

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1954 June-August

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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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.

Most of the information that make this supplement possible came from Robert Gribble, Murray Bott, George Fawcett, Les Treece-Sinclair, Barry Greenwood, Jan Aldrich, Capt. William Nash, the CUFOS archives and the private papers of the late Dr. James McDonald. By sharing, all of UFOlogy benefits. There are going to be errors in this supplement, and others that follow, but there is much to cover and I am moving, as the Navy says, at “flank speed.”

—Loren E. Gross

Summer (1954?) Plympton, Massachusetts (near Plymouth) (about 9 p.m.)

Yellow sphere circles fruit tree.

These are some notes found in the CSI New York files:

"Position of Observer: Looking out her kitchen window, alone in house except for baby.

"Origin of Observation: Heard her two dogs barking ('as if being maltreated')

"Type of Object: Yellow sphere of light, about the size of basketball. Extending from opposite sides, wing appendages (NOT wing-like), with feathery look. (See drawing [Drawing not available]) These ['wings'] remained stationary; did not 'flap.'

"Behavior of Object: Circled 'rapidly' around fruit tree, which was about 30 ft. away from window, straight ahead. (Tree since blown down by a hurricane.)

"Not more than 30 ft. high, perhaps lower. When object had circled about 15 times, observer telephoned to a neighbor, whose house was about 150 ft. away. Neighbor looked out, also saw object, but not the wings [Comment: The 'wings' may have been vapor or short light beams]. Described it as a 'blob of light.'

"After making another 15 circles, object disappeared, going off horizontally over a cranberry bog. Before it left, 1st observer had become hysterical.

"Sound?: None mentioned.

"Duration: 'About 2 minutes'—but not stated whether 2 minutes for each set of 15 circlings.

"Same evening: At Plymouth, a light see; came down from North to a point over a field adjoining a dwelling house; circled, went back North, watched until 11 p.m. by four people." (xx.)

(xx.) "Received from Stephen R. Putnam, Egypt, Massachusetts, Bossy Lane: Tel. Scituate 2125-W." CSI New York/NICAP files. CUFOS archives.

Summer 1954. Mansfield, Ohio.

Objects hovering 50 feet above the ground.

According to a report in APRO files:

"In the summer of 1954, I was out on a date with a boyfriend. We were just riding around talking, when I realized it was after 10:00 p.m. and I was suppose to be home at 10:00. We were going in a southerly direction and I lived to the north. Jim said he would turn around as soon as he could. At this time the area we were in was not developed and had few houses or buildings in the area. We had gone a short distance when we saw a drive [road] to our right. As Jim turned into the drive, which was on an upgrade, we were shocked by what we saw. In the air, to our left about 100 feet from us, were two yellow glowing, oval-shaped objects. They were quite close together in a straight line. They were rotating in a circle both in the same direction. Each had a shaft of light coming from the underside and touching the ground. They were hovering above a field next to the drive we were in. They were about 50

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The Evening Gazette Worcester, Tues., April 2, 1957 51



Around These Parts

By Frank Crotty

We occasionally get reports at our newspaper office of flying saucers, but almost invariably the person who saw them does not want his name used in print. This I can readily understand from personal experience.

It was on a hot afternoon in the summer of 1954 that I saw the flying saucers. I was standing on the main thoroughfare in Hyannis waiting for my wife and her mother, who were in one of the stores. My eyes happened to stray skyward and there they were—three silvery discs traveling at incredible speed, one right after the other. My mouth fell open in amazement.

I touched the elbow of a man standing near me and pointed upward.

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed. "What are those things?"

At this point I was further astonished as the saucers veered off at a 45-degree angle. At the speed they were traveling this seemed impossible.

"I don't know," I replied. "I guess they are what people call flying saucers."

In less time than it takes to tell, they vanished into the blue. I later read that these particular saucers were also seen by several vessels at sea, and that official reports were made to the Air Force about them.

When my wife and her mother rejoined me, I excitedly told them about the sight.

"Imagine!" I whooped. "I actually saw flying saucers."

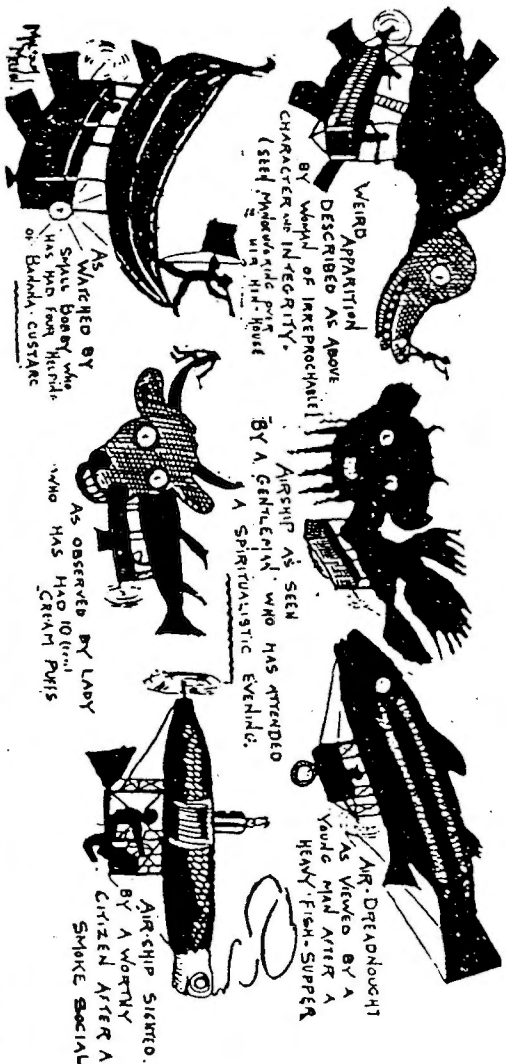
They both eyed me peculiarly, and then looked at each other with lifted eyebrows and shrugs of the shoulders.

"Dear," her mother said to her, "you know, I think you should have gotten the red dress."

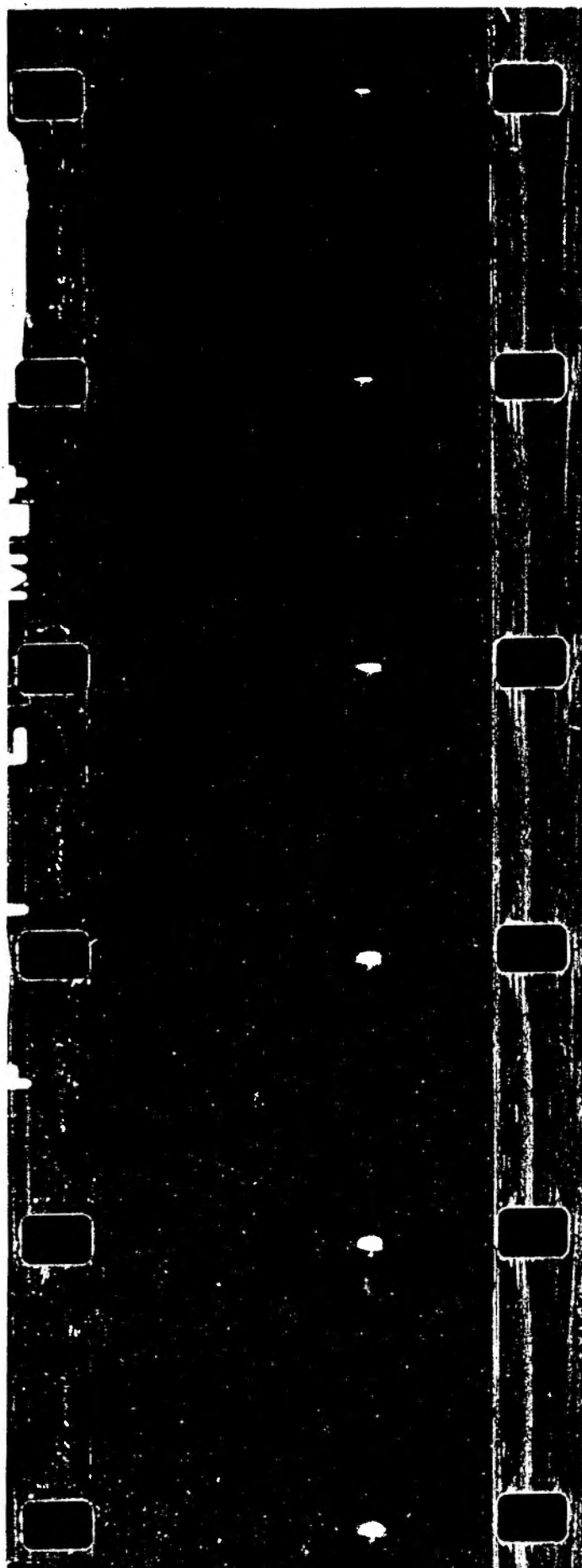
1909 "Airships."

Saucer talk reminded some people downunder of the 1909 Australian/New Zealand Airship excitement. The *Dunedin Evening Star*, in June 1954, was shown an old postcard from that era. (See reproduction of the postcard below)

AIRSHIPS IN VARIOUS FORMS.



THIS is the reproduction of a postcard brought to the 'Star' by a reader who believes it to be more than 50 years old. It just goes to show that "seeing things" is not a new innovation.



Ralph Mayher, Richard Boswell and Mrs. Mayher re-enact the scene when saucer was sighted and photographed.

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Movie film of flying saucer in motion, enlarged five times. Starting at the top, object becomes closer and brighter in each frame, proving speed of 7550 m.p.h.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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Physics Department
December 9, 1953Mr. Ralph C. Mayher
55 N.E. 87th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Mayher:

On the basis of the information and photographs supplied by you I have made a calculation of the size and velocity of the "saucer". The assumptions, calculations, and conclusions are given below:

Information supplied by you:
Focal length of camera lens: 65 millimeters
Speed of 16 mm. film in camera: 24 frames per second
Altitude of object (estimated by observer): 2000 feet
Maximum camera angle (estimated by photographer): 45 degrees
Apparent shape of saucer: rotating oblate spheroid which seemed to flatten out as the speed increased
Total time in view: approximately three minutes
Color of saucer: bright orange
Lens aperture of camera: f12.7
Development of film: Three times normal development time
Film emulsion: fast panchromatic

Measurements on photograph:
Enlargement of print: six times
Width of first image: .35 mm.
Width of sixth image: 2.5 mm.
Time between first and sixth images: approximately .25 second

Assuming that the first image was recorded when the path of the "saucer" was perpendicular to the line of sight at an elevation of 45 degrees, the distance of the "saucer" from the camera was:

$$r = \frac{2000}{\sin 45^\circ} \approx 2830 \text{ feet}$$

The diameter of the "saucer" would then bear the same ratio to 2830 as the diameter of its image bears to the focal length of the lens. Taking into account the 6 time enlargement of the print, we get:

$$\frac{D}{2830} = \frac{3.5 \div 6}{43}$$

or: D, the diameter of the "saucer", is approximately 27 feet.

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The distance from the camera to the "saucer" at the time of the sixth image may be found by observing that this distance is inversely proportional to the diameter of the image. (The circular shape of the "saucer" allows us to ignore the change in aspect.) The distance is given by:

$$R = \frac{3.5}{2.5} \times 2830 = 3960 \text{ feet}$$

Since this distance is the hypotenuse of a right triangle, one leg of which is $r = 2830$ feet, the distance traveled by the "saucer" along its path may be found by the Pythagorean theorem:

$$d = \sqrt{R^2 - r^2} = \sqrt{(3960)^2 - (2830)^2}$$

or: $d = \sqrt{7,672,700} \approx 2770 \text{ feet}$

Dividing this distance by the time between the two images gives the average speed of the "saucer" during this time. Or:

$$v = \frac{d}{t} = \frac{2770}{.25} = 11,080 \text{ feet per second}$$

which is about 7550 miles per hour.

The "saucer" could not have been traveling at this high speed for the whole three minutes that it was in view. Apparently it came into sight traveling very much slower, and then underwent a tremendous acceleration and sped out of sight.

The apparent change of shape of the object during its flight indicates that it is not a "flying saucer" at all, but a natural phenomenon which science has yet to explain.

Good luck with your article. We will be interested to hear how you make out.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence S. Rainwater

Clarence S. Rainwater
Assistant Professor of Physics

CSR/jmr

The figure is a rough sketch of the saucer, which I think you will find interesting. It is not to scale.

University of Florida physics department report to Mayher, with calculations based on his movie film.



Watching their film being run off are Ralph Renick, Ralph Mayher and Norman Bean. Mayher took the film.

(xx.) Mayher, Ralph.
"I Proved Flying Saucers
Are Real."
PIC.
June 1954, pp.12-15, 66-67.

An Airline pilot named Hull discussed the UFO sighting with Capt. Kratovil. Here is the information obtained:

"Hull: I talked to Kratovil for 40 minutes after his sighting. He didn't tell the press he saw a 'saucer.' He said he saw a round luminous object. Eight different people in the control tower watched it also for several minutes. Kratovil watched it for 12 minutes—out of the front window of a Constellation, which is one of the worst planes ever manufactured for seeing out of. If he could see it for that length of time, it means that it was moving with him.

"Nine jets were sent after the object immediately, and went to a very unusual altitude, 45,000 feet. At Idlewild Kratovil got a report about the jets. The thing remained above them and eluded them with ridiculous ease.

"This was at 9:30 a.m., above all clouds. The report that it was a balloon just doesn't fit. The winds aloft were at 70 miles W.S.W. Any balloon that had been sent aloft at 6:30 in the morning in New Hampshire would not have been where Kratovil saw this three hours later.

"Baruch: There are rules against chasing these things.

"Hull: I know those rules too. I asked Kratovil what did it look like? He said it looked like a balloon. It was round and luminous. But how could it go S.W. at the same speed as a Constellation, 300 m.p.h.?

