using the glasses must have taken another ten minutes.

J.C. Howard, 7852 Wherry Drive, Norfolk, Virginia." (xx.)

(xx.) Jessup, M.K. *The UFO Annual*. The Citadel Press: New York, N.Y., 1956. pp.344-345.

April. The Gerald Light letter.

This information has a bearing on the so-called "Muroc AFB incident." (See my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, pp.71,74-75.

An article in the publication *FOCUS* concerned a:

"...long since discredited Gerald Light letter to occultist Meade Layne in which Light claims to have seen UFOs and their occupants ('Etherians') on the ground at Muroc AFB (now Edwards AFB) in early 1954. Copies of this letter have circulated around the UFO community for years and have turned up in all sorts of places (including *The Roswell Incident* pp.116-118). Subsequent investigation into Mr. Light's background however, revealed the fact that he was nothing more than an elderly psychic and mystic known in such circles as 'Dr. Kappa,' who believed that out-of-body experiences were a logical extension of reality and should be treated as such (See *FOCUS* Vol. I, #2 4/30/85). Light's alleged 'visit' to Muroc was just such an experience. When Meade Layne (then head of Borderland Science Research Associates) began hearing rumors about saucers at Muroc from contactee groups such as George Hunt Williamson and Desmond Leslie (both Adamski associates), he asked 'Dr. Kappa' Light if he couldn't 'go there' and make a report. Light promptly took the next Out-of-Body-Express, and his letter to Layne is the result." (xx.)

(xx.) *FOCUS*. Vol. 5, Issues 7-8-9. September 30,1991. p.26.

April. Between Fort Rosebery and Kasama, Northern Rhodesia. (7:30 p.m.)

The witnesses in this case were D.G.L. Clarke and his son Peter. The object seen was an oval with a light on top. The object was also said to be a luminous rosy red that changed to blue. Here is a description of the event:

"They were traveling in a car when the light was first sighted. Came nearer at a pretty terrific speed and changed colors as it approached to about 500 yards before it swerved away to the left. Saw the outline as it swerved. It came at them and swerved away twice more. Then it was gone for 10 minutes. The next time it came down towards them it gradually sank lower and lower until it could be seen thru the trees. Then further along the road they again saw the light ahead and they thought it had landed on the opposite side of the river. At this point they were so frightened that they turned back." (xx.)

(xx.) APRO files. According to a note on the bottom of the page, this account was apparently a summation of a report in the May/June 1955 issue of the (English?) *Flying Saucer Review*. No page number mentioned.

9 April. Kapunda, South Australia. (8:45 a.m.)

"Like an open umbrella."

This report is brief but it may be about a "Flying Saucer" due to a remark about its shape:

"A school teacher reported that soon after his arrival at Kapunda primary school, first children, and then he and other teachers saw in the sky an object like an opened umbrella. The object was soundless, and appeared from the south at 8:45 a.m." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine*. Official publication of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau. National Headquarters: 3 Ferguson Avenue. Fairfield, N.S.W., Australia. August 1954. p.8.

Spring's here—are flying saucers back?

MIAMI DAILY NEWS, Sunday, March 28, 1954



SPRING'S HERE—ARE FLYING SAUCERS BACK AGAIN, TOO?

2 April. Saucer mystery solved by Mars? (See clipping below)

MARS' APPROACH TO EARTH THIS SUMMER MAY SOLVE RIDDLE OF FLYING DISCS

This summer may be a crucial one in the possible solution to the mystery of the flying saucers. For during the next few months the Red Planet Mars — purported harbor of these space ships — will be at its closest point to our earth's surface, and cameras and telescopes from the world's most powerful observatories will be trained on our celestial neighbor. Scientists will pay particular attention to Mars which will be a mere 400,000,000 miles away. Naturally their interest, according to most press releases, will be as to whether there is any life on the planet, but make no mistakes, they will also be looking for traces of flying saucers of evil.

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Atlanta City
Reporter
Atlantic City, N.J.
2 April 54.

SAUCER MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED BY MARS

(Continued from Page 1)

dences of solar flight. Present theories about the Red Planet say there can be no form of animal life on Mars since there is no oxygen in the atmosphere. However, some authorities continue there may be plant life of some sort, but they cannot believe there could be any little men. No men, no flying discs. Or so the scientists would have us believe.

Counter theories, however, ask some interesting questions. For example: How can we decisively predict the atmosphere of Mars at so far a distance? What about the canal-like structures seen by powerful telescopes some years ago? How do we know that other forms of life cannot exist without oxygen — forms of life perhaps different from ours? And, if there is life on Mars, then flying saucers may not be as fantastic as many believe.

With these questions still unanswered and scientists from every important nation in the world convening in South Africa where Mars will be the closest, perhaps the Red Planet will give up some of its dark secrets at long last. In any event, great interest will be centered on the Martian sphere

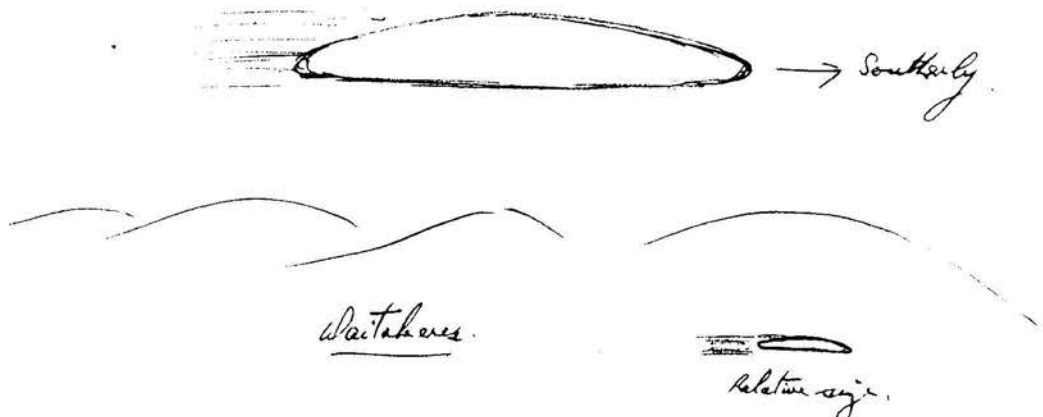
as it draws closer to the earth during this summer. So if there is a sudden rash of saucer sightings, don't say we didn't warn you.

4 April. Near Manukau, New Zealand. (about 7:35 p.m.)

Disc-shaped, silvery object.

According to our source a Mr. W.R.F. Johnson of Auckland was:

"...returning from a pig hunting trip at Anawhata at approximately 7:35 p.m., [when] he saw in the direction and above the Waitakere Mountains a disc-shaped silvery object, that was apparently moving at terrific speed. The object's course was in the direction of Manakau Harbour, it disappeared over Manakau." (See drawing by witness) (xx.)



