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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

-Dr. Lincoln La Paz

DEDICATION

This history series is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle Challenger and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

A preliminary note:

Alarm! UFOs over "Danger Area 343!"

When Gray Air Force Base, Texas, forwarded a November UFO report to Higher Headquarters, the document happened to make a reference to some other very interesting UFO activity in the same general area, a reference to:

"...sighting reports [that] emanate from Killeen Base, an organization of the United States Army located immediately adjacent to this installation, and within the confines of Danger Area 343. All sightings were made by members of a Military Police Company who are on duty on a round-the-clock basis. Subject personnel were at first reluctant to report the sightings and therefore some of those reported hereon occurred in early October 1954. However, other than the single sighting of a balloon-like object[See p. 18 of this booklet], the action of the luminous-like objects have remained consistent on all sightings." *

Reading the aforementioned lines, one is immediately reminded of the mysterious flying lights seen in the vicinity of the "Q" area at Camp Hood, Texas, in 1949. The "Q" area implied nuclear weapon storage. Did "Danger Area 343" mean fissionable material under guard?

Another curious aspect, of both the 1949 and 1954 incidents, was that such UFO activity was independent of any local or national American UFO flap.

A final remark might be made about the wording in the Air Force document from Gray AFB that mentions the Killeen sightings. Although the words seem to imply that Killeen reports were included in the case file, nothing more about UFOs over Danger Area 343 can be located in BLUE BOOK records. Was this information too sensitive to be released?

* Air Intelligence Information Report. by Capt. Clance A. Magee. Headquarters, 4001st Air Base Squadron, Gray Air Force Base, Killeen, Texas. 24 November 54. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

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November 1st.

Madame Rosa and the "little men."

The 'astral adventures' shifted south from France, starting off the month of November with one of the most amazing tales yet, the highly distressing encounter of Rosa Lotti nei Dainelli with some "strange creatures." Various accounts of this "Italian classic" can be found in UFO literature but no doubt the best and most authoritative is Sergio Conti's which gives original material from the local Italian press, plus information from follow-up interviews.

The story:

A 40-year-old peasant woman with four children. Mrs. Dainelli seemed an unlikely person to be telling a fantastic lie. A simple wife of a farmer in rural Italy, Mrs. Dainelli had set out at 6:30 a.m. on November 1st to visit the church at the village of Cennina where she planned to place some carnations at the foot of the statue of the Madonna Pellegrine in celebration of the Saint's feast day. Since she was going to church, Mrs. Dainelli put on some of her best clothes, including a pair of new shoes. The way to church, however, was along a dirt path so the woman carried her shoes and stockings in her hands, planning to clean her feet at the house of a friend once she arrived at her destination. The path to Cennina passed through an area thick with shrubs and trees but Mrs. Dainelli knew the route well and feared no surprises. Entering a clearing, the farm woman spotted a big spindle-like object standing on end close to a cypress tree. She later said the thing was: "A sort of double cone, over two meters high and about a meter wide in the middle." 1. And another statement of hers mentioned: "The object was very swollen out in the middle and pointed at the ends. It seemed to be covered with leather." 2. Also, a press report states:

"The outside of it shone as though it was of very polished light metal. On the lower cone there was an open glass door, and inside it could be seen two little seats like those used by children. In the central part of the spindle, where it was widest, there was a sort of roundish glass, closely following the round shape of the mysterious machine. Rosa Lotti had heard no sound from it." 3.

Of course Mrs. Dainelli was puzzled to find such an odd object way out in the middle of nowhere, but her puzzlement became astonishment when two small figures stepped out from behind the spindle to confront her. These figures, she told the press, were: "Almost like men, but of the size of children." 4. The figures were not dwarfs since their bodies were of the right proportions for their one meter height. Their faces were human-like and had friendly expressions. Moreover, the two "small men" were dressed in a grey-colored material that covered them completely, even covering the feet, and the outfits included short cloaks. Of their general appearance, Mrs. Dainelli remarked: "...they were very fine looking even though rather old." 5.

She also noticed that the two diminutive creatures chatted continually in an Asian-like language, using many short words beginning with "l," like loi, lai, loe, etc. 6.

The "men" were very jovial and apparently eager to establish some sort of communication, thus the non-threatening circumstances enabled the farm woman to study the "little men's" features, the eyes appearing very intelligent, the teeth short and thin like a rabbit's, but the ears were non-visible due to red-colored leather-like helmets. 7. (UFO expert Jacques Vallee gives a detail from a press source I do not have that mentions a sort of "convexity" in the center of the "Little men's" forehead. 8. -- L.E. Gross)

Evidently unafraid of her, the wee guys grabbed the flowers and one of the stockings, looked at them for an instant, and then tossed them into the spindle as if they were collecting souvenirs (This seems hardly scientific if they were space visitors!) The "man" that seemed the older of the two then produced a small, brown-colored, round-shaped, box and pointed it in Mrs. Dainelli's direction (Smile for the camera?). If the thing was a weapon Mrs. Dainelli wasn't staying around to find out. She bolted. Fear now seized her and she ran screaming across the fields to the office of the Carabinieri. Word spread fast and a big crowd swarmed over the site of the encounter. Nothing was found by search parties except for a large hole in ground. Was the story true?

The parish priest, Father Don Guido Belardi, believed the woman who happened to be the pillar of his congregation. Likewise, people in the neighborhood thought well of the woman and felt she was telling the truth.

One explanation that might be advanced was that the episode was a hoax with fictional people. According to French UFO debunkers Barthel and Brucker, the Cennina case was a fabrication by a local newsman but as Dr. Roberto Pinatti points out, such a charge was baseless since he, and others, had met and questioned Mrs. Dainelli. 9. The woman was a real person. (Her picture appeared in Life magazine.) An investigation by the Italian Prato UFO Study Group largely confirmed the story as it was originally told. The group just managed to obtain a few new details and clarifications. Mrs. Dainelli was still alive 18 years later and she recalled that day in November 1954 vividly. She told the Prato people that fear only came over her as she fled the scene and that during the encounter itself she maintained a relative tranquillity which enabled her to make a careful observation of the "little men." The upper lips on the "men" were not unusual in outline as reported by the press at the time, she said, but appeared normal, also the faces of the small creatures were "well shaven." Moreover, she remarked that the spindle was not "covered with leather" but was a color similar to that of leather and had a dull luster. Other details corrected were minor: the type of tree next to the spindle, whether the "men" took all the flowers, and the color of the "box" wielded by the older "man." Finally, she insisted she never saw the spindle "vanish" or "take off" for the simple reason she had turned her back and ran, never glancing even once over her shoulder.

Another UFO group, Le Courrier Interplanetaire, established that Mrs. Dainelli was known as a stable and reliable person by the village doctor. What's more, the woman and her family were poor and nearly illiterate, having no books or radio sets in their home, nor had been to the movies (Mrs. Dainelli had seen only film in her entire life). As a result of their investigation, the investigators doubted the story was a fantasy inspired by science fiction. 10.



Rosa Dainelli and her family.

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Una donna è stata uccisa. Si tratta di una contadina di nome Rosa, che viveva in un boschetto in località Foggia d'Amore nel comune di Breda. Avrebbe avuto una vita di due "amanti", non più alti di un metro, vestiti in modo, il dire, che somigliavano agli gnomi di Biancaneve e che parlavano un linguaggio incomprensibile, avrebbero carpite alla donna, sempre però sorridendo, un mezzo di doro e una calza nera di seta che aveva in mano. Poco lontano, a sportello aperto, lì attendeva un curioso apparecchio a forma di doppia fune. Tutto questo rituale, da non farsi privare ai carabinieri della Lotti, la quale ritiene trattarsi di marionette e giura, come i protagonisti di tanti altri aneddoti così attribuiti ad autoreggistione, che la incredibile storia è vera dall'a alla zia. Da A. F. de S. 44

UFO buffs would have a hard time with this case if they chose to deal with it as an example of "space explorers" because it seems (we have to say it) the actions of the "aliens" borders on the stupid! Instead it might be reasonable to ponder the possibility the woman had been the victim of an elaborate prank, that a pair of orientals had dressed in costume and constructed a prop "flying cigar" and set it up at a spot in an isolated location to scare an unsuspecting passerby. The problem with the prank theory is that there were independent observations of a strange aerial object in the area at the time (6:30 a.m.).

Stonemason Romualdo Berti, who lived across the valley in a house that had a good view of the wooded area in question, swore he saw a "luminous cigar" spurting flame rise vertically out of the trees and then assume a horizontal position, after which it zoomed away in the direction of Badia a Ruoti. And, a hunter in the woods at the time later told the newspapers he had witnessed the landing, at a distance, of a strange object at 6:30 a.m. which would put it at the same moment as Mrs. Dainelli's encounter. 11. Furthermore, it seems a delivery man for a local florist, Andrea Livi, had been driving his van near Bucine about 6:30 when he saw something in the sky coming from the direction of Florence which he said resembled a "red cone" about 6 feet long that left behind a reddish smoke trail. This "cone" flew out of sight in the direction of Siene. 12.

While checking these accounts investigators came up with another interesting bit of information. They found in the newspaper Giornale del Mattino a story about two young boys, ages six and nine, who had seen something while they were doing some farm chores, getting up early on November 1st to care for some pigs. The youngsters said they had seen a woman talking with some strange little men. One of the boys remembered scribbling something about the incident in his elementary school composition book. The oldest boy, the nine-year-old, said he ran to get his father to witness the encounter (It is assumed the six year-old accompanied him as best he could. There is no reference to the actions of the younger child), but by the time he returned, with his father in tow, both the woman and the little men were gone. 13.

November 1st. Near Pianacci, Italy. 11:45 p.m.

In the same region as the Mrs. Dainelli encounter, the time about midnight, a dazzling brilliance that had the power of an arc light, and of a reddish color, appeared low in the sky speeding along horizontally. Racing down a highway near the town of Pianacci, motorcyclist Marcello Pistocchi spotted the glare and estimated that it was so bright: "...you could have seen a needle lying in the dust on the road." 14. Pianacci said the strong light came from a point light source located midway from the outer edge of a darker body which was oval in shape. Convinced he was witnessing something startling, the motorcyclist yelled loud enough to wake up two farmers, one named Giuliano Colcelli and the other Tosco Colcelli. The two farmers peeked outside and saw the UFO which they said had a pair of smaller lights on each side of a oval mass in addition to the main light. Another witness, a person that remained unidentified, said the UFO was a spindle shape of two truncated cones, base to base. There were numerous others who were attracted by the powerful brilliance in the sky but saw nothing specific other than that the source of the light seemed low in altitude. One exception was a report from three men at the town of Paesetto. These men claimed they had just left a night club a little before midnight when a light-blue globe sailed into view, stopped for a moment in the sky, and then fell toward a

hill, but before the glowing ball dropped very far, it rose and then raced in the direction of Monte Beichi, changing color from blue to red in the process. No sound was reported by any witness in any of the aforementioned cases. 15.

November 1st. La Coruna, Spain. (About midnight)

"Praying the rosary."

Rafael Carollo Sabell and Juan Pardo of La Coruna got a phone call just before midnight on November 1st from their friend G. Rubinos Ramos. It seems Ramos' car failed while he was driving the "Curva del Obispo," or as it is called in English, "Bishop's Bend," a stretch of road that connected Santiago and the town of Ordenness. Senor Ramos was thus stranded so his friends set out to tow the disabled vehicle to La Coruna.

When Sabell and Pardo arrived at "Bishop's Bend," they found Ramos cowering inside the car, terrified, and praying the rosary (Ramos came from a very devout family with two of his brothers Jesuits). When questioned,

Sea serpent mourned. (See newspaper clipping)

November 2, 1954

French Have Epidemic Of Disks

By Priscilla Buckley

PARIS, (AP)—A flying saucer epidemic has Frenchmen seeing men from Mars.

The other evening in the Lorraine village of Walschied a terrified band of youngsters stampeded homeward to report that the men from Mars had landed in a villager's garden. Womenfolk dashed into the church, hoping for divine sanctuary.

The men grabbed scythes, clubs and the few available guns and marched against the garden. There stood the invaders, half human size, heads glowing, motionless. Turned out they were big chrysanthemums the resident had covered with brilliant cloth against the frost.

When the big scale visitation from the outer reaches began, the flying saucer was the standard model. Since then, luminous cigars, frying pans, disks, melons and even bells have hurtled through the French skies in increasing numbers.

