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June.

The United Press teletype on June 1st rapped out the following message:

"FLYING SAUCER OR WEATHER BALLOON...THAT SEEMS TO BE THE ISSUE BETWEEN AN AIRLINES PILOT AND THE AIR FORCE.

"TRANS-WORLD AIRWAYS PILOT CHARLES KRATOVIL OF PORT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, SAYS HE SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT...LARGE, WHITE-COLORED, AND DISC-SHAPED.

"HE SAYS HE AND HIS TWO CREW MATES SPOTTED THE OBJECT 10 MILES NORTH OF BOSTON THIS MORNING...THAT IT WAS PURSUING THE SAME COURSE AS HIS PLANE BUT WAS OBSCURED BY HIGH CLOUDS.

"KRATOVIL SAYS HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE AIRLINES BOSTON OFFICE QUOTING THE AIR FORCE AS SAYING THE OBJECT PROBABLY WAS A WEATHER BALLOON.

"HOWEVER, THE PILOTS PUT IT THIS WAY:'IF THIS IS A WEATHER BALOON... IT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW ONE TRAVELING AGAINST THE WIND.'" 1.

Still June 1st.

"Policeman sees flying saucers."

A press report tells the story of an incident at Tacoma, Washington:

"Three Tacoma policemen have now seen flying saucers, so they must be 'real,' they say.

"Latest to witness the mysterious phenomena is Oliver Tiedeman who said he was much impressed Monday night in a close view of one of the saucers while driving from Doty toward Chahalais.

"Tiedeman said he and his passenger, Phil Raboin, Olympia organist, saw the whatsit at the same moment while in a dark wooded area.

"'I stopped the car and we both jumped out to watch it,' said Tiedeman. 'It seemed to be traveling northward at a terrific speed and then was suddenly slowed to a stop. It seemed entirely motionless for a few seconds and then sped suddenly eastward, disappearing over the foothills.' While other reports from the Puget Sound district told of some persons seeing as many as five or six of the objects, Tiedeman said the one he saw was traveling alone." 2.

Australia.

"We do not pooh-pooh these things."

That same date far away in Melbourne, a Mrs. Wiley observed a curious, silent, red light in the air, shuttling back and forth, and once and while just floating about. After three shuttles, the thing disappeared. The object may have been a weather balloon, but so many odd things were taking place in the country, Australian Air Force officials requested public help, asking for any sighting reports. Air Force officials also issued this statement:"We do not pooh-pooh these things. We take a lot of them quite seriously." 3.

The next day, appropriately enough, something happened in the sky near the city of Melbourne.

87 'Saucers' Sighted in '54

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP).—Air Force officials said today reports of "flying saucers" have fallen off swiftly since 1952. They believe more scientific investigating and better public education are responsible.

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The Air Force received 1,700 reports of "sightings" in 1952. Last year the figure fell off to 429. If the present rate should hold up throughout 1954 the total would drop to 204.

The Air Force still is unable to explain 10 per cent of the sightings. The idea that some drift in from outer space still gets some attention, but the Air Force says it has no such evidence. It also has no evidence that they come from a foreign government.

Sight 'Disk' at Boston

Capt. Charles J. Kratochvil, a Trans World Airlines pilot, didn't say he saw a flying saucer at 9:30 a. m. yesterday, but he was unshaken in his belief that a "large white disc-like" object, moving against a sixty-mile-an-hour wind near Boston, was not a weather balloon the Air Force claimed was in the area at the time.

Capt. Kratochvil said he notified the Boston Airport control tower and received a reply after he reached Idlewild that Air Force jet planes were sent up to investigate, and the object was seen by their crews. He said the Air Force said the jets were at 10,000 feet and the object seemed to be 10,000 feet above them and rising fast.

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(The place to notify is the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.)

The presence of a fast-moving, unidentifiable object in the sky near Boston, visible for ten minutes, was reported yesterday.

When Capt. Charles J. Kratochvil, a Trans World Airlines pilot, arrived at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, after a flight from Paris, he said he had seen a "large, white disk-like" thing in the air at about 9:30 A. M. The object was also seen by members of his crew.

Captain Kratochvil said the object was traveling parallel to his plane and high above it and was going against a sixty-mile-an-hour wind.

Captain Kratochvil said the object was "large," but Harold Raney, flight engineer, said he thought it was about the size of a basketball.

NEW SAUCER SAGA

Guided Tour Aboard Space Ship Related

Pull up a little white cloud, make yourself comfortable and hark to a story about the Earthman from El Monte who took a guided tour aboard a flying saucer.

Daniel W. Fry, an earnest, unsmiling man who believes in Saucer People, held a press conference at Rodger Young Auditorium yesterday to tell ordinary humans about his ride through the sky.

His host was William H. Gilroy, who manages to direct the Saucer Research Foundation under a staggering handicap—he's never seen one of the things.

Convention Star

Gilroy is counting on the 46-year-old Fry to star, if you'll forgive the expression, at the 1954 International Saucer Convention at the Carthy Circle Theater next June 4.

Fry agreed yesterday to take a lie detector test from an independent polygraph expert sometime before the Saucer-philies meet, and Gilroy commented:

"We want to know if this man is a screwball or a fraud. He's the only man to agree to take this test. I offered \$500 to two other saucer riders to take it—but they refused."

Gilroy identified himself, incidentally, as a Californian whose ancestor, one Sgt. Ortega, came over with Father Serra and laid out all the highways.

Big Moment Comes

Fry said his big moment came on the evening of July 4, 1950, at White Sands, N.M., where he was working as a rocket technician.

He added somewhat apprehensively that he is still a rocket man for a local concern and doesn't know the details of his experience.



SPACE RIDER?—Daniel W. Fry says he was flying saucer passenger. Times photo

He lives in a trailer "somewhere in El Monte" with a wife and two children, Fry told interviewers.

He said he had wandered out into the desert that July evening to look around. Suddenly the saucer, an oblate spheroid with no propeller blades or jets, plopped down nearby.

"It frightened me, but I had to see it," he said.

"I ran my hand over the metal, and it seemed incredibly smooth. A voice seemed to come out of the air at my side in a Yankee accent, saying, 'Better not touch the hull, pal. It's still hot.'"

Then the voice explained the ship was a remote-controlled cargo carrier governed by a mother craft out of sight, and

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FLYING SAUCER

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Invited him on a ride, he said.

He never did see a Saucer Man.

His hosts were space tramps,

apparently, for he was told

they were independent of planets—

of such a high scientific order that they just called

around in saucers.

They also told him their ancestors

were earth people who survived

a nuclear war between the Lost Continent of

Atlantis and Muc some 35,000

years ago, he said. Now they

had a wary eye on our H-bomb

experiments, he said, wondering

if we'd go poot like they did.

The ship was powered, he

said, by the "energy differ-

ence" that slid open, and up

and away he went.

"I couldn't feel the acceleration,

even though we flew to New

York and back at 8,000

m.p.h.," he said.

"It just seemed we were

standing still and the earth

was falling away.

"They took me to the 33-mile

level and then dropped to 20

miles over New York.

"The door became transparent

and I saw the lights of the

city—like a million blue-white

diamonds on a velvet back-

ground. If I were a poet, it

would be the greatest moment

of my life."

Now he has decided to tell it

all in space. It's a natural

force, he said, just like the wind

that makes sailing ships go.

The Saucer People returned

him to the spot where he had

climbed aboard 20 minutes be-

fore, he said, and then soared

away.

Contacted Later

They've contacted him since.

he said, but he doesn't want to

tell what they said. Maybe

later, after the next message.

He said he was picked as an

earth contact because he's a

good receiver for thought

waves.

Since his experience struck

him as somewhat unusual, he

confessed he didn't tell anyone

about it until December, 1953.

Now he has decided to tell it

all, come what may, because he

believes people ought to

know about the Saucerites

There's also the matter of those

nuclear weapons of long ago

that made space hoboes out of

the Saucer People.

That, he hopes, won't hap-

pen again. If it does, there-

will be a grave shortage of au-

cers.

16 Stockton (Calif.) Record—Wednesday, June 2, 1954

FLYING SAUCER SLEUTHS GATHER DATA ON AERIAL OBJECTS

WASHINGTON, June 2 (UP)—The Air Force's flying saucer sleuths are still unable to explain about 10 per cent of the phenomena reported to them.

But so far this year they have had only 87 sightings reported to them.

At that rate, the students of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) faced the prospect of getting through 1954 with fewer than half as many flying object reports as last year.

In 1952, 1700 sightings were reported and investigated. Last year the figure was 429. The present annual rate is about 208.

The aerial phenomena that give rise to UFO reports are still present, of course, and the idea that some of them drift in from outer space still gets some attention. But the Air Force believes—and, says the figures support it—that more scientific investigating procedures and better public education are shrinking the saucer problem.

EVIDENCE LACKING

The Air Force says:

"No evidence has been received which would tend to indicate that the United States is being observed by machines from outer space or a foreign government. No object or particle of an unknown substance has been received and no photographs of detail have been produced."

If you see any UFO's, the Air Force says, it "would welcome the information."

The people to contact are at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O., where Capt. Charles A. Hardin collects saucer data and directs it to Air Force and other agencies for scientific study.

Over the years, the intelligence people have found 80 per cent of the sightings explainable as known

objects: balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies, atmospheric reflections and birds. Of this year's 87 sightings, 70 per cent have been explained, 10 per cent unexplained and 20 per cent of the reports contained such flimsy information that they had to be ignored.

INTERESTING FACTS

Two interesting facts turned up by the UFO students are these:

1. There is a "direct correlation" between the number of sightings reported and the publicity given to saucers by the nation's press.

2. UFO reports increase at those times of year when meteors are most common.

Saucer "sightings" have been made by both visual and radar means.

The Air Force said that "temperature inversion reflections—a natural phenomena under certain atmospheric conditions—can make images on radar scopes as sharp as those from airplanes and at speeds appearing to range from zero to fantastic rates. Ionized clouds and flights of birds also have been picked up on radar.

The Air Force gives these explanations for visual sightings:

1. Jet aircraft, flying at great speeds with sunlight reflecting on their polished surfaces, are often mistaken for unknown objects.

2. Weather balloons and huge 90-foot upper air research balloons carry small lights when launched after dark and have highly reflective surfaces.

3. Meteors and planets often bring a flurry of saucer reports. Venus in particular is low on the horizon and appears to change color and move erratically at certain times of year.

4. Saucers which behave in a "weird and peculiar manner" are believed to be reflections rather than actual objects. The Air Force says reflections may be projected to clouds and haze from both ground and air.

Brilliant flashing lights, red and white, have been traced to a new lighting system on top of a tail section of commercial and military aircraft.

It dived out of the dark evening (8:24 p.m.) sky from a great height, plunging downward until it reached the level of rooftops. The speed of its descent was tremendous. Spewing a short, yellow, tail, the thing had the appearance of a "airport wind-sock," according to observers. As it neared the ground, the UFO slowed enough to allow some testimony as to its specific appearance. It was round except for a pointed projection on its bottom side. The thing was the size of an auto according to a witness, and was colored white-green.

As the witnesses watched, the object split into two parts and then vanished from view, or as the observers said, it "blackened out." Our source for this account states that the location of the sighting was some 60 miles from the city of Melbourne. The date was June 2, 1954. 4.

Flying saucer over DeKalb.

A Special Inquiry document states that an low-flying, dime-like object was reported near DeKalb, Texas. (See document)

A sighting of UFOs by the Tacoma, Washington, police that was published in the Tacoma News-Tribune came to the attention of the Seattle office of the FBI. The Special Agent in Charge, R.D. Auerbach, became highly concerned, and in spite of Bureau's "Delimitations Agreement" with the military, pressed local Air Force Intelligence for information about the manifestation at Tacoma. As one can see in the reproduced BLUE BOOK document, a Major Zechmeister of McChord AFB replied that the Air Force had no information on the case and was not impressed by the report. This upset agent Auerbach, who worried about espionage and spies. The FBI man had a point. What if saucer-like craft were landing Soviet commandos in his jurisdiction? How could he ignore reports of strange aircraft cruising around the countryside and what could he tell the public when inquiries were made?

As can be seen under point (4.) in the reply from Washington HQ, the Air Force bent a little until the situation could be clarified:

"2.

At a conference with the FBI in Seattle, Washington, on 3 June 1954, the Special Agent in Charge stated that information on substantial reports pertaining to unidentified flying objects (of the 'flying saucer' type as distinguished from unidentified radar tracks) was of counter-intelligence interest to the FBI since the FBI is still charged with responsibility for possible espionage personnel coastal landings, and expressed a desire that the Air Force furnish the FBI with the following information under the terms of the Delimitations Agreement:

- a. Information of unidentified flying objects which has been evaluated by the Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, Washington, and which is considered to have sufficient substance to warrant forwarding to the Air Technical Intelligence Center under the provisions of AFR 200-2.
- b. Information of unidentified flying objects to be released to the press by the Air Force Public Information Officer, 25th Air Division (Defense), McChord AFB, and any additional information available from Air Force sources and action contemplated by the Air Force relative to news releases from sources other than Air Force to assist the FBI in answering inquiries they receive from the public.
- c. Information of any actual or suspected items of material pertinent to any unidentified flying object as a matter within FBI investigative jurisdiction.

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-D

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

JUN 1954

SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
 Alleged Sighting of Unidentified
 Flying Object
 3 June 1954, 1830 Hours
 at DeKalb, Texas

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
 Barksdale Air Force Base
 Louisiana

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INQUIRY

BY: KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF

Historian

DATE

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1. At approximately 2010 hours, 3 June 1954, the Staff Duty Officer, Captain ELWA D. BROWN, telephonically advised Special Agent ALPHONSO T. WAGNER that a Mr. [REDACTED], Route 4, DeKalb, Texas, had reported, via telephone at approximately 1930 hours, stating that he had observed what he believed to be a "flying saucer" over DeKalb at approximately 1830 hours. Mr. [REDACTED] related that he was in the company of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both of DeKalb, Texas, at the time the object was seen. [REDACTED] related that the object appeared to be about one-third to one-half (1/3 to 1/2) the size of a dime; that it seemed to be low and flying fairly fast on a course of approximately east southeast, and was silver in color; that the object, when cited, was about ten (10) miles northeast of DeKalb. Mr. [REDACTED] could furnish no information as to actual size, speed, altitude, or even a close approximation of this object. Capt BROWN stated that Mr. [REDACTED] talked very intelligently over the telephone and answered his questions freely and without reserve. Capt BROWN further stated that shortly after [REDACTED] called him a TWI was received from Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, advising that an unknown object had been observed over Ramey, at about 1930 hours.

Capt RALPH HARRIS, forecaster, Base Weather Station, advised that the weather in the vicinity of DeKalb, Texas, at 1830 hours on 3 June 1954, was clear and that the visibility was at least fifteen (15) miles.

2. This office contemplates no further investigative activity in this matter.

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 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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 Major, USAF
 District Commander

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"3.

In the past, information of this nature has not been forwarded to the FBI, since the flying objects reported to date have imposed no threat to the security of the United States; Air Force interest has been chiefly concerned with the technical intelligence aspects involved and the counterintelligence value of such information to the FBI was not known.

"4.

On 4 June 1954, this matter was discussed with the Commander, 26th Air Division (Defense), with a view toward securing information of unidentified flying objects for forwarding to the FBI. It was agreed that information desired by the FBI would be furnished to OSI through the Intelligence Officer, 25th Air Division, for forwarding, with the exception of actual or suspected items of material. It was the opinion of the Commander that such material coming into the possession of the Air Force could not be released to the FBI in view of specific instructions contained in paragraph 7b(2), AFR 200-2, that the Air Technical Intelligence Center be immediately notified and requested for shipping instructions or other special instructions. He expressed a willingness, however, to keep OSI and, in turn, the FBI informed of any such material until jurisdiction in this matter can be further clarified.

"5.

In view of the above, request clarification of jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI and Air Force in matters of this nature, and action which should be taken particularly with regard to items of material. In the interim, arrangements have been made to report all details of the evaluated sightings, news releases and material pertaining to unidentified flying objects to the Seattle office of the FBI, by telephone. Reports by OSI to the FBI in such instances will be confirmed in writing, setting forth details of the information initially furnished. A copy of the confirmatory letter will be designated for the Directorate." 5.

"First Annual International Flying Saucer Convention."

Yet another saucer gathering was held in Southern California, this time from June 4-6, 1954, at the Carthay Circle Theatre in Los Angeles. Two of those attending were William A. Devlin and Max B. Miller, who were covering the convention for Saucers magazine. Miller noted that the convention was really the third such event since the "World First Flying Saucer Convention" in August 1953, and Van Tassel's "World's First Interplanetary Spacecraft Convention" the previous April.

Miller and Devlin found the Carthay a large and comfortable auditorium, and the affair reasonably organized, although they were a bit disappointed with the speaker line up.

Those who participated were: Hal Styles, moderator; contactee Daniel W. Fry who got top billing; contactee Orfeo Angelucci; psychic phenomena authority Felix Fraser who had authored The Unseen Universe; "Criswell Predicts" Jeron King Criswell; astronomer George H. Lutz, an exponent of metallic mirrors for reflecting telescopes; and a fellow from Hollywood who showed film clips from the sci-fi flicks Gog, Riders to the Stars, and Magnetic Monster. 6.

Don Ryan of the Los Angeles Herald-Express covered the convention on behalf of the conventional newsmedia and the result was another public relation disaster for those who wanted the UFO subject treated seriously. (See news-clippings)

Men Who Rode Flying Saucers Talk

Space Pilots Give L.A. Smog Wide Berth

By DON RYAN

That's saucers in that stratosphere!

Many delegates attending the first annual International Flying Saucer conven-

tion in the Carhay Circle Theater have seen them.

Some have photographed them.

At least two have ridden in them.

The convention got off to a flying start today with an account of a breathtaking ride from White Sands military proving ground in the desert of New Mexico to New York and back—in 30 minutes.

This record hop was made by Daniel W. Fry, 40, a down-to-earth script technician, who faced his audience with an offer to take the lie detector test while relating his experience. He didn't take it, but only because nobody happened to have a lie detector on him.

Fry took a walk in the desert one night and a big fat saucer landed suddenly beside him. A voice addressed him in good Americanese:

"Better not touch the hull, pal, it's still hot."

CARGO CARRIER

It turned out that the spaceman was not inside the saucer. It was operated by remote control from a parent ship way, way up in the stratosphere. The saucer was merely a cargo carrier. It had dropped down to the desert floor to pick up a cargo of air.

The spokesman, whose name was A-Lan, told Fry his spacecrafts originally came from earth. They got away in a hurry after the big battle in which Atlantis and Mu destroyed each other

with weapons that would make the hydrogen bomb look sick. Now A-Lan's people were figuring on another descent to earth. They needed samples of our air and the bacteria it contains to see if they could take it.

"Look out for L. A. smog," Fry warned him.

"We're not that crazy, man," said A-Lan. "A smogful of that stuff would sure send us. Come on, man. Hop in."

20 MILES UP

There was no door in the space ship but a big hole opened and Fry got in. Fry suggested a trip to New York and A-Lan agreed that the lights of Manhattan were the most striking sight on earth.

Fry saw them from a height of 20 miles and A-Lan swiftly maneuvered the saucer back to White Sands. On the way back he warned Fry that no earthlings are about to repeat what happened to Atlantis and Mu.

Dr. George C. Tyler, 76, engineer and lecturer, with a professional mein supported by a great gesture, followed the script technician to the microphone. He supplied something Fry's account lacked. He had seen the mother ship.

"On the eleventh of March at 1:15 p. m. he said precisely, 'I and two others in Palomar Gardens, near the observatory, saw a big ship in the sky.'

600 FEET LONG

"She was built like a whale, about 600 feet long. The

ship stopped in its course. The bottom opened. Out came a flying saucer—really a scout ship. It was about 35 feet across, 17 feet high. It was built like a bell. I could see the force that propelled it playing outside the perimeter.

The saucer circled the mother ship and disappeared to the west over Los Angeles. The mother ship did a sort of shudder and went south at unbelievable speed—so fast it almost seemed to vanish in thin air."

John W. Wagner, 38, Alhambra painting contractor, found a flying saucer in the upper right hand corner of the picture when he developed a photograph taken at Fuddington dam, near Pomona. Wagner was taking pictures of racing motor boats and the saucer appeared on the eighteenth shot.

Wagner is inclined to think it didn't necessarily come from outer space. He turned the negative over to the air force. The fact that it showed up on only one frame indicated it was a saucer it was going at a terrific clip.

Dr. Tyler and the other speakers agreed that spacecrafts are propelled by cosmic energy—a force recognized by earthling scientists.

But they aren't smart enough to bottle it. When they do look out for U-turns by hopped-up saucers with c-a-s-a-x drivers!

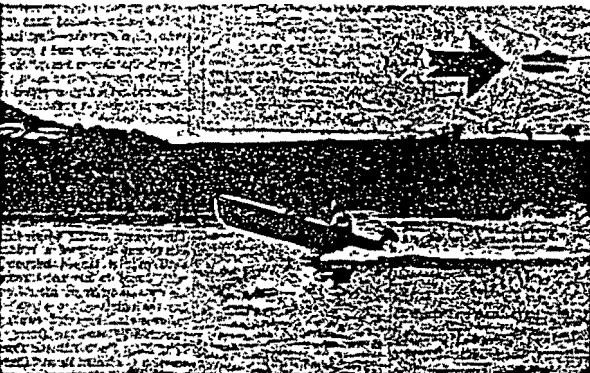


—Herald-Examiner Photo

IT WAS BUILT LIKE A BELL...
Dr. George C. Tyler With Photo of Flying Saucer
Over Palomar Gardens



DANIEL W. FRY
Flew From New Mexico to
N.Y. in Flying Saucer!



JOHN W. WAGNER TOOK THIS PICTURE OF A RACING MOTOR BOAT
And When He Developed It, He Found a Flying Saucer (Arrow) in Upper Right
Hand Corner



Skeptics Shake Heads at Flying Discs

Saucer Adventures Told

By DON RYAN

Psychiatrists have a plausible theory about persons like some of the people attending the first annual International Flying Saucer Convention at the Carthay Circle Theater, which has just concluded a fantastic three-day flight into outer space.

They say it is possible to be perfectly sane—in fact very sharp—on every subject except one. There your hobby slipped. That makes you a psychopathic personality.

They held the same theory about Columbus. It was so evident that people would fall off the underside of the earth were round that—

"Sssh! Psychopathic personality!"

Delegates to the saucer conference talk in terms of "obsessions about seeing saucers, piloting flying saucers, actually going aboard saucers that have touched down occasionally on our backward old planet, Terra."

MEETS TOP LADY

They have sharp scientific explanations for the way the visitors from outer space are powered externally—by some of the many types of energy differentials that radiate throughout the universe.

So far three separate individuals have come forward to testify they saw the tracks of a flying saucer. Two swear they were given a ride. One of these aerial hitch-hikers was taken aboard a cargo-carrier, remotely controlled, which touched down in the desert for a load of air to try out on the spacemen. There were no spacemen—or women—in this saucer.

But Truman Bechurum, who also hopped into a saucer parked in the desert, was invited aboard to meet the commander, a cute little doll in a red head with elfin horns sticking out from the sides. She looked like a standard edition of Marilyn Monroe and spoke perfect English.

(The spaceman who ran the cargo saucer by remote control was inclined to frow.)

TALKS ANY LANGUAGE

"I asked this woman repeatedly where she learned our language," Bechurum related. "She had told me she lived on the planet Clarion which you can't even see from the earth."

"We automatically speak the



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language of the place we land in," the doll told him. "It's quite simple when you understand mental vibrations."

There was one skeptic at the convention and his skepticism is an honest desire to learn the truth—scientifically.

William H. Guisey, 44, is the director of the Saucer Research Foundation, established to get the lowdown on this phenomenon, psychosis or mass hallucination which fills the skies with strange shapes.

"I've talked to hundreds of people who say they saw unidentified flying objects," Guisey explained. "Many of them were aircraft pilots who said they followed them through the sky. Most of these encounters could be explained."

"But when I asked them how many there were 15 per cent said they had no ordinary explanation. We want to find out what this 15 per cent is."

George Lutz of Schenck, Pa., internationally known as a builder of telescopes, is going to help, Guisey said. He has donated a 36-inch mirror and has half completed a huge new telescope to be used in searching the skies for saucers.

Kick Flying Saucers Around at Meet

Los Angeles Herald-Tribune By DON RYAN, 7 June 1954

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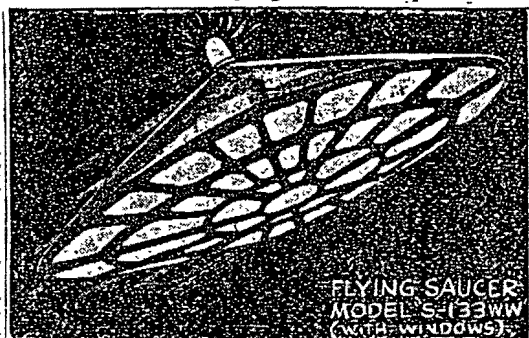
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So far three earnest individuals have come forward to testify they saw the inside of a flying saucer. Two swear they were given a ride. One of these arstral hitch-hikers was taken aboard a cargo-carrier, remotely controlled, which touched down in the desert for a load of air to try out on the spacemen. There were no spacemen—or women—in this saucer.

But Truman Bethurum, who also bumped into a saucer parked in the desert, was invited aboard to meet the commander, a cute little doll in a



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF A FLYING SAUCER With Windows (For Spacemen To Take a Peak at Sunbathers, No Doubt!)

red beret with elfin horns sticking out from the sides. She looked like a duodecimo edition of Marilyn Monroe and spoke perfect English.

(The spaceman who ran the cargo saucer by remote control was inclined to jive talk.)

TALKS ANY LANGUAGE

"I asked this woman captain where she learned our language," Bethurum related. "She had told me she lived on the planet Clarion which you can't even see from the earth."

"We automatically speak the language of the place we land in," the doll told him. "It's quite simple when you understand mental vibrations."

Bethurum admitted he was not advanced enough mentally

to feel any kind of vibrations except the normal acceleration of his physical impulses in the presence of a doll like that. He was quite modest about his abilities. For some reason the doll let him off without taking him back to Clarion.

There was one skeptic at the convention and his skepticism is an honest desire to learn the truth—scientifically.

HUNT FOR KNOWLEDGE

William H. Gilroy, 44, is the director of the Saucer Research Foundation, established to get the lowdown on this phenomenon, psychosis or mass hallucination which fills the skies with eerie shapes.

"I've talked to hundreds of people who say they saw unidentified flying objects," Gilroy explained. "Many of them were aircraft pilots who said they followed them through the sky. Most of these encounters could be explained."

"But when I sifted them down there were 15 per cent that no ordinary explanation would fit. We want to find out what this 15 per cent is."

George Lutz of Miami, Fla., internationally known as a builder of telescopes is going to help, Gilroy said. He has donated a 36-inch mirror and has half completed a huge new telescope to be used in searching the skies for saucers.



'LOOK OUT, BELOW... I'M COMING DOWN!'

Some Saucer Fans Have Sworn They Had Gone Aboard One of These Things

"Frozen with Fear."