"Kratovil wants no part of this thing. He refused to go on Ed Sullivan's program."
(xx.)



(NEWS foto by Charles Payne)
Capt. Charles J. Kratovil shows non-flying saucer to son, Joseph.

Pilot Sights a 'Flying Disk'

A "large, white, disk-like object" was sighted near Boston and kept in view for a "full 10 minutes" in plain daylight yesterday morning by a TWA Paris-to-New York airliner pilot who later insisted that it was not a weather balloon as suggested by the Grenier Air Force Base at Manchester, N. H. Some jet pilots also saw the object.

"That weather balloon stuff sounds to me like a cover-up," said Capt. Charles J. Kratovil at his Port Washington, L. I., home where the Air Force message reached him.

"I was there; I saw it. There was no basket on it such as the Air Force describes. There was a 60-mile-an-hour wind blowing and

this object was moving against it at high speed. We had it in view for a full 10 minutes as it flew parallel to us and high above us. How could a balloon move against such a wind if it had not some kind of power?"

Capt. Kratovil spotted the object first at about 9:30 A. M. When he arrived at International Airport here he reported that he had radioed the Boston airport control tower about it and that he had received word back that a flight of jet planes had been sent aloft. Pilots of the jets also saw the object when they reached 10,000 feet and, according to the message from Boston, said it appeared to be "about 10,000 feet above us and climbing very fast."

- (xx.) Notes taken at a meeting of CSI, New York, on June 25, 1954. Who took the notes is not recorded. CSI files. CUFOs archives. Hull was Capt. William (Joe) Hull of Capital (The note says Eastern) Airlines. Hull had written some anti-UFO remarks for publication in the magazine *Air Line Pilot* about a year before. The skeptical views drew a rebuke from airline pilot and pro-UFO (from personal experience) advocate Capt. William Nash. Correspondence between the two pilots resulted in Hull becoming more objective in regards to UFO reports (Donald Keyhoe's response to Hull's article helped also).

Since he lived close to New York City, Hull joined the civilian UFO organization CSI that held meetings at Steinway Hall on 317 West 57th Street, however Hull quickly lost interest in the group because of the characters that showed up to participate. Nonetheless, Hull remained a "believer" and could see the difference between all the weirdos and the data..

The "Baruch" mentioned here must be Dr. S.N. Baruch who lived and worked in the New York area and apparently sat in on some CSI meetings out of curiosity but took no significant active part. See my supplement for 1954 January-May, pp.34-35, for more information on Dr. Baruch. Also, a CSI meeting was probably where "Jack" Smith first met Dr. Baruch.

23 June. Davenport, Iowa. (afternoon)

Zig-zag pattern.

A press account says:

"Three members of the Davenport Ground Observer Corps let it be known that they had seen something other than a plane in the sky last Wednesday afternoon and that it might have been a flying saucer.

"A prompt report on the object was made to the proper military authorities in Chicago. However, because of the nature of the object, and because they feared ridicule, the three women kept their experience secret temporarily.

"They agree now that they had never seen anything like what they observed Wednesday. A check showed there was no weather balloon in the area at the time.

"Mrs. Edmund Moore was the first to see the object, from a post atop a hospital. She and Miss Donna Jaros said the object was very high, was aluminum colored and was going north at high speed in a zig-zag pattern. A little later she and Mrs. Helen Gardner saw the same object, apparently heading back over the same course.

"Mrs. Moore said the object had the appearance of a saucer standing up." (xx.)

(xx.) Davenport, Iowa. 29 June 54. (AP)

24 June. Danville, Vermont. (10:42 p.m.)

Zooming lights.

A Vermont paper states:

"Speculation concerning 'flying saucers' in this area got a new boost today with a North Danville resident and two state police officers both reporting witnessing unidentified lights in the sky over North Danville.

"Roy Bonnette, who on June 24 in company with other residents of North Danville saw the strange lights, informed state police district headquarters at 10:42 p.m. Wednesday that the lights were once again hovering in the sky. Troopers Bruce Kallahan and Robert Whitney went to the Bonnette home and also observed the lights.

"A St. Johnsbury businessman also reported today that he had recently seen such lights but had not reported the incident. He said the light approached St. Johnsbury from the north at what appeared to be a terrific speed, came to a sudden halt a few miles distant, bobbed up and down in the sky, and then suddenly shot off at a high rate of speed.

"Earlier theories that the lights last week might have been caused by rays of spotlights from the Kivania Karnival free act bouncing off clouds were exploded by the reappearance last night. Plans are being made to keep a closer observation of the night time skies in the entire St. Johnsbury area in the hopes that the lights or their source may be identified." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Johnsbury, Vermont. *Independent Republican*. 1 July 54.

4 June. CSI New York meeting.

"Space nappings."

Looking back, the most memorable event of the June 4, 1954, CSI meeting has to be a speech by a "Dr." Robert E. Dickhoff, a member of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, Bridgeport, Connecticut (Al Bender's outfit). Dickhoff presented his theory that: "...numerous mysterious disappearances of human beings are the work of Martians who are 'space napping' human beings for their own purposes." (xx.)

(xx.) Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group of New York. Resume of meeting June 4. 1954.

Dickhoff's ravings did not go over very well with Capt. William Hull who was there in an attempt to learn something about the UFO mystery. Capt. Hull's impression of Dickhoff was that the man was: "...an obviously demented crackpot who somehow or other wormed himself in and was allowed to 'lecture.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Capt. William Nash. From: Capt. William Hull. 19 June 54. William Nash files.

In fact, not much about CSI impressed Hull. The featured speaker at the first meeting was George Adamski, which tells you something. Hull only lasted a few more gatherings before he was forced to take action. Hull wrote his friend Nash:

"My patience finally reached the point of exhaustion at the last C.S.I. meeting

and reluctantly, but rightly I believe, I tendered my resignation. My interest in UFOs has not diminished one whit but I simply cannot allow myself to have my intelligence insulted further by continued membership in this group, which under Elliot Rockmore, started out on the right track but was soon wrecked by the gradual infiltration of assorted jerks, crackpots, frustrated women (most of them at the menopause age), spiritualists and sensationalists who have surrendered their reason abjectly and with wild abandon to the fantastic and the occult. My reputation is at stake. I am supposed to be a sensible, sober, solid, thinking human being, endowed by nature with good sense and sound judgement, in whom countless souls blindly place their confidence and their very lives every year. I found myself in an utterly incompatible position and when I squared off and had a look at myself as a well-meaning member of C.S.I. it was with a sense of shame and guilt that I discovered I was among the Philistines." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Sir Victor Sassoon, one of the world's richest men.

Capt. Hull saw right though Adamski, so he was quite upset to learned something from a Miss Barnes:

"While Sir Victor Sassoon was in New York last month I took him to task for what seemed to me to be a slight departure from character [Capt. Hull was a good friend of Sassoon, in fact Sir Victor let Hull vacation at his villa at Nassau]. He is an avid saucer enthusiast and I did not know until his nurse, Miss Barnes, told me that it was he who financed Desmond Leslie's book [*Flying Saucers Have Landed*]. I do not know if this included Adamski's portion or not but I assume it does, there being no convenient way to divide the publishing expense on a composite venture." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. p.2.

Capt. Hull convinces Sir Victor:

"Sir Victor was so impressed with my arguments against Adamski and my efforts to get the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers on his tail to expose him that he had carbon copies made of some of my correspondence on the subject and had them mailed to interested people all over the world. Leslie received copies of these writings and Sir Victor says he will personally ask him to visit me when he comes to this country on a tour in August." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

6 & 9 June. Pasco, Washington. (midnight & 12:21 a.m.)

"Orange fireball." Same hour, same position?

Pasco is near Washington's atomic plant so anything that happens in the neighborhood is of

intense interest:

"The U.S. Air Force may not want it discussed, but Pasco policeman W.G. Kellie last night saw another 'orange fireball' about the same hour and in almost the same position as the one reported Sunday night in Pasco.

"Kellie was patrolling west on A St. just off S. Elm when he saw a 'big fireball, orange-yellow in color hanging in the sky beyond Kennewick, west by southwest of Pasco.

"Kellie watched the phenomenon for a few seconds and then called the station to verify what he had seen. Patrolmen on duty looked towards the position but could see nothing, the apparition apparently having faded.

"The officer said the ball hung stationary for about 30 seconds and then faded at just about the time he radioed the station, 12:21 a.m.

"'It was bigger than the moon and just about the orangey-yellow color the moon sometimes has,' he said. He called the Ground Observers corps in Pasco and was told that observer Mike Clark of the group had seen the same thing.

"Sunday, shortly after midnight, two other Pascoans saw 'lights' which merged into a fireball about six times the size of the moon and then disappeared.

"One was chief of the GOC Gale Peck, who saw the apparition from his home on South Elm below A street. The other was a motorist approaching Pasco from Walla-Walla.

"Peck described the 'thing' as looking like a miniature atom explosion.

"Tuesday the USAF asked Peck not to discuss the phenomenon [Why?] further. Their radar had not been able to track what ever it was they said. Peck pointed out that the thing seemed near ground level." (xx.)

(xx.) Pasco, Washington, *Pasco Tri-City Herald*. 10 June 54.

8 June. Frankfurt and Selbitz, Germany. (daytime?) (evening).

Swooped. 180 degree turn. (See clipping)

Claim Flying Saucers Seen Zooming Over West Reich

FRANKFURT, Germany, June 14—(UP)—Reports came in Sunday from at least six persons who claimed to have seen round, shining objects zooming over West Germany during the past week.

The accounts came from widely separated areas.

The first was given by an unidentified 47-year-old electrical engineer, who works at the federal postoffice in Darmstadt in a story in the Frankfurt newspaper "Neue Presse."

The engineer said he was traveling on a bus to Frankfurt last Tuesday when he observed in the West two brightly shining objects.

The engineer said the two objects were visible for three to five seconds. They appeared first at a great height, swooped rapidly toward the earth and then up again and disappeared, the account in the "Neue Presse" said. One other person in the bus gave the same description, the newspaper said.

German Civil Air authorities in Frankfurt said they had no reports or explanation of the phenomena. The U.S. Civil Air

radar station here said nothing appeared on the scopes.

The second report came from the small town of Selbitz on the German-Czech frontier, six miles from the Soviet zone and 12 miles from communist Czechoslovakia.

Factory owner Werner Thoss told a United Press correspondent that he saw a "bright object" flying "at tremendous speed" Tuesday evening from the east. It made a 180 degree curve and swung back east again, he said.

Thoss said it was followed by a second object in almost the same path. The "rotating discs" repeated the action five times, he said.

Thoss' 19-year-old son was with him and confirmed the sighting. In another part of Selbitz court clerk Werner Bodenschatz said he saw the same sight. His account paralleled that of Thoss.

Thoss said he and his son estimated the objects as they saw them, to be about 25 centimeters (one foot) in diameter. He said the discs were bright around the edge, and dark in the center.

The Daily Mirror
Manila
6-14-54

Second week in June. Perth, Western Australia. (5:50 p.m.)

Three large portholes? (See clipping)

19 June. 22 miles south of Whangari, New Zealand. (9:00 p.m.)

Dog-napping?

Using stories reported long after their supposed occurrence is a risky business. It seems such belated reporting always contain sensational details, so one wonders if the person doing the reporting feels safe telling a tall tale because of the time factor (its harder to check out), or that the passage of time make less dramatic events fade in one's memory. At least in this case the witness selected a date during an actual UFO flap. Here is a story told by a Oskar Marinkovich in 1995:

"Forty years ago, on June 19, 1954, at 9:00 p.m. on a pitch-black night, it happened on my father's farm, 22km south of Whangari.

"There was a terrible cry from the dog's kennel which was about 30m away. My first reaction was that it was being attacked by other dogs, so I grabbed the shotgun and went to the back door.

"My blood seemed to freeze and I was transfixed. I seemed to be paralyzed. I heard the dog choking and gasping, but the noise was coming from somewhere above me. I realized that I was either going mad or that something had the dog above. I don't know the distance because, when I tried to look up, I was paralyzed with fear. I wanted to pull the trigger, but couldn't.

"Then I heard a thud and immediately afterwards the dog bolted, howling pathetically up the driveway. Then I heard a slushing [sic] sound

Perth, Australia.
News.
17 June 54.

Perth Man Claims He Saw 'Saucer'

A PERTH man claims to have seen a strange object flying slowly over Perth last week.

He is Mr. R. H. Harmer, sales manager of a sewing machine firm, who said he saw the object for about four seconds from the Williams-st. and St. George's-st. corner.

He described it as an oval-shaped, highly-burnished bronze-coloured object about 100 feet long. It had an upper compartment of a duller bronze colour with a distinct line dividing it from the lower compartment.

There was bright flame-coloured light from three large portholes in the upper compartment.

In the half-light at 5.50 p.m. he watched it for about four seconds as it flew noiselessly from the south-west towards north-east about the speed of a Skymaster.

Though he was not an accurate judge of height, he thought it would be several thousand feet up. "It was high enough, anyway for the sun to be shining on it though it was not shining on the earth," Mr. Harmer said.

Mr. Harmer was emphatic that it was not a radio sonde balloon or normal aircraft.



"SAUCER"-SIGHTER R. H. Harmer sketches today what he says he saw.

like something was rotating. The noise increased in volume to a high-pitched whining noise like a turbine reaching an intensity until, with a loud report or explosion and with a terrible rush of wind, whatever it was disappeared at a tremendous pace.

"I went back to the house shaking uncontrollably, my heart pounding at twice the normal rate at least. I did not recognize myself in the morning, hair on end, a wild look in my eyes. I had not been drinking. I was not on medication. I have had no history of psychiatric problems.