Within the week the villagers of Momy (Basses-Pyrenees) took to the fields with makeshift weapons to deal with a flying saucer freshly arrived. They found a hollow pumpkin with a candle burning inside.

Two nights earlier a farmer in the Bordeaux area stopped to repair his car on a lonely road, and narrowly missed death when a resident mistook him for a celestial invader and fired both barrels of his shotgun at him.

Ten days ago Gilbert Lelay told his parents at Chateaubriant that a little Martuan stepped from a flying cigar and readily gave him permission to look at it, but warned him not to touch it.

Near Toulouse, a mechanic, Jean Marty, 43, informed police he saw an orange saucer land near his home. It soon zoomed away into the night, but Marty found two sheets of paper on the ground, covered with creptic markings which none could deny might be Martian literature.

The weekly magazine express offered a reward of 10 million francs (\$28,570) to the first person bringing a real live Martuan to its offices.

The more scholarly newspaper Le Monde, lamenting the rash of flying saucers, mourned in print for "the days of our well beloved sea serpent."

Ramos said a spherical glowing body about 18 feet in diameter had appeared near the car and then flew away. According to Ramos his vehicle stalled and his headlights went out while driving the Bend at approximately 10:40 p.m., and at that moment a the big reddish ball appeared and shortly thereafter rose up into the air with a soft explosion. 16.

November 2nd. Nablus, Jordan. (no time known)

Emitting numerous lights "all around," an oblong saucer whizzed over the city of Nablus, Jordan. No other details known. 17.

UFO over Dijon, France. (See newsclipping)

UFO over Austria. (See newsclipping)

EN PUBLIC

4 Novembre 1954

A propos d'un étrange phénomène dans le ciel de Dijon

A la suite de notre article de mercredi, relatant l'apparition d'un étrange phénomène lumineux dans le ciel de Dijon, dimanche 18 h. 23, plusieurs lecteurs nous ont confirmé la relation que nous a faite M. Louis Bailand, demeurant rue Balzac.

M. Roger Ducret, demeurant rue de la Sablière, nous écrit ceci :

« Je rentrais à Dijon en voiture par la route de Saint-Apollinaire et ma femme à mes côtés, à la même vision. Dans la descente qui suit la cité Bailardon et après avoir dépassé les travaux qui se font actuellement sur le côté gauche de la route, nous avons vu une vive lumière d'un blanc très vif, tournant au bleu acier avant de s'éteindre.

Nous n'avons vu aucun déplacement, l'apparition a été trop rapide, et n'a duré que 2 ou 3 secondes au grand maximum. Ce qui ne veut pas dire qu'il n'y ait pas eu déplacement, le phénomène ayant pu nous apparaître sur sa fin et après que nous ayons dépassé un obstacle.

Quant à la direction, cette lumière nous est apparue sur notre droite, ce qui correspondrait assez bien à la direction du pont de Ruffey par rapport à notre route.

J'ajoute que lorsque nous sommes arrivés à la hauteur de la tour, l'éclairage public s'est allumé. Nous avons constaté ainsi la fin d'une panne que nous n'avions pas remarquée.

Le quartier de la Maladière n'était d'ailleurs pas seul en panne, puisque la place Darry, le boulevard Sévigné, la Cloche étaient eux aussi dans l'obscurité (Mais pas le quartier de la Gare).

Pour notre part, nous n'avons nullement eu l'impression d'un phénomène céleste, mais bien plutôt d'un phénomène électrique et terrestre.

D'autre part, Mme Moser, demeurant rue Général-Fauconnet,

nous donne les indications suivantes :

« Sur votre article « Un étrange phénomène dans le ciel de Dijon » je peux affirmer que les dires de M. Louis Bailand peuvent être pris en considération. Or, la panne a eu lieu une seconde avant que ce phénomène n'apparaisse. Les lumières se confondaient en passant dans l'ordre suivant : violet, rouge, jaune et vert et donnaient sur une large étendue. Je ne sais pas le nom du quartier (n'étant pas Dijonnais), mais c'était vers la route de Langres. Une autre personne, M. M. O. entrepreneur, a vu le même « feu » du côté cité par M. Bailand. »

Il semble que l'on puisse rapprocher le phénomène signalé du court-circuit survenu au même moment et qui priva d'électricité une partie de la ville pendant quelques instants. Ce court-circuit, qui se produisit près du café des Américains, à Fontaine-lès-Dijon, avait, sous une tension de 15.000 volts, provoqué une lumière aveuglante comparable à un violent éclair.

UN ENGIN LUMINEUX A NOIRON-SUR-SEINE

D'autre part de Noiron-sur-Seine, on nous écrit :

« Vendredi dernier, vers 4 h. 45 du matin, trois ouvriers de la Société des Emballages à Musty-sur-Seine (Aube) attendaient l'autocar qui les conduit journellement à leur travail.

Tout à coup, dans la direction du nord, elles aperçurent un engin lumineux de couleur plutôt dorée et de forme un peu ovale environné de la grosseur d'une lune. L'engin fit deux tours sur lui-même en restant à la même hauteur et continua sa route avant de disparaître à l'horizon en donnant l'impression de tomber. »

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Les « soucoupes volantes » allaient lâcher des tracts sur le bloc soviétique

VIENNE, 2 (AFP) — Une formation massive de soucoupes volantes ayant été signalée hier après-midi dans la région de Salzburg, siège du quartier général américain en Autriche, les autorités américaines, alertées par la population, ont lancé à sa poursuite un appareil de reconnaissance.

Ces objets ont été identifiés par le pilote comme étant un « paquet » de quelque deux cents ballons, porteurs de tracts destinés aux populations des pays d'axe-leis du réseau de fer.

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November 2nd. Cremona, Italy. (6:00 p.m.) "Rubber head?"

Reports from Italy continued to be unusual. According to two students, Pietro Alberini and Percile Sacchi, they were out hunting when they ran into a "3-foot high little man" that had, in their words, a "rubber head" and was connected to a cylindrical object on his back by a flexible tube. The "little man" produced a bluish cloud that screened him from further viewing. 18.

November 3rd. St. Louis, Missouri. (3:05 Zulu)

A U.S. Air Force teletype message reads:

"OBSERVER WAS WATCHING A FLIGHT OF B-47'S ON A SOUTH WESTERLY COURSE OVER THE CITY OF ST LOUIS. A BOMBER AT THE REAR OF THE FORMATION CAUGHT A SHARP REFLECTION FROM THE SUN WHICH DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THIS PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT AND ALSO CAUSING HIM TO LOOK A LITTLE TO THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT WHERE HE SPOTTED THIS OBJECT. 75 DEGREES TO 80 DEGREES SSW. OBJECT FLEW A COURSE OF EAST TO EST IN A STRAIGHT AND LEVEL ALTITUDE. OBJECT SEEMED TO ROLL TO THE NORTH DROPPING DOWN AND VANISHING. 19.

Burlison, Texas. (no time known)

A BLUE BOOK document states in another teletype message:

"28 DECEMBER 1954 MRS.(...deleted) RESIDENT OF BURLISON TEXAS NOTIFIED FORT WORTH RADIO STATION KJJZ OF SIGHTING A UFOB ON THE NIGHTS OF 3 NOVEMBER 1954, 17 DECEMBER, 19 DECEMBER 1954, AND 20 DECEMBER 1954. THIS RADIO STATION IN TURN NOTIFIED CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

"THE OBJECT UPON FIRST SIGHTING, 3 NOVEMBER 1954, WAS DESCRIBED AS DISC SHAPED, 7-14 FT IN DIAMETER, GIVING OFF A RED-ORANGE GLOW. THE OBJECT LEFT A TRAIL OF WHITE SPARKS. NO SOUND WAS HEARD. THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED NORTHEAST OF THE RESIDENCE ON A 45 DEGREE ANGLE. THE OBJECT WAS IN SIGHT FOR ONLY A VERY FEW MINUTES AND THEN DISAPPEARED WITH A SUDDEN BURST OF SPEED." 20.

November 3rd. Oued Beth, Morocco. (7:00 a.m.)

A flat, circular, copper-colored, object was spotted flying over Morocco following the course of the Beth River. A worker for the local newspaper observed the strange object as it flipped in the air and then landed smoothly in a field nearby, touching down only for a moment and then shooting skyward, climbing quickly. After gaining some altitude, the object then zoomed away horizontally. 21.

November 4th. Pontal, Brazil. (no known time)

"Devils!"

It was dark and quiet along the Parde River in Brazil the evening of November 4th. Jose Alves cast for fish at a isolated spot. Out of the east came a very slight breeze. From the same direction there came a glowing body, wobbling a bit as it sailed to a landing only a few yards from where an amazed Alves was sitting. While the fisherman watched, the object hovered only six feet above the ground. In the presence of something uncanny,

Alves was so fearful he found it difficult to move. The thing had a metallic appearance and its shape was that of two washbowls, about 12 feet in diameter, placed rim to rim. Alves said he watched a trio of "little men" (3 feet tall) as they emerged from a port on the side of the object, the dwarfish figures having a darkish skin. The clothes the creatures wore were white colored but Alves offered no description of their cut or style. Skull-caps covered the heads of the UFO crew. Alves exclaimed to himself: "DEVILS, NO MAN LOOKS LIKE THAT!"

The "little men" apparently were unaware they were being observed and went about their business of collecting grass, leaves of trees, and a sample of water from the Parde River by filling a bright metallic tube. The gathering of bits of this and that was accomplished quickly, and when the job was done the creatures climbed aboard their ship and flew away to parts unknown.

The astonished fishman rushed back to the Pontal township, and when he arrived he was still feeling the effects of his experience. He trembled all over which alarmed his neighbors. At first everyone thought Alves was drunk or had gone crazy yet they knew he was a quiet family man who knew nothing about "flying saucers," in fact when the subject was brought up after he related his experience, Alves remarked: "What it was I don't know, but I saw it. Everybody laughs at me, but I saw what I saw." 22.

November 4th. Florence, Italy. (Southwest of the city) (6:00 p.m.)

To the west of the village of Cenning where Mrs. Dainelli had her "little men" encounter, is a region of low-lying hills crossed by a country lane called Santa Margherita a Montici. At dusk (6:00 p.m.) November 4th a half dozen people were walking home along the country lane. One of the party was fresco painter Mario Romoli, a man who had hoped to see a "flying saucer" ever since the UFO flap in Europe had started back in October. Romoli constantly carried a small telescope and a camera "just in case."

Suddenly two young boys in the group yelled in excitement about a strange glowing dot in the sky that was approaching rapidly. Frantically Romoli fumbled with his equipment as a glowing body came out of the western sky, racing by so quickly Romoli had to "shoot from the hip," snapping the shutter as fast as he could, five times, before losing his balance and falling into a ditch. When developed, the pictures didn't show much and the few seconds the object was in view did not give the witnesses a good look but it seems the thing's general appearance was that of a round, yellow-colored body flying at 1,300 feet. Also, a pair of intense beams of light were seen, one beam directed forward and another directed downward. No exhaust was noticed as the luminous body zoomed away to the east-southeast. 23.

November 4th. "Possible balloon sighting(?)"

A round white light the "size of a pea" appeared in the sky over Elemendorf AFB, Alaska, on the evening of the 4th. It was the brightness of the light that caught the attention of the observer who watched it maneuver for some 20 minutes. An Air Intelligence Report states:

"When first noticed, the object appeared to be descending toward the base at an elevation of 45 degrees. The object was somewhat stable, in a very slight angle of descent and actually appeared to be moving closer during this maneuver. Duration of descent was approximately 15 seconds. At elevation 45 degrees, the object made three horizontal 360 degree circles. During the first 360 degree, the object was very bright and clear. During the second and third orbit it was not as

bright as during the first, yet fairly clear. After the third 360 degree turn the object began climbing at a good steady rate, though not rapid. During ascent, the object made a backward horizontal maneuver for a short distance, then continued the ascent coming to rest at approximately 85 degrees." 24.

The Air Force report notes that no aircraft were known to be airborne in the area at the time, nor was any expected to be. A number of balloons were sent aloft at the local airbase as a matter of routine, but as the reports states: "None of the balloons released coincide with the time of the reported sighting." 25. Nonetheless, the file card on the case reads: "Possible balloon sighting." 26.

November 5th. La Roche en Brenil, France. (10:10 a.m.)

Some Frenchmen discovered an orange glowing object resting in a local pasture giving off a hum. Three figures wearing dark colored coveralls were spotted close to the mysterious craft. One of these strange figures was seen directing a beam of light for some unknown reason, the beam being emitted from a sort of box-like affair. The other two figures carried in their hands something the witnesses were afraid were weapons so the Frenchmen ran away. As one Frenchman fled, he recalled experiencing a prickling sensation on his head.