(xx.) Sighting report typed on Civilian Saucer Investigation, New Zealand, stationary. Date report submitted not given. Drawing indicates the witness, W.R.F. Johnson, typed report. Murray Bott, Auckland, New Zealand, files.

7 April. Bikini Island. (11:05 p.m.)

Unidentified luminous object in nuclear test area.

An E-mail message states:

“ ‘US Carrier carrying Nuclear Weapons Buzzed by UFO in 1954.’ From Pat B 11-11-00.

“USS Curtiss (AV-4) Operations Castle, 1954. From Table 60, operational activities during CASTLE test series, CASTLE SERIES. DNA 6035F 1 April 1982, page 341 is from the logbook of the USS Curtiss Sbat KOON 7 April 1954.

“Steamed independently in operating area BG 28-36-1. At 1138 anchored berth N-6, Bikini, at 1948 left berth en route to Enewetak; at 2305 an unidentified luminous object passed over ship from bow to stern yellowish-orange in color, traveling at a high rate of speed and a low altitude.

“The CURTISS was carrying components of the thermonuclear bombs assembled aboard by the scientific laboratory and detonated in the Marshall Islands at Enewetak and Bikini. There were six shots, Bravo, Romeo Koon, Union, Yankee, Nectar.

“Bravo was the largest thermonuclear bomb detonated in the atmosphere, at 15 megatons, destroying the life style of the Marshallese, ruining their health, and the health of the American servicemen aboard those ships.

“Regarding nuclear bomb tests.

“Many (like over 20) years ago I was acquainted with a guy where I work (for the Navy) who was involved in making optical measurements of nuclear radiations from bombs. He was at many of the big nuke tests. When he became aware that I was interested in you-know-what/Topic A he made the brief comment...”Oh we saw them all the time.” (xx.)

(xx.) SIGN website. 5/22/02 5:36:37 AM PST Bruce Maccabee.

9 April. Chicago, Illinois. (about 5:58 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Oblong object crosses in front of the sun. (See page 33) (xx.)

(xx.) APRO files.

18 April. Another Dorothy Kilgallen “hot tip.”

In Kilgallen’s column there was this claim:

NAME: Frank Reid (Frank Reid) AGE: 14 (14 years)

ADDRESS: 3922 N. Hamilton Ave. (3922 N. Hamilton Ave. Chicago 18,
Chicago 18, Ill.)
Illinois)

OCCUPATION H.S. Student (H.S. Student)

(I have seen things I can't positively call airplanes, balloons, etc., but this sighting's the one I'm most sure was a U.F.O.)

Date: April 9, 1954.

Time: From 5:58 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (approximation)

Duration of sighting: About 15 seconds.

Place: Lincoln Av., Near Damen Av., facing west.

Details of sighting: I was crossing an alley when I happened to look at the sun. The sun was covered by a layer of cloud and haze that blocked off enough light to make it just a bright orangeish disk. As I was looking at the clouds crossing the sun, I noticed a thing to the right of the sun.

This thing was slowly moving across the sun, moving very slowly -- more slowly, in fact, than some of the clouds. Its path was slightly higher than the sun's equator. It was tubular, with rounded ends, and was from $1/4$ to $1/3$ the diameter of the sun.

It was not a cloud as it kept a sharply-outlined form all the time I saw it. It was black against the sun and left no visible vapor trail, nor did show any sort of flame or jet.

It was not a plane.

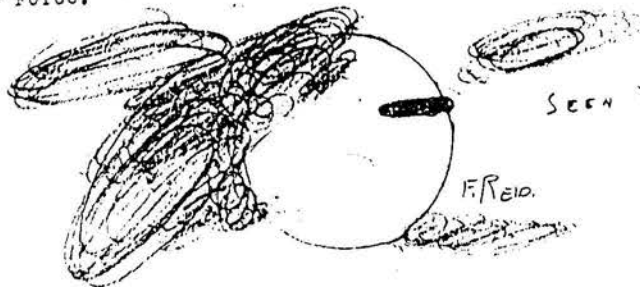
It moved from north to south, taking about 12 seconds to cross the sun. After crossing the sun it vanished into the clouds at the sun's left.

I do not know if anyone else saw it.

This sighting has not been reported to the

Air Force.

Sketch:



SEEN WITH NAKED
EYE.

F. REID.

Frank Reid

"Officials of one of the nation's most important cities (east of the Mississippi) are playing it down as much as possible, but they're more than a little worried about the 'unidentified flying objects' seen over their rooftops during the past months. Official word of the unexplained phenomena has been supposed to avoid creating panic, but they have summoned a scientist from Washington to observe and if possible analyze the situation." (xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *New York Journal-American*. 18 April 54.

20(30) April. Dr. S.N. Baruch and UFOs.

The famous financier Bernard Baruch had a brother, Dr. S.N. Baruch, who helped the Air Force with project CHARLES in early 1952. The project addressed deficiencies in the nation's air defense, especially in the detection and identification procedures for civilian and military aircraft. Mr. Baruch's main work was with the development of an IFF device (Identification Friend or Foe).

With that said, there was a man named "Jack" who worked for RCA (Radio Corporation of America.). "Jack" was a friend of airline Capt. William Nash and shared Nash's interest in UFOs.

Dr. Baruch and 'Jack' also knew each other ("Jack" was a real first name. He did not use his last name when signing letters). "Jack" mentioned two encounters with Baruch during which the subject UFOs came up. These encounters were mentioned in letters to Nash. Here is the first encounter as mentioned in a letter dated April 20, 1954:

"Talked to a Dr. Baruch, brother to the financier, he stated that he knows the persons in the government that are working on this saucer investigation project. And that they believe that there are such things as saucers, but that we cannot understand them because they are much too far advanced intellectually (i.e. technical-wise). [You would?] Never draw this conclusion from reading what Capt. Ruppelt USAFR said in the latest issue of *TRUE* magazine." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Bill and Alice (Nash). From: "Jack." Letterhead: Internal Correspondence, RCA. Date of letter: 20 April 54. Capt. William Nash files. Photocopy in author's files.

Here is the second mention in a letter to Nash dated April 30, 1954:

"Talked to Dr. S.N. Baruch, brother of the financier, and he told me that math was very important. I assume he meant saucer-wise. He told me not to ask him any more about saucers. I sincerely believe that he has some info on them and is afraid he will slip. He knows persons in Washington and is doing work for Wright-Patterson. This the second time I talked to him in his New York office. Sure wish I could figure some way I could gain his confidence so he would tell me what courses to take at school. [Dr. Baruch apparently was a college professor] One thing he did say is that the method of propulsion is nothing we know of at the moment." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Bill and Alice (Nash). From: Jack. Letterhead: Internal Correspondence,

dence, RCA. Date of letter: 30 April 54. Capt. William Nash files. Photocopy in author's files.