"The dog's chain lay in a heap near the kennel, but his collar was five meters away, open and undone. At the edge of the area was flattened grass with a circumference of about 40ft(12m).

"I have no doubt in my mind that some type of craft had either hovered or landed and that some hands must have untied the collar, because it is impossible for the dog to untie its own collar.

"The dog came back at about 4:00 p.m., crawling on its belly and whimpering, with a terrified look in its eyes. Around its neck were scratch marks as though something had held it by the neck. The dog could not be used as a cattle dog again.

"The following night, I went to see if it was all right and it sprang as if to bite me, totally out of character. In the morning, the dog bolted again and there was enough excrement for 10 dogs [That seems to be an exaggeration for emphasis].

"I reported it all to my father, who did not believe me. I rang the local constable, who told me, 'Next time you see them, hold them down until we arrive.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Gearing, Nigel. "ET-Tune In." *Listener* (Auckland, New Zealand, magazine?) February 4, 1995. pp.44-45. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

21 June. Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada. (1:00 a.m.)

Flying saucer lands?

A letter to the editor said:

"I was interviewed in your report of the flying saucer. My husband and I saw one land near here at 1 a.m., June 21, 1954. It was reported in a local paper. It was a moonlit night, very warm. The machine was hovering over a field a block from our home. We followed it up a back road. It crossed in front of us and landed in a field beyond a wooded area. There were lights moving around and my husband wanted to go to it. I was afraid because we had left our 11-year-old girl at home alone.

"Our car was a 1950 model in good condition but it would not start until he pushed and I started it. Then we had no trouble with it. He took me home and went back but the saucer had gone. Next day he saw a spot where it had landed.

"The saucer was like the boy described, with lights like flares going on and off. There were windows at the sides. It made no noise.

"People have not believed us, even our ground observer laughed. It was eerie: wish I hadn't been frightened and had gone to see it.

Signed: Mrs. Guy Baker." (xx.)

(xx.) Name of newspaper not given. Date of clipping: 16 August 57. APRO files.

23 June. Statement of R.A.A.F. Policy
(on UFO reports) (See below)

DRAFT

INVESTIGATION OF FLYING SAUCERS

STATEMENT OF R.A.A.F. POLICY

Approved By DCAI and issued in 1964

1. The R.A.A.F. accepts reports on flying saucers and attempts an allocation of reliability. Those that fall in the reliably class are then subject^{ed} to further investigation as and when the opportunity occurs. As a result of this further investigation, a smaller number of reports are followed up and investigations are made with the Meteorological Services, the Government Astronomer and the Civil Aviation authorities in an attempt to fit the original occurrences in with any normal flying activity or meteorological phenomena.
2. As a result of investigations in the past, there is no doubt that reliable observers have reported sightings which today are inexplicable within the resources available to the R.A.A.F. Reports of this type are continuously filed in an attempt to develop sufficient depth of evidence for accurate analysis to be made. It may however, be several years before the required depth of evidence is available.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Group Captain Charlton,
DIRECTOR OF AIR INTELLIGENCE.

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of the

*Private Secretary to the Minister for
External Affairs*

The attached letter was
sent to the press in Sydney,
Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne -

C. H. Hansen

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23/6/1954.

29-30 June. Seven Isles Canada-Goose Bay, Canada. (9:00 p.m. June 29th to "1:45 a.m." June 30th. The time 1:45 was when Capt. James Howard began his let down for a landing at Goose Bay. The UFOs had vanished some minutes before and the exact time of their departure was not recorded, that I know of—L.E. Gross).

The famous BOAC airliner, shape-changing object with "attendants," case.

Considerable information is contained in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 June-August*, pp. 40-41. Additional data is now available to provide a more complete story.

Map.

A map published in the English UFO magazine *Flying Saucer Review* is useful. One can see where the encounter occurred, the holding area south of Cape Cod, and deviation from the original flight path ordered by Boston Control. (See map) (xx.)

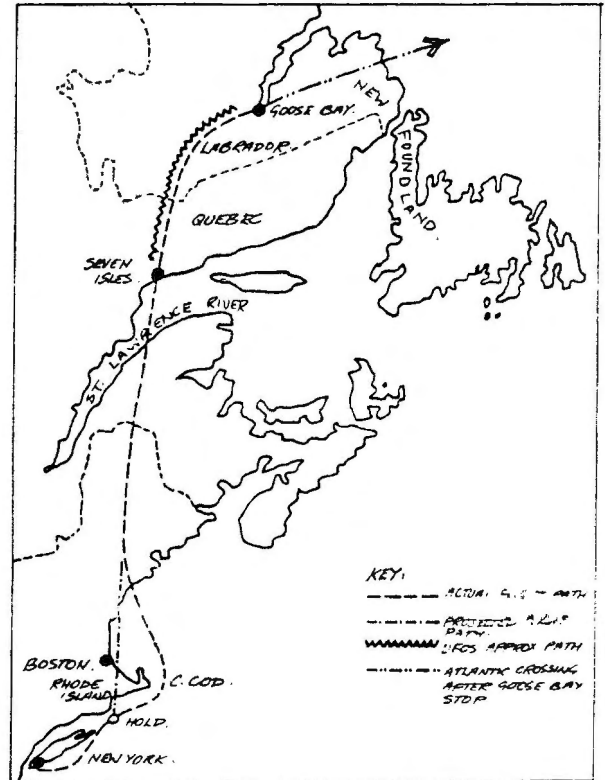


Figure 3: Captain Howard's flight path, showing projected route, holding area, diversion and the UFO's approximate route.

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*, Volume 27, Number 6. 1982. p.3.

Capt. Howard's flight, call sign *Sierra Charlie*, left New York at 5:03 p.m. June 29th. The destination was London with one refueling stop at Goose Bay, Canada.

There is some speculation that a holding pattern ordered by Boston Air Traffic Control in the Cape Cod area may have had something to do with the possible detection of UFO activity in the north along the projected route of the airliner. Capt. Howard said delays of that sort over Canadian territory in those days was very rare, and it was his guess that the cause was "unscheduled air traffic." In any event, the only possible "proof" available is a letter Capt. Howard received from a doctor that was camped out in northern Massachusetts at the time and who claimed to have seen a similar UFO phenomenon passing overhead in direction of Labrador. (A drawing by the doctor is said to exist but I have not seen it—L.E. Gross) (xx.)

(xx.) Randles, Jenny. *UFO! Danger in the Air*. Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.: New York, N.Y., 1998. pp.65,68-69.

The UFOs are first noticed.

Dr. James McDonald, in an attempt to analyze the case, determined that the height of the cloud layers was crucial to disproving the optical mirage theory. (He wrote Capt. Howard for this data. I have that letter but any answer received from Capt. Howard is missing from my collection of McDonald's papers, if one did exist—L.E. Gross). There were some figures in a *Saga* men's magazine article but McDonald felt that was an undesirable source of information.

Author Jenny Randles quotes a “first sighting account” that mentions the UFOs were spotted initially below the Stratocruiser and behind a broken cloud layer. If true, such facts would make the mirage theory very hard to believe. Randles quotes Capt. Howard:

“It was a lovely summer’s evening. Near Seven Islands, I was looking down to the left-hand side of the airplane and I saw through broken cloud that something was moving through the breaks. It was some miles away, but as we moved on into Labrador, we left all clouds behind us and were in clear air. These things now seemed to be climbing up toward our own altitude while about 3 miles away. There was one large one and six small ones. Sometimes three were in front and three behind the big object. Then they would change position relative to the big one. The big one also appeared to gradually change its shape.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. Randle’s detailed footnote reads: “For interviews with aircrew members, see the *Strange But True?* Special episode entitled “Pilot Sightings.” (LWT, First transmitted in the U.K. in October 1995).

Description of the “mother ship.”

Randles states Capt. Howard described the large object as: “...not a hazy object and had clean-cut edges. The color was dull gray.” (xx.) Navigator H. McDonnell, who had the big object

(xx.) Ibid.

under observation longer than Capt. Howard, suggests that the shape changing effect was an illusion of the sun rays reflecting off an irregular surface. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. p.67.

Navigator McDonald was also the only one to claim to have seen exactly what happened to the little “attendants.” It was his impression the “little dots” entered the big object, with three going in at the top and the remaining three from below. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

For the record, Randle tells us the intercepting jet was a Canadian F-94, call sign “Pinto One,” that just happened to be on patrol in the area. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

USAF Intelligence interviews.

Randle quotes Capt. Howard as saying:

“ ‘The USAF seemed rather blasé about the whole thing, frankly,’ he notes. ‘The officer doing the interview gave me the impression that this sort of thing happened—if not daily, then weekly. He told me of several recent sightings over Labrador.’ ” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. p.69.

Witness quoted in *The Weekly News*.

Stewardness Daphne Webster:

"I had just finished clearing away the trays after dinner when the Captain's light flashed on—my signal to go to see him.

"He pointed out of the window to the left of the aircraft. I blinked hard.

"Could it be a touch of air sickness? But, no—I wasn't imagining things.

"A large black object, stretched out like cigar. It undulated and shivered. Then, quite suddenly, it changed into an upside-down telephone receiver!

"Afterwards, it never stayed the same shape for more than a few minutes.

"Behind were six smaller versions of the object—these stayed the same shape, but kept altering position.

"At first they all queued up behind the 'mother' shape in single file, then they paired off like a school crocodile [two rows].

"The whole crew was completely baffled. All of them were experienced observers, but they'd never seen anything quite like it before. I was fascinated.

"All the passengers had spotted the objects and were crowding around the windows. Naturally, they were very excited and wanted to know what the things were.

"The Captain radioed ahead to Goose Bay and reported our 'find.' Back came their reply:—

"*'Our radar screen is picking your aircraft up, but there is no sign on it of the objects you mention! We are sending a fighter to investigate.'*

"But while we were waiting for the Goose Bay investigators to arrive, our objects decided to make us all look silly—and just disappear!

"First, all the six small ones crept up on the large one and merged into it. Then, right in front of our faces, it grew smaller and smaller—until it just wasn't there any more!" (xx.)

(xx.) London?, England? *The Weekly News*. 20 July 57. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

"So unusual it hasn't been reported before or since"—Condon report comment on the BOAC case.

Australian UFO researcher Paul Norman suggested the Condon comment may not be true. Mr. Norman submits for our consideration the following account by Airline Capt. Gordon W. Smith,



From the galley Daphne briefs her passengers over the plane's intercom system.

a pilot for Murchison Air Services—Southern Airlines of Western Australia. Capt. Smith reported a strange incident that occurred the afternoon of August 22, 1968, over the Zanthus district of Western Australia. Capt. Smith said:

"Captain Walter Gardin and myself were returning from Adelaide to Perth on a Charter Flight. The aircraft was a 8 pace Piper *Navajo*, registration VH-RTO, returning empty from Adelaide. At first sighting I was asleep in the cabin, Walter was at the controls. We were cruising at 8,000 feet with a true airspeed of 190-195 knots and tracking 270 degrees Magnetic.

"At 0940 G.M.T. (1740 W.S.T.) Walter abruptly wakened me in great excitement and asked me to come into the cockpit quickly. I did so, and he asked me if I could see what he was looking at. At first I didn't, because I was still suffering from the effect of sleep. However, after about thirty seconds I could see what he was excited about.

"Some distance ahead at the same level, and about 50 degrees to my right (I was in the right seat), I saw a formation of aircraft [As we shall see later in the account none of the objects ever had an aircraft configuration]. In the middle was a large aircraft, and formed [in formation] to the right and left and above were four or five smaller aircraft. We were on a track of 270 degrees magnetic and these aircraft appeared to be maintaining station with us.

"As we had not been notified of this traffic, I radioed Kallgoorlie D.C.A. (Department of Civil Aviation) communications centre asking them what traffic they or RAFF had in our area. The answer was none. So I then notified Kallgoorlie that we had this formation in sight and they, in turn, notified some east bound traffic of the danger of unidentified traffic 130 NM east of Kallgoorlie.

"At about this time we lost communications with Kallgoorlie on all frequencies. We were receiving Kallgoorlie carrier wave with no voice propagation, only a hash and static. In the next minutes I transmitted about seven times and I believe Walter did about five times with no results.

"Also at about this time we noticed that the main ship split into two sections still maintaining the same level, and the smaller aircraft then flew out left and right but staying at the same level and coming back to the main halves of the bigger ship. At this time there appeared to be about six smaller aircraft taking turns of going out and coming back and forming on the two halves.

"Sometimes the two halves joined and split, and the whole cycle continued for ten minutes. The shape of the main ship seemed to have the ability to change, not drastically, but from, say a spheroid to a slightly elongated form with the colour maintaining a constant dark gray to black.

"However, the smaller craft had a constant cigar shape and were of a very dark colour. Their travel out and back had a peculiarity not associated with normal aircraft in that they appeared to travel out and come back without actually turning like a normal aeroplane would have to do.

"At 0950 G.M.T. the whole formation joined together as if at a single command, then departed at a tremendous speed. It did not disappear as, say, gas would, but it departed in about three or four seconds diminishing in size till out of sight.

"The weather at the time of the sighting was fine, with no haze above 5,000

feet and about 2/8 alto status cloud to the south of us and the other aircraft.” (xx.)

(xx.) Norman, Paul. “‘Motherships’ over Australia.” *Flying Saucer Review*. Volume 24, No.5. pp.9-10.

Paul Norman adds some notes at the end of the article that tells us radio communications became normal after the UFOs left the area, and that as best as the witnesses could tell, the bearing and distance of the UFOs from the Piper *Navajo* never changed during the encounter. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Navy icebreaker *Edisto*.