An investigation of the incident discovered a circular area about nine feet in diameter covered with an ash-like substance. 27.

People's nerves still on edge.

A mob in the French village of Troussey attacked a suspicious figure believing it a Martian. The figure turned out to be a farm laborer by the name of Alexandre Ronnejki who made the mistake of not getting a haircut for some time. The fate of the poor fellow was not mentioned in press accounts, but in another case we know there was an injury (See newsstory).

November 6th. New Castle AFB, Delaware.
(8:30 p.m.)

Two U.S. Army Corporals forwarded the following account to military headquarters:

"Saturday evening on 6 Nov 54 at 8:30 p.m. CST while travelling to Wilmington, Delaware on Route 40 we sighted two unidentified objects. At the first sighting I told Bob to pull over because the objects were definitely foreign to me. I rolled the window down and watched the objects cross the road slowly; the objects stopped and changed positions. They were in a trail formation and changed to side to side and they continued this way out of sight.

"The second sighting a few minutes later was when the objects (at a trail) flashed across our front going about 500 m.p.h. from the left to the right. They disappeared behind a hill.

French Peasant Bags 'Martian'; Ear Is Trophy

Retires

TAIN-L'HERMITAGE, France, Nov. 5. — The first casualty in a war between French peasants and "Martians" was reported here today.

A grape picker mistook a fellow worker for a visitor from outer space in the dark last night and attacked him so savagely with a club that one ear was torn off before the attacker realized his mistake.

It was the latest in the series of "Martian" incidents rampant throughout France. Several French peasants have reported seeing flying saucers and spacemen land and a number of pitchfork-wielding peasants have ambushed fellow countrymen.

Until last night either their aim had been bad or the intended victim was able to shout out in passable French in time.

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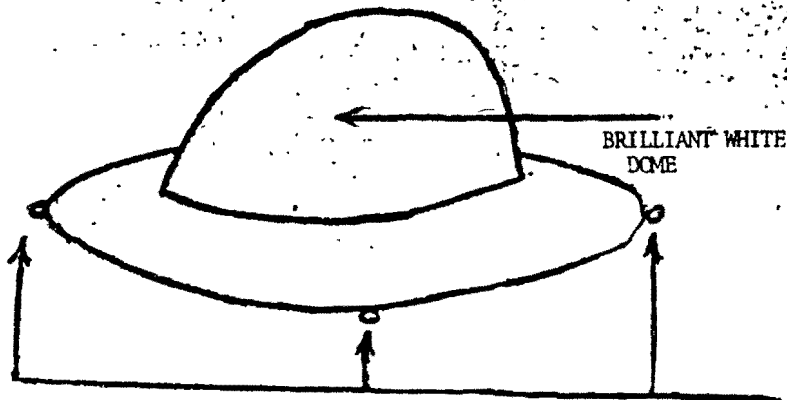
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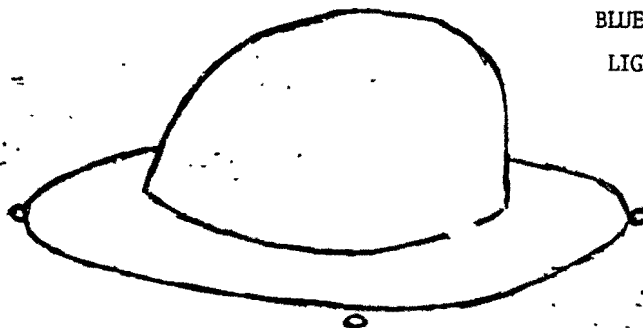
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Diagram of UFOB as drawn by Corporal K. Schmaus.



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"The third and final sighting was about two minutes later. The objects were hovering on our left. We stopped and got out of the car. The objects were maneuvering slowly. They got very close to each other and then moved across the highway. At this point we could hear and feel a vibration from the objects. This was the closest the objects came to us. They crossed the highway and stopped again and maneuvered. Then at a trail they made a wide arc and crossed the highway again. One object slowed and the other (here the text is not clear) normal speed, about 500 m.p.h. Then the object in the rear did a fast 360 degree turn and a sharp climb over the highway where it shot a beam of light down on the highway. The other object gained and the two objects headed toward the Delaware Memorial Bridge and out of sight. The last sighting was the longest and took about four minutes." 28.

The statement above was by witness Corporal James W. Schmaue.

The other witness, Cpl. Robert G. Hoffman, wrote the following:

"Was proceeding on Hy 40 going to Wilmington. Had passed the Delaware State Line about 4 or 5 minutes to first sighting. We first saw them coming from the left cross the highway and couldn't decide what they were. We stopped and watched them from the car while they went on to fade out of sight. This took, perhaps, a minute or two. In this time they seemed to change positions, almost merging at times. They appeared as a brilliant glow with a haze of light below center and blue lights on the perimeter of this circle.

"At the second sighting which occurred a few minutes later, we saw them seemingly stopped and hovering not too high, to our left. We pulled off the road and stopped, then got out and watched from behind the car. They started moving on an arc, one behind the other across the highway behind us, changing formation as they proceeded. They circled around to come back across the highway in front of us. Then one stopped while the other shot up very fast, made a quick turn, then came back over the highway. Directly over the highway there a beam of light shot out from the object toward the ground. It lasted for just an instant. The other followed at a trail and they proceeded out of sight in the direction of the Delaware Memorial Bridge. When they came across the highway behind us (At the time of the third sighting) I heard what sounded like a drone and throb. I could almost feel vibrations (or seemed to) in the ground." 29.

The BLUE BOOK file card on this case shows a change in the "Comments" that, for once, increased the strangeness index of a report, stating that an investigation "only indicated" the objects in question were aircraft, not that the objects were "proved" to be aircraft. (See BLUE BOOK file card) Upon reading the two statements, however, it would seem the men had seen a "flying saucer" or had made up the story, otherwise their eyesight would make them too blind for military duty!

November 6-7th. Rome, Italy.

Aerial fleets over the Eternal City?

Nothing appeared in the Italian press, possibly because editors were becoming blasé about flying objects, but in the last analysis we have to rely on the testimony of Dr. Alberto Perego who wrote that he witnessed a multitude of white dots maneuvering above Italy's Capital on November 6-7, 1954. It

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Le comité d'accueil au premier Martien

vous enseigne comment recevoir les visiteurs d'une autre planète

La première réunion publique organisée par le « Comité d'accueil au premier Martien » fondé et dirigé par deux auteurs fonctionnaires, MM. Rubens et Janssens, a eu lieu dimanche à Bruxelles.

Après une conférence de M. Gory, du Centre de recherches nucléaires de Strasbourg, sur les sous-coups imminents, M. Rubens lui-même a donné de quelques pages dans lequel il a tout prévu pour la conduite à tenir lors de l'arrivée du premier Martien en Belgique, écrit L. Quilbervaux, dans « Franco-Solr » :

1) A l'apparition du premier Martien, gardez votre sang-froid, car nous partons du principe que les Martiens sont des êtres bons de nature.

2) Si le Martien montre des intentions belliqueuses, avertissez le poste de gendarmerie le plus proche :

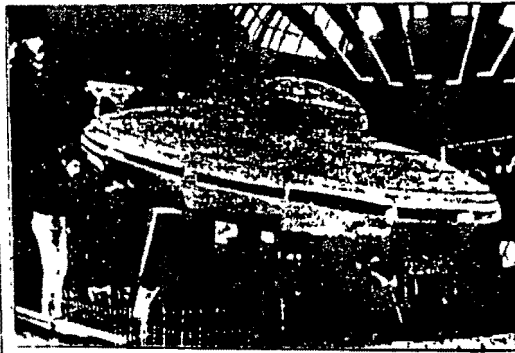
3) Traitez les Martiens avec douceur. Otez votre chapeau et inclinez la tête.

4) Amenez le Martien chez vous et offrez-lui à manger à condition qu'il ait la même constitution que les humains :

5) Faites-le examiner par un médecin de médecine qui devra constater s'il a un système comme le nôtre.

Après cette première réception, le Martien sera conduit à Bruxelles. Les honneurs lui seront rendus au long du trajet. Il sera mené à l'église de Sainte-Ludine pour y faire la messe, puis il ira pour le déjeuner au restaurant d'aller déposer une gerbe au Soldat inconnu.

La nuit il sera couché dans un Night Club et, à l'aube, il ira déguster une soupe à l'oignon dans un établissement de la porte de Namur.



En voici une ! Mais elle est de bois. Le peintre lui met la dernière main et la figure dans une exposition d'enfants qui s'ouvre à Paris.

should be noted, however, that Dr. Perego had seen a similar phenomenon on October 30th, something that was witnessed by many others and reported in the press.

According to Dr. Perego, at 10:45 in the morning on the 6th, he saw some "white dots" in the sky while walking in the Tuscolano district of Rome. He said others on the street were also looking skyward. Dr. Perego and a few other people went to a rooftop where they had a better view.

In the notes he kept, Dr. Perego recorded his observations of up to a 100 or more "white dots" sweeping back and forth over Rome. He estimated speeds as high as 1,400 km per hour and altitudes of between 7,000 to 8,000 meters, but of course with no reference points (no clouds were mentioned) and no idea of the size of the objects, such estimates were highly subjective. He did

see that on occasion a short white trail would be visible trailing behind each dot. The dots, or objects if one prefers, moved around singly, in pairs, in threes, fours, sevens, twelves, and even larger groups. Often the UFOs were flying in formation. Sometime the formation was a "V," and at other times in an "Indian file" or a "lozenge shape."

At noontime on the 6th two V-formations came out of the east and west, converging above downtown Rome to form a giant "X." The 40 or more objects remained motionless in the "X" for about 60 seconds and then they came apart, becoming two serpentine cruves. Meanwhile, another large group began to swarm into view over another part of Rome, a massing of dots that first came to Dr. Perego's attention as a big bluish shadow in the air. Peering at the darkness in the atmosphere, the professor could make out its cause, groups of objects(dots) ranging in number from four to twelve. Dr. Perego was astonished by the aerial show and he asked himself:"...to whom did they belong?" 30.

At this point the Professor noticed the fall of a glistening substance, some of which he grabbed and looked at closely, finding it be long thin strands of material. Hours later the samples in his possession completely "evaporated." 31.

November 6th. England.

Although nothing apparently appeared in the Italian press about the sky phenomenon over Rome, the newspaper Il Messagero published a notice that said the British War Office was concerned about the detection of mysterious squadrons of unidentified objects being picked up by RAF radar in the skies of England! 32.

November 6th. "Committee to Welcome Martians." (See newsclipping)

November 6th. South Africa. "Extremely important."

A snippet from South Africa said that the South African Air Force would establish a research project to study UFO reports. The Air Chief called the UFO problem:"extremely important." 33.

Trouble in Detroit.

The hotspot of UFO enthusiasm in America, The Detroit Flying Saucer Club, continued to operate but it seemed to lack a sense of direction. Information in FBI files provided by a self-appointed Bureau spy indicates that the DFSC may have been losing steam, and it also tells us how a certain Hollywood film had an impact on a developing American folklore.

According to the FBI informat, one of the top people of the DFSC announced their resignation from the organization's Board of Directors on November 8th. Laura Marxer let it be known:"...she had too many outside interests and she had to eat. She said she was going to show the movie The Day The Earth Stood Still around Michigan...(and that)Adamski, in California, was her God, even admitting his earthly faults." 34.

Elsewhere in the nation others were also busy. Meade Layne's Los Angeles B.S.R.A. group published The Coming of the Guardians, a work that probably inspired a Dorothy Martion who would in turn influence a Dr. Charles Laughhead.

And then there was the Stanford brothers'volume Look Up! that appeared late in the year.

Essentially the messages spread by these people,or organizations,were that of "impending social change" and the idea that "science was inadequate."

Before a student of the UFO problem dismisses such information as unimportant,however,he should ponder the writings of Jacques Vallee who explores the

MODERN MANNERS FOR SPACEMEN

Be Nice To A Martian



From Our Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday.—Thirty Belgian professional and businessmen last night in Brussels formed a committee to welcome Martians.

Sun-Herald, Nov. 7, 1954

Its public relations officer, M. Marcel Rubens, says the committee wants to prevent a war with Mars and to establish interplanetary trade.

Its official Statutes and Rules for Welcoming Martians include these suggestions.

Approach a Martian displaying signs of peace.