The impression is that "Jack" was seeking a degree and Dr. Baruch was acting as some kind of academic advisor, officially or unofficially. Apparently "Jack" wanted take courses that would help him understand the UFO mystery.

23 April. Percy, Arkansas. (10:30 p.m.)

"Flying Ball" chases man."

This report is covered in my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, page 77. The report is so astonishing, however, we can't pass up the chance of publishing a more detailed account that has become available. (See clipping)

Flying Saucer! Flying Ball! **6 Swear They Saw The Thing**

Six robust metal workers stood in startled awe last night and watched a gleaming white ball—about 10 feet in diameter—float mysteriously 50-feet above a house near Percy.

In fact, one of the men who was standing beside an automobile, said he had to "duck" to avoid being struck by the object.

The six men, who work on the mid-night shift at the Reynolds Metals plant at Jones Mills, meet nightly at a house two and a half miles from Percy to ride to work in a station wagon.

They had just arrived at the house at about 10:30 o'clock when the object shot into view.

At first, the object, which at times appeared oblong, and again as a sphere, floated somewhat systematically about 50-feet above and around the house.

Then, the men said, it would stop dead still for moments at a time, only to resume its circling.

Lesse Weatherford, last of the six men to arrive at the house, alighted from his car and walked over to the station wagon. He was standing with his hand on the hood when the object "came straight at him."

"If I hadn't ducked that thing would have hit me sure," he said. "As it was, it only missed me about two feet."

Weatherford said that the object resumed its movements over the house after narrowly missing him.

Three other men sitting in the station wagon saw the object as it "dove" on Weatherford.

They were Harley Sheets, Fred Sheets, and Tom Henderson. Each

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Hot Springs, Arkansas. *Sentinel-Record*.
23 April 54.

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story I wouldn't have believed them. But I saw it, as did the confirmed Weatherford's story.

Tom Sheets added:

"If anyone else had told me this other fellows. And I'll tell you one thing, I never saw anything like it in my life. I don't know whether it was a flying saucer, but it surely was something mysterious. And we weren't just seeing things."

The other two men nodded agreement.

In addition to Weatherford and the three in the station wagon, others who saw the object were Dayton Henderson and John Vaughn.

Asked whether he felt any heat from the object when it narrowly missed him, Weatherford replied:

"No, and I didn't hear anything, either."

The men said they watched the ball for about 20 minutes as it continued its gyrations.

Then, they all got in the station wagon and headed down the old Amity road towards Percy.

Tom Sheets said the ghost-like ball moved with them as they drove down the highway, keeping about 50 feet in the air and about 200 feet off the highway.

The men said the object kept abreast of them until the car approached Percy. Then, they said, it just disappeared.

"We tried to throw the car spotlight on the thing," Weatherford said. "But everytime we pointed the light at the ball, it would either go up or down to get out of the beam. We just couldn't get the ball in the light."

"I know a lot of people will think we are crazy," Tom Sheets said. "But we all saw this thing and felt it should be reported."

A *Sentinel-Record* reporter talked to each of the men and each gave identical stories.

And, at least three of the men spoke in shaky voices in describing the scene.

28 April. Smith and Beacon "huge monster" case. (See my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.85.) A supposed accurate copy of the witnesses' original sketch of the big UFO can be found in an Australian UFO publication. (See drawing below) (xx.)

- (xx.) Fischer, Ray and Les Bristol. *The Victorian UFO Report*. The Victorian UFO Researcher Society. P.O. Box 43, Modrabby, Victoria. September, 1978. p.19.



Smith & Beacon Apr 28.

May 1954. (Date of publication of report, not of the sighting) 25 miles east of Casper, Wyoming. (11:30 a.m.)

South Cole Ground Observers see "saucers." (See UFO story in the Phillips Petroleum Publication on pages 37-38) (xx.)

- (xx.) "We Saw Flying Saucers." *Philnews*. May 1954, pp.14-15.

May 1954. Near Canby, California. (4:45 a.m.)

"Sideways leaps."

Australia wasn't the only country to have train crew UFO observers.

According to our source:

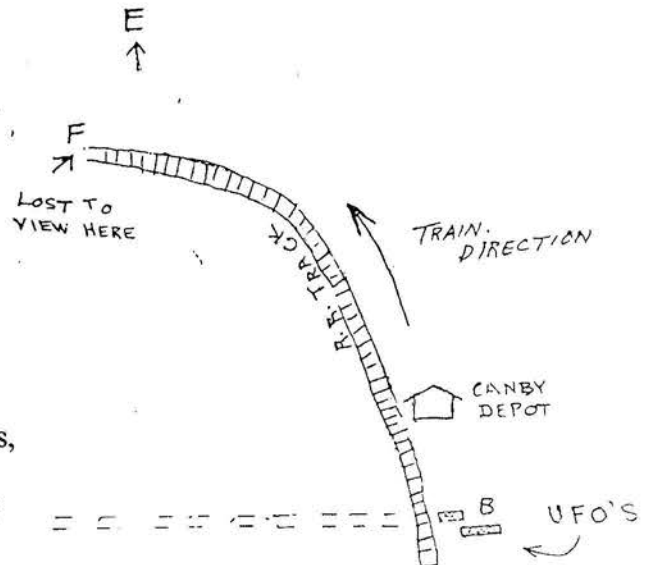
"Two UFOs that 'made a sidewise leap in place,' then 'jumped' back to their original position' were seen by the crew of a Southern Pacific freight train near Canby, Calif., at about 4:45 a.m., in May, 1954.

"Melvin Carmichael, fireman, Glen Head, brakeman, S.P. Oliver, engineer, another brakemen and a crew member were descending a long grade when they observed two large stationary lights in the sky. (See sketch of objects' direction at right).

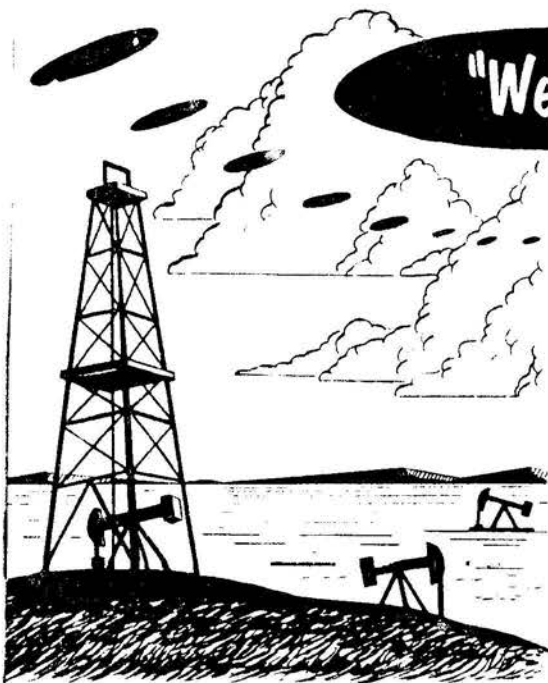
" 'By God, they're flying saucers,' Oliver remarked.