Near Melbourne, Australia, in the community of East Dandenong, on June 5th, at 6:20 p.m., a 16-year-old schoolgirl named Janette Brown became "frozen with fear" when a UFO approached within 20 yards. A 13-year-old friend of Miss Brown also witnessed the object during the resulting three minute episode. The Melbourne Argus publish the following interview:

"I was so scared. I begged my parents to move to another suburb, in case the saucer tried to destroy our home and us. I was standing on a highway, waiting for my girl friend, when I heard a loud drumming; but there were no cars or motorcycles around. Then a large, dark shape appeared over a factory, and whirled towards me when I shone my torch. It got above the house of the factory caretaker, and, when I shone my torch, whirled toward me. Then it burst into light: a gleaming, bluish, silver-grey light. It hovered 20 yards away on the top of the factory gate as if it wanted me to look at it, or as if it wanted to look at me. It was cylindrical, about 30 feet long and 15 feet high, with a canopy and window on top, and a window on each end. Then my friend arrived, and I told her to watch the house. She did. She said: 'A silvery cylinder rose above the house, and swept away in a wide circle to the International Harvester factory, a few hundred yards away. It stayed on top of the factory for about a minute, and then vanished behind some trees.'" 7.

Both girls suffered from loss of sleep, nervousness, and remained frightened for some time after the incident. 8.

A nuclear physicist was quoted in the Melbourne Argus Weekender when he was asked to comment on the girls' experience:

"...the light available and duration of observation were sufficient to discern details of structure that could not possibly be confused with any phenomena other than a machine that is capable of hovering, rotating, and moving in virtual silence without any obvious method of propulsion." 9. 10.

The same physicist later advised the Australian Air Force in a secret document that: "...this particular sighting has an extremely high probability of being a UFO without any provisos." 11.

Coral Lorenzen also has a remark to add:

"In 1954 a member of the Royal Australian Air Force told the (London) Daily Telegraph that the RAAF was keeping an open mind on the subject and that he believed, from information the RAAF had received, the objects could have an interplanetary source." 12.

In June there were other strange occurrences in Melbourne's suburbs. In Maldon a mysterious object hovered near the ground and was seen by a policeman who reported that he could see "shadows of figures" inside the craft. In another suburb, not named, another witness heard a weird sound similar to a phone's dial tone and looking up, the witness spotted a strange object: "It travelled at a fantastic speed, yet it appeared to be moving slowly, as if time and speed had become distorted," 13.

Confusion and conflict.

The Director of Civil Defense in Baltimore, Maryland, Colonel Frank Milani; went public on June 9th in his demand that the Air Force ease its restrictions

on UFO information. The following afternoon the Air Force Press Desk at the Pentagon expressed criticism of Colonel Milani's charges and gave the impression there was little to hide from John Q. Public since during the months of January thru April "only 87" UFO reports had been received by the Air Force. 14.

According to Frank Edwards, Milani really blasted the Air Force. The Civil Defense official declared during Lou Corbin's radio show:

"It is a calculated risk to assume that the so-called saucers do not constitute a threat to the welfare and security of our citizens. We are given to believe they are not hostile, but information on Unidentified Flying Objects is classified, unavailable even to the office of Baltimore's Director of Civil Defense."* 15.

Stringfield and Eickhoff take on the Air Force.

The UFO situation really baffled Stringfield. Since the establishment of his C.R.I.F.O. organization, thousands of letters had arrived at the group's post office box, a great many telling of UFO sightings; but the Air Force, he learned, received only an average of 5 letters daily and the PIO at the Pentagon, a Capt. Robert White, was insisting UFO reports were at a "three year low" declaring: "I'd say the decrease in sightings is due to less publicity...people can't sustain a high pitch of interest unless something new and sensational happens. And it hasn't." 16.

Stringfield knew for a fact the reporting of UFOs was prodigious (if his mail was any indication) so who was Capt. White trying to kid? The CRIFO director did note, however, that local UFO sightings bannered in the local newspapers failed for some reason to appear on the national newswires.

Teaming up with a friend, a Tom Eickhoff, Stringfield pondered the UFO problem. The two men saw the controversy as two sided; with fantastic reports being calming related by the public, and on the other hand there was the Air Force: "...Sphinx-like, weary and wary." 17.

Eickhoff was a Cincinnati businessman who had taken a keen interest in the UFO mystery and became upset when he heard that a couple of contactees, Bethurum and George Hunt Williamson, would soon make an appearance in town to peddle their nutty books. To Eickhoff these individuals were perpetuating a fraud on the public and such men had no right to use the words: "fact," "truth," and documentary." So incensed was Eickhoff, he complained to authorities. He found that the FBI refused to take action, Hoover's organization insisting that the words were "sales pitches," and these "pitches" were, in the Bureau's eyes, just "personal opinions."

Undaunted, Eickhoff stormed into the office of Lt. Col. John O'Mara, Chief Deputy Commander of ATIC, Wright Field.

Eickhoff wanted a showdown. For the record he wrote an open letter which contained the same points he threw at O'Mara.

The Cincinnati businessman pressed for legal action against those who: "...claim personal contacts with people from other planets (Bethurum, Adamski) or by means of radio and thought waves (Williamson)." 18. If such tsik had utterly no foundation as the Air Force kept insisting, then it behooved the

*The Air Force later denied that information on UFOs was unavailable to Civil Defense officials like Milani but when the Baltimore Director attempted to obtain such files he was given the run-a-round.

military to lend support to court action against such persons, to help the due process of the law in the protection of the public.

This novel approach to the UFO problem seems to have rattled O'Mara who replied that contact claimants were "obvious hoaxsters," thus needed no special attention by authorities (O'Mara ignored the fact many people were being victimized, even some who were not that gullible in other circumstances). When O'Mara retreated to standard briefing material that was designed to comfort those who made inquiries about UFOs, he was caught off guard. The Colonel mentioned that Air Force fighters regularly carried movie cameras to take pictures of any UFOs so there would be some definite data for scientists to examine. Eickhoff exploded, declaring such a thing a big waste of tax money if there was nothing to the UFO business. Trying to explain the apparent contradiction, O'Mara revealed that the Air Force was receiving UFO sighting reports at a phenomenal rate: "700 a week!" This was a long way from the number "87" that was showing up in official news releases.

Another indication that O'Mara may have lost his cool was his decision to make disparaging comments about Donald Keyhoe (which were later rescinded). Even worst, O'Mara even denied the famous 1952 Tremonton, Utah, and Great Falls, Montana, UFO films existed. When Stringfield was told what had happened, he was fired up and ready to take on the Colonel himself since he knew a heck of a lot more about UFOs than Eickhoff. 19. 20.

The next day it was Stringfield's turn. He phoned Col. O'Mara and did some verbal arm twisting which paid off. For some 16 minutes Col. O'Mara answered questions put to him by the UFO buff. According to the Stringfield, O'Mara said:

- "1) Average of 700 sightings are reported to the Air Force a week.
- 2) The cryptic figure '87' applies to cases under 'special analysis.'
- 3) Over 1,000 of the nation's leading scientists are working on governmental UFO projects.
- 4) Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Dr. Lincoln La Paz are heading the project in White Sands, New Mexico. Here, scientists are tracking two artificial satellites circling our Earth.
- 5) Sec. of Air Force Talbott's aircraft was paced by an 'Unidentified Flying Object' over Fresno, California, in March 1954.
- 6) The story of scoutmaster Des Vergers of Florida, was admitted to be a hoax.
- 7) Intimation that other similar cases (a la Des Vergers) remain unsolved.
- 8) Bethurum and Williamson were frauds.
- 9) The material used by Don Keyhoe in his recent book was not officially cleared through channels, that said info was incorrect, and the rest was Keyhoe's imagination.
- 10) The famous Tremonton film (U-pictures) was non-existent. When I told him I had proof that the film did exist, I was told that 'It does exist, but the objects were resolved to be of conventional nature.' 21.

Keyhoe and Edwards learn about O'Mara.

News of the sensational statements attributed to Deputy ATIC chief Colonel O'Mara spread quickly, Keyhoe getting an earful when he was urgently summoned.

ed to the Mutual radio studio in Washington by Frank Edwards. On his arrival Keyhoe found his friend preparing the script for the evening broadcast. Excited, Edwards greeted Keyhoe: "...I just got this --and its dynamite." 22. Being a bit dramatic, Edwards read aloud from his freshly scribbled program notes:

"A high Air Force Intelligence officer today admitted the Air Force is now receiving 700 flying saucer sighting reports a week. The admission was made by Colonel John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence, ATIC, Dayton, Ohio." 23.

The rest of the conversation as reported by Keyhoe states:

"'Holy Smoke!' I said. 'Are you sure O'Mara said that? He's supposed to be one of the key men in the silence group.'" 24.

Edwards snapped:

"'This was a slip --the Pentagon doesn't even know it yet. Leonard Stringfield just phoned it in from Cincinnati. He will take an oath he heard O'Mara say it.'" 25.

Keyhoe was still incredulous:

"'But 700 sightings a week! I said. 'I knew there was a big increase, but --sure he didn't say 700 a month?'" 26.

Edwards put Keyhoe at ease:

"'No, I checked back.'" 27.

.. Did Stringfield tell it right?

Edwards' broadcast aroused other newsmen and they sought confirmation from Wright Field. It was angrily repeated that less than 18 UFO reports a month were being received by BLUE BOOK (Declassified project files reflect that number). Capt. Charles Hardin, who had replaced E.J. Ruppelt as head of the Air Force's UFO investigation, made an official statement that went: "Colonel O'Mara's words were misinterpreted. What he meant to say was that if all the sightings were reported to the Air Force, they would total about 700 a week." 28.

Military records show that the Air Force was slow to forgive Stringfield. Some Air Force papers drawn up in 1956 refer to a BLUE BOOK "Stringfield file." The language in the file was unfavorable to the UFO buff. One 1956 paper says:

"His files disclose that in 1952(sic) he purposely placed both Colonel O'Mara, then Deputy ATIC, and the Air Force in an embarrassing position by attributing statements that Colonel O'Mara and the Air Force never made, after a private interview was granted him to discuss UFO phenomena." 29.

Elsewhere in the world.

More than a dozen people watched a big oval-shaped object which produced a buzzing sound as it soared over a suburb of Melbourne, Australia, on June 10th. Local residents said the thing was as "big as a railroad car." 30.

June 10th.

"Come see the flying saucers."

Mrs. Zappy's husband was in the front yard of their home on Congress Street in Greenfield, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. the morning of June 10, 1954. She was indoors busy with housework. Suddenly Mrs. Zappy heard her husband shout: "Come see the flying saucers!" Puzzled, the woman went outside and glanced at the sky and without much trouble Mrs. Zappy caught sight of a pair of black colored objects that seemed to float silently through the air in a slight undulating fashion on a course west to east. Immediately after the object passed overhead, a shower of fine ash filled the sky with some of the greyish flakes an inch in diameter. The substance disintegrated when touched. 31.

June 10th.

"Pulsating and glowing-red."

Military authorities in Cleveland, Ohio, received a call from a resident of the city who claimed he saw something strange while sitting in his back yard on June 10, 1954, about 9:50 p.m. The official report read:

"...he sighted an object in the air approaching from the northwest. According to (...deleted) the object sighted appeared to be pulsating and glowing-red in color, with the speed of a piper cub (approximately 80-85 miles per hour). (...deleted) stated the altitude of the object was just about cloud level, and that it was within view for approximately one to one half minutes, after which it disappeared towards the southeast.

" (...deleted) further stated that the object sighted appeared to be rotating, but had no definite shape.

"(...deleted) informed Mr.(...deleted) that his wife was present during this entire period of time and that following the sighting of this object he discussed the matter with a neighbor across the street from his home. (...deleted) did not recall the name of his neighbor, but stated that the neighbor informed him that he had likewise seen the object in question, and described it as stated above.

" Mr. (...deleted) further advised that Miss (...deleted), his secretary, who lives in the vicinity of Mr. and Mrs. (...deleted) stated that she had also sighted the object at approximately 2150 hours, 10 June 1954, and furnished substantially the same description as stated above." 32.

"Visitor from above."

A military pilot spotted a strange white light near Estacado, Texas, on June 10th at 9:09 p.m. A teletype message read:

"...WHITE LIGHT COMING DOWN FROM AN EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDE 45 DEGREES ABOVE US TRAVELING FROM WEST TO EAST OUR HEADING AT THAT TIME WAS 270 DEGREES IN APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS OBJECT WAS UNDER US VERY NEAR THE GROUND. 100 FT ESTIMATION LIGHT ESTIMATED SPEED 500 TO 600 K LIGHT SLOWED DOWN ABRUPTLY CIRCLING TO LEFT MAKING TWO 360 DEGREE TURNS LIGHT STARTED TO BLINK THEN WENT OUT. WHEN FIRST OBSERVED LIGHT IT CAME UNDER OUR LEFT WING WE CIRCLED KEEPING LIGHT UNDER OBSERVANCE AT ALL TIMES VISIBILITY." 33.

On June 11th at Zurich, Switzerland, police headquarters received a great number of phone calls about a "flying saucer" circling above the city. The circling continued for 20 minutes. 34.

An FBI trick?

On June 11, 1954 the travelling lecture group featuring Truman Bethurum and George Hunt Williamson arrived in Cincinnati. The two contactees had teamed up to tour the country to enable them, in their words, to hold " candid discussions" of the UFO phenomenon. The two men targeted CRIFO's home base, selling out the conference room at the downtown Sheraton-Gibson (See newsclipping). 35.

Prior to the lecture, the two contactees, accompanied by a number of followers, showed up unannounced on Stringfield's doorstep hoping to get an endorsement from CRIFO's founder-director. Stringfield didn't turn the crowd away, but he did flatly refuse to give the public lecture his blessing. During the Bethurum-Williamson visit, Stringfield overheard some conversation between a couple of the West Coast people that referred to the presence of a FBI agent among the flock. The CRIFO chief learned nothing more, but later he wondered about an ulterior purpose to the appearance of the contactee group, that perhaps "authorities" had directed the bunch of weirdos to his Cincinnati address in the hope he would be mesmerized by the Aura Rhanes-type hoken and thus become discredited in the UFO research community. 36.

The lecture at the Cincinnati Sheraton-Gibson caused no uproar. No one threw eggs or tried to shout down the duo from California, but its doubtful many converts were made. When Stringfield mingled with members of the audience afterwards, he was approached by people who knew him. One man, a local scientist, denounced the lecture as so much "pseudo science," and another individual, a Cincinnati clergyman who had filmed a UFO back in 1949 (Probably Father Miller) exclaimed: "Two bucks wasted." 37.

June 11th. Astronomer surprised!

Dr. Hugh Percival Wilkins was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, Director of the British Astronomical Society, Lunar Section; Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, De la Seccion Lunar de la Sociedad Astronomique de France; Presidente Honarario de la Seccion Lunar dela Sociedad Astronomica de Espana Y America, etc. Besides the forementioned distinctions, Dr. Wilkins also was noted for his firm disbelief in "flying saucers."

In June 1954 Dr. Wilkins was invited to lecture in the United States, and on the morning of the 11th of June took a plane to Atlanta, Georgia. En-route the professor looked out the plane's window and gazed at scattered cumulus clouds that reached 8,000 feet. Like great piles of cotton, the rounded white heaps of vapor were brilliantly lit by the sun. At 10:45 a.m. something very odd caught his attention. Hovering just above one towering cloud mass were two yellow disc-shaped objects. These objects were sharp edged and very bright, as bright as polished brass. Peering closely Dr. Wilkins noted that the two objects were moving north at a slow rate while the cloud beneath was drifting toward the south. While checking on the pair of puzzling objects, the professor noticed a third round object lower down and next to that part of the cloud not in the sunlight. This round object was also a disc but appeared dull and greyish. Dr. Wilkins assumed the different appearance was because the object was in an area of shadow.

This third object suddenly moved, flying in a curving course that took it behind a nearby cloud mass in five seconds.

Shocked, Dr. Wilkins was nonetheless able to collect his wits and estimate the approximate size of the objects. He figured they were about 15 minutes of an arc across, so assuming a distance of two miles, the objects would have to be approximately 50 feet in diameter.

TODAY: Times-Star Daily Feature Section

Are **FLYING SAUCERS ?**
A Fraud

A CANDID DISCUSSION OF TODAY'S PHENOMENON

SPEAKERS TRUMAN BETHURUM OF CALIFORNIA
AUTHOR OF "ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER"
GEORGE HUNT WILLIAMSON OF ARIZONA
AUTHOR OF "THE SAUCERS SPEAK"SHERATON-GIBSON HOTEL 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY—JUNE 11TH Admission on Door \$1.00GEORGE H. WILLIAMSON, LEFT; TRUMAN BETHURUM
... the saucer hovered at an angle**Saucer Experts to Discuss
Everything But Teacups**

The flying saucer men are in town. Truman Bethurum, 35, author of "Aboard a Flying Saucer," and George Hunt Williamson, 27, co-author of "The Saucers Speak," will show slides and discuss their experiences with flying saucers at 8 p. m. Friday in the Sheraton-Gibson.

As their book titles imply, one claims to have been aboard a flying "scow" 11 times. The other says he has had numerous radio contacts with saucer occupants.

These stories are long and detailed. Mr. Bethurum, a mechanic and machine operator from Redondo Beach, Calif., says that he was working on a rush construction job at 4 a. m. July 29, 1932, when he met the saucer men—and a woman.

Mr. Williamson is an anthropologist and radio promotion man who never got a college degree because he hadn't taken penicillin. Yet he's an astute young man who should know a few civilizations when he stumbles across it. He claims he and a radio operator had numerous talks with the saucers, but he admits to much skepticism, close as he was to the contacts.

The construction worker will describe in detail the flying scow he boarded and speak unflinchingly of Capt. Aura Rhanea, female spaceship commander. The saucer, he says, comes from "the planet 'Clarion,' on the other side of the sun. Science has never charted such a planet in our solar system.

Mr. Williamson says he saw a saucer 5000 feet above him in broad desert daylight one day in Arizona. He conversed in international Morse code with saucer crews. Both Mr. Bethurum and Mr. Williamson say they were spoken to in the English language.

Are the saucers real? These two Cincinnati visitors say yes. The way they talk makes you want to believe them.

**Space Men OK,
Says "Rider"
Of Flying Saucer**

It's all right, America, quit worrying about those flying saucers.

There's a man in Cincinnati who contends he knows all about the little men that have caused all the furor. He talked with them and they're a nice, friendly lot.

That's what Truman Bethurum, 35, of Redondo Beach, Calif., says. He's willing to tell you all about it in Friday 8 p. m. at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, at a slight cost.

Bethurum says he is the one mortal on earth who was chosen to meet the little men from the planet "Clarion." Why he was chosen he doesn't know. He rode in a flying saucer, too. You can read all about it in his book, "Aboard a Flying Saucer."

It seems Bethurum had left his California home and came up to Nevada to look for some shells. He fell asleep near his car and when he awoke there was this flying saucer and all these little men around him.

These little men were gorgeous female dressed in bright red skirts and futuristic tunings. She was Capt. Aura Rhanea, leader of the 31-man crew. He adds they took him for a ride. Bethurum says the trip lasted only seven minutes, but he notices in multiple time zones around the world in that time.

In his expert opinion, Dr. Wilkins was sure the objects were not any sort of "optical or meteorological peculiarity," but he insisted there "must" be some conventional explanation although he was at a loss to provide one. 38.

The "glass pox" riddle.

A forgotten episode in UFO history was the strange rash of automotive windshield smashings and pittings that caused considerable talk in June 1954. Some scientists suggested that hydrofluoric acid was responsible since it is the only known substance that can have a direct chemical effect on glass. Since Fluorine is a by-product of an H-Bomb explosion, it was theorized the nuclear tests in the Pacific sent acid high in the atmosphere which was then carried eastward by air currents. Besides the United States, windshields were damaged in England, Belgium, Holland, and France. Critics of the Fluorine explanation pointed out that the paint on the car should have been effected also, but no paint damage was noted.

For a time people blamed the mysterious epidemic on flying saucers.

"Little interest in France."

In June French UFO authority Aime Michel surveyed the European scene and found little belief in the "saucers." Only rarely did testimonials appear in the press. In Michel's own country particularly, there seemed a dearth of interest, with Frenchmen more concerned with political troubles in Indochina and Korea.

Studying the work of Canada's Wilbert Smith, director of the Shirley Bay "saucer observatory," Aime detected a "rough statistic," that combined with his own calculations, indicated an imminent UFO flap. An interview granted to a reporter for the Paris-Match produced the headline shortly thereafter: "AIME MICHEL: FLYING SAUCER RAIN FOR AUGUST." No one paid any attention that Michel could tell, not even when the BOAC case made news on June 29th. 39.

June 12th. Southern Rhodesia.

A UFO was seen travelling parallel to an auto being driven by a white Rhodesian. Two other witnesses were Africans that were passengers in the vehicle. Before the object in the sky accelerated to tremendous speed, its general appearance was memorized and later sketched. The UFO was silver-colored and looked: "...like the fuselage of a very small aircraft minus wings and the tail, round on top tapering to the rear, and flat underneath." 40.

June 12th-14th.

"Great object of unknown nature."

High over Wilmington, Delaware, a great object of an unknown nature was detected flying in a rectangular course at 75,000 feet. As high as it was, it was still visible to ground observers who used high-powered binoculars. For two hours the "great object" was tracked on radar. This incident was similar to the one that took place at Washington D.C. a month before.

Air Force jets could not reach the UFO at its 15 mile height, mashing out short of the UFO's altitude.

The UFO's performance occurred twice over Wilmington, once on June 12th for an hour, and again the night of June 14th when the object, glowing a orange-red, maintained its rectangular flight pattern for two hours. 41. 42.

June 13th.

Pitted Windshield 'Epidemic' Hits Here

Richmond police criminologist Hillard Reeves said today chemical analysis of the metallic-appearing substance recovered from pitted windshields of several Richmond cars, yesterday failed to determine the nature of source of the substance.

It was hoped the analysis would provide a clue to the mystery of the widespread epidemic of pocked windshields.

Reeves said the particles—tiny metallic or carbon shreds visible to the naked eye—were seen floating in the air in the area north of Richmond high school and in the auto where car damage was reported yesterday.

Police began their check of the reported damage after C. L. Baughgardner of 2355 Bush avenue, while cleaning his car yesterday morning, found numerous pitholes or chips on the windshield, side and rear windows of his car.

Further checks revealed similar piff marks on another car parked near his on the street.

While officers were inspecting the glass neighboring car owners pointed out similar damage. Extending their inspections the officers reported that every auto examined within a radius of several blocks had some pits on the glass. Minute shiny particles, appearing to be metallic, were found on cars having pitted windows, and more of the particles were observed falling.

More pronounced damage was found on the glass of a car owned by Leslie Blohm of 1406 Hayes street, who reported the worst sample was a hole approximately four inches in diameter in the center of the rear window

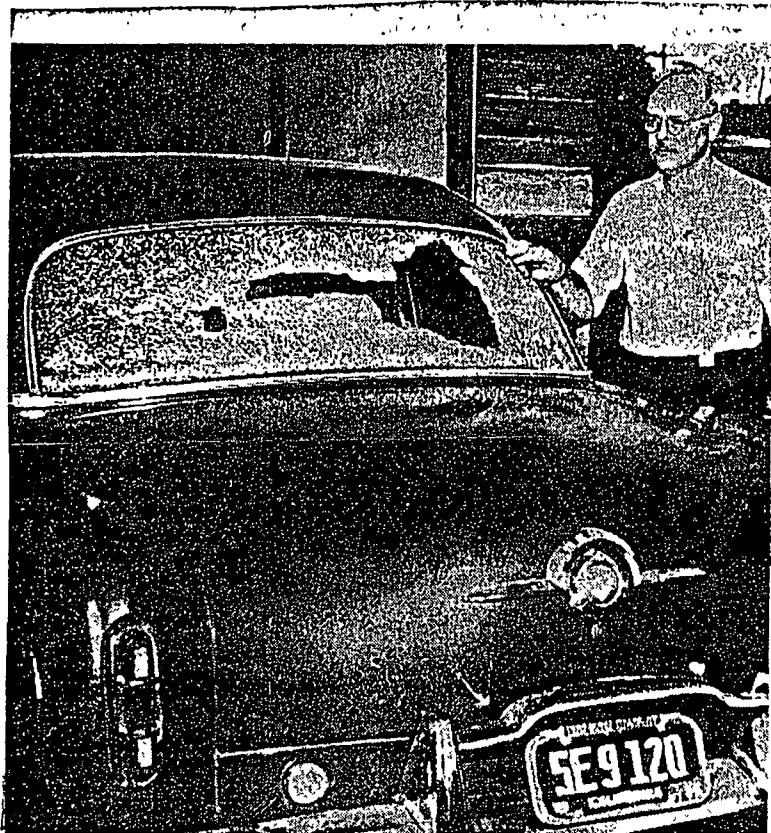
Blohm said he discovered the damage Saturday night after he left his car parked in front

the San Pablo American Legion hall from 7 to 9 p m

As he drove home, Blohm reported further, the damage action continued, glass crumbling away from the rim of the hole and enlarging it. The edges of the glass forming the rim of the damaged area were bent outward, giving the appearance of being caused by pressure from the inside.

The deterioration continued until the entire window was a mass of quarter to half-inch chips which broke away at a touch.

Clipping from the
Richmond, California
Independent. June,
1954. Exact day not
known.



A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS is being made of a metallic substance that seems to be responsible for pitting and eating away windshields and auto windows in the Richmond area. Leslie Blohm, 1406 Hayes street, Richmond, points to the rear window of his car which

appears to be eaten away. Blohm said the car window was in perfect condition when he took his auto out yesterday. Suddenly a small hole appeared and within a few hours the condition pictured here spread to the entire section of glass.

—Independent Photo

Mystery spheres over the northeast.

Sunday night, June 13, 1954, at the Ernest Taillacq residence of Boston, Massachusetts, some visiting relatives had just left the house when they saw high up in the clear, moonless, night (10:00 p.m.) sky a dull white ball that appeared to be hovering over Bedford Airport in the west. Mr. Taillacq was summoned to watch because the object was so extraordinary. At 10:15 p.m. the object started pulsating in size and after a few moments a smaller red ball ball shot out of its "parent" in a straight line. After about three minutes a second red ball was ejected. More minutes passed.

Finally the sphere vanished instantaneously, and then re-appeared just as quick, pulsated, shrunk in size, and then disappeared for good. 43.

June 14th Staten Island.

Some distance south of Massachusetts is Staten Island, New York. At 6:00 in the evening of June 14th, Air Force Special Agent Marion Warren received a phone call from a civilian living in the community of Great Kills. The person on the phone claimed to have witnessed for 2-3 seconds at 1:30 that afternoon a "white sphere" in the sky, a ball with reddish tones around its circumference and which moved horizontally right to left in a shallow arc upward and then quickly dropped straight down. The sphere's appearance and disappearance were spontaneous! 44.

Australia's UFO wave continues.

The evening of June 14th scores of excited residents of the city of Sydney watched as strange lights appeared in the dark sky. Soon after 7 p.m. multi-colored bodies were observed, the things changing from white to blue, and to red.

At about 6 a.m. the next morning there were two reports, independently made, of something 30 feet long and 10 feet wide, propelled by an exhaust of blue-green flames, zooming south over Botany Bay at 600 feet altitude. 45.

England.

At Four Elms, in Kent, on June 15th, a yellow light was seen rising from the ground and then flew toward London in a slow curve. The yellow light (nothing else was reported) was closely flanked by two smaller blue ones. 46.

These were some of the many queer aerial lights being reported in England at the time.

June 14th.

More on the "A.V. Roe saucer plane."

The notoriety of the Canadian saucer plane program and the interest of the U.S. Air Force in the possible practical use of the saucer-like design, no doubt enhanced by the big play given the subject in Life magazine on May 31st, prompted the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to issue a memo on June 14, 1954, which assigned the organization's Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence the duty of being responsible for:

"...all intelligence measures required to identify, to assess and to report the use by any foreign power or nation of non-conventional types of air vehicles such as or similar to the 'saucer-like' planes presently under development by the Anglo/British/Canadian efforts." 47.