Inform the nearest police station only if he shows signs of hostility.

If you are not wearing a hat, give him an enema

smile and a deep bow.

The committee agreed that the first Martian should be given the following meal:

Oysters, lobsters, a two-pound steak, mixed grill with chips, mustard and pickles.

Then he is to be taken to a Brussels nightclub and to museums.

The committee plans Chairs in Martian Philosophy in Belgian universities.

Mixed Marriage

The committee is examining the question of inter-

marriage among Martians and Belgians.

M. Rubens said to-day: "We don't believe or disbelieve all these reports about flying saucers."

"But in view of the reports this committee decided that tactful measures must be taken with a view to receiving Martians."

"We don't seem to be able to prevent wars on our own planet—but to the devil with a war with outer space. We can prevent this if we plan to show the Martians we are friendly."

possibility of political factors, as well as mysterious links to Intelligence agencies. 35.

November 5th. 40 miles southeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico. (2330Z)

According to military teletype:

"...UFOB WAS OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF HENRY BARRACKS P.R. APPROX 40 MILES SE SAN JUAN, P.R. APPROX 183 DEGREES L 5 NOV 54. OBSERVERS INCLUDE 3 CIVILIANS, 1 MILITARY. INFO CONCERNING UFOB INADEQUATE THIS TIME FOR COMPLIANCE PAR 6, AFR 200-2 DTD 26 AUG 53. INVESTIGATION OF SIGHTING IN PROGRESS. SUBSEQUENT REPORT TO FOLLOW." 36.

Later the following was sent:

"...BASED ON INTERROGATION OF WITNESS WHO OBSERVED UFOB AT LOCATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT INDICATED BY MSG DOI 187 7 NOV 54. 1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: A. GIANT CLAM SHELL. B. HEAD OF NICKEL. C. SILVER & GOLD. D. ONE. E. N/A. G. LONG & SILVERY FLAME TRAILING BEHIND OBJECT. TAIL APPEARED TO BE ONE AND A HALF TIMES HEAD OF NICKEL. H. NO SOUND. I. ESTIMATED SPEED 2000 MPH. 2. COURSE: A CHANCE OBSERVATION. B. 2000 FT ABOVE (?) DEGREES C. 200 FT ABOUT 45 DEGREES FROM OBSERVER. D. STRAIGHT & FLAT TRAJECTORY. E. WENT INTO SMALL CLOUD. APPEARED VERY BRIGHT. (words unclear) SEND(?) TO DISAPPEAR SLOWLY WITH LESS BRIGHTNESS." 37.

November 7th. Baltimore, Maryland. (5:08 p.m.)

Mystery cylinder over Maryland.

At dusk on the 7th a professor and his wife spotted a sharply outlined "thing" in the sky in the bright twilight to their right about a mile away. A statement put on file with BLUE BOOK read:

"As we were entering the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on Sunday, November 7, 1954, at dusk, I happened to look out of the windshield and seeing a bright object in the sky and called my husband's attention to it. Since he was driving the car, after taking a look, he stooped the car at the side of the road and we both got out and watched a luminous cigar-shaped object make its way in the sky. From a vertical position, the object slowly changed to a horizontal one and continued to move along in the sky in and out of a cloud formation. We watched it until it disappeared and we could no longer see it." 38.

The husband's account on file was almost exactly the same. The object was in sight for an estimated 1½ minutes.

November 7th(?) (date approximate) Grandvillard, Switzerland.

Elements of the Swiss Army reported a disc-like body motionless in the sky while troop maneuvers were being conducted in the southwestern part of the country. About 300 soldiers were said to have seen the UFO which displayed a red glow over its silvery surface as it hovered at an estimated 10,000 feet. 39.

November 7th. Rome, Italy. (Sunday, late morning)

More on Dr. Perego's adventures.

Concerned about the mysterious aerial "dots" and the fact that the morning editions of the newspapers carried nothing about the sweeps over the

Capital the previous afternoon, Dr. Perego sought advice from a friend in the government. Having once been appointed Charge d' Affairs for Siam, Dr. Perego had befriended Ambassador Magistrati who at that time held the position of Director of the Political Affairs Department of the University of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Magistrati welcomed Dr. Perego to his office and showed an eagerness to help but expressed ignorance of any UFO reports being received at his desk, furthermore a few phone calls to other officials in other departments determined that none of the government people had been at work on the day of the UFO sky show since it had been Sunday.

Drawing a blank with his attempt to learn something from any government source, Dr. Perego returned to his observation post on a rooftop, the same one he had used the day before. At 11:30 a.m. he arrived on station and was rewarded with more sightings of UFO sky fleet activity, some 2½ hours worth.

The number of white dots this time never exceeded 50, or about half the number counted earlier. The number of dots in any one formation also was less, with a maximum of twelve. Dr. Perego took note of the fact that the formations were now mostly in diamond or lozenge shapes made up of four dots, and V-formations made up of seven dots.

During the 2½ hours of observation, Dr. Perego counted five different "massing" of dots over different sections of Rome. This peculiar series of "massing," or "groupings" always followed the same pattern with squadrons of dots approaching the city from different directions and then converging at an area in the sky screened by a strange bluish haze, and then the dots would race back to the countryside in "Indian file." The process would then be repeated after the dots were absent for some time.

More "angel hair" was reported on this afternoon. 40.

November 7th. Monte Orobene(Sardinia) (3:15 p.m.)

On the big Italian island of Sardinia a flying saucer was said to have touch down next to a road stopping traffic. A motorcyclist named Camabosu suffered a grazed forearm as he jerked his machine around in surprise, and a taxi driver by the name of Francesco Tanda braked to a stop and tried to approach the saucer on foot but as he drew near, the object zoomed skyward. A low whistle was heard as the craft left the area. Witnesses said the craft had a "turret top" and a port on the side. The police station at Nucro, Sardinia, received a report on the incident which placed the "landing" at a site on the slopes of Mt. Ortowene. 41.

November 8th. Bethurum packs them in.

Back in the States the contactee movement was still going strong. Truman Bethurum kept packing them in on the lecture circuit although he never was as impressive as George Adamski(See ad). As historian Dr. David M. Jacobs observed, during these years contactees were "media events." Although fellows like Bethurum would become relics of the 50s, the Redondoan Beach construction worker did enjoy the spotlight for a moment much later, in 1969, when: "Edward U. Condon used nearly two pages of his Condon report to prove that Clarion could not possibly exist. For Condon, Clarion was evidence of the gullibility of UFO 'believers.'" 42.

General Pezzi of the Italian Air Force.

Dr. Perego went to call on the Ministry of Defense, General Pezzi, to further his inquiry. His reception by the General, Dr. Perego said, was

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"very courteous," nonetheless the Defense Chief professed complete ignorance of anything unknown flying over the Capital, and after a brief pursal of notes notes on the aerial phenomenon brought along by his visitor, he made a promise the information would be studied. 43.

November 8th. Voussac, France. (6:00 p.m.)

Trace left behind?

When reliable people told authorities a luminous sphere came down to a landing in Vacheresse Forest 6:00 p.m. on the 8th, it was decided by the same authorities to check out the story the following day. No one saw the object depart but witnesses did say the big ball "went dark" after landing. Searching the area the next afternoon, investigators found the ground carpeted with leaves, a normal condition, but there was an area of about dozen feet across that was strangely clear of any tree debris. The soil was disturbed in the cleared area. No mention was made of the shape of the supposed trace area. 44.

November 8th. La Tessoualle, France. (twilight)

A 12-foot-high cone, blue in color, apparently killed the engine of Andre Chaillou's motorcycle. The bike's electrical system failed at the approach of the object at a place near Tessoualle, France. Besides trouble with the bike, Chaillou himself felt something effect him, a prickling feeling accompanied by an inability to move or speak. The blue light went off and the Frenchman regained his strength. The UFO then came back into view, about 200 yards away, rising straight up and then shooting away horizontally on a northern course. During the thing's departure, the UFO emitted a low whistling sound. 45.

November 9th. Wilcarnnia, Australia. (no time known)

An object that had the appearance of an inverted teacup on an inverted saucer, sped over the outback near Wilcannia, Australia. An employee at a sheep station said the thing flew by at an altitude of only 500 feet and made a "terrible noise." The station hand said he took three photographs. The quality and fate of the picture is not known. 46.

November 9th. Bois-De-Villers, Belguim. (evening)

The egg that screamed.

As Fernand Lassire drove up to his rural home outside of Bois-De-Villers, he was frighten by a six foot high egg-shaped object that dropped down out of the sky and landed in a nearby pasture. The thing emitted a blinding light and sounds that resembled screams. No mention was made of what happened to the object after the screams. 47.

November 10th.

The persistent professor draws another blank.

In yet another attempt to get Italian authorities take the reports of UFOs over Rome seriously, Dr. Perego met with the Principal Secretary of Foreign Affairs who, after hearing the professor's story, wondered why the military did not know anything about it. 48. The professor made up his mind to check again with the Air Force.

November 11th.

Dr. Perego confers with General de Vincenti.

On the 11th Dr. perego met with the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Air Defense, General de Vincenti, who explained to the professor that military radar in the region of Rome was very limited in its capabilities and often was shut down. The aerial fleets appearances over the Capital, Dr. Perego realized, would never be picked up with the instruments being used even if they were in operation, and no radar sites were on line at the time according to what he had learned from the Air Defense Chief. 49.

November 12th. More over Rome.

New sightings of UFOs over Rome on the 12th encouraged Dr. Perego to alert General de Vincenti immediately. The General said he had requested the establishment of some visual observation posts. The Italian military, however, either saw nothing or refused to share any sighting information with Dr. Perego because the professor heard nothing more about this supposed military effort. 50.

November 13th. Buchy, France. (3:30 a.m.)

Resting on the ground next to the intersection of Routes N28 and N319 at Rouen, France, was a luminous object that gave off flickering green-white rays of light. A motorist with the initials "R.L.," had trouble with his car's electric system as his vehicle passed the UFO. Although the engine missed a lot, it did not completely fail. The driver experienced paralysis and a prickling sensation. 51.

November 13th. Buenos Aires, Argentina. (no time known)

On this day numerous UFO sightings were made at Argentina's Capital, with "unusual" objects reported in the sky. One witness said a silver disc flew overhead and that it was pursued by a blue star-like point of light. 52.

November 13th. Grandvillard, Argentina. (no time known)

Shoot it down?

What may have been a rare opportunity occurred near the city of Grandvillard where some units of the Argentina Air Defense force was in training. When a strange aerial object came into view, however, the military men abandoned normal procedures in the operation of their anti-aircraft weapons and simply scrambled to get the best viewing spot as the UFO passed overhead. At least 300 men observed the object sail by. The press quoted one of the members of the anti-aircraft unit as saying:

"The object was flying at an approximate altitude of nine thousand feet, but when he saw it, it was hovering, which made us at first conclude that it was a balloon. However, all of a sudden, it began to fly southward at great speed and disappeared into the clouds." 53.

November 14th. Isola, Italy. (afternoon)

"Rabbit-stealing dwarfs."

Certainly one of the oddest reports of this period came from an Italian farmer who had property in the country near Isola, which places it in the Spezia region. Similar to other stories, Americo Lorenzini happened to be in the vicinity when a strange, cigar-shaped, machine came in for a landing. Peering out from a hiding place, Lorenzini saw a trio of dwarf-sized figures dressed in diving suit-like costumes step out of the craft. Here, however, the usual story changes. Instead of picking leaves or wandering about, the

"little men" went over to Lorenzini's rabbit cages and stared at the animals while speaking to each other in a language that was just strange noises to their human eavesdropper.

Fearing he was about to be the victim of rabbit-nappers, Lorenzini moved as quickly as he could to his house and returned with a loaded gun. If need be, he was prepared to use force to protect his rabbit hutches, spacemen or no spacemen. Sure enough the "little men" grabbed some of the furry critters and fled to their craft. The farmer moved to pull the trigger but all at once he felt paralyzed, his hands no longer strong enough to grip the shotgun. The weapon slipped to the ground and Lorenzini, unable to move, watched helplessly as the thieves sped away in their ship. Silently the craft flew away, spewing a bright trail. As the craft grew smaller in the sky, Lorenzini's muscles came back to life and the farmer fumbled with the shotgun, getting off a few wild shots. 54.

November 14th. Alavieska, Finland.

"Cow UFO."

The UFO wave of 1954 had long since moved south out of Scandinavia but a shoemaker at the town of Alavieska still managed to pull off a hoax at the expense of his neighbors. He spread the word a UFO had landed. When police investigated, they found a flashlight tied to a cow. 55.