"In a letter to a UFOR [UFO Research] investigator, Carmichael said the objects 'appeared to be shaped like fat cigars, only slightly tapered at the ends, which were rounded.'

" 'They appeared to be about two miles ahead of us,' Carmichael wrote, 'about 1,200 feet above the ground. The larger of the two lights appeared to be about the same length as the diameter of the full moon. Other light was approximately half that size. Lights were white with a row of seven orange-colored 'windows' across the bottom, with another row of three or



"We Saw Flying Saucers"



ARE "flying saucers" from outer space? Phillips Production department employees and their families living at South Cole Creek camp, 25 miles east of Casper, Wyoming, can't answer this question, but they do know that they recently observed eight of these "objects" for a period of at least 15 minutes.

Marge Michaelis, wife of sub-foreman A. L. Michaelis, describes the incident like this:

"My two sons and I had just returned from Sunday school. It was 11:30 a.m. As we got out of the car, our neighbor, Bill Eden, called to us. 'What do you see up there?' he asked, pointing to the sky.

"Looking to the north, I immediately spotted several extremely shiny round objects. They looked about the size of a dime and were rapidly moving toward us. Someone shouted, 'Saucers!'

"Everyone watched as they came closer. They seemed to go over, under and around each other in free easy maneuvers, giving the impression of a bubbling motion. The objects moved

south, then west, back east and finally drifted to the north. They appeared to follow an arc, dropping down as they went into the north, then rising and dropping again as they neared us.

"Suddenly, they formed a straight line and headed west at an incredible rate of speed. From this formation, we could count eight definite objects about the size of golf balls, only flat. The distance from the first to the last object seemed about 3½ feet.

"Bill and Wilma Eden, six children and myself watched the objects for several minutes. We felt certain they were somehow controlled and must be saucers. We did not see protrusions from their naturally round shape. The objects did not leave a vapor trail. No sound reached us.

"I ran into the house for my husband's binoculars. Through the glasses, the objects looked about the size of croquet

Three members of South Cole Creek Ground Observer post observe and spot aircraft. They are (left to right) Marge Michaelis, Doris Yelton, Marie Groth.



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balls. Each one looked identical with the other. Next, they drifted close to us, broke from the straight line pattern and began the bubbling motion once again. They changed position so quickly that no one knew whether the first, last or middle ones moved first.

"For the third time we watched them move in a straight line, zooming and banking. Someone screamed 'They're landing!' Then when they seemed about 75 feet off the ground, they broke formation and rapidly gained altitude.

"With that, I ran into the house. Someone had to know about these 'things'. The operator gave me the Air Force detachment in Casper. After several minutes delay, I heard a man answer 'Air Defense, go ahead.'

"The airman was interested, polite and businesslike. He took our names, approximate location and description of the objects. On the following day, the commanding officer of the detachment called on us to obtain a more detailed report of what we had seen. We referred to telephone poles, ridges and drilling rigs to more accurately determine approximate location of the objects. The officer made notes during our conversation, and told us he was sending a report to Washington. He was extremely serious about all details and told us it was one of the best reports he had received.

"Several days later, another airman came out to discuss the possibilities of forming a Ground Observer Corps post at South Cole Creek camp. All of us expressed an interest in organizing such a post if we could receive proper instruction and training.

"My husband and I attended an open house at the Air Force detachment later that month. At that time, the commanding officer told us he had received an answer to his report. 'Washington knows what they are,' he said, 'but they didn't tell me everything.'

"What do we call them, just saucers?' I asked.

"He replied 'We have no better name for them.' He told us that on the same

day we saw the objects, a group of pipe line employees working west of Casper had made an almost identical report."

Since the organization of the Ground Observer Corps at South Cole Creek camp, five Phillips families have volunteered as observers. This group meets once a month to view training films, hear talks by Air Force personnel and discuss material in the Air Force manual.

Marge Michaelis is group supervisor. Bill Hatfield is chief observer. Wilma Eden is assistant chief observer. Other observers are A. L. Michaelis, Bill Eden, Jean Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yelton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Groth and Eddie Hatfield.

To earn silver wings, observers must complete 36 hours formal training. Credit hours are earned by attending monthly meetings and demonstrations, observing and reporting irregularities in aircraft flying over the camp and by participating in scheduled alerts.

Phillips families at South Cole Creek are to be commended for their work as ground observers and for the important part they are playing in our National Defense program. ■

four above them.'

"Then the larger UFO 'made a sidewise leap in space, to a point about 20 miles to the left of their original location.' The second object followed 'a split second' later. Five or six seconds later, they 'jumped' back to their original location.'

"The train approached the UFOs and passed underneath them. Then they were cut from view by a large hill east of Canby.

"...The lights maintained the same relative position to each other,' the fireman stated. 'When I first saw them the smaller light was roughly 200 feet above the larger and slightly to the left. After they had made their sidewise move and returned to the same place, their relative positions were the same.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Research Newsletter*. Vol. II, No.5. August-September 1972. pp.4-5.

4 May. Horsham, Australia. (12:15 a.m.)

Undulating massive round light.

A press report states:

"A Times staff reporter interviews a reliable witness who yesterday saw a 'strange object' and reports: 'A flying saucer? I don't know. But it was certainly a strange phenomenon that warrants some explanation,' a Horsham business told me yesterday. Earlier yesterday, at 12:15 a.m., he had seen a massive, intensely glowing object flash across the sky from horizon to horizon in 10 seconds. And he was not suffering from hallucinations, a hangover, or any other physical or mental state that would cause him to see 'unusual things.'

"Because he is in a staid and sober business, he would not allow me to use his name with the published report, and that is understandable because of the unjust ridicule these observations sometimes bring from scoffers. The report is nonetheless authentic, and we hope it may bring serious comment from others who may have observed the occurrence.

"He told me: 'The sky was overcast with no moon or stars visible. I saw a strong white bluish light travelling just underneath the heavy cloud formations. I am sure it was faster than any known aircraft on earth, and its movements were amazing. It didn't travel in a straight line like a plane, but had more of an 'undulating motion.' It was a massive round shape, not clearly defined, with an intense light emanating from the centre and diminishing around the edges. I watched it for about 10 seconds before it disappeared over the horizon of buildings. Travelling from south to north, its speed would have been more than 1,000 mph. A flying saucer, you say? I don't know. It could have been anything,' he added.