As for the role of the CIA's Physics and Electronic Division, it would:

"...continue to be responsible for the OSI Office of Scientific In-

telligence project on 'unidentified' flying objects, will maintain the OSI central file on such objects and will make available to ASD/Si the material of this file which might bear directly or indirectly upon man-made non-conventional air vehicles capable of 'weapon' applications." 48.

June 15, 1954. Venezuela:

The following is a telegram sent by the National Director of Education for Venezuela:

"TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE OF VENEZUELA. BARQUISIMETO, DECEMBER 15-6-54(708-103-075-10PM) RAULCOM. COLONEL FELIX RAMON MORENO, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS.

"AT DAWN TODAY, OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY OVER TUREN ZONE, LUMINOUS GLOBE MOVING AT GREAT SPEED IN HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL TRAJECTORY DIMINISHING ITS LIGHTS OCCASIONALLY. ON THREE OCCASIONS IT CAME TOWARD ME TURNING OFF ITS LIGHTS WHEN I SHOT AT IT, APPEARING AFTERWARDS IN A DIFFERENT PLACE. DOCTOR(name withheld)AND OTHER PERSONS WITNESSED PART OF THIS PHENOMENON WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN TUREN AND OSPINO. AT THE SAME TIME, AGRICULTURIST(name withheld)ARMY RESERVE SOLDIER AFFIRMS HAVING SEEN AT 2:00 A.M. TODAY, NEAR VILLAGE, LUMINOUS OBJECT IN THE SHAPE OF AN UMBRELLA. FEEL IT MY DUTY TO SEND YOU THIS INFORMATION TO WHATEVER ENDS YOU DEEM CONVENIENT EVEN THOUGH I DO NOT WISH ANY PUBLICITY IN THE MATTER(Sighted) PROF. MANRIQUE CARRILLO." 49. (The professor at the time of the sighting was in the family auto with his wife and children.)

The Seattle FBI office again. June 18th.

With another anniversary of the famous 1947 Kenneth Arnold report looming, the Seattle FBI office sent a memo to its Washington Headquarters concerning its aerial phenomena problem and what it had learned from the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations(OSI). (See document). Within four days the Seattle FBI agent in charge would reason to seek more advice.

Mystery lights at Air Force Missile Test Center.

On June 18th the Provost Marshal office at the Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida; conferred with the test center Intelligence office over an incident that reportedly occurred the evening of June 8th at Indialanatic, a community on the Florida coast. The night was dark, the sky overcast and rain came down intermittently. A civilian parked in an auto near the beach noticed a narrow intense beam of light coming from some point offshore about 100 yards out in the Atlantic. The light beam went through some cycles, and in response the eyewitness turned his auto's spotlight in the direction of the mystery light. The spotlight was blinked a number of times. The strange light offshore winked out and did not appear again(The ocean in the area of the mystery light was 40 feet deep. Considering the water's depth and the weather conditions, its possible a submarine approached the beach

Seven days later the log of the Air Police Desk Sergeant, Patrick AFB, told of an observation by a guard at 9:35 p.m. It seems a mystery object was seen at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet above the Vere Beach VCR transmitter.

The air policeman's testimony went:

"...he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #26, at approximately 200 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the

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REPORTS ON ALLEGED SIGHTING OF SUBMARINES,
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It has been the experience of this office that during this season, from now until winter, there is received a considerable number of alleged reports on sighting of submarines, flashing lights, parachute landings, flying saucers, etc. In every instance when such reports are received, the information is immediately disseminated to DIO, 13 ND, U. S. Navy; OSI, USAF; and (U-3), U. S. Army.

Inasmuch as Seattle is the District Headquarters for the Intelligence Agencies in the Pacific Northwest, reports received, usually from the USCG, concerning incidents in the state of Oregon are immediately reported to that office as well as the Intelligence Agencies.

Many of the reports are of a nebulous type, impossible of corroborating, and of doubtful authenticity. Some, by preliminary inquiry and evaluation, prove to be without foundation. However, as stated above, reports of this type are immediately disseminated to the Intelligence Agencies without evaluation, followed by additional information as obtained.

This office has no control of the dissemination of these reports on a "spot" basis by the local intelligence offices to their Headquarters in Washington, D. C. The Bureau will recall the widespread dissemination given by the military agencies of "Radio Message March 13, 1953, Interpreted as Calling for Mobilization of Communist Party" (SAC Letter #23, dated 3/31/53).

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Bureau that in all instances immediate dissemination is made of all unusual incidents that appear to have any military significance. This office also acts as a coordinator on all reports to be certain that all interested agencies are cognizant.

The Bureau may be assured that it will be kept advised of all significant incidents as they arise but will not be bothered with every trivial incident that occurs unless instructed.

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OSI advises us that they have no interest whatsoever themselves in connection with these matters and that Operations of the Air Force doesn't even advise them. Colonel [REDACTED] District Commander, OSI, states that there is an evaluation at Wright-Patterson Field where the data is correlated, that the reports are handled from the Air Force here to that point in a routine fashion and that OSI gives no credence whatsoever to it because they have never had any previous experience of any kind as to anything arising out of the situation.

There is attached hereto a copy of a communication marked "CONFIDENTIAL" requesting data concerning the situation as well as several recent publications, some of which are issued by the Air Force itself. It is the opinion of Colonel [REDACTED] that the releases are a poor thing and create mass hysteria, but he says he has nothing whatsoever to do with the situation. *Not attached*

Flying Saucer Group To Hold Open Meeting In Hemet City Park

"Coming June 13rd, and each week thereafter meetings will be held in Hemet City Park at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of educating the people of the Valley about the space craft seen in our skies," reports Henry Mundt, Publicity Chairman of the organization sponsoring these meetings.

"It is planned that from time to time there will be speakers from other areas . . . persons who have had direct contact with the Being who operates the space craft. Tape recordings will also be used whenever available. Current books written upon the subject will be reviewed."

A great deal of information has been gathered about the Space People and their craft. It is ready now to be given to the people in this area free of charge. There is no desire upon the part of those involved to make money in this work. Since it has been given to them freely, why should it be given to others. Their only desire is to help the people of this area to understand the true reason for people coming here from other worlds and the real purpose of their mission here," concluded Mundt.

INFORMATION BEING WITHHELD

"It is becoming more apparent to those of an 'open mind' that our newspapers and governmental officials have been withholding a great deal of information about the 'saucers.' What they have given us has been, for the most part, distorted. They have ridiculed most sightings, to the point that fewer and fewer people will dare mention what they have seen, although there are more space craft in our skies than ever before. Their reasoning is that by official ridicule they may be able to lessen the danger of panic. However, we all know that panic is born from fear . . . fear of the unknown. Truth will dispel this fear, thereby dispelling panic. Truth is like a searchlight through the darkness of ignorance . . . ignorance which breeds the twins, fear and panic. The Space People are here to help us, not to do any harm. There is no reason to fear them for they are friendly and peaceful."

Through the medium of this newspaper and the meetings in Hemet Park, we shall endeavor at all times to bring truth to all the people. We want the folks of this Valley to feel free to ask any questions they wish concerning this work. Questions may be sent to this paper or be submitted in written form at the Park meetings for answer. By this manner we wish to serve and help you. In doing so, we also help those who have come at great expense to help us," concluded Mundt.

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Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from the original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white, remaining visible for a short time and then disappearing suddenly. The entire period of its visibility was approximately five minutes." 50.

The object was especially puzzling because it did not seem to have any definite silhouette. The Air Policeman then noticed the strange object drop down to a point below the treeline, and then bob upward into view again.

No aircraft were scheduled to be in the area.

The following night there was even indications of an aerial intruder. A Major Moseley, Senior Pilot, was standing on the aircraft parking ramp just southwest of Hanger 800 when he spotted a glowing body at 20 degrees from the horizon coming out of the south. The object was a blinking blue-colored fluorescent source of light, changing intermittently to white. The thing passed west of the observer at a speed "greater than an aircraft." At its near approach the UFO: "...appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving." 51. The UFO was soundless and no trace of an exhaust was discernible, but as the light pulsed, at its brightest: "...it appeared that the object might be crescent-shaped on the lower side." 52.

Just west of the airfield the object paused for a moment, and then it was seen gaining altitude until it was lost to view as it entered the overcast (3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet)

No air traffic was scheduled over the air strip at the time. 53.

June 18th.

UFO over the French Equatorial Africa. Seen by the Apostolic Vicar!

A Lisbon, Portugal, newspaper published:

"Brazzaville, 19 July --Monsignor Verhille, Apostolic Vicar of Fort Rousset, reported in the Brazzaville newspaper La Semaine de l'AKF that he and others had sighted an unidentified flying object over Laketi in the Likuala-Mossaka region of the Middle Congo on 18 June 1954 at 1935 hours. A luminous globe, it came from the North toward the Laketi Mission. It suddenly stopped, rose and dropped, stopped again, gyrated, and seemed to shake. A noise like that of an airplane engine, heard until that moment, also stopped. Seen through binoculars, the object had a dark mass in the center with light rays of unequal length coming out of it alternately. It went through its rising, falling, and stabilizing movements for 15 minutes, then shot back over the northern horizon." 54.

June 21st.

Ridgeway, Canada. Not the usual UFO story.

On June 21st a disc-like object with flashing lights was seen coming to earth in a field within sight of a house on the outskirts of the town of Ridgeway, Canada. The couple that lived in the dwelling noticed the object and tried to get closer by chasing the thing in their auto as it moved about in the wooded area. The UFO finally set down in a clearing. The two witnesses in pursuit stopped nearby and debated what to do next. The hus-

band was bolder than his wife, he wanting to approach the UFO on foot. The wife became frightened and urged her husband to leave. Giving in to his wife's fears, the husband tried to start the car but the engine, for some unknown reason, refused to turn over. 55. Was the engine trouble due to an electromagnetic effect?

June 21st.

"Bee-swarmed."

A Ray Angier of Parkersburg, Ohio, telephoned Leonard Stringfield of CRIFO on June 21st to report small objects maneuvering over his town. The objects appeared to be flying about in an intelligent manner, zooming around singly and in pairs. The things hovered over houses and other points of apparent interest to them, after which the strange visitors climbed vertically at high speed. Mr. Angier informed Stringfield a similar mass visit by the objects had taken place back on May 29, 1954. 56.

June 21st. Domed disc over Florida. (See BLUE BOOK teletype message)

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COUNTY, FLA. PART 6. A. CIV [REDACTED] AGE 22. MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED] DELRAY BEACH, FLA. PROFESSIONAL MODEL. HIGHLY RELIABLE. B. CIV [REDACTED] AGE 17. MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED] DELRAY BEACH, FLA. ATTENDING SCHOOL. VERY RELIABLE. PART 7. A. NIGHT, SKY OVER CAST, NO RAIN, THUNDER OR LIGHTNING. B. SURFACE WINDS, 100 DEG, 6 KNOTS; 6000 FT, 210 DEG, 7 KNOTS; 10000 FT, 200 DEG, 7 KNOTS; 16000 FT, 200 DEG, 12 KNOTS; 20000 FT, 210 DEG, 15 KNOTS; 30000 FT, 270 DEG, 15 KNOTS; 50000 FT, 300 DEG, 30 KNOTS; 80000 FT, 8 DEG, 40 KNOTS. C. 12000 FT. D. 8 MILES. E. 10/10. F. NONE.

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"Gray cigar." June 22nd.

The Air Force OSI unit in Cleveland passed along to Wright Field the following information:

"On 28 June 1954, (...deleted) Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Cleveland Detachment office of this District relative to sighting of an unknown flying object. Upon personal interview by Special Agent Joseph Reccimello on the same date, (...deleted) advised that at 0520 hours, 22 June 1954, he was standing on the corner of (...deleted) facing North, when he saw an object come out of the skies 'with the speed of the wind.' The object came within 200 to 300 feet of the house tops, veered suddenly and went up and out of sight again." 57.

The witness described the object in the following manner:

- "-Shaped like a cigar or dirigible, pointed at both ends.
- Gray in color (possibly bluish due to early dawn).
- The size of two houses combined.
- Not spinning, seemed to be going like an airplane.
- Emitted the odor of burning sulphur.
- Came and went in a matter of seconds." 58.

June 22nd. Zechmeister gets a good one.

Major Zechmeister, Director of Intelligence, 25th Air Division, McChord AFB, had agreed to share UFO reports with the Duty Agent of the Seattle Field Division, FBI. The agent, R.D. Auerbach, was worried about possible "enemy activity" although Major Zechmeister didn't seem to share the same concern, but on June 22nd McChord Airbase experienced a real puzzler of a UFO report, one that was passed on to Auerbach who no doubt found it very interesting reading:

"SUMMARY."FLYING OBJECT REPORT GROUND AND AIRBORNE RADAR SIGHTINGS OF UNKNOWN BLIPS OR TARGETS.

"An unknown blip or target was picked up on (...deleted) radar control scope in Georef LN 1604, estimated 200 knot speed, estimated altitude 15 angels, originally at 0314Z and intermittently thereafter for a total of three sightings by (...deleted) within a ten minute period after which time blip or target remained off. Upon first pickup, (...deleted) relayed information to MERCURY (Direction Center) who took immediate action to vector two fighter interceptors, Pronto Blue #1 and 2, (who were on CAP, at 0400Z) off CAP to vicinity of blip or target. Pronto Blue #2 obtained an airborne radar pickup lower left portion on scope, approximately 28 miles from blip or target which separated into two 'clear distinct' blips at 0435Z; altitude 25,000 feet. Blue #2 attempted to close on 30 degree port heading in attempt to center blip, descending from 25,000 feet to 6,000 feet and to within estimated 6 miles with speed increasing from .85 to .9 Mach. Blip then slid off scope from 30 degree port to 60 degree port. Blue #1 obtained an airborne radar pickup at 30 degrees at approximately 0436Z at 20,000 feet altitude. Blue #1 held pickup for approximately 20 seconds, or three sweeps of AI radar after which time blips or targets slid off scope from 30 degrees port to 60 degrees port." 59.

Malfunction, balloon, or seaborne target? The report said no:

"At the time of first mode return pickup up by TIMOTHY, question arose as to possibility of malfunction. The site Tech Representative was on hand and monitored scope. In his opinion, malfunction of radar was definitely ruled out.

"All weather stations, as well as Seattle AMIS; Navy; Coast Guard 6 ADDC at Vancouver, B.C. Canada, were checked with negative results, ruling out possibility of weather balloons; boats or ships; or aircraft. One Navy PZV was found to be flying at the time, but over 100 miles from location of incident. A slight 3 degree inversion at 5,000 feet was present at 1900, but would possibly affect only a limited area.

"The F-86D pilots were queried at great length in reference to the size and general appearance of blips presented on scopes. Both pilots appeared to have a very clear and firm concept of the difference between the observed blips as opposed to seaborne blips and B-36, B-52 type blips previously encountered." 60.

The evaluation was:

"The blips or targets observed are tentatively evaluated as true airborne targets, similar in presentation size and general configuration (on ground-based and airborne equipment) to B-36, B-52 type aircraft with an estimated pullout speed of Mach One or better." 61.

UFOs over Cincinnati, Ohio. June 23rd.

Leonard Stringfield and his C.R.I.F.O. group collected this item:

"At 10 P.M. David Platz observed an extremely bright light moving soundlessly from the NE, curving slightly to the West. Earlier, 9:15, his younger brother, Peter, and friends, Roger Flagler, Eric Bartelt and Ester Spain all watched in the western sky, a reddish light which remained stationary for one half minute, then shot up vertically making no sound. The object then proceeded to disappear in horizontal flight." 62.

Stalked by a UFO. (See the Gorman case of October 1, 1948)

Air Force BLUE BOOK records tell us:

"I. INVESTIGATOR'S NARRATIVE REPORT. 25 June 1954.

"Subject: Unidentified Object Report by 1st Lt. Harry Roe, Ohio Air National Guard Pilot.

"1. At approximately 0915 hours, Thursday, 24 June 1954, the undersigned airman, NOCIO, Aerial Phenomena Section, received a telephone call from Capt. Wagenhals, Operations Office of the Ohio Air National Guard stationed at the Dayton Municipal Airport. Subject of the conversation was the report of an UFOB observed by 1st Lt. Harry Lee Roe, Jr., Ohio Air National Guard Pilot as he was on a routine flight between Dayton and Columbus. Following are the details related during the conversation:

'Time of sighting - Between 2045 and 2145 hours, 23 June 1954.

'Object - Bright light.

'Size - Unknown.

(Note: Due to a very poor telephone connection, Sgt. Dreppard could not hear Capt. Wagenhals' report distinctly)

"Capt. Wagenhals stated, 'the source had initial contact with the UFOB NW of Dayton at 2100 hours, 23 June 54.' Source could not estimate distance of UFOB. Source told Capt. Wagenhals that, 'he and object remained at approximately 7000' to 9000' altitude throughout observation.' Source contacted Municipal Airport tower to alert personnel as he flew over. Source further told Capt. Wagenhals that, 'he attempted several 90 degree turns into object with negative results.' UFOB remained 'on' wing tip during source's maneuvers. Source stated 'he returned to home site from a position approximately 40 miles SW of Columbus.'

"2. Capt. Hardin, Chief, Aerial Phenomena Section, was not present in the office when the above report was received by the undersigned airman. Immediately upon return of Capt. Hardin, he was informed of the telephone conversation. It was decided by Capt. Hardin (after short analysis of the facts available) and the undersigned airman, that the report was a reflection phenomena of some type and we would investigate the matter more thoroughly on Monday, 26 June 1954. (Capt. Hardin then departed on two days leave.)

"3. At approximately 10:45 hours, the plot began to thicken. Sgt. Dreppard received another telephone call from 'Doc' Fisher of the

Dayton Daily Newspaper. Following is the exact conversation as I, (Sgt. Drepperd), remember it:

'Mr. Fisher, 'Heard you fellows received a UFOB report - is it true?''

Sgt. Drepperd, "Yes, I received a verbal report earlier this morning."

Mr. Fisher, "What did it look like?"

Sgt. Drepperd, "I am sorry, but I am not authorized to make any statements or press releases."

Mr. Fisher, "I see, This fellow was in the ONG, wasn't he?"

Sgt. Drepperd, "I am awfully sorry, but I can't release any information. The only agency that releases official Air Force statements is USAF PIO. I suggest you contact Hq USAF for further information."

Mr. Fisher, "Washington, eh? Will Washington know of this report? "

Sgt. Drepperd, "Sorry, can't tell you. Let me call you back after I check with my superiors."

Mr. Fisher, "O.K. I've still got 25 minutes to press time. Goodbye."

"I then started to Col. O'Mara's office to report the whole incident to him. Before I could leave the office, however, I received another phone call from AMC PIO. A Mister ??? asked me if I had calls from the press on the UFOB. I told him of the conversation just prior with Mr. Fisher and that I was on my way to report it to Col. O'Mara. Mr. ??? stated he would try to hold off the press until he heard from me.

"4. I then proceeded to Col. O'Mara's office and reported word-for-word all that I have reported hereon. Colonel O'Mara immediately contacted AMC PIO, and it was decided that no official AF statement of any kind would be printed. AMC PIO also stated they would inform the press to contact Washington (Hq USAF) for a statement in about one week. Col. O'Mara then directed the undersigned airman to send a message immediately to D/I, USAF including all available details on the case. Attachment #2.

"5. After the message was drafted and submitted for transmission the undersigned airman commenced a journal investigation to obtain all possible details of the sighting. I telephoned Lt. Roe, the source, at his place of occupation, NCR, Dayton, and asked him if I could talk with him regarding the UFOB report. He agreed, and I met with the source in Bldg. #77, of NCR at approx 1400 hours 24 June 1954.

"6. The source was very cooperative and seemed discouraged at his inability to identify the object. The source, upon my request, accomplished one copy of the 'U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet.' Attachment #1. While source was completing the form, I talked with him and obtained the following statements:

'Object first appeared at approximately 8 o'clock.'

It stayed down twilight (in the darker portion of the sky) all during my observation.

I tried practically every maneuver I knew of to get it into the twilight and obtain a silhouette, if possible. I tried changing my heading and altitude with negative results.'

At one time, I chopped the throttle, put gear and flaps

down in hopes that it would pass by. I was down to 100 - 110 MPH, but the damn thing acted like there was a pilot out there. When I slowed down all of a sudden, he gave a little surge at first, came practically parallel with me, and then maintained the same speed as I did off my right wing. I made regular fighter turns into the object, but at all times it turned with me. However, when I resumed my headings toward Dayton, sometimes he would be on my left and sometimes he was on my right. During most of the turns, it remained at an 8 o'clock position.

It seemed to be slightly above me at all times. Estimated distance from observer - 'It's very hard to tell but I guess he was anywhere from 1000 to 1800 feet from me.' Both the size and intensity were very similar to an aircraft taillight.

I thought it was a jet at first.

It had a continuous brightness, no flickering or pulsating.

I chased it out of sight.

I made several complete circles, but it seemed to make them, in position, right with me.

It seemed to me whatever it was, watched my lights, for when I started to change my position, he would go right with me. When I contacted Patterson tower, I told them of the situation and asked them to watch as I flew over. They said they only saw me. I also asked for my radar position. They told me they had me on a NE heading and I was on a SE heading. I corrected them but received no reply.

There was definite linear movement of the object in relation to my aircraft.

It left me, I didn't leave it.

I knew there was a jet up from them 97th somewhere over Columbus.

There were two other F-51 boys up over Columbus. Before the sighting, I had intended to join formation with them. I believe it was Lt. Wallace and Lt. Wilmer. When I saw it, I asked Wallace - "Did you see that jet-job?" He said, "Yes, I saw him."

I first saw the object at approximately 9,000 feet and when I reached Dayton I was at 9,000 feet.

It chased me from Columbus to Dayton; I chased it back to Columbus. It left me there.

I remember when it left me. I had climbed to about 12,000 or 12,500 feet.'

"7. Before I left the source, I explained to him the sensitive nature of this situation as far as the Air Force and the press were concerned. He stated that he was called earlier in the day by a reporter and had given him an account of the sighting.

"8. The source stated he did not initiate release of the incident to the press and that he did not have any idea of whom informed them first. In fact, the source was quite angry upon learning of the initial leak to the press.

"9. I completed my interrogation of the source at approximately 1535 hours and returned to ATIC." 63.

The interviewing NCIO, accompanied by BLUE BOOK Astro-Physicist consultant Dr. J. Allen Hynek, talked with the Operations Officer at Dayton Municipal Airport, a Captain Wagenhals:

"Captain Wagenhals was first to reach Lt. Roe when he landed. He stated Lt. Roe said, 'I must be going off my rocker because I saw something really moving up there.' Lt. Roe proceeded to tell Captain Wagenhals the story of the sighting. The interview with the Captain verified everything the source told the undersigned airman. Captain Wagenhals stated Lt. Roe would have to be awfully close to a jet aircraft to see its exhaust unless the jet was using its afterburner. The jet theory was ruled out however by all three persons at the interview when speed was taken into consideration. No jet could fly that slow (referring to Lt. Roe's stalling at approximately 100 - 110 MPH and the object not passing him) without apparent aerodynamic complications arising. Captain Wagenhals stated that the weather over the Dayton area was very clear and visibility unlimited." 64.

The interviewing team then questioned the Air Instructor at Dayton field, a Lt. Colonel Mc Clure who:

"...expressed the opinion that the UFO could have been a 'canopy' reflection which happens from time to time while flying an F-51 at night. However, the Colonel highly recommended Lt. Roe as a qualified observer and further stated, 'He's an old combat pilot with a lot of experience and in my opinion is a very well-stabbed man, a very reliable individual."

"Dr. Hynek later considered the canopy reflection phenomena as improbable due to the maneuverability of the UFO reported by Lt. Roe. 65.

The interviewing NCIO, T/Sgt. Albert Drepperd, reported the following as a tentative evaluation:

"Tentative analysis of all available details obtained indicate the following: The UOB was not - a jet aircraft, a canopy reflection, or a weather balloon.

"Tentative evaluation: A reflection phenomenon of some sort. An attempt to further determine the source of the reported light will be conducted as soon as possible." 66.

V-formation checks out bomber, Piper Cubs.

In June, 1954, exact date not recalled by witness, a Mr. Gary J. Vargo, supervisor of the Uitca, Michigan, Ground Observer Post, was off duty, at home doing some gardening one afternoon when he heard the drone of a bomber so he stopped work to look up. He saw an Air Force B-29 heading west, nothing strange about that, however following the bomber was a V-formation of what appeared to be shiny disc-shaped objects. As he watched, fascinated, the UFOs caught up with the bomber and began to circle it. During that maneuver a trio of shiny objects broke away and zoomed toward two single

engine Piper Cubs in the area as if to investigate. The small private planes apparently were of little interest since the three UFOs quickly returned to their companions.

On the ground Mr. Vargo's mother joined him to observe the UFOs swept around the sky, the objects reflecting the sunlight in the manner of polished metal. The sky show ended after 20 minutes when, in V-formation, the objects climbed out of sight in seconds. 67.

England. June 23rd.

At Hengistburg Head, England, on June 23rd, about 9:15 p.m., a huge cigar shaped object giving off a brilliant glow hovered in the sky for three minutes. Witnesses at St. Catherine's Hill and Pokesdown also reported seeing the object as it hovered and then zipped away at high speed. 68.

June 24th. Article in English newspaper:

"A vivid account of a flying saucer over Lyme Regis Bay in the early hours of Thursday morning has been given by Mr. M. Thomas, the well-known radio dealer, of Uplyme.

"Usually, reports such as these are received with a certain amount of incredulity, but when one comes from one of the best-known residents in the district and is substantiated by his wife, it is, to say the least, entitled to serious consideration.

"Especially is this so when it follows a report of flying saucers in this part of the country and also of unusual sounds heard by Lyme Regis residents during the week.

"Mr. Thomas said he and his wife were awakened by an unusual noise about three-thirty on Thursday morning. On going to his bedroom window he saw what best could be described as a ball of fire, the same size as the moon, with a dark band right across it.

"By observing it in conjunction with the telegraph wires this object seemed to hover for quite a period.

"It then moved off with a series of jerks.

"Mr. Thomas said there could be no mistake as to what he saw. It was totally unlike anything he had ever seen before. It could best be described as jerking and then hovering. This occurred alternately for about twenty-five minutes. It then went off in a westerly direction 69.

St. Johnsbury, Vermont. June 24th.

Witnesses deemed reliable by local authorities were questioned by State police concerning the sighting of a trio of yellow, bobbing, high-flying objects in the sky above St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

One of the witnesses named, a Mr. Roy Bonnette, said that after bobbing around, one of the objects shot straight up and was immediately followed by the other two. 70.

Dayton, Ohio. June 24th.

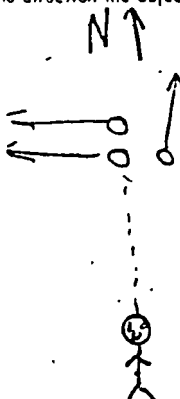
The home of BLUE BOOK, Dayton, had a UFO visitation on the 24th that seems similar to the forementioned Vermont case. Three luminescent, round-shaped, soundless objects sped away after being spotted by an observer. One object went north, and the other two took off toward the northwest. 71. (See drawing by observer)

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound no

b. Color luminous

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



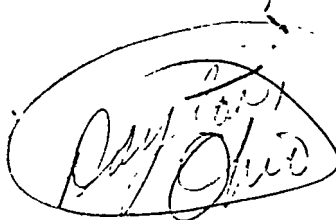
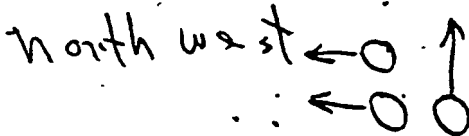
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
 b. Like a bright star
 c. Sharply outlined
 d. Don't remember

e. Other appeared solid
with some fuzziness
at circumference

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



More in the Ohio area. June 25th.