November 14th. Forli, Italy.

A report to remember. Diesel vs. internal combustion.

In many ways the next case is run-of-the-mill except for one important aspect. While operating their tractors near Forli, Italy, two Italian farm workers saw a bright red object fly into view, coming so close the drivers leaped from their machines in fear, leaving the tractors still running.

After the the UFO left the area, the drivers returned and found the one tractor with the diesel engine still humming but the internal combustion system in the other tractor had quit working. 56.

Experts that have examined this case point out that the internal Combustion engine relies on an electrical ignition system to function, while the diesel design does not, a fact that offers interesting evidence to suggest what seemed obvious: UFOs can have an effect on electrical current.

November 14th. Curitiba, Brazil. (3:30 a.m.)

In the dead of the night a railroad worker came across three figures dressed in tight-fitting luminous suits checking the ground next to the railroad tracks. When they became aware they had been discovered, the odd figures made their escape in a fast moving, oval-shaped, craft. 57.

November 14th. Frederick, Maryland. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

November 14th. Killeen, Texas. (1726 Zulu)

"Mystery balloon."

A strange, dark brown, sphere the size of a wash tub silently dropped out of the daytime sky over "Danger Area 343" at Gray AFB, Texas. Three military policemen on duty at the time observed the object. They were: 1st Lt. David C. Brown, Pfc. William E. Jones Jr., and Cpl. Andrew D. Turek. Lt. Brown filed a report.

According to Lt. Brown, he was on security guard and was standing in a

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 November 1954		2. LOCATION Frederick, Maryland		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 GMT 14/1900Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Unk	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, saucer shaped, large size, Brilliant silver, appeared to rotate as it disappeared from sight. Caused Interference, on car radio. NO CASE ON FILE.				11. COMMENTS Conclusion pending results of a field investigation.	

doorway when he first saw "it." A balloon was his initial thought as he peered at the dark, ball-like, body as it came out of the heavens from a point 45 degrees above the horizon, heading southwest. Although low-hanging clouds blocked out the sun, the weather was not a factor with surface winds an estimated 10 knots. After dropping to a distance from the observers of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, the mystery "balloon" suddenly shot up vertically to about 75 to 80 degrees above the horizontal plane, and then it streaked away horizontally. The object was in sight for approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. The investigation report states: "Observer discredits possibility of object being a balloon and being punctured upon contact with the earth." 58.

Furthermore, according to the BLUE BOOK document:

"The preparing officer advanced the theory that the balloon-like object might be a weather balloon released from another area. The sighter was shown a weather balloon and he stated the colors were not similar. He stated further that the object disappeared so fast that it diminished in size from that of a wash tub to a mere speck in approximately one minute. The existing winds would not provide propulsion of that velocity." 59.

November 15th. - "Communist Mongol pilots?"

Things were quiet on this day. No reports in UFO literature mention this date.

About this time Italy's Dr. Perego talked to two astronomers. One of them, professor Cimmino of the Monte Mario Observatory, confessed that some very odd things had been occurring in Rome's skies during the previous 72 hours but he refused to elaborate.

Dr. Perego then paid a visit to the Vatican Observatory outside Rome at Castel Gandolfo. There Father Zilwes, Director of the Specola Vaticana, received Dr. Perego very politely and surprised the professor by revealing the fact that a Brazilian priest-astronomer on duty at 11:00 in the morning of November 12th had noticed strange objects in the sky, objects that were at low altitude and moved at a terrific velocity. The objects made no sound. Dr. Perego was relieved to hear about this confirmation of something in the sky however limited.

Father Zilwes refused to entertain conversations about the possibility of extraterrestrial aviation." Instead Father Zilwes suggested that the sightings may be caused by a fleet of "teleguided" devices operated by one of the great powers like the U.S. or Russian.

At this time Dr. Perego was unconvinced of alien visitations (it would take another two years) and he felt that perhaps the good Father was right. Dr. Perego thought that perhaps that the "little men" being reported were possibly Communist pilots of short stature of Asian ancestry! 60.

November 16th.

The debate rages.

French aviation expert Gabriel Voisin proclaimed: "Obviously a great many vestiges must be dismissed, but the sum total of the sightings leaves no vestige of doubt: what we call 'saucers' exist." 61.

Famed French automotive engineer GREGOIRE: "The sole explanation to logically account for certain of the phenomena which are established by radar or photographically, is that they are interplanetary in origin." 62.

An unnamed authority employed at the Paris Observatory snarped: "Permit me to laugh! The whole business is a gigantic farce. No doubt these observers

are honest but they have seen nothing but elementary phenomena: meteors, or globular lightning, or a weather balloon catching the last rays of the sun." 63.

An unnamed French astronomer offered an explanation to the Committee of Sciences of Radiodiffusion that: "...relegates the saucers to the level of simple luminous phenomena." 64. He insisted that people were being fooled because: "...fear of espionage, or of an invasion by Martians, sufficed to create in the average brain a false connection which reason was powerless to expel." 65.

The head of information Services for the French Department of National Meteorology stated:

"There are certain phenomena which, due to their movement, their coloration, and the extent of their duration, meteorology cannot satisfactorily explain. We do not think that flying saucers can be either balloon or globular lightning." 66.

That the Paris Observatory was a bastion of resistance to UFOs was something believers sneered at, because it was that same institution that had denied the existence of meteorites in spite of the testimony of French peasants only to have to change its position later. Back then it was a clique of pundits against 300 eyewitnesses of the of the village of Landes, including the Mayor, in a debate over whether "rocks could fall from the sky."

"Heuyer's hysteria."

It was a professor Georges Heuyer, a psychiatrist, who led the opposition against UFOs by the scientific community, formally reading his thesis on 'Mass Hysteria' to the French Academy of Medicine on November 16, 1954. Professor Heuyer blasting the so-called flying saucers as coming: "...from no one knows where; an illusion both false in itself and in its interpretation but spread by all the vast resources of modern communications." 67.

In the opinion of Ernesto Thayaht, founder and director of the Centro Indipendente Raccolta Notizie Ossercazioni Spaziali, Italian astronomers were not any better judges of the mystery than their French colleagues:

"In October and November, 1954, the sightings of UFOs were very numerous all over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia; the newspapers were full of articles discussing this 'collective psychosis'(as it was called!) but the facts were not taken into serious consideration by a single Observatory. People were told that they were having visions." 68.

"Sky dragons." Mid Africa.

If UFOs were just some kind of "mass hysteria," suppositively among Europeans saturated with science fiction and/or war fears, why the following? Donald Keyhoe learned: "...from Ethiopia(east Africa) came a report that people in scores of villages had been frighten by the 'sky dragons.'" 69.

November 17th. England.

SIX TIMES STRANGE SIGHTS IN SKY BAFFLE WAR OFFICE

-banner headline. London Sunday Dispatch.

The Dispatch story read:

« LES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES sont une manifestation de psychose collective »

assure le professeur Heuyer

18 nov. 1954 de l'Académie de Médecine

Paris. — Le professeur Georges Heuyer, psychiatre parisien, spécialiste depuis longtemps dans l'étude de l'enfance anormale, a présenté hier devant l'Académie de médecine une note sur les « psychoses collectives ». Ces délires sont actuellement fréquents, remarque le docteur Heuyer, qui cite le cas des Témoin du Christ de Montfavet — il en examina plusieurs qui lui parurent « schizophrènes, délirants et hallucinés ».

L'Académie des Sciences se penche sur la « psychose des soucoupes volantes »

PARIS, 18. — L'Académie de médecine a entendu, cet après-midi, une note de M. Heuyer sur les « psychoses collectives ».

La notion de psychoses collectives — peut se rattacher, se-on l'orateur, à la description du « délire à deux », faite par Fabry. Ce psychiatre avait montré, en effet, l'existence d'un délire, c'est-à-dire d'une conviction fautive et irréductible au raisonnement. Le délire à deux apparaît déjà comme un délire collectif, selon M. Heuyer. L'exemple des « Témoin du Christ de Montfavet » est un témoignage de délire collectif.

Actuellement, souligne M. Heuyer, il y a la psychose des soucoupes volantes. Elle est venue on ne sait d'où, d'une illusion et d'interprétations fausses développées par les moyens techniques de l'information moderne. Elle s'intensifie dans le monde entier. Ses témoignages sont burlesques et accablants. Chez les simples d'esprit elle entraîne, souligne encore l'orateur, la conviction d'un espionnage et peut-être de l'agression des Martiens.

Les éléments psychologiques sont provoqués par: les idées fausses, la peur et les conditions du groupe et

du milieu. Dans la question des soucoupes volantes, l'idée fautive apparaît évidente à M. Heuyer. Ce dernier relate qu'un astronome a donné, au Comité des sciences de la radiodiffusion, des arguments contre l'existence des fameuses soucoupes. Il ne peut être question, d'après cet astronome, que de phénomènes lumineux se passant dans le ciel.

Pour le rapporteur, le peur peut s'installer facilement, quand on pense au très grand nombre de « cerveaux débilés ».

L'espoir, en terminant, souligne qu'il a simplement voulu, par son exposé, révéler le danger, pour la santé morale des collectivités, des psychoses nées des soucoupes volantes.

Divers académiciens prirent la parole, à la suite de cette communication, se déclarant d'accord avec M. Heuyer.

L'un d'eux rapporta même que, dans une école, on avait donné, pour sujet de devoir: « Décrivez une soucoupe volante. »

17 novembre 1954

— Actuellement, ajoute le psychiatre, nous assistons à la psychose collective des soucoupes volantes. Venue d'une illusion, d'une interprétation fautive de phénomènes naturels, elle se développe dans le monde entier, suscitant des témoignages burlesques, entraînant chez les simples d'esprit des peurs irraisonnées.

Pour le professeur Heuyer, la question ne fait aucun doute: les soucoupes volantes n'existent pas — Il n'est pas question de nier que des phénomènes lumineux apparaissent dans le ciel, mais l'illusion d'optique qu'ils favorisent souvent ne doit pas être prise pour une apparition venue d'un autre monde, dit-il.

En conclusion de son étude, le professeur déclare que les psychoses collectives, qui sont anciennes comme le monde — il y en eut à l'approche de l'an mille, et bien souvent depuis — se renouvellent sans cesse. Avec la complexité des moyens modernes de diffusion, elles prennent des formes pittoresques qui paraissent bénignes. Mais il assure que ces psychoses peuvent cependant être dangereuses pour la santé morale des collectivités.

Au cours de la discussion qui suivit l'exposé du psychiatre parisien, le professeur Lhermitte a mis l'accent précisément sur ce danger, à propos des adeptes du Christ de Montfavet.

— Ce dernier a été examiné, dit-il. Il n'y a aucun doute qu'il soit un « grand délirant », qui entraîne dans son sillage des hommes et des femmes au jugement et à l'esprit critique défaillants, qui sont très souvent des débilés mentaux. De telles psychoses provoquées par un illuminé peuvent conduire à des drames, comme on l'a vu et devenir très dangereuses pour la société.

"Radar operators over a large part of Britain are watching their screens closely for the next appearance of a mystery formation in the sky which has the defence experts baffled. Six times in the past few weeks a strange pattern of dots --the radar men call them 'blips' --have been plotted on their screens, moving east to west. Neither the War Office which controls inland radar, nor the Air Ministry can say what these 'blips' represent. A careful check has shown that they have not been caused by any identifiable aircraft." 70.

Furthermore:

"They appear from nowhere, usually about midday, flying at a height of 12,000 feet in an east-to-west direction. First seen by a civilian radar scientist, they have since then been plotted by all the radar sites in the area. They have been seen both on fine and cloudy mornings, and always in the same forms.

"We cannot say what they are. They first appear in a 'U,' or badly shaped hairpin, formation. After a time they converge into two parallel lines and then take up a 'Z' formation before disappearing. They are invisible to the human eye..." 71.

The British War Office continued:

"On the radar screen they appear as lots and lots of dots formed by between forty and fifty echoes. They cover an area in the sky miles long and miles wide. Every time they have been seen they have followed the same pattern. It was always around midday. We have checked and found that our sets were not faulty. We are still maintaining a watch. All our sets have picked them up." 72.

Moreover:

"There are many objects, such as meteorological balloons, experimental aircraft, carrier pigeons with metal rings on their legs, even toy kites, which could form an image on a radar screen. There are also many natural phenomena, such as electrical storms, lightning, and meteorities, which puzzle the operator." 73.