"From the behaviour of the object it was apparent it was not a 'falling star' or meteor.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Horsham, Australia. *Horsham Times*. 5 May 54.

5 May. Woomera Rocket Range, South Australia.

"Misty gray disc."

The existence of unexplained objects in the skies of Australia may have been just so much talk, but according to DAFI records there may exist some "solid" data. It seems at least three witnesses at the Woomera Rocket Range observed with the naked eye a "misty gray disc" very high up and about 35 miles away speeding on a western course. If we can believe UFO investigator Bill Chalker's sources the object was moving at 3,600 mph., a speed determined by a radar track. (xx.)

(xx.) Chalker, Bill. *The Australian Military & Government Role in the UFO Controversy*. E-Mail document. 04/13/98 14:51:11.

6 May. Miami, Florida. (10:00 a.m.)

"A rod-like thing protruded every 10-15 seconds."

This report has an unusual detail:

"At 10:00 a.m. on above date, Mrs. Charles O'Connor, 1098 Northwest 51st Street Miami, Florida, was hanging out clothes. It was a very clear cloudless day. Surface winds were light and easterly. A plane flew over and she looked up. She was startled to see a silvery round object straight up overhead or somewhat to the Northwest of straight up. She called other neighbors who were also hanging clothes, and they could all see the object clearly. Some of the others were Mrs. Carleton Lowe, 1090 Northwest 51st St., Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Rowe, 1095 Northwest 50th St., Mr. Ranger, and a Mrs. Schreiber.

"Mrs. O'Connor said it was a large silver white shiny object moving very slowly west to east and upward. She said they all watched from 10:00 'till 10:25 when it got too high to see, and they all agree on this duration period. She said that at regular intervals, sparks shot out of the Northwest corner of the object (which looked like the yellowish sparks created by rapidly disconnecting an electric iron cord plug). After the sparks she thought she could see a 'ruffle' of dark smoke surround the entire circle. She said that Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had watched the object through binoculars, so I [Capt. William Nash] phoned them too.

"Rowe said that at first the object looked bigger than a big plate if you could pick it out of the sky. She too first saw the object above an airplane and is sure it was not a conventional airplane because of its size, shape, height, and slow movement. It stood still for a while so straight over their heads that it hurt their necks to watch, and their eyes watered from staring so long. She didn't see any sparks, but described an object which would, at intervals of 10 or 15 seconds, suddenly protrude to the east out of the object. It was a straight rod-like thing, which seemed to be about the thickness of one's arm and which had on the end of it a round thing which would compare to a fist-size if the thing was compared to arm-size. It protruded farther away from the main circle than the diameter of the circle, she said (It was longer than the diameter seemed to be in width). The thing pulled back into the circle after being out only momentarily. This, she watched thru binoculars. She saw no sparks or smoke.

"Mr. Rowe told me on the phone that he did not see the sparks or smoke or the protruding 'arm.' (He was very hard of hearing on the phone). He said the ob-

ject moved from Northwest to Southeast very slowly, and was rising at the time because it got smaller and smaller until it was the size of a star in the binoculars, but never lost its extreme brilliance. He was called out of the house during the latter part of the observation and took the binoculars at that time. He said it seemed five miles up when he first looked, stayed in one place too long to be a plane, seemed to be the color of nickel-plated object or stainless steel. Mrs. Lowe called the *Miami Herald*. They published a brief undetailed article on May 7th. The *Herald* called the Navy.” (xx.)

(xx.) “Miami Sighting—May 6, 1954.” Interviews by Capt. William Nash. Capt. William Nash files. Photocopy in author’s files.

9 May. Melbourne, Australia. (6:20 a.m.)

Reddish-orange disc startles dock workers.

According to a press story:

“Twenty tough waterside workers were ‘half frightened’ by a ‘flying saucer’ which eye-witnesses said appeared at Port Melbourne at dawn yesterday. It was a large reddish-orange coloured disc, shaped like a sea shell, which hovered around Station Pier for two or three minutes.

“Mr. A. Opie, of Tennyson Street, Essendon, Chief Tally Clerk on the *Moreton Bay*, said the phenomenon appeared suddenly from the north, and after hovering, seemed to dart away to the east as quickly as it came. Mr. Opie said that the waterside workers, tally clerks and seamen who also saw the ‘saucer’ were convinced it was not an optical illusion or any type of aircraft. ‘I have never seen anything like it before,’ he added.

“The *Moreton Bay*’s Second Officer said the ship’s quarter master reported to him that the strange phenomenon appeared in the sky at 6:20 a.m.—as dawn was breaking. ‘Large and rather reddish, it came from the north and appeared to hover over Station Pier for two or three minutes,’ he said. ‘It left a white vapourish line [trail?] behind it as it shot rapidly eastward into the stratosphere.’” (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *Melbourne Argus*. 10 May 54.

9 May. Linden, Michigan. (1:12 a.m.)

“Like a burning gaseous mass.”

A saucer report sent to APRO said:

“Below is a report of another saucer seen in the sky Sunday morning at exactly 1:12 by Marian Clark, Richard Harwood, Carl Hyde, Pat Harwood and myself. They have signed this statement for the truth.

“An oval-shaped saucer object was sighted at 1:12 a.m. due North, North-West, of Linden, Michigan, by the above mentioned; who called me out of bed and onto the front lawn to observe this. It appeared more oval than round in shape with a brilliant glow surrounding it and sometimes breaking into two distinct bands around the solid-looking

center object. It remained in full view for more than five minutes and then began recede up and away into the northwest.

"At 1:20 it was completely out of sight. I looked at this through field glasses and the circles around the object seemed a blend of red, blue and green, like a burning gaseous mass. Just before it faded from view the gaseous mass turned a brilliant white.

"Sighting [sic] at arms length with a dime the object, for size, did not remain in view [the dime covered most of the object] but the rings and glow were very visible. This happened May 9, 1954. [Signatures of the five witnesses below this]" (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: APRO. From: Mrs. B.L. Clark. Date report made not given. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

10 May. Klagenfurt, Carinthia, Austria. (8:20 p.m.)

Three dark, round discs.

According to an Austrian Press Agency (APA) correspondent:

"Five persons including two children said they had seen on Monday evening (May 10, 1954 –EB) about 20 minutes past eight while standing at the southern end of Hollenburg bridge (over river Drau south of Klagenfurt) three dark, round discs approaching from the direction of Worther Lake flying extremely rapid and in wedge formation to the southeast behind Mt. Singerberg. The discs allegedly expelled fire and thus were easy to be seen in the nearly cloudless twilight sky. From the fire garbs [?] fiery drops fell down. The phenomenon happened totally soundless and was observable for 10 seconds. It has been declared by the adults that it was no means a meteor." (xx.)