As in many famous UFO cases, authorities failed to follow up leads to gain a better understanding of a possible solution. The BOAC incident is no exception. According to a story in the Washington *Star*, the crew of the icebreaker *Edisto* may have seen the same object as the crew of the BOAC airliner:

“Two separate reports received at the Pentagon today mentioned the possibility of a mirage as an answer to the seven weird black objects which reportedly followed a British airliner for 80 miles Thursday night near Goose Bay, Labrador.

“The reports came from the Navy icebreaker *Edisto* in Ungava Bay, which is north of the Canadian province of Quebec, and from the Northeastern Air Command with headquarters at Pepperell Air Force Base, Newfoundland [Its not clear to me if the writer is referring to the BOAC encounter as the second sightings or a sighting by someone at Pepperell].

“The *Edisto* reported sighting an object which was first identified as the planet Mars.

“‘It appeared to change shape like a jellyfish, swimming to the westward,’ the report stated. ‘It also appeared as a dart at times. No satellites seen.

“‘Mirage effect had been pronounced during the day.’

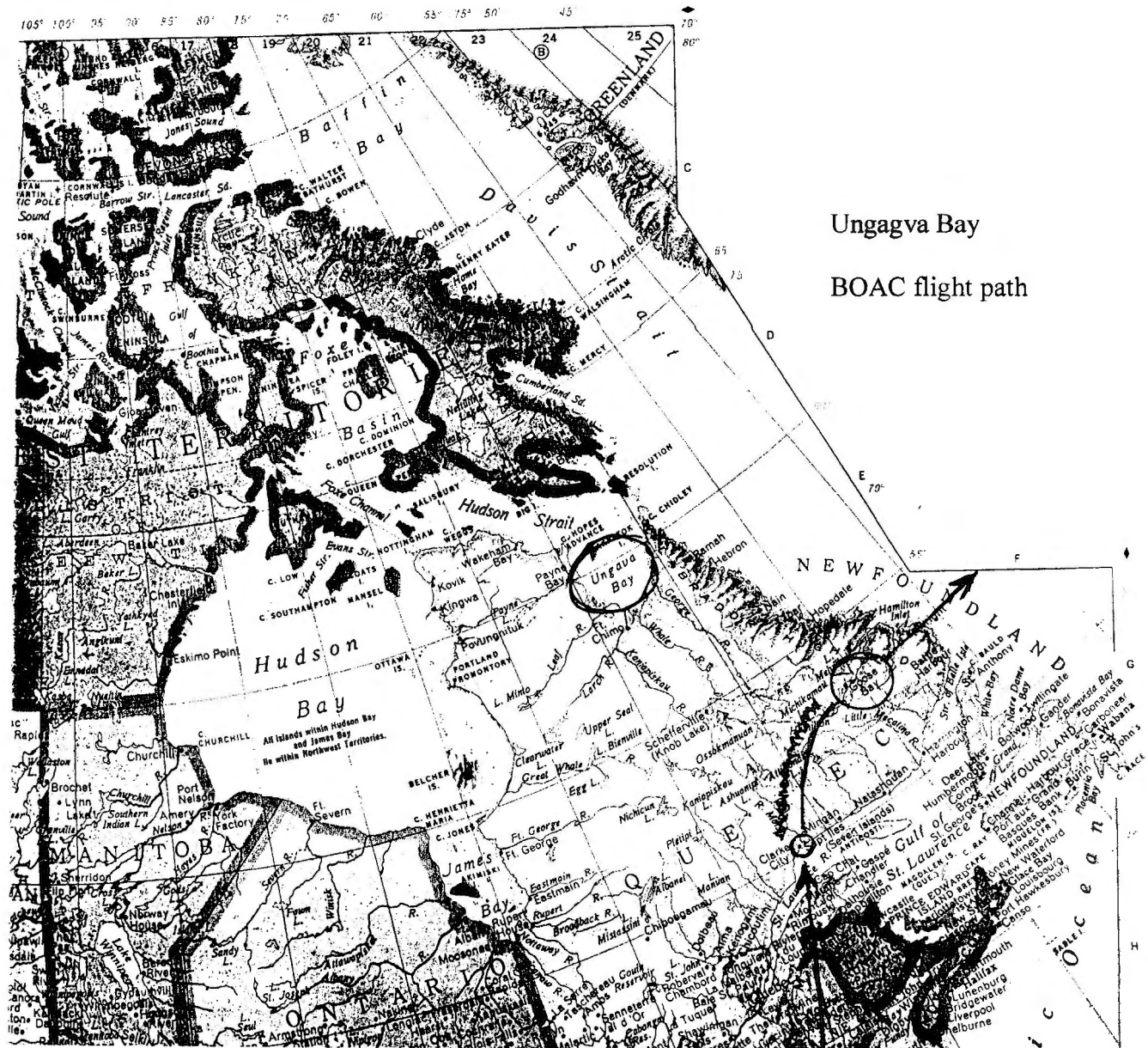
“The Northeast Air Command evaluated the sighting ‘as an unknown natural natural phenomena [Note that this is the same explanation used by the Condon report], possibly a mirage as temperature inversion in the area made this possible.” (xx.)

(xx.) Giles, John A. “Mirage Called possible Answer On Objects Seen By Flyers.” Washington, D.C. *Star*. 3 July 54.

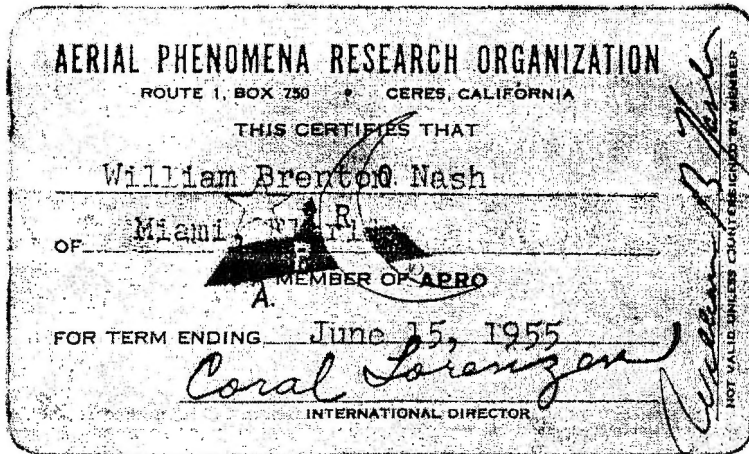
There are problems with this reporting by John Giles. First of all, no one is named. If it was a crew member of the *Edisto* responsible for the quote, no easy checking of the facts is possible. One might also believe it is someone in the airliner describing the UFO, but a careful read works against that. No satellites were seen and the UFO was going “west,” not north, northeast, following the BOAC flight path to Goose Bay. Moreover, the statement about mirage effects “during the day” indicates a ship on station, not an aircraft in the air space a few hours. One can’t help be impressed by the “shape changing” comments by the apparent *Edisto* observer. Its very tempting to believe the *Edisto* UFO was also the BOAC UFO. If true, that complicates the issue. The crew of the BOAC viewed their UFOs to the port side and Ungava Bay is also the

port side of the airliner. For the *Edisto* observer to see the same “mirage,” he would have to look south, southeast and would be viewing the “back” of the image. (See map below) The optics involved in this solution seem impossible.

An interesting thought is that when the BOAC airliner turned northeast and approached Goose Bay, the BOAC witnesses had the impression the “mother ship with its children aboard” got smaller and smaller as if pulling directly away. If that was the case and the UFO was a solid object, its trajectory might take it over Ungava Bay. (See map)







Coral
Lorenzen
(1954)

Summer 1954. Buck Lake near Cass Lake, Minnesota. (7:00 p.m.)

Report to Coral Lorenzen's APRO organization.

The surface winds were about 10 mph. The temperature was 75 degrees. Some 30% of the sky was covered with puffy Cirrus clouds, in other words it was a nice day.

A sheet of paper with the name of the witness is missing from APRO files but enough of the report remains to piece together the event that inspired a letter to Mrs. Lorenzen.

It seems a family and friends were spending some vacation time in the Minnesota woods when a UFO hove into view. According to the person making the report, a strange object went right over their cabin. At the time the witnesses' aunt was inside and noticed anything unusual except for a humming noise.

An uncle and a friend said they were out on lake in a boat fishing when they first spotted the UFO over the trees. They saw the object leave the trees and fly over to a position close to the cabin where it slowed to a crawl, [apparently passing over the structure at this point] as if observing. After that, the UFO sped up and was lost from sight.

The object was saucer-shaped [See drawing by witness] with two red lights, one bright and the other of lesser intensity. The location of the lights on the object was not indicated. The disk had no protrusions and appeared to be 60 feet in diameter. It was so big and so close its apparent size at arm's length was that of a dinner plate. There were two tall pine trees in the vicinity and the UFO skimmed slightly above them. Using the height of the trees as a guide, it was estimated that the UFO dropped as low as 60 feet above the ground. Estimated duration of sighting was one minute. (xx.)

(xx.) APRO files. Photocopy in author's files. Drawing by witness:



Summer 1954. Roxbury, Connecticut. (late afternoon)

"LOOK!"

This letter was found in NICAP(CSI?) files:

"On a bright, hot day in the summer of 1954, exact time unknown, late in the afternoon, Tony Barlow and his son Fred, who is 17 years of age, were leaving their home en-route to take a swim and where in the process of driving along Goodhill Road in Roxbury, Conn. The day was hot, sunny and to the best of their recollection, almost cloudless.

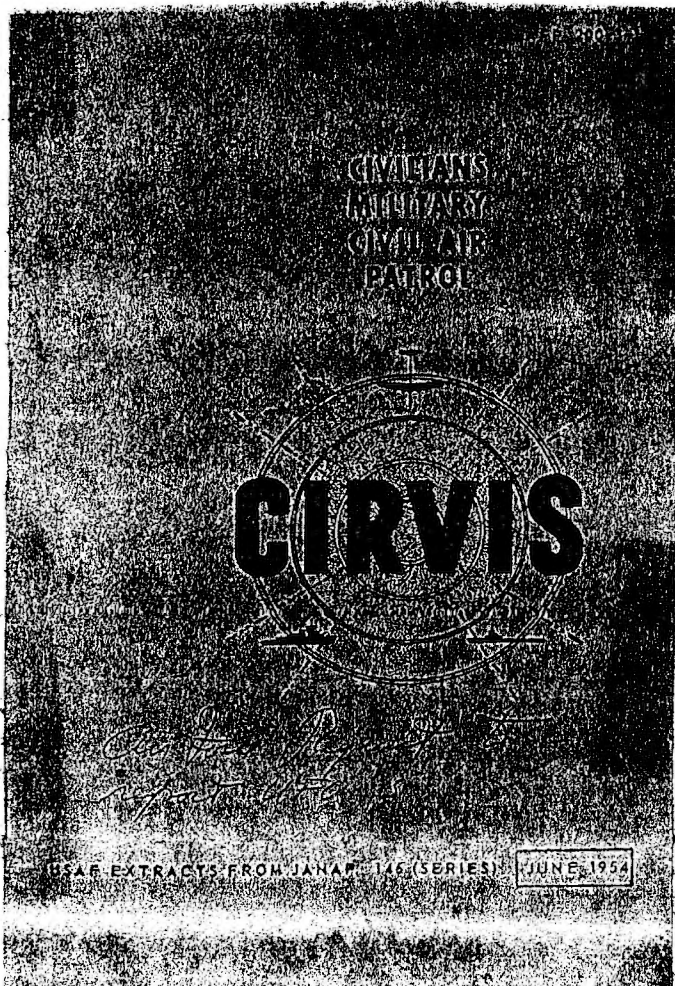
"As they drove along Goodhill Road, proceeding in a south-easterly direction, Fred grabbed his father's arm and quite excitedly told him to stop. Mr. Barlow stopped the car, looked at his son and found him pointing up into the sky to the south. He merely said 'Look.' When Mr. Barlow looked in the direction his son was pointing, he was somewhat nonplussed to see what he immediately took to be 'one of those flying saucers' even though he had never seen anything like this before nor had he read any 'saucer' books. The object which was saucer-shaped, was standing motionless in the sky, making no noise, emitting no smoke, glow or anything else that Mr. Barlow could notice. It was situated immediately underneath a cloud and gave Mr. Barlow the impression that it had lowered itself from the cloud for purposes of observation and also used the cloud as camouflage. There was just enough separation between the cloud and the object to observe a slit of blue sky above the top of the object. The object was silvery in color and looked definitely metallic. Fred agreed with his father on all details except he thought the object was cigar-shaped.

"The cloud was estimated by Mr. Barlow to be well over a mile from the point at which he was located although it would be difficult to tell exactly. He did feel that the object below it was as large or larger than a commercial airliner. Despite Mr. Barlow's lack of definite dimensions, whether it was an inch or ten miles away, he was very much impressed with what he saw. He did not notice any fins, wings, rudders, ports or anything else of that nature. He says that he was much too excited at the time to think of looking for details.

"Inasmuch as it appeared to be hovering over a farm house which was on their way, Mr. Barlow decided to drive on to get a better look. After driving a short distance, with The object still under observation by Fred, Mr. Barlow heard his son exclaim 'There it goes.' Fred told him that it just sort of glided off over the trees to the south. He only saw the movement for about a second or two before the trees obscured his view and said it travelled flat through the air and did not rise on its edge or change position. A few seconds later when they entered a clearing the object was no where in sight." (See drawings below) (xx.)