If "something" was lurking in the vicinity of Dayton, the next case adds to the possibility.

Forty-one-year-old John Mark was a sales manager for Atlas Tool Designers. A former Marine, Mr. Mark had over 5,000 hours flying time in both single and multi-engine aircraft.

At about 1702 EST, June 25, 1954, Mr. Mark was at the helm of a Navion, a private plane. He had just passed Indian Lake and was over the open countryside 40 miles northeast of Dayton, Ohio. His plane's altitude was 6,200 feet and the plane's airspeed was 131 miles per hour. Clearly outlined high above the Navion at the time was a DC-6. Visual conditions were good up to an overcast at 30,000 feet except for a slight haze.

Scanning the sky right to left, Mark caught sight of something unusual in the southeast about 80 degrees above the horizon. He had seen many balloons during his years flying but this object was something very different. The unknown object was round, very shiny, metallic-like, and appeared to be about 40 feet in diameter. The thing seemed to have a "cone" on top and a flat bottom. No windows or protuberances were visible. The UFO was motionless.

To eliminate the possibility of a reflection, Mr. Mark took off the Sun glasses he was wearing, looked through the plane's windshield at various angles, and then through an open window. A reflection was not responsible for the UFO. Puzzled, Mr. Mark radioed Dayton tower. At that very instant, the UFO zoomed away. In Mr. Mark's opinion, the UFO reacted exactly as if it was tuned to his radio wave band and had picked up the transmission. The UFO flashed across the sky, halted momentarily, and then shot upward at a steep angle at a very fast speed, disappearing from view when it entered the overcast at 30,000 feet. Nothing human, Mr. Mark believed, could have endured the "G-forces" in the UFO's climb.

Meanwhile, Dayton tower contacted M/Sgt. Qurka at Wright-Patterson AFB radar approach control and requested a search covering 45 miles to the north east of Dayton. M/Sgt. Qurka located two targets in the sector, both blips moving on a heading of 170 degrees. The larger target of the two moved off the scope after one minute.

An Air Force officer phoned Mr. Mark at Dayton's Biltmore Hotel to obtain a narrative report and was put on hold for 30 minutes, an apparent snub that seemed to have made the military investigator a bit testy, as did Mr. Mark's effort at the "traps" in the BLUE BOOK interrogation form like question number 38 that asked: "In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?" This poser was included to draw out people who suffered from excessive imagination. In Mr. Mark's case, however, the question was answered with "Don't know" and a written remark by Mr. Mark that called the poser "ambiguous." 72.

"Look-for-Flying-Saucers-Day." June 25th.

The close approach of the planet Mars (40,000,000 miles) triggered the appearance of numerous articles in magazines that contained a mix of educational information and pure speculation. Collier's, a widely read publication in its time, ran a whole series discussing the red world as well as serious proposals for travel in space. Also, noted Palomar astronomer Robert S. Richardson's contribution was an essay in This Week that strongly suggested Mars may have evolved a race of intelligent beings. UFO buffs were greatly encouraged by such writing. The Dayton,

Ohio, newspaper, the Journal-Herald announced on June 25th that: "Look-for-Flying-Saucers-Day" will be inaugurated today." Nobody in the region, however, seems to have needed the encouragement.

June 26th. Columbus, Ohio. 2:57 a.m.

About 50 miles west of Dayton, at Columbus, Ohio, more UFO activity was reported.

A middle aged gentleman was interviewed by an Air Force base Provost Marshall's Office. The report of the interview read:

"To simplify this description I am including a map of the areas involved, traced from a map of Columbus, showing the apparent flight path of the object observed by myself and the person previously mentioned.

"When I first saw it from my bathroom window it was approaching me from over the town and I noticed the glow of the town's lights on the under side which seemed broad and of a gunmetal color. This direction I have determined to be 12 degrees west of north.

"Having passed over the main part of town it lost the glow of these lights and then turned to the east. All the time it was approaching me there was a circle of lights, in a vertical plane, about the minor axis. (The object had the shape and proportions of a football.)

"As it turned this circle of light disappeared and a row of lights appeared horizontally along the major axis. I counted 15-17 of these lights. They were yellowish in color like from incandescent bulbs.

"As it turned broadside to me I noticed that it's apparent length equalled the width of the house, under it, on the street next back of my house. I watched as it, in steady motion, moved to the east and just before passing from view seemed to turn again this time to the south. The entire flight path I have determined as 12 degrees from the horizontal as the object passed just over the trees on the street back of my house. During the entire time of observation I heard no sound from the object and I noticed also that all other sound was at a minimum being unable to hear even the sound of traffic.

"I judge the total time of observation to be about 2½ minutes. (Based on my experience in photographic dark-room timings.)

"Flight path horizontally thru 92 degrees at view point.

"Judge object to be 200 feet long (major axis) and apparent diameter to be about 50 feet. We are thinking of a prelate ellipsoid, but an oblate ellipsoid or torus at an angle might appear the same.

"Speed around 30 m.p.h. and altitude of about 2,000 feet." 73.

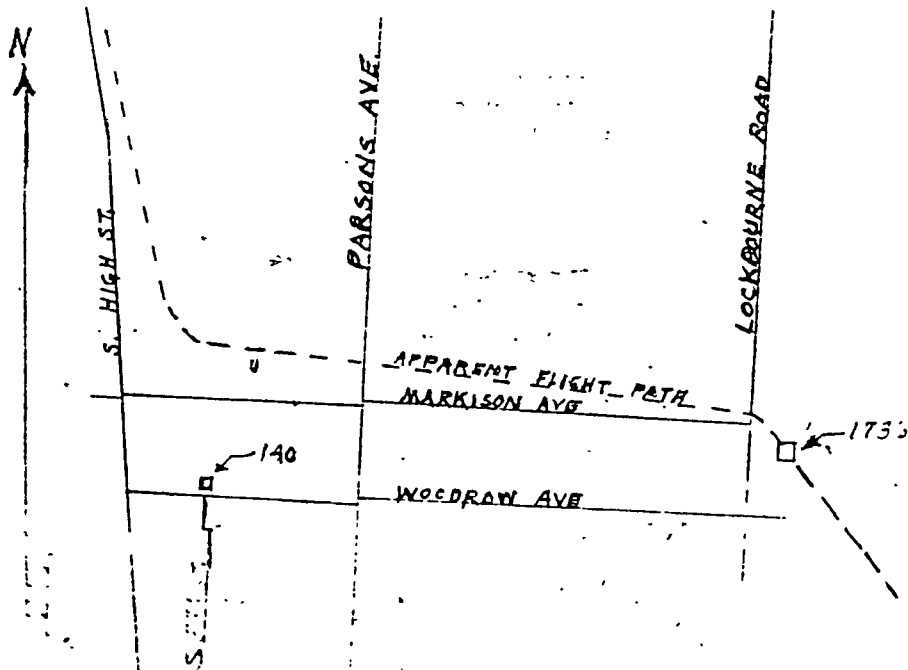
The other witness referred to in the above account was also questioned:

"We are not related. At work Monday June 28th I mentioned that I had seen a strange aircraft during the week end and the number of lights on it. At this point Leroy spoke up saying that he had seen the same thing and that it had passed directly over his house at about 3 A.M. while he was standing on his porch. I have indicated the location of his house on the map. He then proceeded to describe the object much as I had seen it. He stated that it came from almost due west and then as it passed overhead turned almost south east. He described the lights exactly as I have described them to you and that he heard no sound from the object. At this time I had not mentioned that I heard no sound.

"We also judged it's shape to be similar to a football and all of 200 feet long and to be moving at about 40 m.p.h. at 1,000 feet [The other witness guessed 30 m.p.h. and 2,000 feet] altitude. He says that he saw nothing protruding from the object and was too large to be an airplane and too small to be a blimp.

"He gave this description without prompting from me and others present will vouch for this.

"Due to the proximity of Lockbourne Air Base all present agreed that the U.S. Air Force must have a new type of aircraft they are operating. If so or not this was the sighting of a very definite object." 74.



"Metallic blob." 7:27 a.m. June 26th.

Just 4½ hours after the "mysterious ellipsoid" sailed over Columbus, a strange "metallic blob" was seen high over the city. (See newspaper clipping) Oddly enough, just who radioed the airliner to investigate cannot be determined from available civilian or military records. Donald Keyhoe wrote that it was Air Force radar that detected the object and that ground control asked for a visual check, but he gives no details and BLUE BOOK files have no official file on the incident. 75.

60 In Airliner Watch 'Metallic Blob' In Sky

By ROBERT CRATER
Citizen Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 23. — An unidentified object described by an Army colonel as a "metallic blob" was seen by the crew and 60 passengers of a transcontinental airliner over Columbus, O., June 28.

Alerted by radio to investigate the object, the crew circled under it at about 20,000 feet while the passengers took a look at the strange object.

"I had a brief glimpse of it when the plane banked on the turn," said Col. Fred Mowery, 49, an Army doctor stationed here.

"IT WAS ABOUT 7:30 a. m. and the sun was shining. I saw what looked like a metallic blob directly overhead. Sort of pear-shaped. I saw the sun reflecting from its surface against the blue sky."

"I didn't see it long enough to determine whether it was moving or how far above us it was."

Many of the passengers thought it was a flying saucer. The crew, after completing the circle under the object, proceeded toward Washington. Col. Mowery said he didn't know who radioed the crew to investigate.

"I DON'T BELIEVE in flying saucers," Col. Mowery said. "I don't know what I saw. It wasn't like any aircraft I have seen."

Capt. Robert White of the Air Force "flying saucer" detail here said he hadn't heard of the report. He said it may have been received at Wright-Patterson Field at Dayton, but that the Air Force would have no comment in any event.

The United Airlines plane was en route from San Francisco to

Washington. It made only one stop—at Denver.

COL. MOWERY SAID the crew told the passengers they had been asked by radio to investigate the object.

"The pilot explained he would make a sweeping circle, banking the plane so that the passengers could look upward and see the object, too." Passengers crowded to the high side windows and peered upward as the plane circled high over Columbus.

"Like a crab."

The vicar of Seighford, England, on June 25, 1954, was a Reverend Cedric Wright. Our source for this story assures us the Reverend presided over a typical English flock in a typical English village, a tiny, peaceful, out-of-the-way place not given to sensation. At 11:30 the evening of June 25th the vicar was preparing to retire when he happened to glance through his bedroom window. Clearly visible in the night sky was a sight so extraordinary the Reverend became greatly excited and yelled to his wife and 22-year-old son. Only an estimated $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away hovering in the night heavens was a large, glowing body with a "crab-like" appearance since the thing had bright appendages attached to it.

The son and wife quickly joined the vicar at the window. The young man had this to say: "(the object had)...a dome like half an orange about 25 feet wide with a halo above it." 76. The UFO was in no hurry to leave and was under observation for some two hours, during which time it entertained its viewers in the Vicarage by making $\frac{1}{4}$ mile sweeps to the right and to the left, and also making sweeps approaching and receding. The entire time no sound was noticed coming from the object. It was also noticed that the appendages seemed unaffected by the motion of the object. Eventually tiring of the phenomenon, the vicar and his family went to bed.

The morning of the 26th over breakfast the family discussed their experience and voted to report the marvellous aerial display to authorities. 77.

The village of Seighford is only a little under 3 miles from the large town of Stafford, but the low height of the object makes it unlikely there were any witnesses in the latter community. Seighford was so small in population the vicar would surely have learned of others seeing the UFO but apparently there were no other witnesses.

England, June 26th

Witnesses in the Leeds area of England noticed a "flame-colored object" close to the horizon about 10:00 p.m. June 26th. Binoculars showed the object to be cone-shaped and from the base of the cone red and orange flame seemed to be flickering. The object maneuvered for about 15 minutes and then travelled away. 78.

Peculiar sight over London.

June 27th persons living in a London apartment building near Regents Park watched a peculiar aerial show for $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours. From their top floor flat they could see high in the sky a thing like a bowler hat in shape surrounded by a bright glow. The object shifted about slowly and at times seemed to change its outline. While under observation, the object abruptly shot out two "lines" and at the end of these "lines" were things that had the appearance of a "shimmering plate." One witness put it little different and simply stated that it looked like some small bodies were being ejected.

Eventually the UFO appeared to divide with a silvery flash, "speeded up," and moved out of sight. 79.

Perhaps the witnesses were peering at a skyhook type balloon being tormented by some unusual wind currents.

June 26th.

"Gigantic flash bulbs."

At 40 minutes after midnight, June 26th, an Atomic Energy Commission test station located in eastern Idaho was suddenly lit up by a blinding glow that exploded in the night sky, illuminating the countryside for miles around the facility. Night-shift workers Kelly Brooks and A.L. Taylor told the Idaho Falls Post-Register the source of the dazzling radiance was motionless for a few seconds and then shot vertically at a tremendous velocity.

There were several of these mysterious "flashbulb" incidents in the skies above AEC plants during the months of April, May, and June 1954. 80.

June 29th.

10,000 miles per hour?

A Mr. George Wyllie of Cleveland, Tennessee, had just arrived home 11:15 p.m. the night of June 29th and was getting out of his car when he spotted a bright spot in the black sky near the star Polaris, travelling at frightening speed, perhaps "10,000 miles per hour." In any event, the velocity was so tremendous the object quickly streaked out of sight in the direction of the north-east horizon. Before retiring, Wyllie watched the late night news on television and learned that UFO reports had been made in Alabama that very evening and that some "UFOs had followed an airliner over Goose Bay."

Intrigued, Mr. Wyllie thought it over and felt it was possible something had passed over the Western Hemisphere in a direct line: over Alabama, Tennessee, New York, and then Goose Bay. 81.

"We were shadowed from outer space." Were they?

Witnesses dared suggest they were "shadowed" on June 30th. As the story was told, at 5 o'clock New York time a Boeing Stratocruiser Captained by James R. Howard lifted off from Idlewild on the British Overseas Airways Corporation's "champagne and caviar" run to London. Flying northeast on the Great Circle Route, Capt. Howard headed across the St. Lawrence River, planning to make a refueling stop at Goose Bay, Labrador. In the co-pilot seat was First Officer Lee Boyd, a war veteran who had been a pilot for an elite Pathfinder flying unit.

Approximately 20 minutes after the Stratocruiser passed over Seven Islands checkpoint, Capt. Howard noticed something strange in the distance off to the left. Capt. Howard turned to Boyd and remarked: "What do you make of that?" Boyd took a look and replied: "What in tarnation is it?" (See newspaper clipping)

The small blobs that accompanied their larger companion were not passive. The six little "attendants" switched positions along their "stretched out in a line" formation, and officer Boyd later said he received the impression the small blobs were entering and leaving the big one.

Capt. Howard radioed Goose Bay Approach Control to rule out the possibility he was observing some other aircraft. He was sure he wasn't but he felt he had to confirm the fact. Goose Bay radioed back that no aircraft other than his own was supposed to be in the area. When informed UFOs were pacing Capt. Howard's airliner, Goose Bay scrambled a jet interceptor to investigate.

Meanwhile, as Capt. Howard watched, the large blob changed shape, taking on the appearance of a black "arrow head," and then it changed again into a

BIGGEST ONE CHANGES SHAPE

7 Weird Objects Trail Airliner Off Labrador

July 2-1954

LONDON, July 1 (AP)—American and British air force intelligence officers today studied reports that seven weird flying black objects followed a British airliner for 80 miles last night near Goose Bay, Labrador.

Capt. James Howard, pilot of a British Overseas Airways Corp. airliner bound from New York to London, said the objects vanished when an American fighter plane came up to investigate Howard, 33, from Bristol, is one of Britain's most experienced Atlantic captains.

The story of what he and his crew and some of the passengers reportedly saw 19,000 feet over the Atlantic, is told in these extracts from Howard's log book:

"At 0105 GMT on June 30 about 150 nautical miles southwest of

Goose Bay, height 19,000 feet, flying in clear weather above a layer of low cloud, noticed on our port beam a number of dark objects at approximately the same altitude as our aircraft. I drew the attention of the first officer to them. He said he had just noticed them also.

Look Like Flak Bursts

"I jokingly said they reminded me of flak bursts. He agreed. It then became apparent that they were moving along on a track roughly parallel to ours and keeping station with us."

Goose approach. In reply to a query, told the first officer there were no aircraft in the area. It was 0107 GMT. The log continued:

"During this time the shape of the large object changed slightly, also the position of the smaller ones relative to the big one. Some moved ahead, some behind. The first officer then told Goose Bay what we were watching and they said they would send a fighter to investigate."

"The shape of the large one continually changed, but its position relative to us did not. It was always about 90 degrees to port. The distance from us appeared not less than five miles, possibly very much more."

6 'Dots' Accompany It

"During this time both engineers, both navigators, the radio officer, the two stewards and the stewardess watched it and all of us agreed on its shape."

"A number of small objects accompanying it, usually six, were visible. All were agreed they never saw anything like it before. At about 0120 GMT the fighter reported that he was approaching us. The objects immediately began to grow indistinct until one only was visible. This grew smaller and finally vanished at 0123 GMT, still at the same bearing from us."

"All who watched the objects are

sure that the large one, at any rate, was no sort of winged aircraft. The small ones were just dots. They left no vapor trails, no lights were seen, just black silhouettes."

shape that looked like a "telephone receiver lying on its back." The whole time the smaller blobs milled back and forth on a horizontal path.

Profoundly puzzled, Capt. Howard took out a Voyage Report form and began to sketch the UFOs. (See reproduced form) Capt. Howard knew that when he landed he would be asked a lot of questions.

By now the whole air crew knew what was happening and had crowded forward into the cockpit. There was George Allen, navigation officer; Doug Cox, radio officer; and Bill Stewart and Dan Godfrey, both engineering officers. The steward, a Daphne Webster, was also a witness, as was an unnamed stewardess from London.

There was an air of expectancy and tenseness in the crowded cockpit during the 18 minute sighting. Capt. Howard was strongly tempted to bank his plane toward the blobs to see what would happen, but he couldn't forget he was responsible for the lives of 51 passengers so he didn't dare take the chance. In any case, he knew a jet fighter was on the way and he had a front row seat to any interception, so he decided to be patient.

When the fighter was about 20 miles away and closing, its pilot radioed Capt. Howard to say he was on his way and to ask about the UFOs. Capt. Howard took his eyes off the objects to adjust his mike, and when he glanced back at the sky off the left wing where the blobs had stationed themselves, he was surprised to see that the blobs were gone! Had the UFOs heard the jet's radio transmission and fled? 82.

English UFO investigator Jenny Randles maintains that after landing at Goose Bay, Capt. Howard and co-pilot Boyd were separately interrogated by American and Canadian Intelligence officials. The same officials took aside the plane's navigator, H. McDonnell, who was asked about course and airspeed during the UFOs' manifestation. The flight to London was delayed for some time.

When the BOAC Stratocruiser set down at London airport, the aircrew was again questioned.

An official explanation was then issued, blaming the phenomenon on some sort of effect triggered by the recent Solar eclipse! However, as Jenny Randles points out, the eclipse was not visible until after the sighting!

Randle added that the navigator McDonnell chanced to cross paths with Capt. Howard months later in Pakistan and asked to compare notes. McDonnell wanted to know what had happened at the Air Ministry. Capt. Howard shrugged off the question and said: "Sorry, I can't say. You know the score." 83.

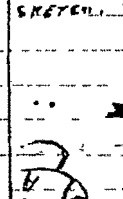
Capt. Howard later told Everybody's magazine that he was convinced the blobs were not a trick of light, but something real and substantial, that the blobs were objects that were intelligently controlled, perhaps a "base ship" and its "satellite vehicles." He was aware that such an idea would be difficult for people to believe because if the objects were five miles away as estimated, the biggest object, the "base ship," would have to have been the size of an ocean liner! Capt. Howard was quoted as saying: "There is no rational explanation --except on the basis of space ships and flying saucers. On that basis, it must have been some weird form of space ship from another world." 84.

Air Force headquarters, Washington D.C., at the time of the sighting, sent the following teletype message to BLUE BOOK at Wright Field:

"ATTN: ATIC FOLLOWING MSG FM USS EDISTO, ARGENTIA, MFLD DTG 020010Z
RELAYED FOR YOUR INFO: 'REFERENCE AIR MINISTRY REPORT OF BRITISH AIRLINER
SIGHTING FLYING OBJECT OVER LABRADOR X EDISTO POSITION THREE ZERO ZERO
ONE ON E FIVE ZEBRA JINE LATITUDE FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE NORTH LONGITUDE

VOYAGE REPORT

FLEET: STARS CON.SHEET No 1NAME: S. R. HOWARDRANK: CAPTAIN

AIRCRAFT TYPE: <u>B.377</u>	REG: <u>G AISC</u>	SERVICE NUMBERS	DATE: FROM: <u>29/30 June 51</u> TO:
CAPT. <u>S. R. HOWARD</u> F/O <u>F. BOYD</u> N/O <u>G. ALLEN</u> R/O <u>D. COX</u>	E/O <u>D. GODFREY</u> <u>L. STEWART</u> STWD. <u>R. DOBSON</u> <u>RAITH</u> STWDSS. <u>M. J. DUNSTER</u> SUPY. <u>M. McDONNELL</u>	<u>510/196</u>	ROUTE: FROM: <u>NEW YORK</u> TO: <u>LONDON</u> VIA: <u>GOOSE BAY</u>
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cf. the dtdl - 4/3/76 from: J. Kennedy

FIVE EIGHT ONE ZERO WEST X SIGHTED BRIG T REDDISH YELLOW OBJECT LOW IN SKY ABOUT TWENTY DEGREES ELEVATION BEARING ONE FOUR FOUR DEGREES TRUE X IDENTIFIED AT TIME AS PLANET MARS X APPEARED TO CHANGE SHAPE LIKE A JELLY FISH SWIMMING TO THE WESTWARD X ALSO APPEARED AS A DART AT TIMES X NO SATELLITES SEEN X MIRAGE EFFECT HAD BEEN PRONOUNCED DURING THE DAY IN ITS FIELD." 85.

BLUE BOOK's evaluation of the Goose Bay case was: "Inversion reflection of the planet Mars." 86.

The Condon report, in its evaluations of old cases, expressed an opinion that this sighting suggested a mirage. The principle reasons for such an opinion was the odd "jelly-fish-like" character of the phenomenon, and the fact that the UFOs maintained themselves in a constant horizontal plane which kept a steady relationship between the airliner and a possible reflective atmospheric layer.

Nonetheless, after examining the case, the Condon report admitted concern about a condition called "anisotropy," which works against the mirage theory. "Anisotropy" states that a mirage is limited in its viewing azimuth. The fact that the Goose Bay image remained constant for 85 miles violates this scientific principle. In conclusion, the Condon report says the Goose Bay sighting was: "...almost certainly natural phenomenon which is so rare that it apparently has never been reported before or since." 87.

"What the hell is that?"

At almost the same latitude as the Goose Bay incident, far across the Atlantic near Lifjell, Denmark, on June 30th; another fascinating UFO sighting was made. The time was 2:17 in the afternoon and the witnesses were 50 observers, mostly scientists and technicians, aboard three Scandinavian airliners. The idea was to study a solar eclipse above any obscuring clouds, however the men aboard the planes got a show they hadn't counted on.

As the planes flew along at 15,000 feet, one of the men aboard one of the airliners, a Mr. Johnson, looked out a cabin window and pointed in the direction of the northern horizon while exclaiming: "What the hell is that?" A Mr. Ernest Graham, a London Press Officer for the Swedish Travel Bureau, was fumbling with his camera when he heard Johnson's cry so he just took a quick look out the plane's window without trying to take a picture. Peering at the sky, Graham spotted a pair of silvery disc-shaped, glowing, objects coming down out the clouds and then moving swiftly on a horizontal course. 88. 89. Everyone in the plane rushed to get a peek but at first no one was ready to snap a photograph. It was John Bjornulf, chief expedition cameraman, who was first to realize the importance of the objects and to get his camera into action admit the pandemonium of shouting and rushing about.

According to Graham, the objects were "clearly revolving" and seem to show what he termed to be "stern-lines" whatever that may have been, although the way he expresses it these "lines" could well have been "exhaust fumes." 90.

The objects: "The objects sped along the horizon keeping an exact distance from each other, one slightly behind and above the other, both with forward edge tilted down." 91.

A guesstimate put the objects about 15-20 miles away, in Graham's version of the incident, and at that distance, and the fact that the objects were some-

thing completely unknown, size and speed were likewise hard to figure. In Graham's opinion, however, the objects were moving "faster than any man-made aircraft." 92.

The objects were in view only some 30 seconds or so, of which the last 10 seconds were captured on movie film. When developed, the film showed speeding blobs of light, interesting stuff but not the hoped for convincing proof.

Mr. Bjornulf's story appeared in a big four-page spread in the Oslo, Norway, newspaper Aftenposten, receiving good treatment, but the film of the UFOs came under attack by an American member of the aerial expedition, a Dr. Garwick, who suggested the theory the images were just reflections. Tests were conducted, and the results called into question the value of the frames which just showed "elliptical lights." The worth of the film as photographic evidence, therefore, was diminished. 93.

June 30th.

According to the Salt Lake City Desert News and Telegram a pair of orange-red flying discs maneuvered over the city as hundreds of people watched. 94.

Mrs. Swan, Admiral Knowles, and "Affa."

During the month the "Affa" story continued. In spite of the incredible nature of the story being scribbled by Mrs. Swan, Admiral Knowles was absolutely fascinated with the "contact," especially with the way the woman's writing hand flashed across the page without hesitation, so fast it had to seem to be believed. Convinced that the housewife was incapable of fabricating "Affa," the Admiral asked the so-called "alien from Uranus" on June 6th to signal Air Force aircraft operating over Maine using radio messages or, if that failed, blinking lights. "Affa," through Mrs. Swan, agreed to try. Excited, Admiral Knowles penned a second and more urgently worded letter to Washington, to the Chief of Naval Intelligence, Rear Admiral Espe; insisting that the "Affa" messages were "real" and that they merited official attention. To humor the retired Admiral, the Navy sent Captain John R. Bromley and Captain W. Baltazzi, to Maine to investigate.

On June 8th and on June 10th, "automatic writing sessions" were held at Mrs. Swan's to get "Affa" to reveal himself more, or to establish somekind of reliable radio connection. "Affa," however, proved uncooperative, complaining that what they wanted was not possible at the "present time." The Navy had suggested an attempt to establish radio contact at 2 p.m. June 10th but "Affa," irritated, scribbled: "I am saving your planet. What more do you want in friendship.... you must realize that these little bell hops (saucer trips) are not as easy as they seem." 95. When the hour of 2 p.m. passed on the day selected, "Affa" was said to have "been away" and another being, "Ponnar of Pluto," impelled Mrs. Swan to scribble: "We want you to know that we did not have a very successful try today, but I do believe we may in the very near future." 96. The two Navy officers returned to Washington without waiting for any more appointments with the "space beings."

July.

The impact of the BOAC case went far beyond its scientific interest. The sensational quotes that appeared in the English press during July no doubt added to the rise of UFO excitement in England.

The London News Chronicle quoted Captain Howard as saying:

"The formation of objects appeared suddenly and they were obviously not aircraft as we know them. All appeared black, I'll swear they were solid. They were between five and 50 miles distant. There was a big

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Photos Of Solar Eclipse Reveal 'Flying Saucers'

OSLO, Norway (UP)—A famed cameraman said today pictures he took during the solar eclipse last week showed "shiny white objects like flying saucers."

Photographer Johnny Bjornulf said "it was especially interesting to find objects" since they "nearly coincided in time with the observation of six 'flying saucers' from a BOAC plane off Labrador."