(xx.) Berger, E. "1954/55 – The Austrian Share." *UFO Phenomena*. Ed.: R. Farabone. Editics Publishing House, Bologna, Italy. P.O. Box 190. Vol. III, #1. 1978/79. p.90.

11 May. Limits placed on UFO news?

In a letter to E.J. Ruppelt from Donald Keyhoe dated May 11th, the ex-Marine mentioned a number of subjects. One thing a person notices is a hint UFO news wasn't always getting wide coverage. The Secretary Talbott sighting for example (See my UFO monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.61) was so sensitive apparently Ruppelt didn't want anyone to know he told Keyhoe. Keyhoe promised to keep his lips sealed: "...I'll try not to do anything, tied to your name, that will ever get you in any trouble. The latter applies, of course, to your news about the Talbott sighting. If it is true, it is certainly hot stuff. I've tried to check, but so far no definite info." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: E.J. Ruppelt. From: Donald Keyhoe. 11 May 54. Edward Ruppelt private papers. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

Scandinavian Report Denied

WIESBADEN, Germany, May 13 (AP)—The U. S. Air Force stood fast today on its contention that unidentified planes flying over Scandinavia recently were not American. "Of course," said a spokesman at air force headquarters here, "we'll make another check if asked to do so by the proper authorities." The governments of Norway, Sweden and Denmark all have reported unidentified planes over their territory in March, April and May. The Scandinavian officials speculated variously that they were American, Russian and British. Norwegian Defense Minister Nils Langhelle said yesterday the Soviet and U. S. governments had been asked to prevent such unauthorized flights. The Swedish foreign office announced yesterday it had asked the United States and Britain to investigate. The Swedes said Moscow already had volunteered that the planes weren't Russian.

There was no comment immediately from the British on the Swedish statement.

Keyhoe, in the next paragraph, informed Rupert of UFO activity in Alaska. (See my UFO monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.76). Not many papers carried stories about UFO sightings up north, or the following statement, which Keyhoe mentions: "An Anchorage newspaper quoted Air Force Intelligence officers as saying the Air Force was about to 'admit that they didn't know what the strange objects were.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

13 May. Report denied. (See clipping)

13 May. Report ignored?

Another example of the lack of news coverage was noticed by radio newsman Frank Edwards. He wrote:

"Once in a while a leak occurs and a UFO report gets into the papers...briefly. On May 13th the *Washington Post & Times Herald* carried a story of a sighting reported by airport police at the National Airport, just across the river from the capital. The large glowing objects had maneuvered over the airport between 12:45 and 2:00 a.m. Military Air Transport confirmed the sighting and an Air Force spokesman recommended that it be referred to as Unidentified Flying Objects.

"The report appeared in the early morning edition of the *Washington Post & Times Herald*. It was strangely missing from all other editions of the same paper. That was the morning of May 13th." (xx.)

(xx.) Edwards, Frank. "The Spies From Outer Space." *Real Magazine*. November 1954.

13 May. Keyhoe and the Talbott sighting.

Keyhoe wasn't having any of that "limiting" of news coverage. The evening of May 13th Keyhoe was a special guest on Frank Edwards' radio news commentary program. He told a national audience about the Secretary of the Air Force's daylight encounter with a round silvery disc during a flight to Palm Springs the last week of March, 1954. This revelation

could have caused quite an uproar if the world knew Keyhoe's source of information was ex-BLUE BOOK project chief Edward Ruppelt. (xx.)

- (xx.) Letter: To: Harold H. Fulton. From: C.H. Marck, 1991 Roslyn Street, Denver 7, Colorado. Date of letter: 16 May 54. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand. Records of what was broadcast on radio and TV are incomplete. A mention in a letter like Mr. Marck's is sometimes the only source available.

21 May. Nashville, Tennessee. (between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m.)

"I was so startled, I nearly drove into a fence." (See clipping)

24 May. Panic, fear, and the bomb.

"To believe that there is more evidence of a reliable nature is to believe our government leaders are liars and our Air Force is mad."

Wylie's article, "Panic, Fear, and the Bomb" originally appeared the February 1954 issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* but its message was really aimed at a wider public audience. To reach more people, a condensed version was published in the popular news stand magazine *Science Digest*. Surprisingly, Wylie's writings contained references to the UFO problem.

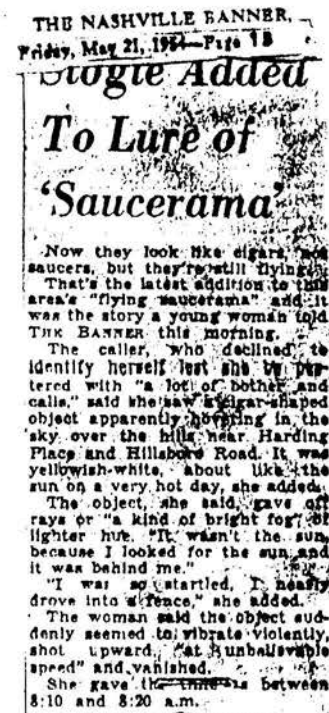
The subject of atomic war is a deadly serious issue, which was detailed well by Wylie's essay, so why was the UFO problem grabbed by the collar and dragged into the middle of the discussion? It seems the UFO controversy was used as an example, but it need not have been, since results from the Japanese experience were compelling and adequate. Wylie's judgement of UFO advocates was harsh: "To believe that there is more evidence of a reliable nature is to believe our government leaders are liars and our Air Force is mad." Wylie also takes a punch at the "Saucer Salvation" belief [Adamski's followers] which he terms a "neo-religion."

UFOs aside for a moment, Wylie does provide many factual examples of Japanese hysterical paralysis during an atomic attack, information probably unknown to a UFO buff. When Keyhoe and others suggested the powers-that-be feared turmoil if there was an official admission of the UFO's reality, one has to admit the U.S. government already had enough to worry about and it certainly didn't need more.

Author Philip Wylie and Capt. William Nash exchange letters.

Nash wrote Wylie and insisted the writer wasn't aware of the whole picture. Wylie was unmoved by the list of objections Nash presented.

Wylie's comment, "...my clearance gives me access to everything there is..." calls into question the man's credibility. Who does he think he is—President Eisenhower! (See Wylie's letter on page 45)



PHILIP WYLIE
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MIAMI 43, FLORIDA

June 9, 1954

Mr. William B. Nash,
400 Ridgewood Road,
Biscayne Key,
Miami 49, Fla.

Dear Mr. Nash,

Thanks for your letter about my piece on panic and the atom bomb in Science Digest.

You are perfectly right about the saucers being good "war of nerves" material, real or not. As for UFO's, you ought to see my files on human wishful thinking and hysteria!

Kidding aside, my clearance gives me access to everything there is and I am betting heavily against ~~outer~~ outer space.