"Utmost secrecy."

A Sunday Dispatch reporter questioned an unnamed War Office spokesman who affirmed rumors his government department was receiving very high-level orders to maintain the utmost secrecy: "And even if I did know what they are. I am too worried myself to say anything." 74.

November 18th. Camberwell, England. (11:00 p.m.)

"Flying grape fruit."

Witnesses said a "flying grape fruit," like an orange ball, emitted smoke while it passed over the town of Camberwell on a southern heading. 75.

"Flying Saucer Service Ltd."

A Scottish newspaper informed its readers:

"A new company has been formed, with a capital of 100 pounds, to receive, collect, and disseminate information concerning phenomena now known as flying saucers or unidentified flying objects.

"One of the men behind the company is a Scot, publisher Ian Girvan, whose family comes from Girvan, Ayrshire, and who lives near London.

"Also behind the company is writer Desmond Leslie who was co-author with Mr. George Adamski of the best seller called Flying Saucers Have Landed.

"The new company will be called 'Flying Saucer Service Ltd.,' and will issue a quarterly technical magazine edited by an aviation writer." 76.

UFOs, automatic writing, and cataclysms.

The supposed contact with flying saucers by automatic writing claimed by a Miss Frances Swan of Maine in 1954 ran its course from April to July, and then, in August, another woman stepped forward to claim communication with aliens by pen, a certain Mrs. Dorothy Martin of Oak Park, Illinois.

We may have never known about Miss Swan if she hadn't attracted a noteworthy believer, Rear Admiral H.B. Knowles, and surely the same would be true for the Illinois woman if she had not received backing from a Dr. Charles Laughead of East Lansing, Michigan. Dr. Laughead took the assertions made by Mrs. Martin as the truth and wrote urgent letters to Americans editors and publishers in an attempt to get recognition of the supposed "messages from space." The professor composed some literature on the subject that caught the attention of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club. The prediction of a vast disaster on December 21st fascinated the club membership. 77.

November 19th. CSI New York.

As the Civilian Saucer Investigations, Los Angeles, faded from the UFO scene; the group with the similar-sounding name based in New York, Civilian Saucer Intelligence, started to roll, increasing dues and electing new officers: President: James Moseley; Vice President: Harold Oxenkrug; Secretary-Treasurer and Long Island Representative: Marty Meyerson; Manhattan Representative: Yeaman Condict; and New Jersey Representative: Ted Bloecher.

"Terrestrial saucers."

The persistence rumor that "saucers" were from a terrestrial source, particularly of a WW II German design, was given some more publicity on November 19, 1954, when a former Peenemunde scientist, Hermann Klein, who lived in the city of Zurich, Switzerland; told the press the Luftwaffe had experimented with a "saucer airfoil" in 1942 when a jet-propelled craft with a central stabilizer was suppose to have been flown from Stettin on the Baltic coast to the Arctic island of Spitzbergen. Klein named three others that were involved in the development of a "pilotless, tele-guided disc." These three men were: Rudolph Schriever,* Miethe, and an Italian named Belonzo (Belonzo died in 1952 and Schriever in 1953. Miethe was still alive and living in the U.S.) 78.

A few days after professor Heuyer's speech.

For French UFO investigator Aime Michel, a serious specialist whose comments about the aerial mystery appeared in the press almost daily, the only real psychosis about UFOs was that of skepticism and ridicule. Michel had a lot of trouble entertaining professor Heuyer's "sauceritis" diagnosis that the French people were suffering from a strange new form of schizophrenia, especially after the "Lille fiasco."

*Schriever is discussed in my booklet: UFOs: A History 1950, April-July. pp.23-24.

Michel's lecture at Lille.

So sure were some professors at the Catholic University of Lille that the public would flock to a UFO lecture, they asked Aime Michel to speak at a school fund raiser. The professors advertized in the press and the radio, and expecting a large crowd they rented the biggest movie house in town to accommodate the hoped for flood of the curious (a half million people lived in the greater Lille area), but only a "few dozen" were in the audience when the curtain went up. Most of those in attendance had seen and reported something in the sky, but as Michel discovered these witnesses were ashamed of going public. This fiasco of a lecture, in Michel's opinion, hardly proved that a "psychosis" was sweeping France. 79.

November 20th. Nothing of consequence.

November 21st. "Golden orbs."

Testimony that supported the possibility that "UFO fleets" over Britain were more than "radar ghosts" came from four people in the town of Teignmouth in Devon. It seems that in a perfectly clear daytime sky 20 "golden orbs" in a perfect formation raced southward over the Devon countryside. The "orbs" were seen and reported by a Mrs. V.E. Borkett and other unnamed persons. 80.

November 21st. Paraiba River, Brazil. (night)

Panic in the skies.

On the 21st Donald Keyhoe got a phone call from his friend Robert J. Stirling, Washington Director of the United Press Weekly Radio Roundup and UP feature writer. Stirling said excitedly: "Don a terrific saucer report just came in." As Keyhoe listened to the newsman tell the story over the phone, he felt he could understand Brazil's recent official concern over the UFO problem. 81.

The Brazilian report.

From the ground perhaps they looked like the white dots recently seen over Rome at 8,000 feet, but over the Paraiba River in Brazil, at night, the phenomenon was observed at a closer perspective. Enroute to Rio de Janeiro, a Brazilian airliner was cruising at 8,000 feet when an unusual glow lit up the dark sky as 19 circular bodies in formation zoomed into sight at nearly the same altitude as the passenger plane. There was no time for the Brazilian pilot to react. The 13 passengers aboard got a good look as the mysterious objects, estimated to be 100 feet in diameter, swept passed the aircraft barely 300 feet away. There was pandemonium in the cabin. The passengers were terrified at the sight. One screaming woman passenger rushed into the pilot's compartment and had to be physically subdued, and another person momentarily lost his mind and tried to open an exit door! After a fight with a crewman the frantic passenger was restrained.

After calm was restored, the airliner landed at Rio where word of the panic in the sky spread rapidly. South American and English newspapers frontpaged the story but for some odd reason nothing appeared in the American press. 82.

November 22nd. Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. (9:45 p.m.)

At a Brazilian Air Force base at Santa Maria, a city about 150 miles due west of Porto Alegre on the Atlantic coast, there was a military meteorological station. On duty November 22, 1954, was a radio operator by the name of Arquidmedes Fernandez, who, at 9:45 p.m., was outside gathering readings for a weather forecast. Near the station was a grove of eucalyptus.

Fernandez glanced around at the dark sky thinking about the weather. His eyes settled on a strange "cloud" above the trees: thin, black, and like an upside-down washbowl. It suddenly occurred to Fernandez the thing wasn't a cloud, but a solid body 160 feet across, with a small light on top. What's more, the whole thing was slowly oscillating. The radar man became apprehensive and retreated inside a building. The object slowly rose and fell a few times behind the cover of the treeline but did not seem to pose a threat, nonetheless Fernandez radioed a report to the weather headquarters at Porto Alegre, notifying them of the UFO. Nothing remarkable took place during the next 3¼ hours of Fernandez's duty shift which ended at 1:15 a.m. The object remained in view all that time glowing faintly.

There were two other independent witnesses to the UFO. One was a Ruben Machado who viewed the glowing body from the Canobi Hotel. Senor Machado believed the object was stationary above the airbase. The other person was a Senor Jurandir Ferreir who spotted something strange in the sky and watched it maneuver for some time before it flew out of sight to the north. 83.

November 21st. UFO over New Zealand? (See news clipping)

November 24th. Southampton, England. (12:15 a.m.)

On November 24th at Southampton a "white disc" that was likened to a "small moon" was seen moving across the sky -- seen through a 2¼ inch telescope -- by a member of the Southampton Astronomical Society, a woman named A. Marley. This took place at 12:15 a.m. The object was not visible to the naked eye and was seen through the telescope moving directly south over the city. It suddenly turned on itself and retraced its path. 84.

November 25th. Cordoba, Argentina. (no time known)

"Something foreign to our knowledge."

The Argentine Embassy released an official report concerning the observation of a pair of luminous objects that remained stationary over the airport at the city of Cordoba for almost two hours on the 25th. Two witnesses listed were named as Carlos Bassoli who worked in the airport control tower; and the Chief of the Meteorological Service, Dr. Marcos Guerri. The two objects each gave a different appearance, one looking roughly semi-circular similar to a disc on edge, and the other object having a perfect circular form. Amazed by the sight, Dr. Guerri was quoted in the official report as saying it was his belief he had observed: "...something foreign to our knowledge." 85.

November 25th. Calcerosa, Italy. (5:00 p.m.)

"Dischi volanti."

The boys were young, about 12, so perhaps their imaginations were working overtime. G. Marsiano and P. Santucci encountered, they said, a trio of three foot tall beings with big heads and grey skin. The beings quickly retreated to their ball-shaped ship. The craft had a pair of sharply pointed propellers that spun wildly as the ship took off. 86.

November 26th

Manila, The Philippines. (2:50 a.m. Zulu)

The witness:

"The source, a practicing medical doctor in Manila, sighted this object while traveling on Highway 54 south of Manila. Source is 37 years old and holds a BS degree in physics in addition to his medical degree.

Did I See a Flying Saucer—or Cigar—Over Canterbury?

By a Staff Reporter

WAS there a flying saucer, a flying cigar, or anything similar that hundreds of people throughout the world claim to have seen in the sky, over Canterbury yesterday? Reporters are not paid to have hallucinations and until yesterday I did not believe that such things existed. Since 3.16 p.m. yesterday I have not been so certain.

It was precisely at that time that an object which was not an aeroplane, a glider, or a balloon disappeared into a cloud bank over the foothills of the Southern Alps travelling quickly north.

We—my wife and I—had watched that object for seven minutes, at least.

When we first saw it, it was gleaming brightly and hanging motionless in the sky probably at a height of more than 10,000ft about four miles west of Coutts Island.

It was cigar shaped and looked as though it might have been chromium-plated, so intense was the light it reflected.

At no stage did we hear any noise in the sky which could possibly have come from it.

Motionless

We watched it for about three minutes while it hung motionless. I then looked at my watch and saw the time was 3.10.

Within a minute it started to move off quickly westward towards the only cloud bank in the sky—over the Southern Alps. As it moved it emitted what appeared to be two puffs of pink vapour.

During movement its shape did not change but it became smaller as the distance increased.

We watched it from the road which runs from Coutts Island to the back of the Christchurch Airport and though the cloud bank was about thirty miles away, and its top was at a height of 10,000ft (checked with

the Weather Office, Harewood) the object could be seen quite plainly when it was over the bank.

It stopped momentarily over the cloud bank, circled and then headed north into the cloud.

Between 3.40 and 3.45 p.m. yesterday a meteorological balloon was released from the airport. When it was released it travelled from east to west for a distance of two thousand yards and then it retraced its track.

Not Balloon

An official at the Weather Office said this morning that balloons can be seen from quite a distance with the naked eye, but they are often hard to pick up in sunshine as brilliant as it was yesterday.

Balloons are spherical but this object was cylindrical. I am certain the object we saw was not a balloon.

Was the object we saw a flying saucer or a flying cigar? I do not know, but in future I will feel inclined to give a little more credence to reports of strange objects in the sky than I have done in the past.

FOOTNOTE: My colleagues regard me as something of a cynic. Apart from a cocktail before lunch I had an abstemious day.

Christchurch, New Zealand
Christchurch Star-Sun
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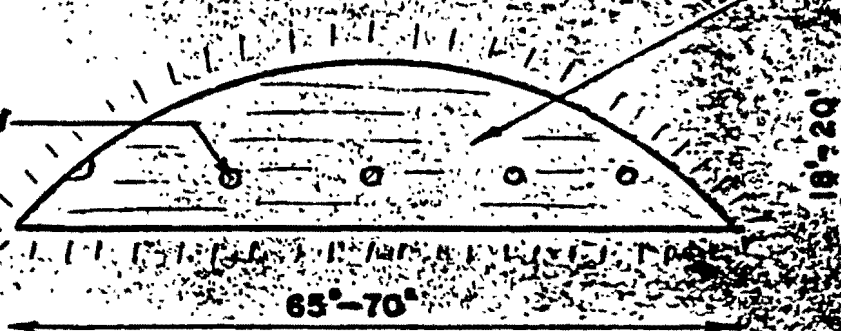
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BRIGHT ORANGE PHOS-
PHORESCENT GLOWBRIGHT ORANGE FLECKED
WITH RED STREAKSBRIGHT
YELLOW

"Source was an artillery officer in the United States Army from 1938 to 1942. In 1942 he transferred to the Medical Corps upon receiving his degree in medicine and served in the Pacific Theater until the end of the war. Source is well known in the Manila area and his judgement is generally respected. Because of his scientific background, he is considered 'fairly reliable.'" 87.