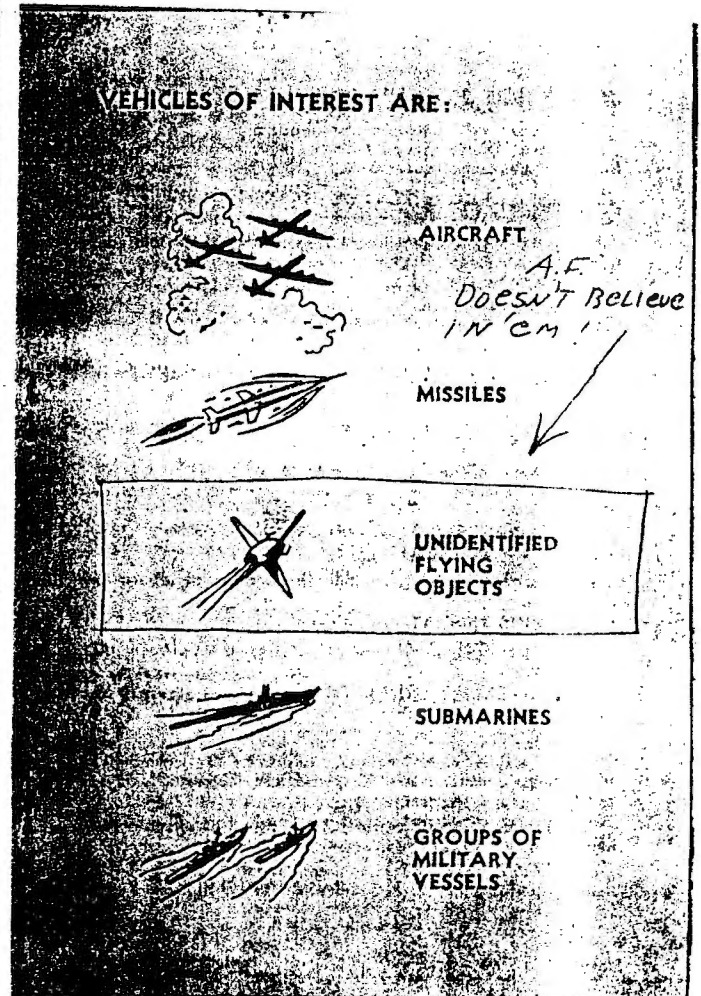


(xx.) NICAP files. CUFOs archives. Photocopy in author's files.



Air Force pamphlet placed in Capt. William Nash's Pan American mailbox at Miami International Airport.

An exasperated Capt. Nash couldn't resist a scribble.



5 July. Littleton Depot, Massachusetts. (about 3:00 p.m.)

A letter to APRO says:

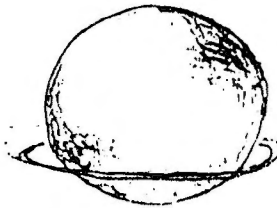
"Here, I believe, is a UFO report which may be significant: It comes from my daughter, Judy, aged 16. Yesterday she returned from a week's summer camp, at Littleton Depot, Massachusetts. She said that on Monday July 5th at about three p.m., while lying on the lawn, she had looked up to see a strange, sphere-like object crossing the sky from North to South at about 45 degrees above the horizon. It was moving at about twice the speed of the second hand of a watch and as she watched it, she saw it pass before and beneath some clouds. This was important,

because the clouds appeared still and she said there was no wind at ground-level. In apparent size it was about a third or fourth the size of the full moon. It seemed rather glass-like or metallic and strangest of all, there seemed to be a ring ('like about Saturn') which was horizontal in position and below the 'equator' of this sphere. (See drawing below)

"We have had a rash of weather balloons over this part of New England this summer which has caused a number of false 'saucer' reports. I have been called to see 'saucers' twice and through my telescope have clearly made out balloons. However, because of the shape of July's object, plus the matter of speed with no wind at ground level and also its passing beneath the clouds, one may assume that this was no balloon. What do you think it was?

"July called other young people out to look at it, but before they arrived, it had disappeared. It made no noise at any time, July said." (xx.)

Drawing of "Saturn object."



(xx.) UFO report investigated by APRO member Albert Baller. Date report filed: 7 July 54. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

5 July (and earlier) The Wilmington "100 object" clipping. (See page 25)

10 July. Numarket, New Hamshire. (11:55 p.m.)

Brilliant orange disc.

Our source states:

"A 'brilliant orange disc in the sky' was reported to have been seen by Newmarket residents at 11:55 p.m. last Saturday night.

"John and Marion Hunter, 9 Victoria Avenue, reported tat they saw the disc. 'It was surrounded by a lighter glow and left an exhaust-like trail,' they said.

"'On first sight it zig-zagged, then followed a straight course north to south. It appeared to be travelling at high speed but made no sound,' they said.

"(The *Era and Express* would be interested to know if any others saw the disc—Editor) (xx.)

(xx.) Newmarket, New Hamshire. *Era and Express*. 16 July 54.

11 July. Hunterdon, New Jersey. (about 9:00 a.m.)

"Saucer scurries along among the jets."

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100 Mystery Flying Objects Spotted Here

Air Force Permits Ground Observer Corps Release Data on Phenomena Sighted In Past 2 Years, Confirmed Elsewhere

More than 100 "unidentified flying objects"—many of which have been confirmed by the U. S. Air Force at the Baltimore Filter Center—have been sighted over Wilmington within the past two years, it was revealed yesterday for the first time.

The revelation was made by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bacon, supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps, a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, after permission had been granted by the Baltimore Filter Center and by Lt. Col. D. Preston Lee, director of the State Office of Civil Defense, to release the two-year "log" of the corps here.

Colonel Lee and Maj. Richard Dixon, filter center liaison officer to the Delaware CD director, conferred with Mrs. Bacon yesterday and gave her permission to publish the log.

Prior to this, reports made by observers at the GOC headquarters, Ninth and Rodney Streets, had been relayed promptly to the filter center in Baltimore. The Air Force then digested the reports, and advised the local GOC headquarters, but publication of the accounts was restricted to Air Force, CD and similar groups.

Mrs. Bacon said that Air Force

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and CD authorities formerly felt that releasing the reports to the public might "give people the idea that we are indulging in fantasies." Ninety-eight per cent of the UFO's sighted have been observed at night, the log shows. A typical log entry is the following:

"July 5 (the most recent)—Southwest of post (Ninth and Rodney Streets), flying southeast, a slow, blinking, greenish light with a fast-moving object, at 9:39 p. m. Air Force (filter center) said it was still trying to find it. It appeared the way the Air Force talked that they knew about it. 9:40—Air Force confirmed it as UFO." This report was signed by two members of the GOC, Robert O'Connor and Frank Garosi.

A June 14 report contains the following account:

"A bright light southwest of observation post (hovering). (Confirmed by Air Force.) Watched for 20 minutes and reported to filter center. Air Force told observers to keep constant watch. Object 70 miles from Wilmington and 15 miles in air. Thought to have been the one which hovered over Washington June 12. Baltimore Filter Center had it on radarscope for over two hours." The report was signed by Salvatore Puzgus, an observer.

The log also brings to light the so-called "mother ship," a mysterious object described as "long, cigar-shaped," which is supposed to have been sighted over Wilmington April 18, 1953, at about 11:15 a. m.

The so-called "mother ship" was sighted by Miss Margaret J. Curran, a ground observer, and was described as flying at a high rate of speed towards the northwest.

Mrs. Bacon explained that the UFO's reported by the GOC, many of which have been confirmed by the U. S. Air Force, are not the only type brought to her attention.

She explained that imaginative people call her home, at 2135 Faulkland Road, Stony Crest, "any time of night or day," reporting such things as "flashing lights" and the popular "flying saucers."

"One woman was so worked up that she told me over the telephone she had sighted a hammer and sickle in the sky. I just couldn't believe that," the GOC head explained, laughingly.

In the case of observers sighting authentic phenomena or any mysterious flying object, the information is immediately relayed to the Baltimore Filter Center.

A newspaper story states:

"The impressive spectacle of four mighty jet bombers flying several thousand feet above Hunterdon on Sunday morning, July 11, was made even more impressive to several independent observers by a tiny silver object which suddenly appeared beside one of the planes. At least one rattled spectator thought it was a bomb. But it took Mrs. Dennis Constantine and a pair of field glasses to identify the object as a flying saucer.

"It was about 9 a.m. that Mr. and Mrs. Constantine watched the formation flying West over Allerton. After a second, Mrs. Constantine dashed into the house to get her field glasses for a closer look.

" 'Just as I had sighted one of the rear planes,' she recounted, 'a silver dome shaped object, motorless, noiseless and glinting in the sun, came suddenly into my view. The planes, trailing streams of snowy vapor, were heading West. This strange object, which at first I believed to be an escort plane, appeared from out of nowhere and flew directly thru the trailing vapor behind the last plane and was heading northward. Then it swerved off and vanished.'

" 'If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't have believed it!' exclaimed Mrs. Constantine with amazement.

"When asked if she would report the saucer to the Army authorities, Mrs. Constantine only shrugged. 'What would be the use? They always label such reports as only 'figments of the imagination.' (xx.)

(xx.) Frenchtown, New Jersey. *Delaware Valley News*. 16 July 54.

14 July. St. Louis, Missouri. (7:50 a.m.)

Were the "Martians" spying on the Propulsion Laboratory of the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation? This case is covered on page 54 of my *UFOs: A History 1954 June-August*. Air Force advisor Dr. J. Allen was so impressed by the case he kept some original documentation in his personal files. (See Hynek's worksheet, *Naval Speed Letter*, and BLUE BOOK record card on pages 27-29.) (xx.)

(xx.) Original documents now in author's collection.

16 July. Air Force "Fact Sheets" and Capt. Robert White.

Airline Captain William Nash received a standard reply ("Fact Sheet") when he inquired about three 1952 UFO cases of note: the "Sutton Monster," the Desvergers "shot by a ray" incident, and the fascinating close up sighting of a strange machine by dairy farmer Fred Brown. (See "Fact Sheet" on page 30)

Capt. White didn't have to, but he added his own comments at the bottom of the page. Note that the PIO officer claimed ignorance of the only credible case, the Fred Brown report. It was a year and a half later. Why was the Air Force "unfamiliar" with it?

Civilian UFO investigator James Moseley didn't think Capt. White was a "bad" man at all. In a letter to Nash, Moseley wrote:

"I enjoyed your pun about the Air Force Fact Sheet—I always call them Joke

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INTERESTING CASES - AF IDENTIFIED

DATE July 14, 1954
 LOCAL TIME 0750 CDT
 LOCATION ST. Louis Missouri
 # OF OBJECTS 1
 DURATION 3-5 minutes
 # OF WITNESSES 10
 QUALIFICATIONS all w/ aeronautical experience
 WHAT WAS WITNESS DOING _____

UFO MOVEMENT approached from E, descended 30' to ground,
stopped on ground, elevated to 4', right angle turn to
North, advanced approx. 75' to 8' cyclone fence,
rose over fence to disappear in overcast. 3-8 M.A.R.

AF CLASSIFICATION DEBRIS IN AIR!
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REMARKS (QUOTES, OUR OBSERVATIONS, NOTES):

10 "reliable" people w/ aeronautical experience are
 going to mistake DEBRIS for UFO?

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Subj: Unidentified flying object; reporting of

FLYOBREP. In accordance with Ninth Naval District Instruction 3820.1 of 28 July 1954, the following is submitted for information:

1. Shape - irregular rectangle; size - 18"x18"x2"; color - pale milky white; number - one; aerodynamic features - none; trail or exhaust - none; propulsion system - none observed; speed - 3-8 MPH; sound - none; maneuvers - approach from East, descending from 30 feet to ground, stopped on ground, elevated to 4 feet, right angle turn to North, advanced approximately 75 feet to 8-foot cyclone fence, rose over fence to disappear in overcast. Appeared opaque and consistency of cotton candy or spun glass.
2. Sighted approximately 0750 CDT on 14 July 1954 for approximately 3-5 minutes.
3. Visual observation only from ground and automobiles.
4. Location of observers - in driveway and parking lot of Propulsion Laboratory, McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri. Location of object with respect to observers - 4-200 feet. Object observed from ground, and from passing automobile affording downward view.
5. Estimated 10 observers, 5 reporting. All McDonnell employees with aeronautical experience.
6. Weather and winds - overcast, Southeast light and variable, 2-6 MPH.

~~7. No activity or condition which might account for sightings~~

Director of Naval Intelligence
Commander Eastern Sea Frontier, 90 Church Street, New York 7, New York

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P. O. Box 516
St. Louis 3, Missouri

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8. No photographs taken. Search revealed no fragments.

9. Object followed by one observer at approximately 5 foot distance. No attempt made to contact.

All observers believed completely reliable. Observers could not identify as any known material. Proximity lends credence to experience.

Lateness of report due to this activity having been only recently advised of sighting.

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1. DATE <u>14 July 1954</u>	2. LOCATION <u>St. Louis, Missouri</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>DEBRIS IN WIND</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0750</u> GMT <u>04/1350Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>3 - 5 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE <u>NE-Sta</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Milky white rectangular object. No trail or sound, speed 3-8 MPH appeared opaque. (NO CASE IN FILE)		11. COMMENTS <u>OTHER: DEBRIS IN WIND</u>



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 16, 1954

Dear Mr. Nash:

This is in reply to your recent request for information surrounding specific sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

While such information is not classified, except where it touches on the operating capabilities of our equipment, the volume of requests, combined with our limited personnel strength, has made it impossible for the Air Force to supply details of individual sightings.

We recognize that "flying objects" have fired the imagination of the public. However, the primary responsibility of the Air Force is to investigate anything in our skies which could conceivably represent a threat to the security of the United States. It is not within our province to speculate on whether there is life on other planets or whether space craft could, in fact, exist.

To date, we have not received any authentic evidence which would indicate that, given all necessary facts, each sighting could not be explained in a natural, unsensational, manner. Should any significant development arise from our investigations, a public announcement will be made.