On Different Cameras

The cameraman discovered the shiny objects while showing a color movie of the eclipse in London last Monday. He flew back to Norway and examined still pictures he took at the same time and saw the same objects.

Bjornulf took the pictures aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane at 13,500 feet altitude while photographing the eclipse of the sun last Wednesday for scientists.

He said he had no idea the objects were on the film until he saw the movie in London.

"My personal opinion is that the shining white spots on the pictures are some reflex phenomena, although I am quite sure that it is not due to any reflection in the camera lens."

Experts Study Film

He ruled out lens reflection because the objects appeared on film taken by different cameras.

A photographic expert in London who saw one of the still pictures said sun reflections from the airplane wing through the plane's laminated glass may be responsible.

On one still picture, taken with the still camera, a circular white spot can be seen midway between the sun and the tip of the airplane wing. The object has a very faint tail like the condensed vapor stripes sometimes seen in the wake of jet planes at high altitudes.

Another but vaguer "object"

can be seen partly hidden by sunlit clouds.

"In my opinion the second flying saucer seems to be a kind of mirage of the first one," Bjornulf said.

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central object which appeared to keep changing shape--sometimes it was wedge-shaped, sometimes like a dumb-bell, sometimes like a sphere with a projection. The six smaller objects dodged about either in front or behind the 'parent.' They all faded away rapidly when the Saber jet fighter contacted us." 97.

The London Daily Express carried an interview with First Officer Lee Boyd:

"It was the greatest thrill of my life. I am willing to swear that what we saw was something solid, something maneuverable, and something that was being controlled intelligently." 98.

The Express also quoted George Allen, the plane's navigator:

"I am absolutely convinced that the objects we saw were a base ship of some kind with a number of satellites linked with it." 99.

The London Daily Sketch sought out 28-year-old air hostess Daphne Webster:

"It was the most exciting sight I've ever seen, but a little creepy. I was making tea when I saw the objects. The big one was constantly changing its size and shape--one minute like a cigar, then an orange, then a mushroom. The smaller ones kept changing formation but not their shape. Every one of us was far too intrigued to be afraid." 100.

The London Daily Mail also printed a quote from Miss Webster:

"The objects appeared to be not less than five miles away. It was difficult to assess their size because there was nothing in the sky at the time to measure them against. We are quite certain that the machines were in flight and were something solid." 101.

After the press conference at London airport, the plane's crew left for the city of Bristol where they lived. The Bristol Evening Post interviewed Capt. Howard again and bannered its story: "FLYING OBJECTS AS BIG AS A BLOCK OF FLATS."

British Probe 'Thing' Seen By Plane Crew

LONDON, July 1 (AP)—The Air Ministry began an official investigation today of reports a British airliner was escorted for 80 miles off Labrador Tuesday by a large dark object, which changed shape like a flying jellyfish.

The "thing" was surrounded by six smaller satellites which ducked in and out around it.

A spokesman for the Air Ministry said Capt. James Howard, a veteran British Overseas Airways Corp. pilot, is "submitting a report to the Air Ministry" and that it "will be thoroughly investigated by the Air

Ministry's technical Intelligence branch."

United States Air Force intelligence agents at Goose Bay, Labrador, questioned the British crew closely yesterday when the plane landed after radioing a description of the strange escort. The United States Air Force sent an F-86 Sabrejet streaking to the scene when Howard's strato-cruiser was a few hours out of New York, but the seven mysterious objects vanished into the sunset.

Howard and his 10 crewmen, along with a dozen of the 31 passengers aboard, saw the black object cruising about 5 miles off their wingtip. Around it in neat formation, flew six small things.

The seven objects accompanied the strato-cruiser at 19,000 feet for 80 miles at a speed of 274 miles and crew members said they could not have been birds.

Captain Howard, a 33-year-old former pilot in the Royal

Air Force, was convinced the objects were neither birds nor shadows.

"There was one large flying machine that constantly changed shape, surrounded by six objects," he said. "Once it looked like a dart, then like a dumbbell."

Lee Boyd, the copilot, said, "I am willing to swear that what we saw was something solid, something maneuverable, and something that was being controlled intelligently."

Some of the crewmen said the satellites appeared to board the big object before it fitted away at approach of the American Sabrejet.

"I am absolutely convinced that the objects we saw were a base ship of some kind with a number of satellites linked with it," Navigator George Allen, 31, said.

Boyd said the smaller objects kept changing in number "as though they were being taken aboard the mother ship."

Capt. Howard appeared on the British TV program "In Town Tonight" on July 3rd and told BBC commentator John Ellison that:

"At first my co-pilot, Lee Boyd --a Canadian of immense experience as a pilot --and I thought the big machine might be a delta or swept-wing bomber, but it changed shape several times. I'm quite sure that it was a three-dimensional object and not a mirage. I'm still skeptical of the flying saucer theory, or piloted aircraft from other planets, and-all the other tales. All I am willing to believe is what I saw and what my crew saw. Whether these objects were piloted craft or what they were I cannot speculate." 102.

The BOAC's London Press Relations office issued a statement that said:

"...never at any time have we called the things 'saucers' --we prefer the word 'objects' or 'unidentified flying objects.' Everyone has been most intrigued by this phenomena but we know nothing further about it than what you have already been told." 103.

July 2nd. Walesville, New York.

The crash of an Air Force F-94C jet during an intercept on July 2, 1954 is not discussed here since assertions that connect it with a UFO seems unjustified. For further details one should consult: The UFO Casebook by Kevin D. Randle, pp.81-83. Another source of interest is "case 19-B" in the book Scientific Study of UFOs on p.161.

In England on July 2nd at Wallsend-on-tyne some witnesses observed a crescent shaped object flying in tight circles in the sky, spinning on its axis. The thing then took off at high speed without making a sound. 104.

An American "saucer plane."

Trail-blazing engineer Norman Mc Glashan of New York City was fascinated by reports of flying saucers, the idea of a circular wingless craft seemed an excellent, if unorthodox, configuration for faster than sound speed so he saw such a saucer plane as filling the urgent need for a target area interceptor, one that did not require costly fighter bases.

As explained in the exclusive story in the July, 1954, issue of Man's Life magazine, Mc Glashan believed the Canadian "Omega saucer plane" then on the drawing board was an overly expensive 200 million dollar project whereas his envisioned fighter plane he dubbed the "X-M-03," would run no more than a mere 3 million a copy and would take less time to become operational.

In any event, the current jet defenders of America's airspace, craft like the F-86 and F-94 were too slow. Unless America kept abreast of Russian "saucer-plane developments," Mc Glashan claimed, The country would be committing suicide. 105.

Green spherical objects over Albuquerque.

An airline operations employee at Chicago Midway airport intercepted the following military radio message:

"0105-C...NINE UNIDENTIFIED SPHERICAL OBJECTS GIVING OFF GREEN LIGHT REPORTED 20 MILES NORTH ABQ FIELD AT 24,000 FEET. OBJECTS HOVERED MOTIONLESS FOR 6 MINUTES THEN PROCEEDED 340 DEGREES AT APPROX 2600 MPH. ALTITUDE AND SPEED BY TRIANGULATION...ABQ ADIZ RADAR." 106.

"Appeared to be at white heat."

At 21032Z, on July 2nd, a strange light was seen hovering in the air near Victorville, California, where George AFB was located. A Major (name deleted from military records) assigned to the M&S Group, Aircraft Maintenance Office, spotted the glowing spot in the sky at 80 degrees elevation, 170 degrees azimuth. The spot was white-colored, brilliant, round, the "size of a dime," and "appeared to be at white heat." The sky at the time was clear with visibility at 30 miles.

The Major noticed some F-86 fighters flying in the area but was unable to identify the light in the sky as any sort of familiar object.

After about 7 seconds of being motionless, the strange light:"...moved eastward in a great burst of speed faster than the F-86's observed in the area." 107. The zooming light disappeared over the mountains at 25 degrees elevation, 90 degrees azimuth.

Norway military.

The American Central Intelligence Agency culled the following account from a Norwegian newspaper:

"During exercises by an antiaircraft battery at Stavern, an unidentified flying object appeared in the sky directly in the line of fire and was observed through powerful binoculars by 50 officers and men. The object was located at a considerable distance and at an angle of 30-40 degrees to the horizontal; it was round or slightly elliptical in shape, flat on the underside, and silvery on the upper side. It moved up and down slowly for 7 minutes and then moved away at a speed estimated at several times the speed of sound." 108.

UFOs over Berlin. A London newspaper printed:

"Berlin is seeing saucers regularly. Allied officials there are investigating the appearance of mysterious flying objects over the city. German eyewitnesses claim that a formation of three fast-moving objects can regularly be seen whenever the sky over Berlin is clear. The objects, described as 'small and disc-like,' are said to appear between 10 and 11 P.M., at extremely high altitudes. American experts have interrogated dozens of people, and a long flying saucer questionnaire is being drawn up to be filled out by people who claim to have seen the objects." 109.

July 5th. Australia.

Two "wingless cigars" flew over Williamstown, which is near Melbourne. The "cigars" were seen traveling one behind the other. 110.

July 6th. Australia again.

Another "wingless cigar" was reported zipping over the countryside near the Australian city of Queanbeyan the day after the report at Melbourne. Two witnesses to the Queanbeyan objects were shire councillors G.V. Burnett and a T. Kerr. 111.

July 7th. "13 feet tall and with 6 arms."

A Canadian miner named Enzio LaSarza informed First Aid Station workers at the Garson mine; Garson, Canada, on July 7th, that he had had an encounter with a "13 foot tall spaceman with 6 arms and hypnotic eyes." The supposed creature emerged from some sort of craft, the miner said, and fixed him with a strange stare that caused him to black out, and when he regained consciousness, the creature and the space ship were nowhere to be seen. The odd description of the creature may have been due to some confusion. A Vancouver newspaper account seems to indicate the multiple limbs had to do with the craft: "He described the ship as 25 feet in diameter, with two electronic ear-like spurs, and three sets of arms with claws, and six legs." 112.

"Did not conform with what we know."

A buddy of Keyhoe's, a Mr. Stone, expressed his disgust with the Canadian story of a "monster." During a discussion with the ex-Marine flyer the day after the publication of the "monster" story, Stone snapped: "Why do newspapers print stories like that and yet shy off from serious UFO reports?" 113. Stone also wondered about a quote attributed to a Royal Canadian Air Force officer who had investigated the so-called monster spaceman report. It seems the officer told the press the story: "...did not conform as it should with what we know..." 114. When reporters pursued the meaning of that statement, the officer advised them such questions dealt with classified matters. 115.

Barker has his doubts.

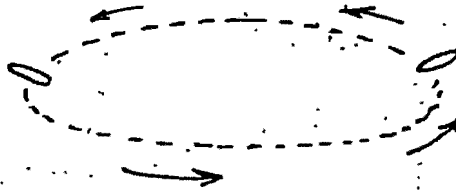
American UFO investigator Gray Barker considered the LaSarza "monster" story a hoax, noting that when Canadian authorities asked the miner to draw a picture of the space ship, the result was a dead ringer to a craft depicted in a science fiction movie that had recently played at a theater at Sudbury, a city not far from the Garson mine. Also, similar drawings were discovered in LaSarza's work area which the fellow tried to explain as impressions produced by him while in a trance induced by the stare of the alien. Barker also learned that LaSarza had an unusual background. He was a 23-year-old immigrant from Italy who often boasted of wartime heroics, blowing up trains, etc. Barker figured LaSarza would have been 13 years old when he carried out the claimed exploits! 116.

Orbiting over Cleveland.

On July 7, 1954 it was dusk and the sky above the city of Cleveland was very clear. The witness was at the wheel of his 1951 Ford:

"I was driving home from an appointment with an insurance prospect. I was driving on Mayfield Road in a westerly direction, approaching Lee Road. A bright object out of my right wind-shield caught my attention. It was an object shaped somewhat like a smoke-ring, as viewed from the side, or a football that might have been squashed in the middle from the top and bottom. It was sort of a smokey-white in color, and as I watched it, driving very slow (I had originally been driving at a speed of about 20 miles per hour, and had now slowed down to about 5 miles per hour, and was staying, more or less, alongside the curb), it sort of wobbled from side to side as it just hovered there, as a feather might if it were falling. As I drove along, trees and buildings came between me and my sight of the object. I was approaching Lee Road, so when I reached Lee, I turned to the right, pulled over to the curb, shut off the motor of my car, and got out. I

stepped around the car and up to the curb, and I could clearly see the object, still hovering just over the tree-tops, about five or fewer miles away. As I pulled my car over to the curb, I remember looking at my wrist-watch. It read 9:50 P.M. The night was very clear and bright, with almost no clouds anywhere. It was dusk, and almost totally dark by this time. As I watched the object, fascinated by it, it slowly began to move into an 'orbit' or circle motion, somewhat like a buzzard does when it stalks its prey. As it did this, it 'banked' first to one side and then to the other, like the drawing below:



"I continued to watch the object carry on in this manner. Suddenly, it stopped in its motion, hovered for awhile, and then took off at a phenomenal rate of speed in a southerly direction, and as it did so, its color turned to a reddish hue. I glanced at my wrist-watch. It said 10:04. The object moved VERY FAST, and in a matter of about five seconds, by my watch, it had completely moved across the horizon, and was out of sight, obscured by trees and buildings close-by. I have never seen any object move at such a terrific rate of speed, and on such an even level of direction. I jumped back into my automobile, and drove home, which is just a short distance from Lee Road. I called the Cleveland newspapers, reporting what I had seen to the reporters who were on duty at the time." 117.

More on the "Affa" story.

Admiral Knowles, still convinced Mrs. Swan's scribbles were of value, persisted in sending "messages by Affa" to the Pentagon. On July 8, 1954, Admiral Espe wrote a polite thank you to Knowles for forwarding the additional transcripts but added that such material was being met with skepticism by his people in the technical offices, and apparently would continue to be viewed in that manner until such time more conventional communication was possible. 118.

"What sort of reality do flying saucers possess?"

World renowned Swiss psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung took an interest in the UFO problem from the first days it drew public notice, assembling data since 1946 when the "ghost rockets" caused some hysteria in Sweden. He obtained every UFO book available and even personally questioned two UFO witnesses.

In 1954 when a big UFO wave threaten to overwhelm Europe, Dr. Jung went public for the first time by submitting two long letters for publication in the Swiss Weekly *Die Weltwoche*. The letters were printed in early July.

Although Dr. Jung admitted being unqualified to contribute anything substantial to the debate on the physical reality of the supposed objects (He

did, however, feel the theories of Dr. Donald Menzel were untenable), he was moved to discuss the subject's psychic concomitants which were matters connected with his profession.

Like Einstein, Jung granted that something was being seen although no conclusions could be firmly drawn.

Unlike Einstein, however, Jung had some extensive remarks to share. He noted reports that described UFOs as behaving as if they were weightless, an unreal characteristic, yet at the same time UFOs give a strong impression they were intelligently guided.

One could assume, according to reports, UFOs "with some certainty" are visible to the eye and bounce back radar echoes, yet they also suggest the objects were not subject to some scientific laws, like the law of inertia. The result was so strange Dr. Jung almost felt UFOs could be classified as parapsychological occurrences. The famed doctor wondered "what sort of reality" UFOs possessed.

As for the U.S. Air Force, Jung's comments gave great comfort to Donald Keyhoe. Wrote Jung:

"What surprises me most of all is that the American Air Force, which must be in possession of considerable material on the subject, in spite of its expressed fears of a general panic, is working systematically toward creating such a panic - similar to the one in New Jersey caused by Orson Welles' broadcast. The Air Force has never yet furnished a complete, authentic account of the facts; it has merely yielded, from time to time, to the pressure of journalists by releasing some scattered items of information. The public therefore finds it impossible to get an adequate picture of the situation." 119.

"100 MYSTERY FLYING OBJECTS SPOTTED HERE."

The front page of the Wilmington, Delaware, Morning News on July 9th carried a story of unusual candor on the military's part, revealing that the Air Force had granted permission to the Civilian Ground Observer Corps to release UFO information collected for the past two years in the Wilmington area. The data released included radar and eyewitness UFO reports, attempts to intercept UFOs by military jets, and the recent report of a giant UFO maneuvering high above Washington and Wilmington. 120.

Donald Keyhoe's Washington contact, "Henry Brennard," contacted him immediately after the Morning News story broke and passed even more such news, relating that the military was being pressured to make public GOC logs from other Filter Centers across the country. Brennard offered to bet the High Brass would balk. He turned out to be right. 121.

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding.

The big news out of England July 11th was an interview with the veteran RAF leader Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding who declared his conviction, without reservations, that "flying saucers were real" and "from outer space." In a London Sunday Dispatch story the Air Marshal cited the high volume of UFO reports, with speeds reported up to 9,000 miles per hour as proof of craft created by an alien super science. 122.

Lord Dowding considered the best evidence for the case for UFOs could be found in Donald Keyhoe's 1953 book Flying Saucers From Outer Space.

Warning against any hostile act against UFOs, which would be folly considering the obvious advanced scientific capabilities of the craft, the famed Air

Marshall urged that nothing be done to hinder contact with the pilots of the UFOs since such contact: "...may well bring untold blessings to a distraught humanity." 123.

July 11th.

In southern Finland mysterious luminous objects were seen in the sky which were described as "flying cigars" or "flying saucers." 124.

While passing over Hunterdon, Pennsylvania, a four plane flight of U.S. Air Force jet bombers was paced by a flying disc. 125.

July 12th

Flagstaff, Arizona.

In the wooded hills around Flagstaff, Arizona, on July 12th, two men in a logging truck sighted a rotating, low-flying, discoidal body in the sky. It was about sunset when the object with flashing lights was spotted silently moving across the heavens and disappearing behind some hills. The men in the truck watching the passage of the UFO, a Mr. Decker and Mr. Bunch, had their story of the sighting published in the lumber industry journal Timberline. 126.

July 12th. England. "Flying dustbin lid."

Residents at Cheltenham, England, said the bright silver-colored disc they saw in the sky reminded them of a flying dustbin lid (Americans call such containers garbage cans). Just seconds before a jet fighter appeared, the UFO zoomed away. 127.

July 13th. Norfolk, Virginia.

At Norfolk, Virginia, a person reported the passage of a big disc-shaped object that soundlessly flew over the countryside at an estimated 3,000 feet. 128.

July 13th.

At Great Easton, Leicester, England, on July 13th, a farmer saw a flat object, a "saucer," in an apparent pursuit of a jet plane. Most peculiar was the farmer's description of the UFO as being "practically transparent" although "clearly defined." When last seen, the UFO had caught up with the fighter but stayed at a much higher altitude. 129.

Detroit Flying Saucer Club.

Enthusiastic members of the Laura Marxer crowd met in Detroit on July 15, 1954 to put together a proposed "Flying Saucer Review Group." After some discussion an organization was formed called "The Detroit Flying Saucer Club."

A self-appointed FBI informat warned the Bureau in a confidential letter that he feared the "club" could: "...use the flying saucer scare as political propaganda or form a pseudo-religious view...[which would] oppose the atomic bomb and warfare." 130.

"Debris in wind?"

The next case violates the general rule: "If the phenomenon reported is not a strange flying light, disc, sphere, or cigar-shaped object, it probably is not a true UFO." Unusual shapes have been reported but they are suspect. However, the following case mentions 10 observers, all with aeronautical experience, with one witness approaching within 5 feet of the object! Also, there is another case of an odd-shaped UFO that was reported very low and moving very slow, much like the following case. That other case is the Oct. 13, 1950, Oak Ridge incident.* For the previous reason the next case is quoted in detail.

According to an official report made to BLUE BOOK:

"1. Shape--irregular rectangle; size--18" x 18" x 8"; color--pale milky white; number--one; aerodynamic features--none; trail or exhaust--none; propulsion system--none observed; speed--3-8 MPH; sound--none; maneuvers--approached 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 sighting.

"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." 131.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek later wrote:

"This report went to the Director of Intelligence of the United States Air Force, Blue Book, the Air Defence Command in Colorado Springs, and the Commander of the Eastern Air Defense Force, and all of them let Blue Book get away with the evaluation 'debris in the wind.' The wind, you will remember, was southeast light and variable, two to six miles per hour....apparently, very little attention was paid to the contents of the report itself." 132.

*See my booklet: UFOs: A HISTORY 1950:AUGUST-DECEMBER, pages 35-36.

Saucer ejects saucer?

Paul Sepas' mind was full of questions: What were UFOs? Where did they come from? Who controls them? He was troubled by these thoughts for a very good reason. On July 18, 1954, Mr. Sepas had gotten a good look at a UFO.

He had his experience only a few hours after sunset, on Wisner Boulevard a half mile from Mirabeau Avenue, in New Orleans. In the car at the time was his wife, sister-in-law, six-year-old son, and a nephew (age not given).

While driving north on Wisner, Serpas noticed a grey, saucer-shaped, object he judged to be about 25 feet in diameter, suspended in the air about 1,000 feet above the City park and about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. He directed his wife's attention to the object and blurted out: "What is that thing?" 133. His wife immediately spotted the object and remarked on its "eerie appearance." Serpas flicked his headlights on and off in a half serious attempt to signal the object. Next he stopped his car and peered closely to satisfy himself the object was not a blimp or balloon, and to check on any motion. The time was 8:40 p.m. While Serpas and the others in the car watched, a brilliant blue-white light appeared on the object's middle which grew in brightness and then abruptly faded away. The cycle was repeated a few times and then a amazing thing took place. The object, "saucer," shook violently and ejected a small brilliant dot, or body, from its side which then streaked horizontally for an instant and then launched itself on an upward course at tremendous speed.

Meanwhile, the "saucer" remained in place for at least 10 minutes and during this period Sepas discussed the situation with his relatives. His sister-in-law, for example, commented: "It looks just like a flying saucer is suppose look." 134.

Sitting there in the car, Sepas and his relatives speculated about whether the "pilots" of the craft were watching them too, if the odd machine came from another planet, or what power kept it hovering in the air. Finally the "saucer" wobbled a bit and then took off at a fantastic rate of speed, the strange object following the same departure course taken by the small point of light seen earlier.

Sepas wrote that as soon as he returned home he contacted the local newspapers, which, he admits, turned out to be a big mistake. He found himself being accused of being a publicity seeker, a drunkard, and worst. As a result Sepas was determined to prove he was telling the truth, but the only way he could think of was to buy a camera and return to the same location the next evening and hope the "saucer" would reappear.

Accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law, Sepas drove to Wisner Boulevard and parked at what he felt was a good site for viewing the sky. The three people settled down for a long wait. At 8:20 p.m. there was still no "saucer" in sight, however at 8:30 p.m. Sepas spotted the "thing." He quickly centered the object in the viewfinder of his new camera and pressed the button. Nothing clicked in the camera. Unfamiliar with the mechanism, Sepas fussed with it to get it working before it was too late. As he frantically made some adjustments, his sister-in-law, standing on the car's running board to get a better look at the object, Shouted: "Look it is starting to glow!" 135. The "saucer" began to give off a strong light, turning from a bright orange to an intense red. At the same time the object began to move away and within seconds it was out of sight. Sepas had missed his big chance. 136.

Australian meeting?

If one can believe Edgar Jarrold, a civilian Australian UFO investigator, his nation's Air Force convened a meeting to deal with the mysterious sky object problem in Melbourne on July 19, 1954, and asked him to attend.

According to Jarrold, discussions at the gathering focused on where such objects were originating, instead of, as he expected, if such things were real! 137. No more details were given.

"Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee."

A group of Australian UFO enthusiasts banded together to study 55 UFO sightings reported in their country's skies. They counted six cigar-shaped object reports, 15 "rotating discoidal flying saucer" reports, six "shooting Moon" type object reports, and 20 small hovering light reports. While agreeing the reported objects were real, material bodies, the committee hesitated to say the things were space ships. The most interesting suggestion in the July, 1954, committee conclusion however, was this: "They are getting lower, seemingly to land." 138. Were they?

An "ostrich approach."

Edward Ruppelt wrote a letter to Donald Keyhoe in early July, 1954, to say company business would require a visit to Dayton, Ohio, on July 21-22nd and while in town on those days he thought he might drive out to Wright-Patterson AFB to see how things were going at BLUE BOOK, if he was still welcome after writing the UFO article that appeared in the May issue of True magazine which caused some violent reactions in some military circles. Ruppelt offered to ask pertinent questions suggested by Keyhoe, in a discreet way, if it was allowed by BLUE BOOK authorities (classified data excepted of course).

In a short letter to Keyhoe in early August, Ruppelt said he got in to see the BLUE BOOK people (he wasn't black-balled) and what he learned confirmed Keyhoe's fears. It seems that all publicity concerning UFOs was controlled by a Lt. Colonel who followed an "ostrich approach" to the mystery, and claims by BLUE BOOK that unknowns had been reduced to 10% were apparently due more to a "skeptical attitude" than to better investigating, in fact, UFO reports that were coming in to Wright field were as good as ever while official analysis procedures were poorer than ever.

Other than that, Ruppelt mentions a possible book-length treatment of his BLUE BOOK experiences, and he makes a promise to Keyhoe that if he did do such a book, it would not "follow the Air Force line." 139.

July 22nd.

Clearwater Bay, Canada.

A Canadian by the name of Fred Alcock had a home on Clearwater Bay just a few miles to the west of Kenora, Ontario; and on the evening of July 22, 1954 Alcock was sitting on the dock behind his cabin looking out over the water. Suddenly he spotted three strange, saucer-shaped, objects that were clearly defined, gray-metallic in color, with wide shallow domes on the top surface. A veteran of the R.C.A.F., Alcock instantly knew he was not seeing ordinary aircraft. The discs were travelling west when they came to a stop above an island about 1½ miles away. Silhouetted against a blue atmosphere, the objects hovered for approximately two minutes. When the objects departed, they did so in a startling manner. Said Alcock: "They were just...swoosh...gone!" 140.

About 20 minutes later five objects flying in v-formation zoomed over the city of Winnipeg, in Manitoba (Winnipeg lies 130 miles to the west of Clearwater Bay). For about 30 seconds the formation was in view as it crossed over the city on a western course. A Royal Canadian Air Force who watched the formation pass overhead said later the object were: "...oval and definitely metallic." 141. Another witness told the press the objects resembled "brilliant balls" similar to Christmas tree ornaments. 142.

July 23rd.

The following evening, July 23rd, six orange-yellow spherical-shaped objects passed over Kenora, Ontario. About three miles southwest of town a Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Cartwright watched the objects through binoculars. The Cartwrights said the round objects became elongated while in view and they suggested the objects were flat discs turning on their horizontal axis. 143.

July 23rd.

"Routine report."

Air Force records state:

"On 23 July 1954 Mr. (...deleted), Route 1, Milford, Ohio, advised Colonel (...deleted), Deputy Director of Civilian Defense for Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County, that both he and his wife had observed a silver circular or spherical shape in the sky, approximately forty-five degrees above the horizon. (...deleted) advised that the object was sighted at approximately 1440 hours, 23 July 1954, to the southeast of their residence." 144.

The above report might be dismissed as a balloon but there were indications something was in the skies of Ohio on the 23rd.

"The incident is officially denied. It is a classified matter."

The Johnson County GOC post was a place of excitement at 7:20 p.m. on the 23rd. Robert D. Wolfe, Chief Observer, alerted the South Bend Filter Center that a quartet of gleaming objects were visible in the sky above the city of Franklin. The alarm was forwarded to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where the 97th Interceptor Squadron was stationed. Two jets were sent to investigate. The office of the Indianapolis newspaper, the Star, was also notified, evidently by someone associated with the GOC. Star reporter Burk Friedersdorf got into his car and raced to the Johnson GOC post, arriving there just as three of the four UFOs in the area were leaving the sky over Franklin. One UFO, however, remained and it was so impressive Friedersdorf had no right to be disappointed.