Philip Wylie
Philip Wylie

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Wylie Blasts 'Dictatorship' By Military

Associated Press
Boulder, Colo., Aug. 5 —
Author Philip Wylie, of Miami, Fla., addressing a University of Colorado writers' workshop said yesterday that the United States has "what in any other country would be a complete military dictatorship."
"Stringent military and security restrictions have virtually taken our intellectual freedom from us," Wylie said.
"The only saving factor here is that we still retain the right to change our political team. We only have political freedom left."
Commenting on the government's recent decision to bar atomic scientist Robert Oppenheimer from classified information, Wylie said "this great wonderful guy was ruined because someone or some group didn't like his friends."

24 May. Taranaki, New Zealand. (6:50 a.m.)

Three reddish-orange objects. (See clipping)

30 May. East Malvern, Victoria, Australia.
(about 8:00 p.m.)

Fantastic football shape bathed in an orange light.

The events at East Malvern on the 31st of May have been stated briefly in my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.106. Fortunately a much better account has been found in *A.M.*, an Australian magazine. Writer Richard Berg located all the witness and interviewed them. The result is a more complete and accurate story. Berg wrote:

"On Sunday, May 30, a little after midnight, five men and young woman said goodnight to their host and hostess at the front door of a house in quiet Wimot Street, East Malvern, and moved out on to the footpath near the front gate. It was not too cold; there was no wind and no moon. The six people did not hurry off, but took a little time to say goodnight to one another.

"This was 12:25 a.m. Then it happened.

"Out of the darkness above them came a 'something.' To the six awed observers it appeared to be the size of a tram, 'fantastically' fast, the shape of a football, and bathed in an orange light. It was travelling in a downward curve. As it pulled out of its downward curve it belched from its rear a cloud of 'orange-yellowish' smoke and flame. It went upwards and away and disappeared as suddenly and strangely as it had come.

"This strange happening occupied about five seconds. The six people (after some minutes of bewilderment and heated talk) decided to go back to the house and write down what they had seen before their respective impressions got confused.

"Later they telephoned a Melbourne newspaper which has a reputation for dignified news presentation and journalistic accuracy and told their story. They were advised to pass it on to the other Melbourne dailies, which have not got such a reputation. This they did (only two giving their names) and next morning awoke to find that the two dailies had given them a handsome spread as the latest observers of a flying saucer.

"What made the report more than usually interesting was the statement made by three of the observers that they had seen shapes like people aboard the 'something.' Otherwise the report was not so different from...[photocopy unclear] major difference.

Taranaki, New Zealand

Taranaki Herald. 25 May 54.

Pilots See Strange Objects in Sky Over East Taranaki

TARANAKI HERALD 25-5-54

Strange objects flying in the sky over eastern Taranaki at daybreak yesterday were seen by three Taranaki aerial top-dressing pilots.

At 6.50 a.m. yesterday the three men, Messrs. F. Ferrier, D. L. Falwasser and N. Nodder, all of New Plymouth, left Bell Block airport in a Cessna high-wing monoplane for an airstrip at Tahora, where they were operating.

They had not long left the field when all three saw three strange objects to the east in the direction of Taumarunui. They were then between Uruti and Tahora and flying at about 3000 feet. The sky was cloudless and visibility was excellent.

The pilots at first could not believe their eyes. The three objects seemed to be hovering about 7000 feet above them, but as they were flying at about 135 miles per hour it was hard to estimate whether or not they were moving. They were oval in shape and looked like giant discs. They seemed to be reddish-orange in colour with a reddish flame coming from them.

The pilots flew in the same direction for another three minutes and saw a number of other objects. It appeared to the men at this stage that the objects were flying in line-ahead formation. Suddenly all the objects climbed away steeply at great speed and disappeared.

The three men are all experienced pilots and have been engaged in aerial top-dressing for four years. They are used to flying in the early morning and this is the first time that they have sighted any strange objects in the air.

They know that there were none of their firm's planes in the area and they were not conventional aircraft. They have all seen the most modern aircraft flying in New Zealand today and many flying overseas and saw that these objects

six people standing together had seen the 'something.' There was a man of about 30 who works in a Government department and was described by friends as 'extremely intelligent and quite hard-headed,' a clerk in the late thirties, who did not want his name used as his friends would think he was 'round the bend,' a P.M.G. technician of about 25, who was described as 'anything but a romanticist,' a woman teacher of about 23, who is from the country and did not want her name revealed because 'country people would regard anyone who told such a story as quite wacky,' a radio announcer, Christopher Muir, 22, of Punt Road, South Yarra, and David Reese, 18, of St. Kilda Street, Elwood, a technical liaison officer at a radio station.

"These six people were sober and had nothing to gain by publicity. That four preferred to remain anonymous seems to kill the idea that it was nothing but an exhibitionistic stunt.

"R.A.A.F. officials interrogated two of the six for almost two hours. At the end of the detailed and exhaustive interrogation the R.A.A.F. did not regard the six people as practical jokers or fools.

"That's why *A.M.* decided to get a detailed account of the strange event at East Malvern. Christopher Muir was the first to tell his story. Tall, lean, with straight blond hair, he's starting to regret he happened to be where he was at 12:25 a.m. on May 30. He had taken quite a hazing from his fellow-announcers in the past week. But none of his friends or acquaintances at the studio will say they disbelieve him. They find flying saucers hard to believe, but they find it even harder to disbelieve Muir, who, they say, is a normal, level-headed young man.

"Well, let Muir take it from there. He says: 'I suppose we left the house at 12:20. We were not tight [drunk], as it was not a Saturday night party, as you probably thought. We hadn't had a drink. I don't know any of the other people well except Reese.

" 'We were at the front gate talking. I don't really know what attracted my attention to the sky. It was not a noise. However, I looked towards the east and saw an orange glow which seemed to be very low. I would guess the glow was as low as 60 or 70 feet above me at its lowest stage, but that sounds ridiculous and I'm willing to believe that it is.

" 'The glow was an aura of light surrounding something darker, something almost the size of a railway carriage and the shape of a football.

" 'It moved in a half-circle coming down to us, then moved up and away. As it reached the lowest point of the curve and was about to rise, it belched out a ball of orange flame. Whether this was from its front or back I don't know. Then it disappeared. It didn't just dwindle away to a pin-point, like a plane. It just vanished. There was a noise then, but it could have been made by a motor-bike hammering down Da...[photocopy not clear] I wouldn't know if what I saw was a meteor. However, I'm sure (as sure as you can be about something rather strange, as this was) that what I saw was a machine.

" 'If a scientist told me that everything I have said points to it being a meteor, and explains why, I'd be quite willing to believe him.'

"He went on: 'I know this is going to sound pretty wet, but it did something to the air. The air seemed to get warmer and there was a feeling as if it had caused some suction—I had the idea I was being drawn up.'