We regret that we cannot supply the information you request. However, I am enclosing a current information bulletin which summarizes the status of our investigation of unidentified aerial phenomena. I hope you will find it interesting and informative.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. White
ROBERT C. WHITE
Captain USAF

Encl: Fact Summary

As stated in the enclosed fact summary, it is contrary to our policy to identify hoaxes in order to avoid embarrassing innocent parties. However, I might state that our investigations failed to substantiate the claims of Mr. Desvergers, and that nothing was revealed at Sutton, W. Va. to indicate a "flying saucer" had landed. We are unfamiliar with the experience of Mr. Brown.

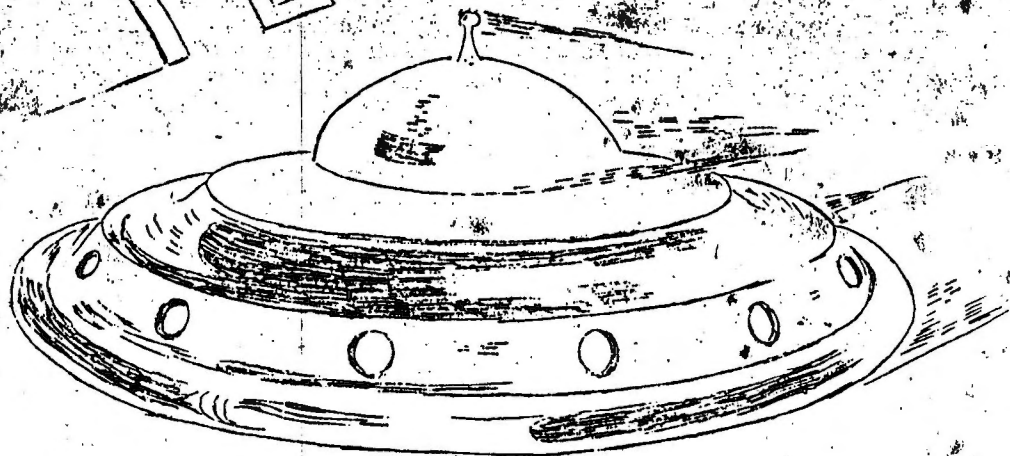
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Sheets myself. I know Lt. White; he is the officer I always talk to when I am in the Public Information Office. He is really a good man himself, and has told me privately that he deplors the super-secrecy of the top brass in Air Intelligence, and would personally like to see the saucer investigation taken out of their hands and given to a civilian scientific group. White's hands are tied, however, and he can only give out to the public what he is told to say. The Fact Sheets come to him from Wright-Patterson, as I understand it (or at least the latest one did), so he just signs them and gives them out." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Capt. William Nash. From: Jim [James] Moseley. Date: 16 July 54.
William Nash files. Photocopy in author's files.

22 July. Port Huron, Michigan.
(?-11:00 a.m.)

"Zig-zagging egg." (See clipping)

24 July. Wilks-Barre, Pennsylvania.

UFOs and radar. (See clipping)

24 July. Chisamba, Northern Rhodesia.
(night)

"I stood there petrified." (See clipping)

7-24-54 "Saucer" Shone Lights

"Sunday Times" Correspondent
CHISAMBA, Saturday. — A "flying saucer" has been reported over Northern Rhodesia near Chisamba. It moved off at great speed in a north-westerly direction.

Mr. Eric Williams, from the Ploughman's Arms, who saw it, said: "I just stood there petrified with fear as this saucer-shaped thing became stationary over a big tree not far from my inn. It was a clear moonlight night and the object was quite distinct."

"From its belly shone two green beams and roughly I estimate that it was 100 ft. in diameter and about 30 ft. at its deepest point. It simply hung there in front of me, buzzing for 30 seconds."

Woman Sights Egg-Shaped Object Zig-Zagging In Sky

An egg-shaped object which zig zagged at a slow speed and came to a standstill in mid-air was reported spotted in the sky over Port Huron today.

Mrs. William A. Strable, 2965 Cherry Hill drive, in Fort Gratiot township, said she became "frightened" by the movements of the object, which she viewed from her back yard until it disappeared, about 11 a.m.

"I HAPPENED to glance in the sky and saw this large object which appeared to be silver-colored moving out towards the lake," Mrs. Strable said.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. It came to a standstill and then started to move again at about 25 miles an hour. It shot

downward, went back up and started to zig-zag.

"It looked very round and had a hump in the middle like an egg. This appeared to be enclosed by flat sides.

"WHEN IT STARTED its sudden movements, I became frightened and called for my neighbor to look at it. But the object had disappeared when we looked back into the sky," Mrs. Strable said.

Mrs. Strable, who was wearing dark-colored sun glasses at the time, said she had "never seen anything like it in her life."

"It wasn't too high and I got a pretty good look at it. I'm sure it was not a balloon or a common airplane. There was no sound to it," Mrs. Strable added.

A WEATHER spokesman at Selfridge Air Force Base said the wind early today was coming from the north from ground level to an altitude of almost 40,000 feet.

The local Coast Guard Station reported that the wind here at noon was coming from the northeast at 18 miles an hour.

The object, however, was moving east toward the lake, Mrs. Strable said.

Port Huron, Michigan
Times-Herald
22? July 54.

**Flying Saucers Seen
Near Radar Station**
WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 24
UN.—They're in again, those flying saucers.
Radio station WBRE reported last night it had received calls every day this week from persons reporting they saw mysterious objects in the sky.
A news reporter for the radio station said some of the objects were reported in the area of the U. S. Air Force radar station at Red Rock, Pa.

Late? July. Winnipeg, Canada. (daytime)

“Look, Flying Saucers.”

A letter to the editor said:

“Sir; I was interested to read an account of the Flying Discs, because my daughter, her husband, and myself were in Bruce Park, St. James, when the little boy called our attention with loud exclamations of ‘Look, Flying Saucers!’ And there, in the sky were the five objects, which, when moving, belie the word ‘flying’ because while for a short time they seemed in formation, they broke up, some going up, some going lower than the others, but with what seemed like a ‘hovering’ manner. Then as we watched them disappearing, one certainly turned and came back and so low the trees hid it from sight for a short while, then it disappeared.

“They shone very brightly, just like planes do when they pass through the sun’s rays made me think that as soon as they are out of the sun, they seemingly disappear. Strangely enough, there was no sound, as one would have expected, if five planes had been in the vicinity of the discs.

(Signed): Laura Burns.” (xx.)

(xx.) Winnipeg, Canada. *Winnipeg Free Press*. 28 July 54. (St. James is a Winnipeg suburb)

30 July. Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. (night)

Football-shaped.

A Reuters dispatch stated: “Residents here today reported seeing two flying saucers overhead last night. Described as football-shaped, they were clearly visible for 30 minutes before moving straight upwards and disappearing into the sky, the eye-witnesses said.” (xx.)

(xx.) Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. July 31, 1954 (Reuters)

? August. Boston, Massachusetts. (5? or 6? p.m. EDT)

Medal of Honor winner sees UFOs.

Weather: The day of the sighting was absolutely clear of clouds.

Witnesses: There were six witnesses, the primary ones being the Carter brothers, Paul and James. Paul Carter had been a pilot in WWII with 1800 flying hours, and during his tour of duty he had won the Congressional Medal of Honor. Here is the contents of an interesting report about what Carters and four other people viewed on an August afternoon in 1954:

“While helping repair the roof of Mr. Paul Carter’s house, his brother Jim happened to glance up to the N.W. and saw what he at first thought to be four balloons

moving toward the west. Then he realized the objects were circling against the prevailing wind and he called Paul's attention to them. At this point the objects appeared at about eye level to the men on the roof and were estimated to be larger than the size of a fist held at arm's length.

"The objects continued their circling motion passing out over Boston harbor before turning inland again. On the inland arc the objects were closer to the observers and Paul Carter estimated their apparent diameter at 10 to 12 inches, and their height at 2500 feet at their closest approach. The objects maintained rigid formation at all times [See drawings on page 35] as if invisibly held together, never varying in relation to each other's position.

"After approximately one pass had been completed, Paul, realizing the unconventional nature of the objects, left the roof to call the Bedford Air Force Base control tower about what he was watching. (Bedford Air Force base containing MIT's Lincoln Laboratory was within the area being circled by the objects.) He knew the Control tower number since he flew private planes in and out of Bedford.

"Bedford responded that they knew 'all about it' and abruptly hung up. Paul, returning outside, grabbed his camera which was on a nearby table. He was in time to snap at least one and possibly three color pictures (he is now not sure of the number) as the objects made another pass.

"Throughout the entire sighting the objects were totally soundless and appeared not to reflect the sun.

"After two or three passes (Jim thinks two while Paul remembers three) the objects, still in formation, accelerated suddenly up into the sky. In following their path the observers saw the flashing of a Lincoln Laboratory reflector experiment (see below). To the right of the reflector could be seen a 'gray cloud' toward which the formation of objects were lost from sight because of their great distance.

"Paul Carter called the Bedford tower again and spoke to a Colonel who attempted to explain the sighting as a metallic reflector attached to a balloon which had been sent up as part of an experiment by the Lincoln Laboratory (reflector dimensions - 40' x 40' or 20' x 20').

"While speaking with the Colonel, Paul heard in the background over the phone the scrambling of two jet interceptors, presumably after the UFOs.

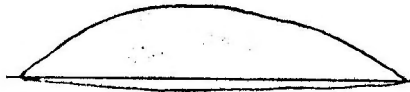
"Not satisfied with this explanation, Paul Carter got in touch with a friend of his who was stationed at Bedford in the Air Force, then Tech. Sgt. Frederick Menard who now lives in Minnesota. He asked Sgt. Menard to try to get a look at the control tower log to see what had really gone on. The next day Sgt. Menard found that page missing that pertained to the UFO activity and was sternly warned that he would face disciplinary action if he persisted in his searching.

"Paul Carter sent his film containing the UFO snapshots(s) to be processed through normal drugstore channels. After not receiving the processed film for what seemed a reasonable length of time, inquiries were made by Mr. Carter and he was told by letter from the Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, that his film had been confiscated! No amount of further inquiry yielded a response and Mr. Carter dropped the whole affair. (Mr. Carter was not able to locate the letter from Kodak for our interview although he believes he still may have it among his personal effects.) [The Air Force did have an officer screening photographs at the Kodak processing center. I do not know, however, his exact duties or how the thousands of civilian pic-

tures are scanned and those of interest flagged for closer examination. It would stand to reason Kodak employees would do preliminary sorting. This system would also, I imagine, require a much greater monitoring of UFO activity than that practiced by BLUE BOOK in order to track down UFO photos taken by the public—L.E. Gross.]

“Comment: The area enclosed by the circling objects seemed so large that one cannot pinpoint any specific location that may have attracted their interest.

“It is difficult at this time to assess Air Force policy in 1954 but in view of the fact that this sighting does not appear in those parts of Air Force records which have been published and if the picture confiscation is true then there must be a large mass of material that was at one time classified and still remains so in spite of current protestations to the contrary.” (xx.)



Interviewer's sketch based on witness's description

Formation maintained by objects
throughout sighting.

(xx.) Letter: To: Mrs. Coral Lorenzen. APRO. 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85716. From: Joseph Nymah, 19 Longmeadow Road, Medfield, Massachusetts, 02052. Date: 23 April 68. APRO files. Photocopy in author's Files.

1 August. Burrumbeet, Australia. (8:17 p.m.)

Like the planet Saturn?

A press account states:

“What was the mystery light that some Ballarat residents saw in the western sky for about two minutes on Sunday night? Tramwayman Mr. T.E. Carter said last night that his attention to the light was drawn by a passenger boarding his tram at 8:17. The tram was at Dawson St., going west in Sturt St.

“‘The light was a bright white one, about 5 inches in diameter and was perfectly still. It looked for all the world like the planet Saturn, but was about 4 times bigger,’ Mr. Carter said. He added that he and several passengers watched it until the tram reached Drummond St. two minutes later. The light, which Mr. Carter placed as being over Burrumbeet, then shot upwards and away and as it disappeared its colour changed to a

bright orange. The light gradually faded right out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) (Ballarat), Australia. *Ballarat Courier*. 4 August 54.

4 August. Lubbecke, Germany. (night)

Orange discs.

According to the German press UFOs were reported in the skies of Westphalia: "Several persons observed over the Wiehen mountains near Lubbecke three bright discs of orange-red Colour in the night sky, flying quickly from the East to the West. As eye witnesses reported On Wednesday (4 August) the puzzling objects were clearly visible." (xx.)

(xx.) Lippstadt, Germany. *Der Patrici*. 6 August 54. NICAP files. (Many of the foreign language clippings in NICAP files were translated) CUFOS archives.

6 August. Darmstadt, Germany. (9:45 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.)

"Uncounted pairs of eyes."

The German press published:

"Darmstadt, 7 August—Mysterious objects circled Friday night in the sky over Darmstadt. Uncounted pairs of eyes watched the unknown flying machines between (9:45 and 11:15 p.m.

"Eugen 'Hein?' [name not clear], officer on duty at Darmstadt police headquarters told *Bild*: "In the yard of headquarters I saw many of my fellow-officers look intently at the sky. Three fiery, yellow-red objects circled there at about 6,000 meters altitude. No motor noise could be heard. We felt as if watching an aerial battle."

"Lorenz Schneider, on duty on the Bismark Tower, relates: 'All three flying objects were easily recognizable [?], like airplanes. But they changed their directions so suddenly as no known type of aircraft can.'