The sighting:

"Observer was being driven home by his chauffeur after an afternoon playing golf. He was looking out the window and a bright orange glow in the south attracted his attention. He continued to observe this glow and when he noticed this glow was approaching he told the chauffeur to stop the car. He got out of the car and continued to observe the object. He tried to point out the object to his chauffeur but the chauffeur, understanding very little English, did not see the object until two seconds before it disappeared. Observer was impressed by the fact that he observed it approaching for three minutes but it took only three seconds to pass out of his vision when it departed. He stated that he observed the object departing for three seconds but saw the trail or exhausts one second longer." 88.

November 27th. Moscow, Russia. (4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

The nearest thing to a "Letajushkie Tarelki"(Flying Saucer) report that managed to seep through Russian press censorship came out of Moscow on the 27th:"...people on Red Square saw a cylindrical object over their heads at a height of about 200-300 meters travelling in a north-westerly direction. The object climbed up with the speed of a jet, at the same time taking up a vertical position." 89.

November 28th. Caracas, Venezuela. (2:00 a.m.)

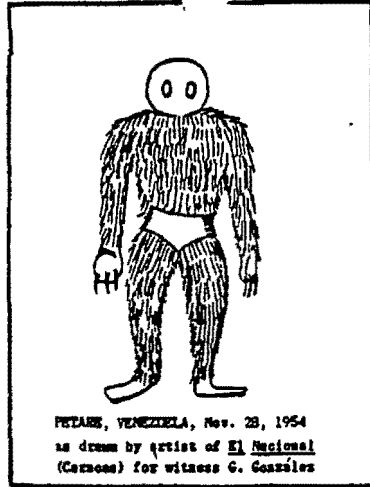
"Fight with a saucer dwarf."

About 2:00 a.m. on the 28th Jose Ponce and Gustavo Gonzales were speeding along in their panel truck on a street in the outskirts of Caracas. The two young men had not travelled far when they found their way blocked by a ten-foot wide glowing ball, the luminous sphere hovering some six feet over the street. Curious, Ponce and Gonzales stopped their vehicle and got out to investigate. The men were immediately confronted by a dwarfish figure. Gonzalez made a bold move, seizing the creature, but he met with unexpected resistance. Although the stiff, bristly hair that covered the hard-bodied being didn't prevent a good grip and the weight of the dwarf was unimpressive (an estimated 35 pounds), Gonzales' little opponent proved to be quite strong, the dwarf tossing Gonzales to one side as if he was a rag doll. Stunned by the easy defeat of his friend and alarmed by the sudden appearance of two more hairy creatures (who apparently had been gathering dirt and rocks nearby), Ponce fled the area, seeking safety at a Police Station. Meanwhile, Gonzales recovered enough to get back on his feet and face the creature again. He looked around and saw two creatures burdened with their earth samples jumped aboard the sphere, passing with ease through an opening. The third creature, the one who had grappled with him, bounded forward, its eyes glowing and its claws extended. Gonzales produced a knife and tried to stab the creature in the shoulder but the blade glanced off as if it had hit armor. At that point, one of the creatures inside the sphere re-appeared at the opening and aimed some sort of tube at Gonzales, a device that emitted a brilliant beam of energy which paralyzed the young man. Temporarily blinded, exhausted, and greatly

frighten, Gonzales managed to gain enough control of his limbs to stagger to the Police Station where his buddy had taken refuge.

At first the police believed the two young men were intoxicated, but once their sobriety was confirmed, sedatives were given both Ponce and Gonzales. A physical examination of the men showed that Gonzales had suffered a large abrasion along his left side.

An interesting claim is made by Coral Lorenzen UFO group. According to Mrs. Lorenzen, a representative of her organization stationed in Caracas was told by member of the press that one of the two doctors that treated Ponce and Gonzales just happened to be at the Police Station at the time because he had made a house call in the neighborhood and was driving on the same street where the sphere was hovering thus witnessed the scuffle between Gonzales and the creature. The doctor wanted no publicity but did go to Washington to brief some American experts after being requested to do so. 90.



Lex Mebane. Another view.

A bit different version of the "fight with a dwarf" case was given by Lex Mebane of the Research Section of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York. He tells us Gonzales and Ponce were meat delivery men from the town of Itari. This is important, because as Mr. Mebane points out: "Gonzales --an expert witness because he dealt with haunches of meat --said that the creature was much heavier than would be expected from his size; and that he was 'hard as a tile drainpipe'..." 91.

Dealing with another aspect of the case, Mebane differs from the Lorenzen version. While the APRO director wrote that the creature's ship was a sphere, Mebane's source states that the ship was: "...like two deep dishes joined together, with two small windows." 92.

November 29th. "Now They're In Italy."

Following up its article on the French UFO invasion, Life's November 29th issue dwelled briefly on the invasion of Italy by Marziani (Martians) with Rosa Dainell's fantastic encounter getting top billing. 93.

November 30th.

"Report all press queries."

There had been some excitement at Millville, New Jersey, back on the 26th when a large round body circled over the town at night. The object carried red-yellow lights and sped away when lit up by a searchlight that revealed its shape.

An eyewitness, Mrs. Lois Barbour, phoned the CAA. Within minutes she was called back, not by the CAA but by a Captain W.J. Thompson of Olmstead Air Force Base. The Captain wanted an update, if possible, on the whereabouts of the UFO, giving the impression military jets were hunting the thing.

Lou Corbin told Donald Keyhoe he had contacted Captain Thompson to learn more about the Millville incident. It wasn't hard to get the Captain on the

phone, according to Corbin, but it was impossible to get the officer to talk about the UFO. The military, said the Captain, received word about the UFO from the CAA Air Traffic Control, New York, but any further information about the incident "was classified." Corbin was then told that the military: "...had orders to report all press and radio queries to higher authorities." 94.

"Spies From Outer Space."

One might say Frank Edwards was trying to whip up a little "hysteria" in the States with his article in the November issue of Expose that attempted to make something of his firing from a network broadcasting job while he was going strong in his campaign to keep the UFO problem a public debate. More provocative, however, was Edwards' article in the November issue of Real magazine titled: "They're Not Telling You The Truth About The Spies From Outer Space." Edwards comes across quite well in the "Spies" essay as a veteran newsman fighting military censorship. Although there is very little about the 1954 European UFO flap (it was probably written three months before which is the usual lead time for magazine publication) one could still learn plenty. The newsman leads off with remarks about recent UFO sightings by military and commercial pilots and the fact that no airman had ever been grounded after having a "UFO hallucination" even though the Air Force would have the public think such an explanation was a large part of the UFO solution. Edwards wrote: "Obviously, the authorities did not believe their own hokum." 95.

After that strong, Keyhoe-style, introduction the main body of the essay dealt with Edwards' activities and concerns for the past year or so which is interesting since sources covering the period are few. He discussed: the Col. O'Mara remarks about 700 UFO reports a week, UFO flaps over Wilmington during the Summer, the CAA study of the radar targets over Washington D.C. in July 1952, statements from top U.S. scientists expressing their worries about UFO reports, the latest on the fate of the famous Tremonton UFO film, and finally his adventures of trying to tell the UFO story on the TV show "Author Meets The Critics." 96.

November 30th. Taormina, Italy. (no time known)

A controversial photo showing supposed saucers in the sky over the city of Taormina was labeled a hoax by skeptics. It was said the men in the picture do not appear to be looking at the objects in the sky. Very little is known about the picture but a revealing statement was made to the United Press newsservice when authorities discussed the photo in a story datelined Washington D.C. November 30th: "The Air Force said reports of unidentified objects are sent here from abroad through the U.S. military attache system." 97.

November 30th. London, England. (7:55 p.m.)

According to our source:

"At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Albert Mayor of Abbey Wood, on the southeast edge of London, saw a long, flaming tube with rounded ends, in the sky, hovering, and glowing red. Its trailing edges swelled with white flame, which rose and fell." 98.

Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer.

In spite of the climate of UFO excitement in Europe, when Englishman Leonard G. Cramp's Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer appeared in English bookstores in November there wasn't one review in a national newspaper or periodical except for a mention in the Liverpool Post. While the volume isn't often quoted by students of the UFO problem, this lack of interest by journalists indicates

THEY'RE NOT TELLING YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SPIES FROM

YOU'RE FLYING a commercial airliner on a quiet night. Speed 275 miles an hour, altitude 11,000 feet, approaching a major airport. Suddenly a strange twinkling blue light zooms into view off your right wing tip, pacing your plane.

In accordance with instructions, your radio crackles out the warning. Miles away the radar scope at the airport records the object. Control tower observers quickly pick it up with their night glasses. Jet fighters scramble and go roaring away to meet you.

The strange thing that started it all merely flaps around in an unbelievable reversal and accelerates at a speed far beyond any conventional aircraft. A few seconds and it has vanished as quickly and quietly as it came. Another Unidentified Flying Object sighting is added to the official records . . . and buried there.

What was it?

Where did it go?

Where did it come from?

Why was it here in the first place?

Watch on the Rhine

You have a right to ask those questions and you have a right to know the answers to them.

You're not getting them from the Pentagon.

I regret to say that because of the blanket of official silence, you will have to dig out the facts for yourself.

Since I have been doing that very thing for several years—and reporting the results over my radio network program—maybe I can help you.

In the first place, make no mistake about the reality of the censorship and make no mistake about the fact that many governments, including our own, are seriously concerned about the existence of so-called flying saucers.

Twelve countries have programs of study and investigation to deal with these objects. West Germany is the latest to join the list, having recently established what it chose to call a "Space Flight Study Group," after some unusual incidents had occurred.

My own interest in these objects was sharpened when I detected a large measure of deception and contradiction in the official public statements on them. There was the period a few years ago when it was government policy to humiliate citizens and pilots who reported UFO's by brushing the matter off as hallucinations. It worked for a while until too many astute citizens noticed that not one single pilot, commercial or military, had ever been grounded for one minute



Author of this startling article is Frank Edwards, the noted radio news commentator. A veteran newsmen, his interest in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) was aroused when he sensed that the Air Force was holding back reports on how many of them are being sighted daily across the U.S. He did some digging; this story tells what he has found out about the UFO mystery.



by Frank Edwards

OUTER SPACE

after one of these alleged hallucinations. Obviously, the authorities did not believe their own hokum

Scratch one "explanation"

Hard-pressed for something with which to replace the hallucination yarn, the authorities eagerly seized upon the theory that these unexplainable sightings were nothing more than temperature inversions caused by the action of masses of hot air colliding with cooler air. That sounded foolproof and it also had another attractive aspect from the official viewpoint, since it was true that these masses of hot air co-incided with the time of year when the earth was nearest Mars. It was a matter of record that sightings of unidentified flying objects were heaviest at the period when Mars and Earth were nearest to each other. Ah! said the experts, that is summertime . . . the time of hot air and temperature inversions!

Time enough . . . but only for the northern hemisphere. At the same time the southern hemisphere is having its share and also having its sightings of UFO's! There just isn't enough hot air to cover the theory

Scratch "explanation" two

The Crackpots and the Experts

Undoubtedly many of the reported incidents involving UFO's are the work of publicity seekers, crackpots and of sincere persons who simply fail to recognize conventional aircraft and meteorological balloons. Some of the reports also involve ordinary celestial objects with which the observer was not familiar.

But the really important evidence on which many na-

tions are spending millions of dollars is the mass of reports from qualified and credible observers. This includes commercial and military pilots, ground observers, astronomers and others whose work and training entitle their reports to serious consideration and careful analysis.

And Then There Were Few

Certainly something very strange is taking place in the limitless space above the earth. There are objects of unknown origin which have been seen with the naked eye, tracked by radar, chased by jets and sometimes were even photographed.

In spite of the mantle of official silence which has worked to keep the American people uninformed, the facts are unmistakable.

As a network commentator who has consistently refused to be sidetracked by phony official "explanations" on this and other topics, I have developed a policy of demanding the facts. Early this year I noticed that there was a scarcity of UFO reports on the national news wires which had carried them before.

Why?

First, I checked on the actual volume of reported sightings. If there were none, their absence from the newswires would be understandable. I asked my listeners to send me any reports of UFO's which were important enough to be printed in their local newspapers. Then I asked the Air Force at the Pentagon to give me the number of sightings they were receiving. Check and double check—the public press against the Pentagon. (Continued on page 58)



fascination with UFOs was on the wane but an important step to something long term was imminent.