As the lone UFO moved slowly about in the twilight, Mr. Wolfe made a guess as to its size, believing the thing was some 500 feet in diameter! Newsman Friedersdorf reached the GOC post just as the two jet interceptors came over the horizon and were guided toward the remaining UFO by GOC Chief Wolfe. Friedersdorf helped by calling off bearings.

At the approach of the fighters, the UFO started to gain altitude rapidly but the jets appeared to pull abreast of the UFO before it picked up speed and height too extreme to match.

Excited, reporter Friedersdorf phoned Wright Field but a 97th Squadron spokesman refused to admit that any aircraft from that unit was involved in a UFO intercept which amazed the Star reporter who protested that he had actually participated in the encounter only minutes before. To that remark the Air Force spokesman snapped: "The incident is officially denied. It is a classified matter." 145.

July 23rd. England.

The town of Shanklin on the Isle of Wight was visited by seven balloon-like objects on July 23, 1954, according to a garage worker who said there was six small objects and one large. The small objects, he asserted, were out in front of their larger companion and were weaving about. 146.

July 25th. Southern Rhodesia.

An American CIA document states:

"On July 25, 1954, J.H. Flanagan (a Policeman) and some friends recently observed six unidentified objects in the sky over Enkeldoorn, South of Salobury. The objects, which were almost immobile, were visible for about 20 minutes, but disappeared when night fell." 147.

Those "Saucers" Again!
WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 24
—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. 147.5#

July 26th. Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia)

Former WWII RAF Bomber Command Squadron Leader A.J. Roberts was at the helm of a small British Tiger Moth on July 26, 1954; flying over Lake Mc Ilwaine; which is near the city of Salisbury. With Robert was a student-pilot by the name of R. Howarth.

The Moth was doing about 137 kms per hour and was at an altitude of 2,100 meters when the UFO encounter took place. The time of day is not known.

Robert spotted an "elliptical sausage" about 10 kms away and about 760 meters higher than his own plane. The thing, seen through a patch of haze, appeared to have a clear looking center part appeared to have a clear looking center part and having "two hazy ends." Intrigued, Robert changed his course and took up a pursuit. The UFO, apparently aware of the Moth's approach, "turned over" and then zoomed away. While racing toward the fleeing UFO, Robert suddenly noticed that it had stopped, reversed its heading, and was now motionless. Closing within 4 kms, Robert could see more clearly and he could make out the actual shape of the UFO. The thing was really two dull-gray saucers, moving together, one above the other, with no visible connection between them. After hovering for a few seconds, the UFO again went through its departure maneuver, turning over and then zooming away at an "incredible speed."

The performance of the UFO astonished Roberts: "The most amazing thing about the object was the way it changed direction. It flew upward, forward, and sideways, without any apparent difficulty." 148.

Project A comes to a close.

JULY 29, 1954

College in Ohio Abandons Study on 'Flying Saucers'

ADA, OHIO.—(AP)—Project A, or a study of "The Phenomenon of the Flying Saucer" has been brought to a close by Ohio Northern University.

And it was the conclusion of investigators that little concrete evidence was uncovered in two years of research.

Dr. Warren Hickman, dean of the university who headed the project from its start, said "we need basic sightings and these we didn't receive."

The first year of the study the university received reports of 64 "sightings" but such reports dwindled to 18 in the final year. The study group said the information received indicated a sizable fraction of the total sightings were of material objects but not standard aircraft.

Lack of sufficient sightings

from the general public made a scientific, cross check of the data impossible, research said.

Dr. Hickman said widespread interest in the "phenomena" thruout the United States was observed thru the project with many of the observers advancing their own theories.

In the course of the study, the university received hundreds of letters seeking information, but offering none, Dr. Hickman said.

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"Beautiful UFO at Miami."

The wife of an airline pilot who lived on 36th street in Miami, Florida, sighted a UFO while looking through a window just before sunrise on July 29, 1954. She said she saw an object rise from the ground to an altitude of about 200 feet where it hovered momentarily. It appeared to be about the size of a quarter (We assume at arm's length), circular with a flat bottom, and was a brilliant "beautiful" red with yellowish edges when first seen. As the object rose, its shape elongated, later assuming a shape that was more round. The color also changed as the object rose, the UFO turning a dark gray and then to a light gray. A smooth, rhythmic, "non-metallic" undefinable sound was heard the first few minutes of the sighting.

After hovering for a time, the UFO was seen moving very slowly to the north, then to the south, and then north again. Finally, the object started to climb northeast, elongating temporarily, and then resuming a round shape with "scalloped edges." The color also changed during the climb, changing from light gray to dark gray, and then back to light gray. The object slowly faded from view.

The military teletype message sent through channels detailing the case offered the suggestion: "Possible refraction of light from Sun, which arose at 0546 EST." 149.

July 29th.

A sighting was made of a "queer moon-like thing" end of the month when on July 29th the Captain of the Dutch ship Groote Beer, Jan P. Bos, and five of his officers, spotted a "flying saucer" prior to the arrival of the ship at New York. The object was viewed through a sextant which enabled a measurement to be made of the "moon-like object's" vertical ascent, which turned out to be a half degree in two minutes. 150. The thing was seen rising out of the Atlantic 90 miles east of Cape Cod. 151.

The impact of the UFO problem was beginning to be felt by serious observers of society. In the wake of Dr. Jung's statements, a Rev. Phipp Des-sauer, a Bavarian Catholic theologian, issued his own statement on July 29, 1954 at Munich, Germany, which said:

"...the evidence seems to demonstrate with adequate certainty that intelligent beings from another planet have been observing the earth for the last eight years....If it is possible to make contact with these beings, it will be the most dramatic event in human history. It is the duty of governments to prepare man for the possibility of such an encounter." 152.

Bickering.

Some of the bickering among the characters that made up the contactee crowd surfaced when Al Bailey and Jerrold Baker, both participants in the Adamski Venusian affair, soured on the famous California contactee and were making their displeasure known. UFO researcher Bill Pitt, up to this point a bystander, involved himself by corresponding with UFO newsletter editor* Jim Moseley who knew something about the situation; and Baker who was Adamski's biggest critic. Pitt wanted more details.

On July 25, 1954 Baker forwarded to Pitt copies of letters between him and Adamski, material that was supposed to document grounds for complaint. Baker, not happy with just educating Pitt, got in touch with Desmond Leslie, warning the Englishman about Adamski's "peculiar metaphysical beliefs." Another person to hear from Baker was the director of the British Flying Saucer Bureau, Captain Plunkett who ignored the ex-U.S. Air Force sergeant, displaying the favorable view of Adamski prevalent in England. Leslie, likewise ignored Baker and continued to give lectures in his country that endorsed the supposed Venusian encounter, and when visiting California in 1954, he even praised Dan Fry and Redondoan Beach's Truman Bethurum as sources of "support" for Adamski's claims and had no qualms about accepting an invitation to dine with all three contactees, Fry, Bethurum, and Adamski, one evening at Palomar Gardens. 153.

July 30th.

Buck Nelson.

* Moseley had just founded his own UFO organization, the "Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS)." Operating out of Fort Lee, New Jersey, membership eventually reached 4,000. Moseley had blasted Adamski back in January by writing a highly critical essay in his UFO newsletter Nexus, using Jerrold Baker as a source for his charges.

Yet another entry into the contactee field was a Buck Nelson, an Ozark farmer who scribbled an account about meeting some spacemen and taking a trip on their saucer (Buck's dog went too!). Buck mailed his story to the local press, a Springfield, Missouri, newspaper which published the odd tale in its July 30, 1954 edition. One reader, a James Hill, sent a clipping to a civilian UFO group and subsequently farmer Nelson became almost as well known as other contactees, however his career was innocuous because it was unintentionally humorous. 154.

July 31st.

Some natives became excited about something in the sky over Durban, South Africa, on July 31st. The commotion attracted the attention of a High School teacher named Eugene Meyer, who, when looking up, spotted a circular grey-colored object moving slowly and soundlessly back and forth above a small grove of trees, and once in awhile rising to a higher level for a few moments. 155.

"Flying Saucer Balloons?"

Keyhoe and Edwards were further encouraged at this time by the efforts of journalist Charlotte Knight who shot down the Air Force's favorite UFO explanation: balloons. Researching the subject, Knight wrote in Collier's magazine that:

"Officers at the Air Research Center in Cambridge, and at some other Air Force bases, insisted that ninety per cent of the 'saucers' reported were merely huge balloons released by the Air Force and Navy. The other ten per cent, they said, were mirages, ice crystals, or other weather phenomena.

"Every balloon launching is carefully co-ordinated with the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the Air Defense Command, so the pilots flying in the vicinity can be warned beforehand. In areas near heavy commercial flying, CAA recommends a launching hour when traffic is at a minimum.

"During the ascent warning lights on the instruments package blink on and off continuously. If the balloon leaks and does not rise above 50,000 feet within a set time, automatic mechanisms cut it down." 156.

The woman writer also pointed out that every effort was made to track the balloon by using radio-direction finders and radar.

O'Mara, Milani, and now Knight's contribution, gave the Keyhoe-Edwards team hope there would be a "break in the backout."

August.

What happened in Korea? A short note scribbled in BLUE BOOK files tells us someone has removed case material and never returned it. (See below)

*Case for 2 Aug. 1954 in Korea
missing.*

Lorain, Ohio. August 2nd.

While reading the following account one might wonder how many UFOs, if they do exist, escape notice by being mistaken for balloons if they exhibit no unusual motion:

"On 5 August 1954, Mr. (...deleted) Avon Lake, Ohio, (Assistant Purchasing Agent, Metal Equipment Co., (...deleted) Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically advised Special Agent Henry J. Fisher that he had sighted an object in the sky on 2 August 1954.

"On 5 August 1954, Special Agent Fisher interviewed Mr. (...deleted) at his residence. (...deleted) advised that he sighted an object in the sky at 1717 hours, 2 August 1954, which appeared to be southwest of Lorain, Ohio. At the point of sight, (...deleted) advised that he was at the intersection of State Route 254 and Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio. The object appeared to be the size of approximately 50 seconds of an arc in diameter or about the size of a shirt button. (...deleted) stated that the shape of the object was somewhat elliptical and appeared to be very bright, like highly polished metal. There was no evidence of chromatic dispersions and the object was very clear in appearance, with no distortion. (...deleted) stated that the object was at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet and seemed to be hovering. He stated that he saw the object in this position for 5 to 8 seconds, when it suddenly dropped vertically and came to an abrupt halt at approximately 2,000 feet. (...deleted) advised that the descent took approximately 3 seconds. The object remained in its new position for 10 seconds and then disappeared. (...deleted) advised that the object faded out of sight and likened its disappearance to a TV set being turned off.

"(...deleted) related that the object, when sighted, appeared to be 6 miles from his position, and stated that when the object dropped, it appeared to be a free fall rather than an accelerated drop. When the object dropped, it appeared to change as though it had its thin side toward (...deleted) stated that the object had no noticeable surface characteristics, and that its descent to 2,000 feet was a definite action and not a floating or wobbling motion. (...deleted) likened the speed of the object to that of a ME 109 fighter plane approaching head-on to a B-17 in flight, magnified 3 times, or approximately 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour." 157.

"There is no aircraft in your area" ---Porto Alegre tower.

Commander Nagib Ayub, at the helm of a Varig airline DC-3, passed over Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, at 7:00 p.m. August 5th. His destination was Rio de Janeiro, the largest city in Brazil. Leaving the town of Florianopolis behind, the DC-3 turned toward the open sea, flying over the Atlantic at an altitude of 2,250 meters. A high overcast in the area screened out the moon and stars, creating a pitch-black night.

After only a few minutes of flying over the dark waters of the ocean, a brilliant point of red light was spotted by Ayub, a light that seemed to be some 500 meters off his port wing in the direction of the coastline, the strange glow lasting only about two seconds.

The flight continued up the coast for 200 kilometers. Approaching the state of Parana, Commander Ayub found lighting conditions better and he could make out the outline of Guaratuba Bay. While flying in the vicinity of the bay, Ayub caught another brief glimpse of a strange red spot of light in the dark sky. His co-pilot, R. Pinheiro da Silva, also sighted the light this time although the phenomenon was visible for only a few seconds.

The faint outline of another bay, Paranagua, came into view at 10:00 p.m. as the DC-3 continued its seacoast air route. The co-pilot turned his head to look at an engine, and when he did, to his amazement he saw a huge fireball shooting up at the airliner from the direction of the coast, as if some giant anti-aircraft cannon had fired off a round. Glowing like molten metal, the brilliant blob grew in size rapidly as it zoomed through the air on an apparent intercept trajectory. A deadly collision seemed imminent, but just before the thing crashed into the DC-3, it reversed course, climbed, and then dove on the Varig airliner again. For a second time the brilliant blob turned away at the last moment.

The DC-3 aircrew became terrified. Radio operator R.F. Godinho frantically sent out an emergency call for help which was immediately picked up by Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo, and Rio airports. Civilian authorities lost no time contacting the Brazilian military, alerting the Air Defense Command and the Security Service branch.

Word also quickly reached the president of Varig airlines who happened to be at Porto Alegre field and was soon monitoring the radio in the airport control tower. He heard the following transmission:

"After making several passes at the DC-3, the fireball is now following it. Now it has started a crazy dance around us, changing constantly and rapidly its altitude, course, speed and brightness ---always tracking the plane." 158.

It was Commander Ayub speaking. The pilot of the DC-3 described the motions of the light as being fantastic: the "thing" swerving in an out, reversing its course in an instant, making high speed climbs and dives, sharp left and right turns, swift accelerations and then abruptly slowing its speed. Only a light could be seen but its color changed, usually displaying a red hue, but when it slowed the color took on an amber tint. When accelerating (putting on power?), the light appeared bluish. There was no sound that could be heard over the DC-3's engine noise.

Porto Alegre tower radioed Commander:

"We have checked and it seems that the object reported is an alien, unknown craft. There is no aircraft in your area. Now, how about switching off your lights and trying to escape it? But please, do it keeping in contact with us and reporting everything that happens." 159.

All lights on the airliner were switched off and evasive maneuvers begun by Ayub, but it made no difference to the enigmatic UFO which continued to dance around the blacked-out passenger plane. This went on for two hours. Unnerved, Commander Ayub finally requested permission to make an unscheduled landing at Sao Paulo before: "...anything worst could happen." 160. The UFO did not pursue the DC-3 to the airport.

At that time another Varig airliner piloted by a Commander Edu Michel was flying in the area. Michel had been listening to radio transmissions between Ayub and Porto Alegre tower. Curious, Michel adjusted his course and flew in the direction of the last reported position of the UFO, and within minutes sighted a queer light racing out to sea. This was enough to convince Commander Michel to also ask permission to put down at Sao Paulo.

Miles away over Santa Cruz two Brazilian Air Force officers in a fast military interceptor spotted what was believed to be the mystery light

The aircrews of the two airliners, and the two Air Force pilots, were questioned by Intelligence officers at Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport. Commander Ayub told the agents nothing was visible behind the glare of light but that did not rule out a solid body. In his written report, Ayub wrote:

"I think it impossible to mistake 'that' for any known man-made machine or device. It was not a jet plane, or aircraft. It was not a balloon. It was not a secret weapon (We have none like it). Nor was it a meteorite, a reflection or a mirage --- because none of these things can fly at more than 200 Km/hour, following an airplane and maneuvering around it. I think it was an alien craft, one of the so-called 'flying saucers.'" 161.

The Brazilian newspapers made a big fuss about the UFO case but the the Brazilian Air Force didn't volunteer the results of its investigation. Like the U.S. Air Force, the Brazilian military wasn't about to divulge information. 162.

An abrupt increase of UFO news from Europe.

Since "Flying Saucers" were officially considered to be an "American domestic problem," little effort was made by the U.S. Air Force to collect or investigate aerial phenomena reports from overseas. Indications are that the CIA gathered such data. Most of the overseas UFO material in BLUE BOOK files consist of newspaper accounts, and case summaries so brief they are limited to a few facts on a Project 10073 Record Card.

"Vikings from another planetary system."

(See newsclipping)

Project Record Cards.

(See the following pages)

1954 Theory On Saucers

Nurnberg, Germany, Aug. 2 (U.P.)—Hermann Oberth, wartime V-2 rocket expert, said today he is convinced the things called flying saucers are real and perhaps manned by "the Vikings from another planetary system."

"We cannot produce such 'saucers' yet, and we are fairly certain that the other planets of our solar system lack civilizations capable of their manufacture," Oberth said.

"Thus one concludes that these flying objects are the exploring ships of another solar system, or even a far-off fixed star."

Oberth was one of the experts at the German rocket station at Peenemuende on the Baltic coast.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 August 1954	2. LOCATION Neustadt, Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical MARS ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/2100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE West
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, orange, straight and circular flight pattern. In east. Appeared to rise 45-60 deg elev, 180 deg az at final observation.		11. COMMENTS Star through atmospheric layers. Mars in reported position.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 August 1954	2. LOCATION Netherlands	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2300-2400 GMT 04/2100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Firemen	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects observed moving at incredible speed, at times ~~staying~~ remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They were flat ovals with a whitish grey light.		11. COMMENTS ATIC evaluated as possible searchlight beams. Insufficient data for analysis.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 August 1954	2. LOCATION W. Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical METEOR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 90 Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING U.S. Army sergeant and wife observed orange glowing object for approx 90 seconds. Obj traveled at high rate of speed and had a "jerky" motion.		11. COMMENTS Exclusive of the reported time element which could have been mis-calculated, the object was probably a meteor. This information extracted from AFL12, AT1-2528-54, ATIC 196517, 13 Sep 54, The rpt is on file in the ATIC repository.	

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 August 1954	2. LOCATION Kaiserslauten, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/2228Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object with 4 different shapes. Round oblong, egg shaped, half round, red lines N, SW, and East of object, 60 deg elevation, 120-160 deg az. Observed through window. A/C with lines considered as contrails with sun reflecting from them.		11. COMMENTS	

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FOREIGN UFO SIGHTINGS

The information presented below are reports of UFO sightings in foreign countries. The information was extracted from various intelligence reports and are on file in the ATIC Repository under the index listed.

<u>Dt of Sighting</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dt of Report</u>	<u>Ref No.</u>	<u>ATIC No.</u>
✓ 17 May 1954	Sweden	7 May - 20 Jun	CIA-00-W-30883	194633C

Summary: Several recent (may 54) sightings of UFO's in northern Norrbotten Prov, Sweden. Firey objects.

ATIC EVAL: Probably meteors.

✓ 17 Jun 54	W. Germany	7 May-20Jun	CIA-00-W-30883	194633C
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Summary: Two (2) Germans sighted two (2) glowing discs for 10 sec. Objs descended vertically towards the earth, then rose rapidly.

ATIC Eval: Possible a/c.

✓ 10 Jun-15 Jul			CIA-00-W-30956	196651
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Rpts from Finland, Norway state UFO photographed during observation of the eclipse of the sun on 30 Jun 54

✓ 1. 5 Jul 54	W. Berlin	ATIC 199371	Eval - Unknown
2. 7 Aug 54	W. Germany	ATIC 199371	" Unknown
3. 23 Aug 54	Southern Gern	199371	" - Poss a/c
4. 13 Aug 54	Switzerland	199371	" - Poss a/c
5. 17 Aug 54	Central France	199371	" - Poss balloon
6. 22 Aug 54	Northern France	199371	" - Unknown
7. 31 Aug 54	Lyon	199371	" - Poss a/c
8. 19 Jul 54	Fr. Eq. Africa	199371	" - Unknown

The above information was extracted from ATIC Rpt No. 199371 (CIA-00-W-30904, dtd 25 Oct 54) which is on file in the ATIC Repository. The report contained numerous UFO sightings with some very radical descriptions. Insufficient data on most of the observations prevents accurate analysis in many cases. AWJ 23 November 54

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August 3rd.

"Orbiting discs."

On the 3rd at Hamilton AFB, California, an airfield located at the north end of San Francisco Bay, Air Force personnel spotted some flying discs orbiting in the sky. The objects then stopped moving in circles and assumed a diamond-shaped formation. The manner of disappearance is not given. 163.

"Like a green-colored English Army helmet."

The date was August 4th. The time 4:45 p.m. The place: Africa.

While driving on a highway (presumably near his home of Penroy), A Mr. R. C. Townsend of Southern Rhodesia was annoyed by a flash of green light coming from above. Glancing up Mr. Townsend saw a queer object that resembled an "English Army helmet" at an estimated 10,000 feet elevation. Townsend pointed out the phenomenon to his wife who was in the car with him.

The object was silent as it displayed "throbbing movements" which resulted in "shimmering reflections" of the sun's rays. 164.

Flying Saucers over the Hague, Holland.

An American CIA report read:

"Ten firemen and thier chief observed the two flying saucers over the Hague on the night of August 4, 1954 between 2300 and 2400 hours. The objects were seen in the clear night air at a high altitude. They moved at incredible speed, at times remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They were described as being flat ovals with whitish-gray light. All of the observers agreed that the objects could not have been aircraft or balloons." 165.

August 5th. More from Rhodesia.

Two Southern Rhodesian newspapers, The Buluwayo Chronicle and the Salisbury Sunday Mail, carried UFO reports from the cities of Buluwayo, Salisbury, and Gatrome. There was also mention of a sighting at the city of Ndola in Northern Rhodesia.

In Untali some people interested in the subject formed a South African "Flying Saucer Club." 166.

"Suddenly dropped vertically and came to an abrupt halt." (See re-produced BLUE BOOK report)

Ham radio not effected.

A brilliant white-colored ball shot up into the sky over Santa Fe, New Mexico, on August 6th. It left a luminous trail that persisted for about 15 mintues. Meteor expert Dr. Lincoln La Paz declared the object "not a meteor" which could not have been an easy call to make since thing "fell upwards." This "cosmic phenomenon" was said to have interrupted Television signals and aircraft transmissions, but not ham radio. 167.

August 6th again.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL STAFF
THE SPECIAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

25 August 1954

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-151

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Westlake, Ohio
on 2 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

UNCLASSIFIED

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 10 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

1. The following, received from the Cleveland Detachment of this District Office, is forwarded for your information:

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25 August 1954

[REDACTED] related that the object, when sighted, appeared to be six (6) miles from his position, and stated that when the object dropped, it appeared to be a free fall rather than an accelerated drop. When the object dropped, it appeared to change as though it had its thin side toward [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the object had no noticeable surface characteristics, and that its descent to 2,000 feet was a definite action and not a floating or wobbling motion. [REDACTED] likened the speed of the object to that of a ME 109 fighter plane approaching head-on to a B-17 in flight, magnified three (3) times, or approximately 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour.

[REDACTED] advised that the day was relatively clear, with no cloud formations in the northerly direction but with some cloud formations to the south and southeast. The object's location from [REDACTED]'s point of vision was at a heading of 260 degrees.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he has never sighted any object in the sky that he could not satisfy himself with its identity. He stated that he is an amateur astronomer and is a member of the Cleveland Astronomical Society. He advised that he believes he has knowledge of what heavenly phenomena are and that this, in his opinion, was not connected with any heavenly phenomena.

[REDACTED] advised that he was a member of the Air Force from November 1942 to November 1944; that he flew as a gunner on a B-17 aircraft for eighteen (18) months, completing nineteen (19) missions over Germany; that he had never been injured as a crew member and has never experienced fatigue in any way; and that he has had at least four (4) or five (5) courses in aircraft identification.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this District Office in instant matter, unless specifically requested by your Command.



ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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"This thing gets worse and worse."

Donald Keyhoe met with an informant named Stone. Drinking coffee in an all-night restaurant, the two men discussed the latest UFO news. Stone remarked that he had heard from an airline pilot flying out of Honolulu that something queer had taken place on August 6, 1954. A rumor was making the rounds that a Navy jet pilot on patrol had "gone nuts," buzzing Waikiki and yelling over the radio to ground control. Authorities were supposed to have grounded the pilot and had the whole incident hushed up.

Keyhoe said he had also heard rumors, accounts about a strange craft and how a military jet pilot had gotten close enough to the UFO to "see some kind of creature."

Stone, shocked, muttered a comment that would well describe the coming months of UFO activity: "This thing gets worse and worse. It's like a nightmare." 168.

Written report. First Lieutenant, Swiss Air Force:

"Date: Saturday, August 7, 1954."

"Place and Time: Zurich, 4:15 p.m."

"Weather 5/8 overcast; ceiling 1300 meters above sea-level; wind from the west, 60 kilometers per hour at cloud level."

"Altitude of the object: base of the clouds."

"Length of time of observation: about one minute with field-glasses."

"Description of phenomenon: from the window of my apartment situated near Schaffhouse Place I was observing light planes which were going over the city. At the same time I was watching a child's balloon being pushed by the west wind which was blowing off the lake. The balloon was climbing continually and had become almost invisible."

"Suddenly, in the same direction as the balloon I saw a dark disc about as large as a one centime piece (held at arm's length) which seemed to be immediately beneath the ceiling of the clouds. I thought at first that it was a larger balloon. But this disc, curiously, was not being transported by the wind as was the balloon. I immediately reached for my field glasses and observed it more closely."

"The shape of the object reminded me in an unbelievable way of an upside-down plate. Its thickness was about 1/6 of its diameter. One could see very clearly a large circular crown surrounding a rounded surface, the diameter of which was about half the size of the object. It was not possible for me to determine if the rounded surface at the interior of the crown was hollow or not."

"The color of the large crown changed constantly, going from a silver tint to rose and then to blue. The pale pureness of these tints was very striking. When the color changed to red the contours of the object seemed indistinct and incandescent but they became clearly delineated again when the color was silver or white."

"The object oscillated lightly from one part to another of its vertical axis like a top which is about to stop. At time intervals of about four seconds a sort of brown smoke left the back of the object and immediately dissolved."

"After watching the object for about one minute I expected that it would stay awhile longer where it was and I went to the telephone to call a friend. Unfortunately I could not get through to him and when I went back to the window the object was gone. I continued to scrutinize this part of the sky with my field-glasses and then during a short break in the clouds was able to distinguish a very small brilliant light."

"It is difficult for me to estimate the dimensions of the object but it probably wasn't more than 15 meters. On the ladder of my field-glasses it occupied four gradations. This count was taken at an angle of 25 degrees, approximately, and based upon my estimate of the altitude, the calculation permits us to obtain a similar figure." 169.

Giving credence to the officer's report was the sighting made the same evening, 10:30 p.m., by two people at Zurich's Kloten Airport. When first spotted, the UFO was just a brilliant point of light above the airfield which then launched itself vertically at high speed, changing color as it zoomed aloft, turning from a white hue to a yellow, to a red, and then returning to white again. The speeding light lunged to the right but kept going until it was out of sight. Within minutes the UFO came into view once more, crossing the heavens at a tremendous velocity. 170.

Alarm bells at the "saucer detection station."

Canada's Project MAGNET chief Wilbert Smith considered August 8, 1954 just another typical work day at the UFO tracking shack on the outskirts of Ottawa, at least until 3:00 in the afternoon when the station's gravimeter wiggled a bit and then whipped around wildly, setting off all the alarm bells. Smith and his assistants dashed outside to make a visual check of the sky, but as luck would have it, a thick fog covered the area making it impossible to see anything in the air. 171.

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Canadian Scientists First

Did We Trip A Flying Saucer?

Ottawa, Aug. 9 (CPI). — Is Canada the first country in the world to record a flying saucer with instruments?

That question is being debated here today after the Transport Department's flying saucer sighting station reported that it had detected an unexplainable object in the atmosphere over Ottawa Sunday.