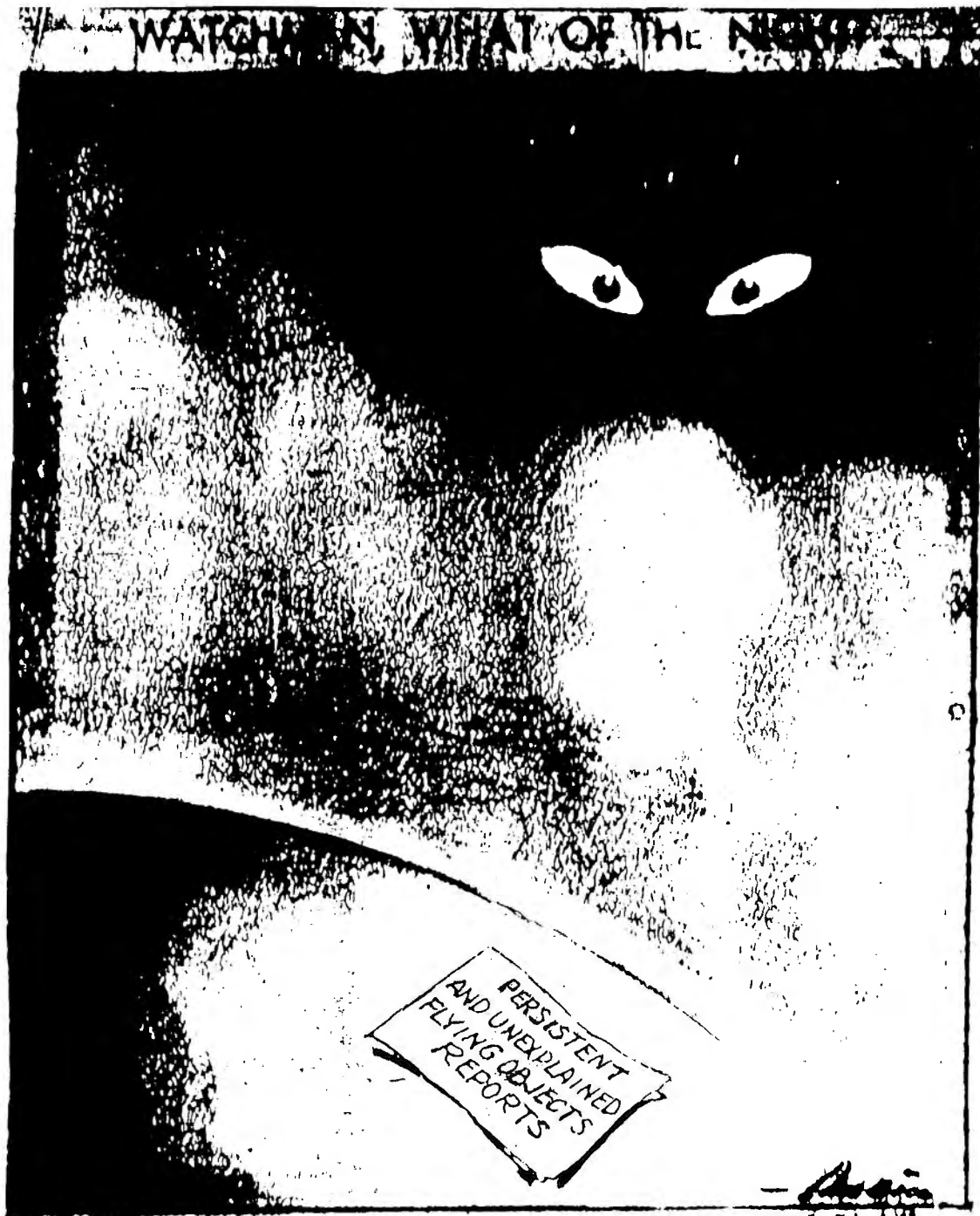
"Since May 1953 this is the tenth time that saucers were sighted over Darmstadt. Twenty-four hours earlier, saucers were observed from Schteswig, North Germany." (xx.)

(xx.) Hamburg, Germany. *Bild Zeitung*. 7 August 54. NICAP files. CUFOS Archives.

5? August. Watchman, What of the Night? (See cartoon from *Los Angeles Examiner* on page 37)

Brazil. Varig airline sighting. Dr. Olaves Fontes begins his UFO career.

Olaves Fontes, a Brazilian physician who had friends in the military and government, began to take an interest in the UFO problem just as sightings became numerous in Latin America. He



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started out by sending news clippings to Robert Gribble, director of the Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence organization, Seattle, Washington. (See original clippings on pages 39-40 now in the author's collection). Fontes also provided English translations and tried his hand at writing his own UFO bulletin (See part of the original draft on page 41. All of the Fontes material was donated by Robert Gribble)

7 August. Near Hemmingford, Quebec, Canada. (evening)

A really, really strange story. Children chased by a "big man."

Here is the story based on a contemporary news account and an interview conducted only 11 days after the supposed event:

"On the evening of August 7, 1954, according to a local press account, Gabriel and Henri Coupal, 13 and 11-year-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coupal, who lived near Hemmingford, Quebec (just north of the New York state line above Plattsburgh), reported having seen an object land in a field on their farm, and its 'pilot' get out. In a taped interview a few weeks after the event, the boys and their mother described in more detail the circumstances of the encounter.

"The two boys had gone off to one of the fields to pick peas following supper. Hearing a buzzing sound 'like bees,' Gabriel looked up to see a luminous and multi-coloured object descending near a barn; hovering some feet above the earth, the spherical, 9-foot object turned black and a shaft appeared at the bottom, extending downward into the ground and, according to the older boy, 'making like a ladder.' An opening appeared and a very tall man emerged. Badly frightened, Gabriel grabbed his younger brother and the two fled to their house. As they raced home on the back of their single horse, Henri looked back and said, 'I see a big man coming after us.'

"According to notes made from the taped interview, the boys described the 'man' as being seven or eight feet tall and dressed in a skin-tight, black rubber suit, except for the head. He was well-built and carried in his hand what the boys described as a 'machine gun.' Apart from their description of the man's 'great big round eyes,' he was entirely human in appearance, although his black hair 'was not combed like the men around here,' being cut 'differently' and 'not very long....'

"The interesting thing about the Hemmingford sighting is that while no further observations of the 'tall man' were made, Mrs. Coupal reported that the object remained in the vicinity for more than an hour following the boys' initial encounter, apparently touching down briefly several times in the neighborhood. It was observed by a large number of people, including Mr. C. E. Petch, a Hemmingford agronomist, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Laurie, over whose home the object briefly hovered. Further, Mr. Petch, examining one of the reported landing sites, told of finding traces in the ground and skid marks in the grass." (xx.)

(xx.) Bloecher, Ted. "UFO Landing and Repair by Crew." *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 20, No.3. 1974. p.26. Also: Huntington, Quebec, Canada. *The Gleaner*.

"Um Disco Voador Perseguiu Meu Avião Durante 2 Horas"

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ESTRANHA VISÃO NO CÉU
OBJETO LUMINOSO SEGUIU O AVIÃO COMERCIAL ①
desaparecendo depois, rumo do Atlântico. — Avistado por pilotos comerciais e por um avião militar

Um objeto descrito por avia-
dores como sendo "de extrema
luminosidade", acompanhou, on-
tem à noite, o avião de prefixo
VBO, da Varig, de Florianópolis
a Santos.

O estranho fato foi oficial-
mente comunicado à Diretoria
de Defesa Aérea, do Ministério
da Aeronáutica, pelos coman-
dantes dos aviões VBO e VBF.
Este último vencia de São Pau-
lo para Porto Alegre e também
avistou o objeto.

Se sabe que, em seus relató-
rios, nenhum dos pilotos falam
em "disco voador", as descri-
ções do objeto coincidem com as
que têm sido feitas em outros
países com referência aos "dis-
co voadores".

O comandante do aparelho que
viajava de São Paulo para

cebeu o objeto, que parecia se-
guir o seu avião na altura de
Florianópolis, aproximadamente
às 22 horas.

Voando a extraordinária vele-
cidade, o objeto, excepcional-
mente acompanhava o aparelho,
ora por cima, ora por baixo, ora
por um dos lados. Na altura de
Paranaguá, o comandante apa-
gou todas as luzes do avião, na
esperança de não ser mais se-
guido, temendo algum acidente.
O objeto, porém, continuou a
acompanhá-lo até Santos, onde
tomou o rumo do Atlântico.

Um avião da FAB também
avistou o objeto na altura de
Santa Cruz, entre Santos e Rio
de Janeiro, pouco depois do avião da Va-
rig haver visto o objeto em San-
tos.

Alegre. Um funcionário do Ser-
vício de Despacho, entretanto,
adiantou o seguinte:

— Realmente, meu caro, a
coisa pegou fogo. O Comandan-
te Nagib, que realizava seu se-
gundo ou terceiro voo, pertur-
bou-se bastante com o aconte-
cido. Para que se faça uma
idéia do seu estado nervoso,
basta dizer que o rapaz resol-
veu pernoitar em São Paulo;
viajou, ainda, cerca de duas
horas sem se aborrecer a acender
as luzes...

As autoridades da Aeronáu-
tica, baseadas nos minuciosos
relatórios que serão fornecidos
pelos tripulantes das três aéro-
naves, empreenderão diligen-
cias no sentido de esclarecer o
assunto.

F. A. B.

Também não foi possível
qualquer informação, por par-
te da FAB. Embora já a par
do assunto, mais por informa-
ções dos próprios jornais, uma
vez que ainda não tem em mão
os relatórios das três tripula-
ções, aguardam as autoridades
serenamente os acontecimentos.

A tripulação do PP-VBF, car-
gueiro da VARIG, fazia o per-
curso Porto Alegre-Rio, com
relativa tranquilidade. O tem-
po firme era, positivamente,
uma garantia. Foi quando, à
altura de Paranaguá, o Coman-
dante Nagib viu o "troço".
Olhou a primeira, segunda e
terceira vez. Positivamente não
estava sonhando. Chamou o
piloto e, quase sem poder falar,
apontou um estranho objeto lu-
minoso que parecia perseguir
seu avião. O piloto, por sua vez,
também presa de forte emoção,
"viu" o que mais tarde admiti-
ria tratar-se de um "disco voa-
dor".

Na VARIG

Acontece que nem só o co-
mandante Nagib e seus tripu-
lantes, viram o estranho obje-
to. Mais dois aparelhos (um
civil e outro militar) testemu-
nharam o fenômeno.

Nossa reportagem entrou em
contato com a direção da Va-
rig a fim de entrevistar o co-
mandante Nagib. Fomos infor-
mados, porém, de que aquele
piloto já viajara para Porto

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Em São Paulo: uns vêm outros não vêm disco voador

Um aparelho estranho, veloz e brilhante, cortou na madrugada de anteontem, por duas vezes, os céus do bairro paulista de Pinheiros (respectivamente às três e às cinco e meia horas), causando nas ruas um pequeno tumulto de gente sonolenta, saída das casas para observar o fenômeno.

Um dos motoristas de praça, que telefonaram aos jornais dando notícia do acontecimento, declarou à reportagem da Asapress: "Posso lhe garantir que vi o disco-voador. Era um aparelho brilhante, com um som diferente do dos aviões, e percorria o céu em grande velocidade".

NHã —, Terça-feira, 10 de Agosto de 1954

AVIACÃO

REVIVE O CASO DOS "DISCOS-VOADORES" ③

Estranho objeto luminoso foi visto nos céus de Florianópolis por um comandante de um avião comercial

São Paulo, 9 (Meridional) — Afirma a tripulação de um avião da "Varig" que seguia na noite de anteontem de Porto Alegre, para o Rio de Janeiro, ter avistado um objeto luminoso. "que seguiu o aparelho a partir de Florianópolis, desaparecendo somente na altura de Santos e em direção ao Atlântico".

O aparecimento do estranho objeto (uma "forte luminosidade", como a descreveu posteriormente o comandante da aeronave) verificou-se por volta das 10 horas da noite de sexta-feira última e movimentou os serviços oficiais de proteção ao voo até a madrugada de ontem.

O cargueiro da "Varig", de prefixo "PP.VBF", informa que, diante do súbito aparecimento do estranho objeto luminoso, desceu no aeroporto de Congonhas, deixando de prosseguir voo rumo ao Rio.

Vendo que estava sendo seguido por um objeto misterioso, altamente luminoso e veloz, e cuja velocidade, luminosidade e altura variavam rapidamente, determinou o comandante que se apagassem todas as luzes do avião e aterrou em São Paulo. "A forte luminosidade" — acentua a tripulação — apareceu primeiramente sobre Florianópolis, e depois reapareceu na altura de Paranaguá.

Usando o rádio, o comandante comunicou-se com o companheiro de outro avião também um avião-cargueiro da companhia que vinha em sentido contrário, ou seja do Rio de Janeiro para Porto Alegre. Também essa aeronave, de prefixo "PP.VBQ", cuja tripulação assegurou igualmente ter visto o objeto luminoso cortando o ar, interrompeu a viagem, descendo em São Paulo, onde as tripulações levaram a estranha e sensacional ocorrência ao conhecimento das autoridades do Ministério da Aeronáutica.

Os técnicos do Serviço de Proteção ao Voo do Ministério da Aeronáutica, manifestaram-se bastante surpresos com o fato. Afirmaram que está positivado que algo de estranho ocorreu e que será objeto da mais rigorosa pesquisa por parte das autoridades da Aeronáutica. Para tanto, foram solicitados relatórios minuciosos aos comandantes das duas aeronaves civis e ao piloto do avião militar, que também avistou o objeto luminoso na altura de Santa Cruz, entre São Paulo e o Rio.

THE BRAZILIAN FLYING SAUCER REVIEW - PART I : "THE V.A.R.I.G. AIRLINER INCIDENT."