"Muir says that after the 'something' had gone he looked at the others. He asked, 'Did you see that?' They told him they had. He added, 'You know what I am talking about? That thing in the sky.'

"Everyone began to speak at once, and because there was such bedlam they decided to get their experience down on paper before auto-suggestion took over.

"After more questioning Muir said he did not see any people. The aura of light could have been light from apertures in the machine. The machine was not a 'lush, American chrome job.' It was more of a dark color.

"Muir regards himself as being on the sceptical side, and says that if anyone had told him of a similar experience he would have disbelieve him out of hand. He says, 'I decided to tell what I what I'd seen because as I had seen it I thought it would be of interest. Don't think I'm saying I saw a flying saucer. I only want to say I saw something—that very definitely I saw something. But what it was I haven't a clue.'

"There is still another eye-witness account to come, and it is just as startling as the one already given by Muir. There are discrepancies in the two stories, but the discrepancies could possibly be used to strengthen the stories. For they are logical discrepancies.

"According to the R.A.A.F. spokesman, the slight differences in...[photocopy not clear] to give each observer a slightly different slant on what he had seen. This is an argument against collusion.

"The next witness in David Reese. A tall, well-built youth with dark curly hair, he seems sure of himself. Although he stumbles a little trying to find the right word to describe some detail, he is quite confident in what he is saying. He gives the impression of not caring a continental whether he is believed or not. He has seen something rather impressive and strange and he's satisfied. You can take it or leave it.

"He says, 'As we were talking at the front gate I heard a noise. It was a 'Brrrrrr, Brrrrrr,' just like it sounds to you there as I make the noise. I looked about me and saw nothing out of the ordinary. My head finished up so I was looking straight ahead at an angle of 10 degrees (This angle was worked out for Reese by the R.A.A.F. officers who interrogated him.)

" 'Out of nowhere appeared this...[photocopy not clear] oval shape was transparent because a more solid object, he considers, would have appeared black.

" 'It was a moonless night. The sky was black and the oval was of a lighter color than the sky. A blue color. Not light blue, but a luminous yet darkish blue. This football-like object was travelling in an arc. When it reached the nadir (Reese's word, not mine [Berg]) of the arc it belched out a gaseous, yellowish-orange smoke.

" 'This made me look at my companions. As I looked at them I said something like 'hell' or 'cripes' to express my amazement. I noticed they were all looking at the object, so I quickly looked back. .

" 'It was then I took notice of its speed.' (And here Reese had his moment of slight embarrassment.) 'It appeared to be floating gently, yet I had the sensation of terrific and fantastic speed. It completed the rise of the arc and disappeared like a pricked balloon. I looked back to where it had belched out the colored smoke, but saw nothing.

" 'The six of us looked at one another. I said, 'Did you see that? Wasn't it fantastic?' We began to talk all together and with some differences of opinion. That's when we decided to do the sensible thing and go inside and write our impressions down.'

"I asked Reese whether the papers had been correct in reporting that he had seen

people in the object.

“‘I you’d get around to that,’ he said. ‘Not that it isn’t true. It just seems that NO ONE [emphasis in original] will believe that part of it.’

“With a sign he went on, ‘O.K., here it is. After I had said ‘hell’ or something and looked at my friends for a fraction I looked back into the sky. Well, I saw—or I should say I appeared to see—shadows inside the object. To me they looked human.

“‘They were immobile and could have been anything but humans—...[photocopy not clear] my mind that I was looking at passengers.’

“Then Reese made another statement just as startling. He said quite matter-of-factly, ‘When I looked at my companions while the object was still in sight I noticed they looked peculiar. They were bathed in an amber light.

“‘Some time later I realized that nothing else had been bathed in this colored light—only the five human beings.’

“Reese also gauges the size of the object as about the size of a tram. Like Muir, he is positive the object was some type of machine and no ‘ball of fire.’ He said he was the one to suggest that each should write down his or her individual impression...’I made the suggestion because I am interested in psychical phenomena. I realized that continual talking would only make our impressions hazy.’

“He elaborated on his interest in psychical phenomena by saying ‘For instance, I write all my dreams down when I awake in the morning. I have a book and pencil by my bed for that purpose. I am interested in scientific theories, but I’m not a rationalist. I’m interested in all forms of spiritualism.’

“He grinned here and said, ‘I know this will make readers reckon I could see anything.’

“Maybe so, but any reader who does not reckon Reese and Muir saw a big ball of absolutely nothing should remember the view of the R.A.A.F. officers. And also that the four other people who were with Muir and Reese wrote down similar impressions minutes after seeing the object. The writing of these statements looks as if it was scribbled while the writer was in the grip of some more than normal emotion. The reports read true because they read as if written quickly in case some vital and amazing detail was forgotten.” (xx.)

(xx.) *A.M.* 8 June 54. pp.14-15.

Here are the statements from the four witnesses that refused to be named as recorded in the *Malbourne Argus*:

The school teacher: “Pear-shaped, with a beam of light extending from the blunt end. A noise—too hard to describe its density. Travelling low and fast in the direction of southeast.” (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *The Argus*. 31 May 54.

The policeman: “At approximately 12:24 I saw an oval-shaped machine speed from the sky and hover low (about 60 feet) above the ground. Scarlet flames were shooting out from it. Shadows of some people, I think, could be seen for several seconds. It disappeared with a tremendous roaring sound.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

The clerk: "A whirring noise that frightened me. A yellow flame spurted from the rear like a 'Buck Rogers' rocket ship. There seemed to be vague people shadowed in the strange light emitted from the oval-shaped ship." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

The P.M.G. technician: "At 12:25 a large circular object, about the shape of a plate appeared about 40 feet or 50 feet above the ground. It would be hard to judge the distance. It was just above the trees, travelling fast. There was a possibility of seeing people. Yellowish flames." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

30? May. Carnegie suburbs, about two miles from East Malvern, Australia. (no time)

Confirmation?

According to our source:

"Another man who rang *The Sun* from Carnegie said that the saucer flew over his house at about 70 feet and climbed rapidly at fantastic speed. His description was almost exactly the same as that of Mr. Reese. 'I am well-known and I will not give my name for publication,' he said, 'because many people have the idea that flying saucer reports come from crackpots.' He added: 'It was not just my imagination.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *The Sun*. 31? May 54.

31 May. Melbourne, Australia.

The R.A.A.F. PRO comments:

"Mr. John Tyrrell, R.A.A.F. Public Relations Officer, said, discussing Flying Saucers in an interview, 'It would be stupid to ignore them. We believe there's something flying around which cannot be regarded as the figment of someone's imagination. We don't know what it is, we have no concrete evidence of Saucers as such, but we simply can't discount certain reports from sane, seasoned, R.A.A.F. and airline pilots.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine*. August 1954. p.13

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