Wilbert B. Smith, engineer in charge of the broadcast and measurement section of the Transport Department, said the saucer station's gravimeter was tripped at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Smith said he is convinced that the deflection on the gravimeter was not caused by an aircraft. It was either something scientists did not know about or an instrument failure.

"We now are attempting to find out if there was a failure somewhere in the instrument," he said. "If it turns out that there was no failure, then I don't know what it was that passed overhead."

Mr. Smith said it is not possible for anyone to state that the gravimeter recorded the presence of a flying saucer. However, he added, "it also is not possible to say it wasn't a flying saucer."

Mr. Smith, who built and operates the sighting station, said the deflection on the gravimeter was the first that could not be explained since the instrument was installed last October. The gravimeter is designed to detect and record Gamma rays, magnetic fluctuations, radio noises and gravity

and mass changes in the atmosphere.

Mr. Smith was on duty at the station when a set of alarm bells—tripped by the deflection on the gravimeter—rang.

"I dashed over to look at the instrument," he said. "The deflection in the line (drawn by an electronically operated pen) was greater and more pronounced than we have seen even when a large aircraft has passed overhead."

"I ran outside to see what might be in the sky. The overcast was down to 1,000 feet, so whatever was up there, whatever it was that caused the sharp variation, was concealed behind clouds. We must now ask ourselves what it could have been."

Those Flying Saucers Cause Traffic Jam

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN, Aug. 2.—Flying saucers caused a traffic jam here today.

The situation was enough to impel the Sheriff's office to send Sgt. Morris Cope to prevent any snarls.

Cope found that a large throng of earthlings had been drawn to this science-hallowed mountainside, site of the largest telescope in the world, by a rumor that a squadron of flying saucers would flit over the area.

The out-of-space visitors failed to materialize, but that didn't stop the flow of ordinary earth-bound vehicles from spreading out over the road like a freshet gushing out of a Martian canal.

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As Cope coped with the traffic, the crowd of believers flocked on the premises of their host, George Adamski, who maintains a refreshment stand and space ship lookout down the mountains from the famous Palomar observatory.

Adamski, despite a lack of



encouragement from the aloof York City and back in 30 minutes as a passenger in a Venusian ship. Frey said this happened in 1945.

Another speaker, a gray-haired man, told the meeting: "I have ridden in flying saucers many times."

He didn't say, however, whether he got air sick from the super-supersonic voyage. This bearer of the true word identified himself merely as

"Dr. X." His companion, a gray-haired woman was more poetic. She called him "My Wild Irish Rose."

NOT HOSTILE

The principal speaker was Desmond Leslie, a tall Englishman who has written authoritatively on the flying saucers. He assured the crowd that the extra-terrestrials were not hostile unless attacked.

"Take the case of that seaman in Florida who took a machete and hacked a Venus space ship," Leslie said. "The Venusians had to fight to defend themselves."

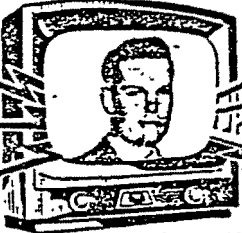
As his audience clucked in sympathy with the Venusians, scores of children played on the fringes of the meeting. They played the inter-planetary version of hide-and-seek. Their eyes were turned upward to where the flying saucers weren't and they chanted:

"Come out, come out wherever you are."

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Dates of clippings not known. Early 1950's?

As much as he wanted to announce he had detected something important, Smith was forced to remain cautious without more data. He had to admit, in an interview with Irwin Shulman of the Montreal Star, that the indications on his instrument could have caused by a "101 different things." 172.

The Toronto Globe and Mail added: "Mr. Smith said it is not possible for anyone to state that the gravimeter recorded the presence of a flying saucer. However, it also is not possible to say it wasn't a flying saucer." 173.

"Moved in and out of the sea."

According to our source, the U.S. Coast Guard station at Long Beach, California, intercepted a radio message on August 8th from the Honduran freighter Alik that said: "SAW FIREBALL MOVE IN AND OUT OF SEA WITHOUT BEING DOUSED. LEFT WAKE OF WHITE SMOKE. COURSE ERRATIC. VANISHED FROM SIGHT." 174. There was some sightings made at Santa Monica, California, about some UFOs seen seaward on the 9th and the 10th. No other details are available. 175.

Utah. August 9th.

An artist doing drawings of the landscape in the eastern part of the state of Utah was a witness to the soundless passage of a strange, white, disc-like object. Moving very fast, the object sped along: "...undulating about an axis parallel to its course." 176.

August 10th. Green fireballs.

Green fireballs, which were of considerable interest to Dr. Lincoln La Paz, were reported twice in the skies of Australia on August 10th. One of odd bolides streaked over the city of Sydney at 5:35 p.m., and some 15 minutes later a vivid emerald-colored object zoomed over Canberra. 177.

Frank Edwards is fired.

Public awareness of the UFO problem suffered a big blow on August 10th when the AF of L fired Frank Edwards. Reporters were curious about the abrupt dismissal of the popular radio commentator and questioned the American Federation of Labor President George Meany about the termination. Mr. Meany remarked: "He talked too much about flying saucers." 178.

It was Edwards' contention that he had irritated the Defense Department one too many times, the last straw being his quote of ATIC's Colonel John O'Mara's supposed statement about the number of UFO reports, "700 per week," a quote that differed with official news releases. 179.

In any case, Edwards' setback did not last long. He managed to get on radio frequently anyway, wrote syndicated newspaper columns, and penned a number of best selling UFO books.

August 10th. Project MAGNET dropped.

Surprising news came out of Canada on August 10th when a form letter from the Controller of Telecommunications announced the DOT was discontinuing UFO studies, dropping support of project MAGNET after 3½ years due to the lack of results (in spite of unexplained signals recorded by Smith UFO detection station just two days before). Canadian UFO researcher Arthur Bray observed: "Two days! Just enough time to call hasty meetings to con-

sider the importance of the event at Shirley Bay, decide what to do, and prepare a statement for the public." 180.

Bray points out that the actual decision to discontinue official sponsorship was in fact made two months earlier and the August 10th press release was concocted to deal with a public relations problem. Wilbert Smith wrote:

"The program was plagued by well-meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy which could be turned to political account to such an extent that both those who were working on the project, and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. Consequently, when the Project Magnet report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole project has suffered." 181.

August 11th.

In the skies of Australia on August 11th a number of objects were seen which were dubbed "flying tadpoles." Fifty people, which included priests and police, witnessed the phenomena. 182.

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The Moeller Company's salvage ship S.S. Docteur Angier was anchored off the Pacific island of Yaron-Jima (27°02'05" N-128°27'55"E) at 8:55 p.m. on August 11, 1954. The full Moon was shining brilliantly through a layer of stratus clouds floating at 2,000 feet (No thunderstorms). On the deck of the Docteur Angier was a 30-year-old electrical engineer (name deleted from Air Force BLUE BOOK records), and his assistant Kosei Nakamoto.

The engineer first suspected something strange was in the air when he spotted a "line of blue light" in the north-northeast, a degree or two above the dark horizon, and about 18 miles distant. The glow appeared to be 200 to 300 feet above the sea and the size of an American five cent piece held at arm's length. The neon-like blue light was approaching at high speed, gradually becoming an ellipse. No sound was noticed above the noise of the pounding surf. No external projections were discernible on the phenomenon.

As the glow came over the salvage ship, it became a circle of light, reddish at the inside, and jet black (in the center?). The thing was estimated to be 100 feet in diameter, or the size of a grapefruit at arm's length.

Once over the ship, the round mass of light rose vertically and disappeared through the stratus layer illuminating the clouds a beautiful blue, and also violently agitating them. 183.

August 11th.

In Yugoslavia there was similar mysterious doings August 11th. Something traveling at tremendous speed and throwing off green flashes was reported. A humming noise was heard and some people said the UFO did not move in any sort of a straight line. 184.

AFR 200-2 August 12th.

An official document signed by General Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, had the following to say under the heading: "Release of Facts." It stated:

"Headquarters USAF will release summaries of evaluated data which will inform the public on this subject. In response to local enquiries, it is permissible to inform news media representatives on UFOB's when the object is positively identified as a familiar object...For those objects which are not explainable, only the fact that ATIC will analyze the data is worthy of release, due to the many unknowns involved." 185.

"Mars?"

BLUE BOOK said of the August 12, 1954 case at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, that: "Description indicates Astro Body. Mars most probable." 186. Yet when one reads the official report, the object in question acted more like a space ship from Mars. Note underlined words. (See reproduced document)

August 13th.

Another UFO that hummed was reported on August 13th near Stafford, England, when a Mr. Mawman encountered a brilliant white light doing evolutions over the town, moving up and down. 187.

"Fifty witnesses!"

For some reason, contrary to what was written on the ATIC Form 133, detailed report #IR-204-54 is not on file in BLUE BOOK records. Perhaps the "ATIC Repository" is another collection of military Intelligence that has never been made available to public inspection? (See reproduced form)

San Marcos, Texas.

A brief teletype message related a UFO report from military pilots of a C-47. The pilots were flying near San Marcos, Texas, August 15th (the time of day was not legible), when an oblong object the size of a nickel at arm's length came into view. There were no discernable features on the UFO and all that could be seen was a dark blue silhouette. The UFO was at the same flight level as the C-47 and moving in the same general direction, seemingly flying formation with the military aircraft, but after careful observation it was believed the UFO was on a slight angle heading toward the C-47, apparently a collision course. Eventually, however, the blue UFO: "...took a 45 degree angle away from observing aircraft, then turned back into flight path and crossed in front of observing aircraft and disappeared." 188.

Changing color rapidly, a saucer-shaped object was reported on August 15th over the city of Zurich, Switzerland. 189.

There was UFO news from Innsbruck, Austria, in August 1954. The city was host to the International Astronautical Congress which was attended by an early rocket pioneer and prominent mathematician Hermann Oberth, who told

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SUMMARY OF SIGHTING all size. White light becoming red, then red and black to white. Disappeared by 10:00. Helos scrambled for identification. not close on object.		11. COMMENTS SFICA set 2100. Mars in SW at 20 deg elevation, Arcturus 290 deg, az 15 deg elevation, Setting at 233 deg. Antares at 240 deg az setting at 233 deg. No object sets at conclusion of sighting. Description indicates Astro Body. Mars most probable.		

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IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN TITLE "Flygende tallerken" naer, avskleert i Stavern		DTIC 143548-A	
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ATIC FORM 133 (16 Nov 53) (THIS FORM SUPERSEDES ATIC FORM 478 (REV 17 MAY 52), AND (25 MAY 52).

Stavern, Norway
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the press he believed UFOs were extraterrestrial in origin. Reported maneuvers of UFOs amazed the famous German who ruled out any man-made invention, especially rocket-propelled devices. The only means of achieving performances being reported seemed to be the use of a "anti-gravity" power-plant which professor Oberth knew was beyond the reach of 20th Century science. 190.

August 17th.

Long Island, New York, was the center of UFO activity on the 17th:

"The sky put on a mysterious show for the people of Oak Lane last night, but if they're not talking about it today, you really can't blame them.

"From 9:30 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., they followed a 'weird object' with a reddish glow jumping around in the sky, sometimes vanishing completely and then reappearing in a new place. They saw three jets chasing it and they saw seachlights circling it..." 191.

The "Detroit Flying Saucer Club" meets.

The first official meeting of the "Detroit Flying Saucer Club" was convened on August 19, 1954. The following day the Detroit Times reported on the gathering and the group's belief that "scientists were wrong in discounting the flying saucer theory," and that the "DFSC" would collect and forward UFO information to the U.S. Air Force. 192.

The self-appointed FBI informant at the meeting reported back to Hoover's office that nothing of an espionage nature was discussed, that the "...meeting consisted mostly of people saying they had seen saucers." 193.

UFOs over Denver?

Air Force OSI records state in part:

"On 17 September 1954, Special Agent Chester A. Cummins interviewed Mr. (...deleted) at his residence at 1730 hours. Mr. (...deleted) advised that he was at the Lakeshore Drive-In on the night of 21 August 1954 when at 2130 hours he observed a flight of 10 to 12 dim red florescent objects which may have been individual objects or one mass with a light emitting from it. Mr. (...deleted) advised that the object or objects were almost directly overhead and traveling due West. Mr. (...deleted) further advised that the object or objects were observed by him for approximately three or four seconds, he would judge them to be forty to fifty miles distant and traveling at a speed of five to six thousand miles per hour. Mr. (...deleted) further advised that the sky was clear and that the objects left no trail.

"Mr. (...deleted) advised the Agent of this office that he had approximately three thousand hours flying time in World War II and could furnish no additional information in regard to the unidentified object other than that reported above." 194.

"Hunt Man from Mars." (See newsclipping) Note that several scouts gave very accurate descriptions of the "spaceman."

LA GRANDE PEUR MARTIENNE. "The Great Martian Scare."

Beginning in mid August the famous global UFO wave of 1954 began to manifest itself, the focus of which was France, with South America a secondary scene of intensive UFO reporting.

The Gallic concentration seems to have had many puzzling episodes, however they appear amid many hoaxes, trivial examples of sightings, and a distressing number of deliberate media manipulations.

Paramount's classic sci-fi film War of the Worlds arrives in France just in time to help generate "Martian hysteria." The ad is dated August 19, 1954.

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By GEORGE F. MORTON
Scout Field Executive

Most Americans have wondered subconsciously what they would do if "flying saucers," "space ships," or "men from Mars" landed in their vicinity. Last week over 200 Scouts and Explorers at Camp Pioneer, West Hill Pond, New Hartford, found out.

An idea, born one morning in the front room of Camp Director and Scout Executive Nelson A. Sly's cabin, grew to maturity in the following manner: program directors were to arrange for a "man from Mars" to be seen by a few of the Scouts out in the campsites; this appearance to be followed by readings of authenticated material on "Flying Saucers" by Chief Sly; the program would conclude with a camp-wide hunt for the strange creature reported seen by certain Scouts.

The purpose of this experiment was not only to entertain campers, but to gauge the effect of mass hysteria, properly controlled, on this age group. Leaders would also be able to determine the accuracy of their Scouts' powers of observation, and the degree to which they could be organized, under stress, to carry out an assignment.

The build-up being especially well handled, and the subsequent "hunt" for the monster being well-directed, the event turned out to be one of the best programs of the season. Several Scouts gave very accurate descriptions of the disguised staff member they had seen in the woods, and although badly frightened, they carried out their assignments in the search very well. The "strange visitor," being duly "caught" by other members of the staff, was unmasked and thrown in the lake to the evident relief and delight of all.

UFO researcher/author Jacques Vallee* noted a marked increase in French activity as early as August 11th when reports came in from eastern France at the towns of Serezin, Remiremont, Contrexeville and Gerardmer. And on the 12th, an object spewing a smoke trail and flying with a jerky motion was visible above Precy-sur-Thil. 195.

The French wave really got a good start, however, with the important Vernon "cigar."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek described the event at a scientific conference in 1960 when he said:

"...I feel reasonably certain that some stimulus existed in France -- whether political, scientific, extra-terrestrial, meteorological, or psychological -- that in the space of two months generated several hundreds or reports, reports which show a definite thread of pattern.

"So, with this preamble, let us travel to France, in the late summer, 1954. The curtain apparently went up on this fantastic show on August 23, at 1:00 a.m., 40 miles north-west of Paris. A businessman had just put his car away, and as he came out of the garage he was surprised to see a pale light illuminating the town which had been in complete darkness a little while before. The night was completely clear and the moon was at last quarter, and hence was rising at about that time.

"Looking at the sky, he saw a huge, silent, motionless luminous mass, apparently suspended above the north bank of the river some 300 yards away. 'It looked,' he said, 'like a gigantic cigar standing on end. I had been watching this amazing spectacle for a couple of minutes when suddenly from the bottom of the cigar came an object like a horizontal disk, which dropped at first in free fall, then slowed, and suddenly swayed and dived horizontally across the river toward me, becoming very luminous. For a very short time I could see the disk full-face; it was surrounded by a halo of brilliant light.'

"A few minutes after it had disappeared behind him, going southwest at prodigious speed, a similar object came from the cigar and went through the same maneuvers. A third object, and then a fourth -- and finally a fifth detached itself from the cigar which was still motionless. This last disk dropped lower than the earlier ones, to the level of the new bridge, where it remained still for an instant, swaying slightly. At that time he could see very clearly its circular form and its red luminosity -- more intense at the center, fading out at the edges -- and the glowing halo surrounding it. After a few seconds' pause, it wobbled like the first four, and took off like a flash toward the north, where it was lost in the distance as it gained altitude. During this time the luminosity of the cigar had faded, and the gigantic object, which may have been 300 feet long, had sunk into darkness. The spectacle had lasted about 3/4 of an hour.

"Unknown to him, this observer reportedly had witnesses. Two po-

* Jacques Vallee invited me to lunch one day so we could discuss my UFO history project. When I said I would soon begin researching the 1954 French wave, he wished me luck since he had found that at the height of the excitement, UFO reports in France were running 200 per day! My account of the wave, therefore, will leave something to be desired.
---L. Gross.

licemen making their rounds at 10:00 a.m. also observed the phenomenon, as had an army engineer southwest of the town of Vernon.

"The case was briefly described in the Paris newspaper Liberation. Nothing more was done about it..." 196.

Another "thing" at Dole, France.

Forty-five minutes after midnight, August 19th, in the Jura district of France, something spectacular slowly coasted across the dark heavens. A gigantic, dazzling blue, circular mass (compare with the August 11th Pacific ocean case) moved under a veil of cirrus clouds, travelling on a southwest course. Much bigger than the Moon which was also visible in the sky (which was four days passed full), the phenomenon cast a strong light through the apartment window of Mr. and Mrs. Pardon who lived in La Carondelet, Dole.

When the bedroom lit up with a powerful glare, the Pardons woke up and rushed to the window to investigate. While the couple watched in amazement, the phenomenon changed to a big white disc with a red-colored halo, and then it changed position, assuming a vertical orientation, thus giving the impression it was the shape of a cigar. Both the man and his wife witnessing the event felt the thing gave off a kind of buzzing noise as it moved by, the UFO or whatever, eventually obscured by the rooftops after about 10 minutes. 197.

The Pacific again:

"August 20, 1954: At Ulithi, or Urushi, ten degrees North latitude, 140 degrees East longitude, in mid-north-Pacific, in the Caroline archipelago, a red light like a bar of heated steel, apparently a foot long, was seen by an American Navy vessel. It appeared from the east, then travelled almost due north towards Japan. Time: after sunset." 198.

August 22nd.

According to a Hammond, Indiana, newspaper:

"Two Cities Service refinery workers in East Chicago reported Saturday sighting a mysterious half-moon shaped object in the sky, perhaps a 'flying saucer.' The two ... gentlemen, Walter Bedenek... of Hammond, and Edward Reil... of East Chicago, who work in different parts of the refinery, reported the sightings to company officials. Bedenek works at the truck loading racks and Reil is a warehouseman.

"The object, which appeared like a half-moon shape with something projecting on the end or the middle, was just above the refinery," said Bedenek.

"The thing 'just stood still' for a few seconds and then made erratic darts in various directions, finally straight up and straight down," Bedenek said. The oilworker said the object appeared to be about 2,500 to 3,000 feet in the air at the time it was over the refinery. Then, after about two minutes, it moved off to the south, toward Hammond's Hessville district.

"As it was going away, it would speed up, then slow down, shoot off to one side for a short distance, and appeared to keep turning,"

"A Flying Saucer seen at Dole?"

Une soucoupe volante sur Dole ?

Bourgogne Républicaine
14 Aug 54

Dole (de notre C.F.). — Mercredi soir, M. Pardon, propriétaire du café du Marché, rue Carondelet, à Dole, était allé se coucher à l'heure accoutumée. Sa chambre donne sur les toits et sur les prés qui environnent le Doubs et le canal Charrier-Quint. Vers 8 h. 45, jeudi matin, il s'éveilla en sursaut : il lui semblait qu'il avait perçu une lueur, retransmise par la vitre de la fenêtre de sa chambre à coucher, restée ouverte.

Il se leva et resta fasciné par le spectacle qui lui était offert : un disque brillant, beaucoup plus gros que la lune, se déplaçait lentement dans le ciel encombré de nuages à peine esquissés. M. Pardon réveilla son épouse, et tous deux contemplèrent le phénomène encore inexpliqué. Le disque changeait constamment de couleur : il passait du bleu au blanc brillant, d'une telle intensité que, selon le témoignage qui nous a été fait, les deux époux étaient obligés de détourner leurs yeux. A ce moment, le disque était entouré d'un halo rouge. De temps en temps (et sans doute sous l'effet d'une réfraction quelconque), le disque changeait de forme et

se transformait en une forme ovale, parallèle, sous dit-on, à un ballon de rugby.

Mme Pardon, qui observait, elle aussi avec une très grande acuité, a eu l'impression que ce disque tournait très vite sur lui-même. Il se déplaçait lentement vers la droite, et bientôt, il ne fut plus visible, car les toits le cachaient. M. Pardon a aussitôt fait dire, dans son observation rendue extrêmement minutieuse par le silence absolu qui régnait sur la ville endormie, d'un roulement parfaitement perceptible, encore que très faible, et qui émanait manifestement de l'engin mystérieux.

L'observation a duré dix minutes, et a duré tant que l'engin a été visible. Répétons qu'il n'y a aucune erreur possible : les nuages étaient très faibles, semblables à une fumée, nous ont dit les témoins, et, d'autre part, la lune ne se trouvait pas du tout dans la direction observée. Peut-être, d'autres personnes ont-elles constaté la présence de l'engin dont il s'agit, et il serait important qu'elles apportent, elles aussi, leur témoignage au grand problème insoluble des soucoupes volantes et des engins mystérieux qui sillonnent journellement l'atmosphère terrestre.

Bedenek declared. He said it appeared to go almost as fast as an airplane.

"It didn't look anything like a balloon or an airplane," Bedenek declared." 199.

"Pentagon scare."

The magazine Aviation Week reported on August 23, 1954 that the Pentagon was much relieved when a "litte moon" sky search headed by Dr. Lincoln La Paz identified two objects in orbit around the Earth, one "moonlet" at 400 miles out and another at 600 miles, as natural bodies and not, as it was feared, Russian artifical satellites. 200.

Germany. (See below)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD		
1. DATE 23 August 1954	2. LOCATION W Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Real Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Real Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Real Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Unknown ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Day Night	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Total of 30 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 (lights)	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING German family initially observed round obj with light all around it. It was reddish in color and about 3 times the size of a star. No sound. Later, 12 mos. Germans observed a green light, approximately the same size as the prior lights observed, hovered for 15 min, then disappeared (SW) "faster than a jet". (NO CASE IN FILE)		11. COMMENTS [illegible]

Jacques Vallee wrote: "On August 23 a well-documented account of a landing (took place) near Thonon (on the shore of Lake Geneva)." 201. That may be true but unfortunately the case data was not located in time to include in this edition.

French newspaper discusses a flying saucer sighting in the neighboring country of Switzerland.

Interest in "saucers" had yet to be widespread in France. The date of the clipping is August 24, 1954.

LA QUESTION DES « SOUCOUPES VOLANTES »

Les services officiels suisses ne s'en désintéressent pas

Notre correspondant de Berne nous écrit :

Il y a quelques jours, l'alerte aux soucoupes volantes a été donnée, une fois de plus, dans l'opinion publique. A la mi-juillet déjà, une passante aurait vu, dans le ciel bernois, évoluer des disques clairs. Mais surtout, les journaux ont annoncé qu'un employé de la ville de Zurich, au militaire officier d'aviation, ayant aperçu un de ces mystérieux engins, aurait communiqué ses observations aux autorités compétentes, à Berne.

Aussitôt des gens se sont demandé si, dans les bureaux officiels, on prenait au sérieux ces « visions » et si l'on perdait du temps à s'occuper de ce nouveau « serpent de mer » que sont les soucoupes ou les cigares volants.

Eh bien ! oui. Depuis plusieurs années, le service de l'aviation et de la défense contre avions au département fédéral militaire recueille de la documentation et des observations, constitue des dossiers, soumet les faits qu'on lui rapporte à un examen critique et retient ce qui lui paraît

fournir les éléments d'un problème encore fort embrouillé et complexe, sans se prononcer sur l'une ou l'autre des hypothèses émises déjà, par des esprits fort équilibrés, en quête d'une solution.

Que, dans bien des cas il s'agisse effectivement de « vision » ou d'hallucination, on en convient. A l'étranger, par exemple, il suffit souvent que quelqu'un affirme avoir vu une « soucoupe volante » pour que se multiplient les observations. Il faut donc se montrer fort prudent, en particulier lorsque les témoins appuient leurs dires de photographies. C'est Berne, justement, qui reçut un jour la très belle image d'un disque aérien évoluant au-dessus des deux Mythen. Il s'agissait d'un très habile truquage qu'on eut beaucoup de peine à déceler. Mais on y parvint et le fumiste avoua.

Pourtant, dans les dossiers, il y a un ou deux rapports auxquels on ne peut d'emblée refuser du crédit. Leurs auteurs donnent par leur caractère et surtout par leur formation professionnelle — il s'agit en premier lieu d'aviateurs instruits en météorologie et qui ne confondront pas un ballon-sonde et un engin volant — des garanties suffisantes.

Donc, pour l'instant, on est d'avis que la question mérite d'être suivie.

De fait, l'apparition dûment constatée de « soucoupes » ou plus exactement de disques volants dans l'espace aérien ne bouleverserait pas les notions actuelles de l'aérodynamique. L'idée de lancer à travers l'espace des corps plus lourds que l'air en forme de lentille ne date pas d'hier. On l'a découverte en 1858, reprise quarante ans plus tard par un ingénieur italien, Capazza, qui projette un « dirigeable lentillaire ».

Entre les deux guerres mondiales, un ingénieur français fait d'intéressantes expériences au laboratoire Eiffel et crée un modèle réduit de

double soucoupe volante. En 1929, la Commission pour les études aéronautiques en Amérique du Nord (la N.A.C.A. comme on la désigne là-bas) arrive à la conclusion, après une série d'expériences et d'essais dans la soufflerie, que le disque aux faces convexes serait un « corps volant » idéal, à condition qu'on y adapte un propulseur.

G. F.

(Lire la suite en 8^{me} page)

Two Norwegian women and the "spaceman."

Tuesday morning, August 24, 1954, Mr. Oddvar Larsen, the managing editor of the Nordlands Folkeblad, received a telephone call from his ace reporter Hans Almass who had some sensational news to relate. It seems Almass had heard a rumor that a couple of Mosjoen women; a Miss Edith Jacobsen 24; and her older sister, Mrs. Aasta Solvang, 32; had encountered a "man from another world." Almass had grown up in the town of Mosjoen, a small sea-side community in Northern Norway where everyone knew everyone else. Almass was no exception, he had known the two women in question since childhood and could not believe they were capable of a hoax. Fortified by that belief, Almass was calling his boss to ask his blessing for an official investigation of the fantastic story. The Folkeblad editor had the passing thought that Almass may have been spending too much time in a tavern, but he recalled that Almass was a man with a solid reputation. Permission was granted to pursue the matter.

After giving his approval, Larsen felt he should do some checking of his own so he phoned Mosjoen police headquarters. The police hadn't heard a thing, so Larsen started calling everyone in Mosjoen with the last names of "Solvang" and "Jacobsen," but again the result was negative. The editor began to have serious doubts about the whole business, but then the Mosjoen police phoned the Folkeblad office to say that the two women in the case were at the station and during an interrogation had confirmed the so-called "spaceman encounter," even to small details. Larsen was satisfied with that and printed the results of Almass' investigation in the afternoon edition of the Folkeblad. 202.