Before 1954 no flying saucer large-scale reconnaissance had been reported over Brazil. I had analysed the situation and found it very strange. All the evidence and information collected through the world since 1947 seemed to show that a continuous, careful and methodical world-wide, long-range survey was in progress, and that periodic mass investigation over selected areas, or countries, was to be expected. But nothing of this had been observed in South America, particularly in Brazil. Why? Could it be that the saucers had no special interest about these lands? I studied the problem and came to the conclusion that the answer was "No". If the pattern was right if they were solid objects, devised, operated and controlled by intelligences equal or superior to ours, making a planet wide study, this should not have happened. It is true that a few sightings had been reported in 1947, 1948, and 1953. But too few to be considered as positive evidence. As the case was I had no choice. So, I dismissed the ~~space-ship~~ ^{craft} theory and concluded that the so-called "unknown" could be explained on the basis of a new type of natural phenomenon still not recognized by science, and not abundant in my country.

I was entirely wrong.

In July, 1954, came the first signs that a new ~~spacecraft~~ ^{spacecraft} ~~space-ship~~ ^{spacecraft} mass operation was beginning. This time Europe seemed to be the target, especially the British islands, France, Italy and Germany. In August the sighting curve rapidly stepped up. Flying singly, in pairs, or in group formations, the strange ~~machines~~ ^{craft} were seen, day after day, all over these countries by thousands of persons. In September the sighting curve was still rising. October was the peak month. In November, however, the survey rapidly slowed down and suddenly stopped, as suddenly as it had started.

In Brazil, at first, nobody was interested in the subject. The situation was calm. No one suspected it was the calm before the storm.

On the night of August ~~6th~~ ^{6th} came the first case. And a very good one. At 5:00 P.M. a V.A.R.I.G. DC-3 took off from Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul. It was on a scheduled trip to Rio de Janeiro, without intermediate stops in between. The pilot was the Commander Nagib Ayub. The other members of the crew were: R. Pinheiro da Silva, the co-pilot and R.F. Godinho, the radio operator. According to the flight plans, the airplane was going to fly at 2,100 meters from Porto Alegre to Florianopolis; at 2250 meters from Florianopolis to Santos; and at 2100 again from Santos to Rio. Between Florianopolis and Santos the flight was going to be all over the sea.

At 7:00 P.M. the airliner passed over Florianopolis, at 2,250 meters. It was a pitch-black night; a high overcast even cut out the glow from the stars. The plane was now over the sea. Suddenly the pilot noticed a very bright red light, that

18 August 54. And: Interview with witnesses by Dr. Adolph Dittmar, 28 August 54.

The “landing” problem.

This Hemmingford “landing” case is notable in that a flood of similar reports would soon come out of Europe. In this instance, there was enough “evidence” to suggest a real event: young children apparently too naïve to fabricate a coherent story, other sightings in the immediate vicinity, and ground traces. Yet, the story was also too absurd to believe because it was nothing like a “envisioned landing scenarios” in serious literature or even many sci-fi dramas.

In the coming months “landing” cases, like the alleged Hemmingford incident, would mention just a few “crew men” (often only one) operating out of craft too small to be any sort of long-range vehicle. Also, the reported touchdowns were brief affairs with no apparent serious purpose. One would think any such activity would be elaborate and require much planning for optimal results. Very few “landings” involve tools or equipment being used by the “aliens” to “do a job.” Furthermore, landing sites were primarily rural places with no apparent technical or scientific interest to warrant attention. It also might be said that security concerns were lacking, the “aliens” more than once encountering witnesses at close quarters by surprise. Moreover, the “aliens” showed little curiosity or fear of humans, as if such visits were routine. There were exceptions to all of the above but there was enough “good” cases to suggest the points made are valid.

Everything considered, it was much easier to consider the landing stories as tall tales.

Ariel School, Ruwa, Zimbabwe.

For more than a few students of the UFO mystery, doubts about “landing stories” were a lot harder to entertain after an incident that occurred in 1994 in Zimbabwe. It might help to review the Ariel School case before reading the “improbable” European landings of 1954. Right off it should be pointed out that this Zimbabwe report contains all of the absurd “landing characteristics” just listed, however, can 60 or more kids be wrong? UFOlogist Michael Hesemann tells what happened at the 10 o’clock morning recess at Ariel School on September 16, 1994:

“...with the ring of the bell children started to pour out of the little classrooms of the Ariel School.

“That morning they were alone on the playground, without the supervision of their 13 teachers, who had a meeting in the conference room of the office of head master, Mr. Colin Mackie. Some of the children suddenly saw a purple light in the sky above the forest, which kept coming and going. And then, a disc appeared, a huge, shiny craft with a flat dome on top, surrounded by yellow lights or portholes and extending tripod landing gear. It came down close to a rock on the other side of the marsh area, between the trees on the edge of the forest. Balls of light or miniature discs appeared and flew around for a short while. The pupils who saw it now started to scream out of surprise and fear. This drew the attention of nearly everyone on the playground, and within seconds the limit of the schoolyard on that side was thronged by about hundred pupils who all watched the incredible spectacle.

"Now all the children who were close by observed something coming out of the disc. First one, then a second, finally a third figure exited the craft from the back of its dome, beings in shiny, tight-fitting black overalls with dark faces, two of them bald, the third with long, black hair, about 4-5 feet tall. They had big black eyes, which some of the young witnesses described as 'like a cat's eyes,' tiny little mouths and small noses. Some of the children could see a metal band around the head. All the younger children were scared and started crying. The entities—some saw only two of them, depending on the perspective[This is one of the strongest bits of evidence of the reality of the event]—jumped down from the top of the saucer and moved slowly and wobbled. Whereas one of them went behind a tree, another one came closer and stared in the direction of the children who all started screaming at once. 'Look at its eyes,' one of them shouted, 'they are so ugly.' But a few of them were unusually silent. Deep inside themselves they heard a voice, telling them there was nothing to fear. They had just come to warn them that Earth was going to be destroyed by mankind itself...

"At that moment, some of the children ran to the headmaster's office to tell the teachers what had just happened on the playground. But nobody wanted to believe them. One boy ran to the only adult on the playground, Mrs. Alyson Kirkman, a mother who was on voluntary duty at the snack bar on this day. But when the boy told her about the UFO and the aliens, she just said: 'Pull my other leg.' She could not believe him, nor was she ready to leave the snack bar with the money in her cash box, nor could she leave her stock of sweets and cookies alone.

"After about three minutes the creatures went back to the ship, and lights started to flash, before the disc itself disappeared in a burst of light.

"Now, after they finished their meeting, the first group of teachers came out, to see what was going on, after more and more children had come into the conference room to tell them about the strange encounter. But when they finally appeared on scene, everything was already over. What remained was excitement for many and trauma for some. Some children suffered from nightmares for the next few weeks or months, in some cases years. One boy underwent a psychological crisis and started bedwetting because his parents did not believe him." (xx.)

(xx.) Hesemann, Michael. *UFOs: The Secret History*. Marlowe & Company: New York, N.Y., 1998. pp. 492-496.

Mean Meany? Frank Edwards is ousted from his radio show.

This subject has been covered in my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 June-August*, page 75. Comments that appear in UFO literature are Edwards' and are self-serving. Here are some others.

The New York Times:

"Mr. Meany said the A.F.L. had two major objections to the broadcasts. One was that instead of covering all major national and international news, Mr. Edwards 'omitted the stuff he wasn't interested in.' The other was that he lumped news and opinion together without saying which was which.

"Opinions were all right so long as they were labeled as such,' Mr. Meany said." (xx.)

(xx.) Levey, Standley. "A.F.L. Commentator 'Too Pro-Labor,' Out." *The New York Times*. 12 August 54. pp.1,9.

Moreover:

"Mr. Meany had one other objection to Mr. Edwards. He said the broadcaster violated another section of the policy directive by asking, without advance permission from the A.F.L. that listeners write in telling their views on specific questions.

" 'One time,' Mr. Meany said, 'he asked his audience whether they wanted him to continue his nightly broadcasts on flying saucers. We were swamped with mail about flying saucers and flying saucers was not what we were especially interested in,'" (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.9.

Those who like conspiracy theories might take comfort in what reporter John Crosby wrote:

"...Edwards and the union parted company in a violent disagreement over—of all things—flying saucers. Edwards was entranced by flying saucer stories. Practically every rumor, every new report of a flying saucer found its way into his broadcasts.

"Meany thought that flying saucers were not that newsworthy and that the union's dignity was being seriously impaired by placing so much credence in them. 'It was getting embarrassing,' Meany complained. 'People from the Administration [Conspiracy advocates take note] were calling me up and saying 'Where have they landed now?' The situation got so bad that the union insisted all further flying saucer stories be cleared with the union. Edwards declared that this was an infringement on his editorial the relationship between Edwards and the union.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Crosby, John. "Enviably Job." TV section. pp.1-2. *New York Herald Tribune*. 17 February 55?

23 August. Vernon, France. Giant "cigar mother ship."

This case has been covered in my monograph *UFOs: A History, 1954 June-August*, pages 85-86. (See picture of witness Bernard Miserey and the Vernon location in this supplement on page 45)

23 August. Kongwak, Australia. (3:30 p.m.)

Brilliant orange saucer. (See clipping on page 46)

Voilà ce que M. Miserey a vu dans le ciel de Vernon

Un étrange cigare luisait dans la nuit au-dessus des collines. Quand Bernard Miserey l'aperçut vers une heure matin, il y a quelques jours, Vernon, il en resta stupéfait. Il avait de mettre sa voiture au garage et avait jeté un coup d'œil machinal vers la Seine qui coulait tout près, au bout de la rue. C'est alors qu'il vit le phénomène.

Un bout d'un moment se détacha de l'avant de l'engin un disque vertical, que Bernard Miserey classa dans la catégorie des soucoupes volantes, et qui semblait comporter un noyau sombre, bordé de noir et entouré d'un halo lumineux. La soucoupe descendit vers la Seine, toujours à la verticale, ébranlée d'un moment, puis elle prit la direction du nord où elle s'évanouit en un instant.

Le cigare était toujours là. Un peu plus tard, une deuxième soucoupe se détacha, puis d'autres, qui disparurent dans les mêmes conditions. Soudain, Bernard Miserey eut peur. C'est la dernière soucoupe s'était détachée qui lui paraissait descendre vers le pont comme pour l'attraper. Et puis, à son tour, elle vers le nord et disparut. En attendant, entre temps, s'était levé le jour. Toute la scène avait duré environ trois quarts d'heure.

Cette photo représente Bernard Miserey montrant au bord de la Seine, à Vernon, la direction prise par les soucoupes. Notre dessinateur a fait figurer sur la photo, selon les indications de M. Miserey, le cigare au-dessus des collines et le trajet par deux des cinq soucoupes observées.



UFO witness M. Bernard Miserey beside the Seine River at the city of Vernon. A newspaper artist has drawn in the mystery objects. This picture was in the Paris, France, newspaper *France-Dimanche*, 5(11?) September 54. Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand.

From

"SUN."

27 AUG 1954

Melbourne, Vic.

This week's "flying saucer" as seen by a Gippsland teacher

NOW is an artist's sketch of this week's "flying saucer" as seen over Kongwak, near Wonthaggi.



The sketch was drawn from a description by Miss Janet McAllister, a teacher at Kongwak State school, who saw the "saucer" along with several readers in the suburbs on Monday night.

Miss McAllister said that she saw the "saucer" about 8.30 p.m. It was "glowing a brilliant orange." "It came from a south-westerly direction and was visible for about 25 minutes," she said. "Five other people besides myself saw the saucer."

"About 8.35 p.m. a Mel-

bourne-bound plane passed near it.

"As the plane approached, the 'saucer' seemed to become tinged with green.

"When it disappeared it seemed to become suddenly whiter and then vanished to the north."

FOOTNOTE: For hours yesterday the small population of Mundiung, 30 miles south-east of Earth, stared into the sky to watch a small luminous object darting about erratically but never far from the one spot.

Word flew that it was a "flying saucer." Soon

people at nearby Mardella were looking.

Then word reached Perth and the R.A.A.F. at Pearce, 30 miles north of the city, was told.

A senior flying officer was on a training flight in a Vampire jet fighter, so the R.A.A.F. always interested in "flying saucers," radioed him to investigate.

But he could not close on the object—it turned out to be Venus magnified by air currents.

"I believe in flying saucers," says Air Chief Marshal. —Page 7.

27 August. St. Louis, Missouri. (about 8:00 p.m.)

Black object speeds over Lambert Field.

A second UFO sighting at St. Louis in a month and a half took place at 8:00 p.m. on August 28th. A press account tells us:

"...Lt. Comdr. Robert W. Jackson, a Navy officer stationed at the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. plant the evening of August 27...was seated in the yard of his home near the airport. Comdr. Jackson reported he was looking toward the airport from his yard at about 8 p.m. when he sighted a black object apparently over Lambert Field. He said it appeared to be eight or 10 feet in diameter, at an altitude of about 1,000 feet and traveling approximately 230 miles an hour.

"Comdr. Jackson's wife and two visitors, Ronald Banta and Banta's 12-year-old son, Charles, verified his account. Banta is employed by McDonnell." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Louis, Missouri. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. 10 October 54.

29 August. Atlantic Beach, Florida. (10:00 p.m.)

V-formation. (Lubbock Lights?)

A Florida paper published:

"Flying saucers were seen over Atlantic Beach at 10 o'clock Sunday night by Mr. and Mrs. Glover Weiss, who observed them from the bulkhead of their oceanfront home.

"There were from 9 to 11 craft in a wide-open V-formation, flying due south at

an altitude over 5,000 feet, Weiss said.

"The saucers, flying in a bluish-green effervescent light resembling dull starlight, seemed to be flying level, and had the appearance of wings unattached to a body. They could be easily observed because there was no moonlight Sunday night.

"One of the most amazing things about the spectacle, the observers said, was the fact that though they were flying against a south wind, not a sound could be heard from them. It is known that only one jet flying above 10,000 feet can easily be heard.

"The saucers were in view for only five of six seconds before they disappeared below the southern horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Atlantic Beach?, Florida. *Ocean Beach Reporter*. 3 September 54.

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