The story attracted the attention of the news services which sent the news around the world. (See newsclipping)

The version in the Folkeblad is probably more detailed than news stories that appeared in other newspapers:

"My sister and I had gone up into Oeydalen (a valley close to Mosjoen) to pick raspberries, but we didn't find any, and instead we began to pick blueberries near a marsh I knew of. At the time we went up into the valley, we had been together with a male relative, but he left us, and we didn't meet again until we were on our way home several hours later.

"As my sister and I were busy picking blueberries, we suddenly noticed something that moved behind some bushes not far from us. I remember that I said: A sheep, I guess. But it was a man.

"It has been written in some newspapers that we got scared. That is not true. The man who came out from behind the bushes looked very ordinary -- like all other people, that is -- and he smiled to us in an open and reassuring way. He had a dark complexion, and his hair was very long, but not down to his shoulders... He had very nice teeth, and he was of rather average stature. He seemed friendly and charming from the very first moment.

"He was dressed in a tight-fitting suit. I could see neither buttons nor zippers, but it was furnished with a broad belt. The shoes I did not notice.

"He walked towards us and smiled, and stretched out his hand. I smiled, back and stretched out my hand, thinking of course that he

was some man who happened to come around and that he wanted to shake hands, like people used to do. But instead of shaking it, he laid the palm of his hand close to the palm of my hand so that they touched, and then he withdrew it. Then he began to talk, but we didn't understand a word. Neither did he understand me when I tried to speak to him in English, German and French. I have been asked if perhaps his language might be one of the East European ones. I don't think so. I have heard Russian on the radio, and it sounded rather staccato to my ears. The stranger's language was very melodious, and it seemed as if it didn't consist of separate words, but flowed freely like a smooth stream.

"By now it was quite obvious to the man that our conversation was useless, and from one of his pockets he took something which looked like a little mirror. It was greyish. Using a pencil, or something like it, he drew some circles and showed them to us. He pointed at one of the circles, then at us and then he lifted both arms indicating all of the surroundings, the marsh, the bushes, and so forth. Then he pointed at himself and one of the other circles. 'Planet' is a word which came to my mind much later. At the time it happened, I simply didn't think of the fellow as 'peculiar' in any way. He was just a stranger, that's all.

"The man made a sign that he wanted us to go with him. He turned and began to walk, and nearby we came to a clearing where we saw an object on the ground. To me it looked like two pot covers put together, rim-to-rim. It measured from six to nine feet across, and was approximately five feet high. I am positive that the man couldn't stand up inside it--he would have to sit down. As to the color, I don't know how to describe it. It was kind of blue or grey, I'm not sure.

"So far as I can remember, it was at this moment that it dawned on me for the first time that something very odd was happening to me and my sister. We were standing quite close to the thing when the man nodded and smiled, and then opened a hatch and boarded the craft. The last we saw of him was his hand. He waved, and then he closed the hatch behind him.

"The next minute the craft left the ground and smoothly ascended some 40 to 50 feet. The only sound we were able to hear was a humming or very soft buzz--absolutely no engine roar. At the same time, the craft started to rotate around its axis at an increasing speed, and then all of a sudden it rose straight upwards and disappeared. The velocity was quite fantastic." 203.

Guessing the truth became a national passtime. Norwegians took sides with the press helping the doubters by charging the women with being inspired by George Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed (Adamski's supposed Venusian was described as having long hair and dressed in a close fitting ski-suit with a wide belt). The women took offense, replying to the charge by saying they had never read the book but had "discussed it like everyone else." *

*I have no information on a Norwegian edition, but Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed was published for the first time in 1954 in French and Dutch.

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FLYING SAUCER LANDING IN NORWAY REPORTED

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Oslo--A flying saucer is reported to have landed last Friday in the region of Mosjoen, about 300 kilometers northeast of Trondheim.

The pilot, a bronzed man with long hair, was seen by two sisters who were picking berries in the mountains, according to a local paper.

An officer of the Mosjoen police force confirmed the fact that the two sisters, aged respectively 24 and 32 years, who are not believed to suffer hallucinations, claimed to have seen the saucer land.

According to them, the pilot wore an aviator's coverall with no buttons. After trying in vain to make himself understood by means of signs drawn on a piece of paper, he got back into his machine, waved his hand to the two sisters, and took off fast and vertically.

The ladies did not have time to get close to the machine, and can give only vague details as to its appearance, but according to their story it was composed of two discs approximately 5 meters in diameter.

In spite of the unlikelihood of their statements, the local police will go tomorrow to the landing spot in the hope of finding some trace of the flying saucer.

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Norway's major newspaper, the Aftenposten, then produced what it believed to be the denouement, blaming the excitement on a wayward American helicopter pilot named Billie C. Fauret, however when contacted Fauret denied he had ever flown near Mosjoen. The Mosjoen police were inclined to agree since no one had reported a helicopter buzzing Oeydalen valley where the "spaceman" was encountered. 204.

Shot skyward in a vertically climb. 26 August 1954 at 1115Z.

A fellow who claimed to be an engraver and minister, who lived in Danville, Virginia, said he witnessed in broad daylight two mysterious "machines" hovering northwest of him at an elevation of 30 degrees. If we can believe the man, the objects were elliptical in shape with a dome on top, eight feet by 20 feet in size, and colored silver with an orange glow at either end which extended outward 10 feet. When first sighted, the two objects were parked in the air side by side. Shortly after being sighted, the two UFOs climbed vertically at a terrific rate of speed until out of sight, getting brighter while gaining altitude. 205.

"Huge cigar over France."

According to a story in the London, England, Daily Mail; northwest of Paris, at a town named Evreux, three people spotted what they said was a "huge cigar-like object" that had a "flying saucer linked to it in a satellite-like fashion. 206.

August 27th. 8:30 p.m.

The handyman for Carswell Construction Corporation, located in Boston Creek, Ontario, Canada, a Bill Supa; was dumbfounded when a circular-shaped machine unlike any aircraft known to him set down about a mile and a half away in a grassy area. Boldly, Supa ran toward the wingless body resting on the ground, but before he got closer than 300 yards, the object flashed skyward leaving behind some flattened vegetation and a high curious witness who was puzzled by not detecting any indication of how the thing propelled itself. 207.

"The case that does'nt exist."

Keyhoe charged that UFO censors often denied reports. As an example he related an Oklahoma City incident:

"At 8:30 P.M., on August 28, 1954, a formation of 15 flying saucers approached Oklahoma City. Picked up by radar, the strange machines were spotted from Tinker Air Force Base.

"Within seconds, by standing orders of the Air Defense Command, a flight of jets was dispatched.

"Under AFR 200-2, emergency teletype messages were flashed to ADC Headquarters, to ATIC, and to the Pentagon.

"At the same time, warning alerts were phoned to Will Rogers Airport, the Oklahoma State Police, and to GOC posts in a radius of 200 miles.

"Meanwhile, in precise triangular formation, the 15 saucers had raced over the edge of the city. The jets, guns set to fire, hurtled after them at full power. Abruptly the formatio- broke. Changing into a semicircle, the saucers speeded up and vanished into the west.

"Immediately, additional alerts were flashed to western Air Filter Centers. When the Tinker Field pilots landed, after a fruitless chase, they were bombarded with questions by a team of Intelligence officers. Then the teletypes clattered again, with urgent follow-up reports.

AUGUST 25, 1954.

WOMEN MEET 'SAUCER PILOT'

Berry Pickers Tell
Of Talk With
Flier.

OSLO *A*—Two Norwegian women claim they not only had a close look at a flying saucer, they talked to its "dark-skinned, long-haired" pilot. Skeptical police have launched an investigation.

The two women, Mrs. Aasta Solvang and her sister Edit Jacobsen, said the saucerman popped out at them from behind some bushes last Friday near Mofjell, in northern Norway.

Their story was published yesterday by the local paper Nordlands Folkeblad.

This was the sisters' account: "We were picking berries when suddenly a dark man with long hair—but otherwise looking very much like an ordinary human being—came out from behind some bushes.

"We were frightened at first, but the man appeared very friendly, and stepped toward us."

One of them addressed him in English, French, German, and Nor-

wegian. "He didn't seem to understand a word."

The stranger then attempted to communicate by drawing "circles and what looked like pictures of heavenly bodies" on a piece of paper. The stranger finally led them to his craft, which looked like "two deep saucers sandwiched together," about 15 feet across.

The mystery man opened a hatch and crawled into the disc. Moments later the craft "rose from the ground and began rotating, first slowly, then increasingly faster." Then, suddenly, it disappeared at an "incredible speed."

NEWSPAPER

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FLIER DENIES BEING 'WEIRD' SAUCER PILOT

STUTTGART Germany *A*—A U. S. Army helicopter pilot says he wasn't the man who frightened two Norwegian women into thinking they had seen the pilot of a flying saucer. And he doesn't resemble at all the man the women said they saw.

Billie C. Faurot, 29, of Council Bluffs, Ia., a warrant officer, was one of several pilots who made a secret training mission flight to Norway last week.

Reports from Oslo said two women out picking berries, were startled by a dark-skinned, long-haired man who tried to talk to them, then sailed off in a strange craft that looked like "two deep saucers."

Word got around later in Oslo that it might have been U. S. pilots playing a prank. Faurot, the first of the pilots to return, said "the only thing I know about the women is what I read in the papers."

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"But though the saucer chase had been seen by hundreds in the city, and the alert was confirmed by the State Police, Tinker Field officers refused to admit the sighting. 208.

A check of Air Force BLUE BOOK files shows no such report from Oklahoma City anywhere near the date mentioned. Likewise, in a letter to the Air Force from a civilian UFO investigative group, dated 16 July 1960, it was asked if the Oklahoma City did indeed exist. 209. In reply, Colonel Philip G. Evans of the Deputy for Science and Components, wrote: "...this Center has no record of UFO's sighted over Oklahoma City during August 1954." 210.

Black ovals over the Atlantic.

Prince Christian is located on the south tip of Greenland. On August 29, 1954, at 1415Z, a pilot of a Dutch airliner enroute to Europe sighted a formation of large black oval shapes about two miles south of his position. Objects were in view for approximately 10 minutes. 211.

"Weird sky-borne juggernaut?"

Sgt. Durdle had to rub his eyes twice early in the morning of August 30th, once to get the sleep out and a second time to make sure he wasn't seeing things. The Royal Air Force enlisted man had just emerged from his Nissen hut at the North Bay air station when he caught sight of an odd "flying body" zooming directly at him, moving at a tremendous speed just above the waters of Lake Nipissing. The soundless object was traveling so fast Durdle had only brief instant to brace himself. At the last moment the object pulled up sharply, giving Durdle a better look at the UFO. According to Durdle:

"On top of the mystery was a circle--all the time, a brilliant glow came from the center--and this top part had hanging down an oblong sort of canister. From the center of the circle stuck up a long cone, with, on its top, a globe rotating like hell and shooting out rays, like that rotating trademark which opens up on the films of a Hollywood concern (he must mean the old RCA studio). It illuminated something like a latticework of gleaming metal. As I watched, I was startled to see the whole darned thing turn through an angle of ninety degrees from the vertical to the horizontal. It now looked entirely different?

"I could not now peek into the inside of the circle. That had canted right over and looked hollow, with knife --or saw --edges. The cone with the rotating light was now not horizontal, but vertical, and was revolving on its base, like the globe at the top. And the glow emitted was enough to burn one's eyeballs out! On part of the canister-side, there was a vertical slit of light, like the loopholes you see in old castles, where they used to fire arrows! But I guess the thing was not for bows and arrows. Old Robin Hood would sure have made tracks pronto, deep into Sherwood Forest, had he seen it. The slit was in the side that was turned

towards the circle that was attached to the canister." 212.

"Disintegrated into a shower of sparks."

A Canadian policeman by the name of Grabovski believed he saw a "flying saucer" near Kirland, Ontario, at 12:25 a.m. on August 31st. While he was cruising in his patrolcar, the lawman spotted what he said was a soundless, elliptical object moving slowly at an altitude of about 1,500 feet; giving the impression it was following a railroad track in the area.

Shortly after spotting the object, Grabovski saw it suddenly "disintegrated in a shower of sparks." Investigating the ground below the sky-blast, Grabovski found no trace of anything unusual.

There was a report that late that morning a pilot flying in the area had seen something similar. 213.

Swarms of UFOs.

By the last days of August Europe was swarming with UFOs if we can believe reports from Villacoublay, Brittany, Anger, Amiens, Lyon, and the Paris region of France; Munich and Berlin in Germany; Innsbruck in Austria; Trieste in Italy; and Stone and Stafford in England; to name a few.

The visitation at Villacoublay on the 29th was seen and reported by military and technical personnel stationed at the French air base located in the vicinity. 214.

The English cases, Stafford and Stone, occurred on the last day of the month. At 8:48 p.m. on the 31st a resident of the town of Stafford, a Mr. Wilfrid Daniels, watched as a glistening yellow-red sphere flying past Stafford in a northern direction in a horizontal path. The speed of the object evidently didn't impress Daniels because he said it was going slow, perhaps five miles per hour.

Seven minutes later and a few miles north of the city of Stafford, three young boys saw a dark-colored object flying over the village of Stone. They said the object had the appearance of a "Mexican hat," that is it had a wavy edge and a somewhat pointed dome.

Moving away from Stone, according to the boys, the object turned toward the village of Meaford but in a short time it stopped and hovered near the chimney of the local power station. One youth, Keith Billings, was convinced he was not watching any sort of airplane and so he raced in the direction of Meaford on a borrowed bicycle. The UFO, in his estimation, was too small to be an aircraft. 215.

"False saucer" excites France.

Things didn't really begin to boil over in France until the very end of the month (the 31st) when a spark shedding meteor exploded in the sky at extreme altitude above Paris (8:20 p.m.). People in 20 departments of France witnessed the show resulting in hundreds of reports being made to the newspapers.

UFOlogist Aime' Michel was satisfied with the meteor hypothesis since there was no evidence to indicate otherwise, however the following afternoon (12:50 p.m.) a group of six persons, watching military aircraft perform in the sky over Asnieres-les-Dijon, which is about five miles north of Dijon, spotted a mysterious glowing body crossing the heavens east to west at an altitude that exceeded that of the French airplanes. During its quick passage, the strange object changed color from red, to orange, and then finally to silver.

Michel's collaborator, Charles Garreau, a Dijon resident, checked into the incident and was puzzled over the speed. The thing seemed to be too slow to be a meteor and too fast to be an airplane. 216.

Michel began to suspect something unusual was looming when he learned that about six hours after the sighting near Dijon, witnesses in the Paris region observed two orange-colored oval-shaped objects crossing the sky in a side by side formation. He became aware of the sighting from two independent sources.

Just by chance a Mrs. A. Fouquiau of Orly, noticed the speeding pair of UFOs as they came out of the western sky, cannonballing eastward. Startled and instantly convinced a rare event was in the making, Mrs. Fouquiau summoned her husband and young daughter to "come and see" the "chunky cigars." Highly curious, the trio of witnesses kept watch after the UFOs passed out of sight and were rewarded when another object, a carbon copy of the others, came into view on the same course.

This third object was evidently also witnessed by some people at the town of Chennvieres-les-Louvres a dozen miles away to the northeast, when at 7:30 p.m. a "very long bright egg" zoomed overhead.

If the objects in question were "meteors," wondered Michel, how come Mrs. Fouquiau had time to call her family to come and look at the objects? 217.

On August 31st Wilber Smith pondered why the ax fell on his Shirley Bay experimental UFO detection station. Off the record Smith expressed feelings he was being abandoned because of the lack of scientific results, plus the effect of sensational contactee stories which had damaged the credibility of the UFO subject.

In response to the rejection by the Canadian government, Smith vowed to continue his efforts somehow without government manpower and facilities. 218.

There is an odd rumor that should be inserted about here. A quote taken from the writings of Brian C. Cannon, Director, Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, a 1960s group, contains about all that is known for sure:

"...although the federal government dropped Project Magnet in 1954, it was in this same year that then Defense Minister Brooke Claxton set aside a 1,000 square-mile tract of land at the Defence Research Board, Suffield, Alta., for the sole purpose of enticing UFOs to land!" 219.

Fontes guesses right?

Did UFO activity occur in 26 month cycles? Dr. Olaves T. Fontes of Rio de Janeiro thought so after a personal statistical study using what data he could accumulate, not an easy task when one lived in South America and had to send away for English language literature. He assumed that the next big wave of UFO activity would begin in August 1954 and would break out either in Europe or South America. When August arrived, it appeared Dr. Fontes had guessed correctly. Not only was there a lot of UFOs being reported in Europe, but there was also a flap in South America while the U.S. was relatively quiet. Dr. Fontes was a medical doctor, quite capable of finding the time and money to do UFO investigations of sightings in Latin America. 220. Fontes would later write: "I felt it was my duty to dedicate my spare time to UFO research, at least until a true scientific research could be initiated." 221.

"Spinning at fantastic speed."

An Australian Hawker Sea Fury was flying at 5,000 feet over the town of Goulburn, New South Wales, Australia, on August 31st when two "unidentified flying bodies" zoomed by. The Fury's pilot could only make out some "vague shapes" carrying lights. The UFOs appeared to be "spinning at fantastic speed."

The radar at Nowra Naval Air Station picked up two unexplained targets at the time which were believed to be the fast traveling UFOs seen by the military pilot. The sighting was deemed so sensitive it was classified secret: 222.

James Moseley locates the "mystery woman."

After several months of searching, James Moseley finally found the mystery woman, a "WAC that was suppose to have seen a picture of a captured flying saucer in storage at Wright Field, Ohio."

When located, the woman turned out to be in her late thirties, a conservative dresser, and of a meek demeanor; not the type Moseley felt would tell a colossal lie.

"Miss Y" (Moseley gave her that title to protect her privacy), informed the UFO researcher what he had been told about the saucer story was incorrect in some of the details. She said she was not a member of the military, instead she had been a civilian employee for the U.S. Army Signal Corps, a teletype operator that processed classified messages at an Army installation "near Wright Field, Ohio."

As for the "flying saucer photos," "Miss Y" related to Moseley that sometime in August or September 1952, she couldn't recall exactly, she happened to be in that part of the Signal Corps building where the photographic lab was located, and by chance she entered the lab to see if her friend, an Army photographer, had an aspirin for an headache. Her friend, (Moseley calls him "Mr. Z"), had forgotten to lock the door while he was developing some important pictures he had taken during a "special assignment." By accident "Miss Y" got a look at a number of prints that showed what appeared to be a "flying saucer," and judging by a jeep parked next to the craft, she guessed the machine was some 40 feet in diameter, a smooth-surfaced, saucer-shaped, ship with no windows.

The woman's friend, "Mr. Z," was concerned with the lapse of security because the photos carried a "top classified designation," but since he and "Miss Y" were good friends, we led to believe, he told her that a flying saucer had come down just north of the Army installation and he had been ordered to take pictures of the crash site.

"Miss Y" said she did not think too much of the pictures at the time since she assumed the circular machine was an American secret weapon, however, soon after she happened to handle classified teletype messages that referred to the downed saucer as an "interplanetary ship," and that the machine was receiving a preliminary examination at Wright Field, having been moved there by a heavily guarded truck.

She stated further that she learned much more about the situation by reading other messages that came over the military teletype, one message telling of a "Red and White" alert at Wright Field which was officially a practice exercise, but it actually was a deliberate precaution taken because it was assumed there may be some way by which other flying saucers could detect the presence of the captured saucer at Wright Field. "Miss

Y" became nervous when she read the alert message, she said, because she received the impression the military feared an attack by space aliens trying to recover the crashed saucer.

The woman came up with even more information, taken either from 'Mr. Z,' or teletype messages, which told of the crashed saucer's metal skin being so tough scientists had great difficulty in gaining entry into the craft. Details such as that suggested to Moseley the woman was repeating the classic Frank Scully tale, although 'Miss Y' departed from Scully's ideas by saying the saucer at Wright Field was apparently a remote-control device with no small humanoid creatures aboard. When asked, 'Miss Y' insisted she had never read Frank Scully's book, Behind the Flying Saucers, but she did provide a hint, without knowing it, she may well had been influenced by the Variety Columnist when she said the captured saucer didn't hit the ground with a violent impact. Instead, the saucer, she claimed, floated to a gentle landing due to a "...lack of magnetic power on which they run." 223. She also mentioned she had heard vague rumors about other saucers crashes that did involve "Little Men." * 224.

Moseley and 'Mr. Z.'

Obtaining the man's name from 'Miss Y,' Moseley tracked down 'Mr. Z,' the Army photographer, locating him at a Signal Corps installation where he was still pursuing a military career. The man agreed to talk to the UFO research but unfortunately refused to confirm any of the sensational remarks made by 'Miss Y,' denying any knowledge of flying saucers except for what he had read in the newspapers. The Signal Corps enlisted man did not refute the woman's claim that she had been the night girl on the teletype machine and that her job would include handing secret messages, but he said such information would be in code and she did not have the means to read any classified material. 225.

Moseley for the moment had reached a dead end. Nothing sensational had been learned.

* There may be a connection between this incident and the one back on April 23, 1953 when the Air Force tried to track down the source of a rumor that asserted crashed flying saucers were being kept on the premises of Wright Field. The rumor originated from an unidentified man in Columbus, Ohio. See: UFOs A History, 1953: March-July, pp.63-65-A.

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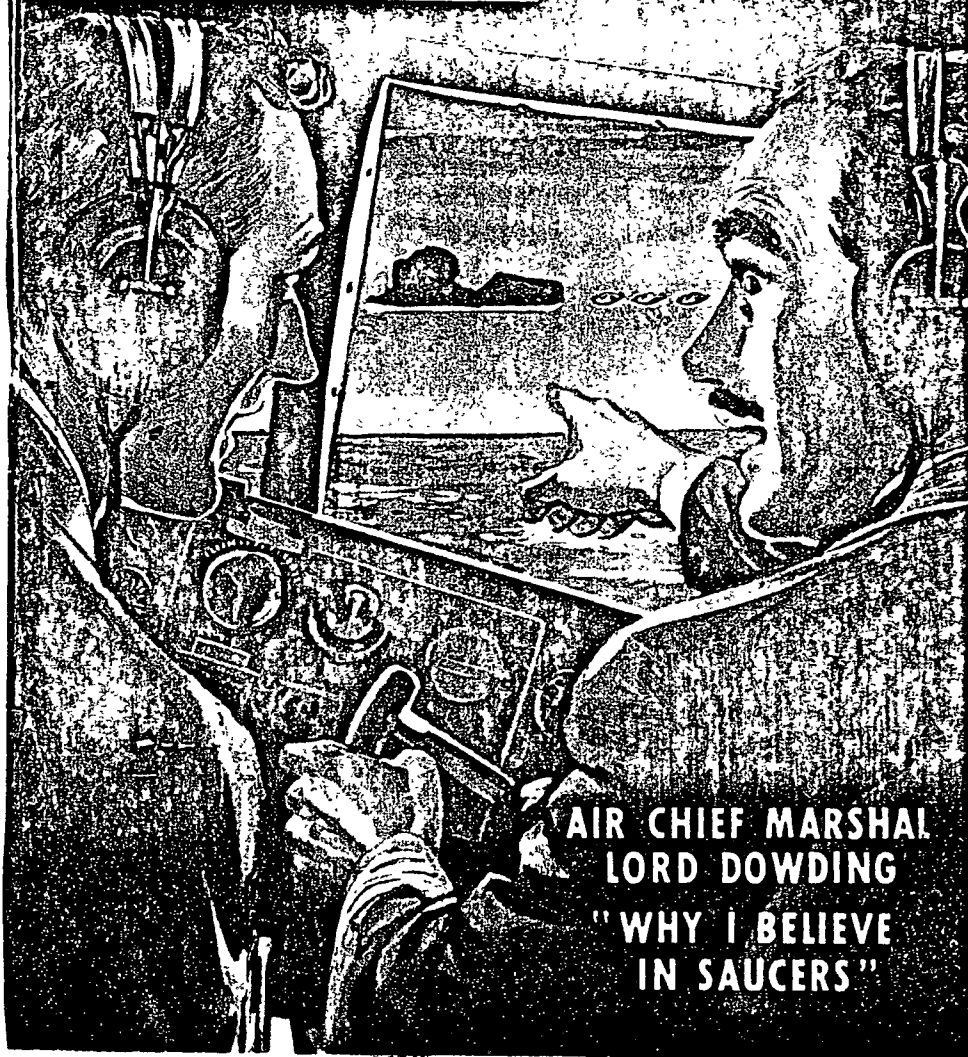
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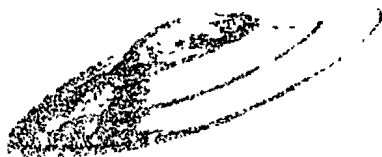
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Mobilisation des astronomes EN AVANT, MARS !

Dans les derniers jours de juin et les premiers de juillet, la planète Mars sera à une distance de 65 millions de kilomètres de la terre ; ce qui, pour les astronomes, ne représente qu'une petite promenade.

Mars, qui n'a jamais été plus proche de la terre depuis 1941, commence dès maintenant à briller comme une étoile de première grandeur. C'est pourquoi sa lueur, visible au sud-est, très bas dans le ciel, avait intrigué l'autre jour un habitant de Saint-Baise, comme nous le relations lundi dernier en donnant l'explication du phénomène par le directeur de l'Observatoire.

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annonce que les astronomes de quatorze pays, profitant de cette circonstance favorable, vont étudier la planète Mars. Une commission internationale coordonnera leurs observations. Un groupe de savants américains va se rendre à Bloomington, en Afrique du Sud, que Mars survolera presque exactement.

Après quoi, les astronomes, qui auront mesuré le diamètre de la planète et étudié sa structure interne, pourront nous répéter qu'aucune vie n'est possible « là-haut ». Les seuls habitants de la planète, selon un savant américain, pourraient être — à la rigueur — quelques espèces de microbes ; et sa seule végétation, des lichens et des mousses très primitives.

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Une « étrange » lueur à l'horizon neuchâtelois

M. Edmond Guyot, directeur de l'Observatoire de Neuchâtel, nous téléphone qu'un habitant de Saint-Baise lui a signalé hier soir une lueur étrange, qui semblait monter et descendre dans le ciel, en direction du sud-est.

M. Guyot nous apprend que cette lueur d'un jaune rouge est en fait celle de la planète Mars, qui ces jours-ci se trouve au ras de notre horizon. Sa position inaccoutumée et la vivacité de sa lumière ont pu intriguer certaines personnes. En fait, elle reste immobile. A travers des lunettes noires, on peut très bien distinguer le disque de la planète.

Neuchâtel n'est donc pas survolé par une soucoupe volante !

La vie apparaîtra bientôt sur Vénus

pensé un savant russe

PARIS. 7 (A.F.P.) — L'astronome soviétique Baratchev, annonce Radio-Moscou a récemment fait maintes intéressantes observations concernant la lune Mars et Vénus. Notamment, indiquant que la radio soviétique, Baratchev a démontré de fond en comble la théorie des savants bourgeois selon laquelle la luminosité de la lune est uniforme. Il a démontré que la luminosité de cet astre est plus ou moins intense, selon qu'il s'agit de ses régions volcaniques ou de ses régions désertiques.

L'astronome russe estime d'autre part que certains volcans lunaires sont encore en activité.

Pour Vénus, Baratchev suppose que la vie « humaine » ne tardera pas à y faire son apparition.

Baratchev a enfin établi que l'atmosphère de la planète Mars est analogue à celle de la terre, car, comme celle-ci, elle est chargée de nuages, mus par le vent.

Rappelons qu'un savant français est récemment monté en ballon à l'altitude de 7000 mètres pour observer la planète Mars. Comme on le voit, les Russes prennent immédiatement que la science « bourgeoise » ne peut rien leur apprendre.

Various newsclippings
from the French press.

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