Flying Saucer Review.

Waveney Girvan, the editor-in-chief of T. Werner Laurie, who published George Adamski's Flying Saucers Have Landed, enlisted the aid of some friends and established the magazine Flying Saucer Review. Considering who launched the Review, it is not surprising that much of the material in the early issues dealt with contactees and related topics, but it also meant that from the beginning the printing and editorial work was as good as anything else on the newsstand (Eventually the content improved). Evidently the magazine was the result of the proposed "Flying Saucer Service Ltd." announced on November 18th.

John Otto and the National Security Agency.

Of the profusion of amateur saucer detectives that populated the UFO sub culture, a Mr. John Otto is more familiar than most, although Mr. Otto is not recognized as making a significant contribution to the advancement of an understanding of the UFO mystery. Technically orientated, Mr. Otto made frequent and fruitless attempts to contact the saucers by conventional radio and by an invention of his, a "light beam" device.

There was one episode in 1954, however, worthy of notice. Mr. Otto arranged a stunt with radio station WGN Chicago on the night of November 28, 1954 on the Jim Mills show. Given a few minutes of air time, Otto broadcast a message to the saucers, an appeal to the pilots of the discs to communicate with the people of earth. Otto requested that anyone in the radio audience that detected anything that seemed to be a signal from aliens to contact him at station WGN. The station then went silent for a few moments to give the saucers a chance to make themselves heard.

To make a long story short as they say, two sisters, Mildred and Marie Maier of Chicago, had prepared for Otto's broadcast, hooking up a wire recorder to capture any strange sounds coming over WGN's wavelengths. When the time came, the sister's recorder managed to pick up what sounded like musical tones in a pattern that resembled a teletype transmission.

The real issue here is not Otto, the sisters, or the strange signal, but why the U.S. government quickly showed an interest. Given the odds, the signal recorded could have been anything, yet when word got out, the Maier sisters got a phonecall from a "DeMelt E. Walker" of "National Security" who requested a copy of the tape. More suspicious than most people, the two women, with a little effort, confirmed that a "Mr. Walker" did indeed work for the government, so they cooperated but when "Mr. Walker" paid the women a visit to get the recording, he arrived in a shabby-looking car and was dressed in ordinary business clothes. There seemed to be nothing "official" about the man.

Later "Mr. Walker" sent a thank you note. The sisters, still curious, noted the return address which was: "Room 304, North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago." The women drove by the place and found no outward sign the building was a U.S. Government office yet, they learned, it functioned as one. The question then arose: "was the man working for a secret organization?" 99.

At this point one of saucerdom's more sophisticated investigators, Dr. Leon Davidson, entered the case. Dr. Davidson noted that a secretary had at one time referred to "Mr. Walker" as "Major Walker," and as a result Davidson checked and found that a "Major DeMelt Walker" listed in the Air Force Register. Dr. Davidson then wrote to Walker (On March 6, 1957) asking about the recording and Walker replied, saying that the tape in question had been passed on to the "proper authority" and that he could not provide any study results nor was he in

a position to pursue the matter. Dr. Davidson did not give up. He wrote back and asked for the name of the agency (i.e. the "proper authority") that took possession of the tape. Walker replied again, saying that it was impossible for him to divulge the recipient and that any questions Davidson might have about flying saucers be directed to Wright-Patterson AFB (BLUE BOOK).

Not satisfied with Walker's answers, Davidson wrote to the head of the CIA, ATIC at Wright Field, and the Director of Intelligence for the U.S. Air Force at the Pentagon. Davidson got the run-around. The only thing he learned was that the Walker in question was indeed an Air Force Major who was stationed in Chicago at the time. Davidson convinced himself, however, that the organization that took control of the tape was the super-secret National Security Agency, the code-breaking department of the government that was so secret it didn't even want the public to know it existed. Although Walker was an Air Force officer, the "saucer message" stunt seems too silly to be concerned with, but the Major's connection with the NSA explains the interest in the tape. The NSA has an interest in anything having to do with the transmission of information and has in its employ many experts in exotic fields. The way dolphins communicate, for example, has come under NSA scrutiny. 100.

It is a fact that a great number of UFO related documents are known to be on file with the NSA but the public has been denied access to the information in spite of the Freedom of Information Act. Although it is not impossible the Maier sisters picked up a signal from an enemy agent or even a secret NSA transmission, most probably the sounds were just stray energy pulses of no significance. Perhaps the least probable explanation is that the saucer pilots were answering Mr. Otto. This electronic business is pretty tricky as Dr. Davidson illustrated: "A BBC engineer said a teletype motor, barely powerful enough to run an eggbeater, even when idling, could still send a signal all over the world, provided a sensitive receiver was tuned to its frequency." 101.

Alabama meteor.

The fall of a meteorite in Alabama on November 30, 1954 provided an insight to the procedures involved in a possible recovery of any crashed flying disc. Note that it was forbidden to even disclose the existence of investigative information. (See BLUE BOOK document)

December.

On the first day of the month near the town of Massoues a Frenchman sighted a bright oval object in the sky. The oval body gave off enough light to turn night into day. After performing various maneuvers and oscillations, the oval body swooped down to a landing about three kilometers from the witness. Within a few minutes the oval body took to the air again and sped away on an eastern course. 102.

Italy puzzled.

Italian authorities showed some interest in the UFOs when in December they made a confidential request of the Canadian government in regards to the sky mystery, expressing a desire to know the nature of Canada's UFO policy. The Chairman of Canada's Defense Research Board issued a reply through the military Attache at the Italian Embassy at Ottawa: "...while sighting reports are still collected when submitted by the general public, no further attempt has been made to analyze the data submitted." 103.

South America.

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		Status CLOSED	
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Venezuelan Visions.

When a luminous disk-like body appeared over Coro, Venezuela, on the first day of the month, it was spotted by a Catholic priest by the name of Father Jesus Hernandez Chapellin. Within hours other witnesses spotted another luminous object hovering at ground level at a place close to the town of Borburata. 104.

American experts questioned.

Reported encounters with mysterious ugly bipeds that had alarmed at least five Venezuelan cities prompted newsmen to interview three visiting American scientists. A Cornell professor, Dr. H. Cross Sabine told the press: "If they are not the experiments of any nation on earth, then they must come from some other planet." 105. A Physical Science professor from the University of Michigan reportedly told the South Americans: "We cannot disbelieve what has been said about the flying saucers -- atomic explosions may be the motive for the strange visits." 106. The third professor, Dr. Wilson Henry of the University of Pennsylvania, was credited with: "Saucers are not the result of imagination or mass psychosis but are space ships manned by beings from the planet Mars." 107.

"Badly frightened."

When Venezuelan pilot Saul Paredes took off from Maracaibo Field on December 2nd, he had no way of knowing he was in for a bad fright. It seems an object crossed in front of his plane so fast and so close he nearly lost control. 108.

"Flying Saucers are real."

A Brazilian military conference was convened on December 2nd. The Army Technical School invited certain military and civilian authorities to an presentation of some UFO evidence. The talk was sponsored by the Superior Army School Graduates Association. The speaker was Colonel Joao Adil de Oliveira who had studied UFO reports made elsewhere in the world including some sightings documented in the U.S. Air Force's project BLUE BOOK files (In 1954 the Minister of Aviation of Brazil had created an investigation commission of UFOs and appointed Colonel Joao Adil de Oliveira to head it.) The Colonel listed the following:

"1. Evidence shows that the saucers are real. No government could afford to ignore the reports about UFOs and all investigations should be made to determine the identity of any UFO sighted over the country. The problem could be of military interest.

"2. The saucers appear to be some kind of revolutionary aircraft. They are not conventional phenomena or illusions. There are too many responsible people involved to say that the whole thing was a hallucination.

"3. We don't know where they come from and we don't know the purpose of their survey. I hope some day we can solve the riddle and know the answers.", 109.

Some final remarks were made by Brigadier Guedes Muniz:

"We military technicians and aeronautic engineers have not tried in the past to discuss the technological and scientific probability of these space vagabonds. And we are not trying to discuss it now, because we remember an old story, very good to be recalled here: 'Years ago, the best aeronautic engineers in the world assembled together to study the horn-beetle flight. They analysed the horn-beetle, its aerodynamic shape entirely wrong, its flight surface tremendously deficient, its heaviness and its incredible power. After a great deal of reasoning and scientific experimentation



Dec 2, 1954 United Press
Amazed Sicilians watch an
incredible sight—flying
objects which resemble the
off-reported flying saucers.
Italy has recently been
flooded with reports of
these objects of undeter-
mined origin. This photo
was made at Taormina.

they had made certain that the horn-beetle could not fly. But the horn-beetle, knowing nothing of this, is still flying!" 110.

Brazilian UFO investigations.

A fascinating account of Brazilian UFO investigations can be found in an unexpected source.

"This reporter is no longer skeptical."

The American Air Attache stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, filed a report detailing the experience of a member of the Brazilian Air Force (FAB). For the most part the material deals with the Porto Alegre, Brazil, incident of October 24, 1954. The American Attache was impressed by developments in Brazil and in his summation wrote: "This reporter is no longer skeptical." 111.

The Attache's report read:

"Source, a FAB major who has been close to FAB's investigation of flying saucer sightings, stated that he has for a long time believed in the existence of these objects. (He is reputed to have 7,000 flying hours and is considered by the reported to be highly intelligent, keenly observant, and quite normal.) He personally pursued one in a Gloucester Meteor last fall in Porto Alegre (he did not find it after he became airborne, although he had seen it from the ground prior to takeoff and ground observers stated he passed near it when driving from 45,000 feet through a hole in a cloud formation). He also was in charge at Gravatai Air Base (Porto Alegre) several days later when 150 FAB personnel were reported to have seen two of these objects.

"During this latter sighting, he placed a group of FAB airmen on one side of a hanger, another group on the opposite side, out of each others' sight and hearing. He then travelled between the two groups, asking them what they saw. All reports were similar. He then placed observers in a triangular arrangement around the field, about a mile on each side of the triangle. These observers wrote down what they had seen, as it occurred, and their reports jibed. All observers reported an object hovering at estimated altitudes varying from 30,000 to 45,000 feet. After remaining fairly stationary in one spot (although appearing to be undulating), it suddenly sped across approximately 80 degrees of arc and resumed its hovering in that location. When it again sped across a similar arc, the major clocked it by chronograph as covering the 80 degrees in ten seconds. He later estimated the object's speed at roughly 8,000 mph (assuming an altitude of 45,000 feet). The object was then joined by a similar one, they hovered a few minutes, then disappeared at a great rate of speed.

"Source reported that the object appeared to be surrounded by a white glow which increased in size when it moved (i.e. this halo-like ring was small when hovering, larger when traveling)." 112.

"Flying saucers in 1876?!"

The Air Attache then injects something a student of the UFO mystery would like to know more about:

"Source stated that FAB records show sightings as far back as the early 1800's. One, written by a farmer in Mato Grosso in 1876, describes a landing by one of these objects. He described it as being about 90 feet in diameter, of metal construction, and containing a turret that rose

out of the top of the disk and which was retracted for high speed travel." 113.

The Air Attache then returns to the current Brazilian situation:

"FAB records are also reported to contain numerous sightings by Brazilian airline pilots, some of whom claim to have been very close to these objects (within several hundred feet in some cases). These reports confirm the Mato Grosso farmer's description as to size and construction.

"Two FAB lieutenants were reported to have sighted one on the ground in the interior of Brazil. They reportedly flew down to take a look at it, whereupon it took off, crossed a river and landed again. The two officers are said to have continued their approach but the object again took off and disappeared at the usual high rate of speed.

"Source, as well as the FAB officer in charge of flying saucer 'investigations,' is convinced that sightings reported by reliable observers are thoroughly credible. He is also certain that there have been sufficient sightings over a sufficient period of time to corroborate the description of the object given above. What neither he nor FAB official investigators know is what to do with the information. At this writing it is merely being read and filed. Evaluation of the information is not possible both because of the relative vagueness of it and because it is not within the capabilities of FAB technicians.

"Source also stated that FAB has on file various photographs of these objects. An effort will be made to obtain examples for forwarding." 114.

The final part of the report was comments made by the reporting officer:

"This reporter has maintained a skeptical attitude toward 'flying saucers' up to this time. Despite the fact that an overwhelming majority of the reported sightings in Brazil are from unqualified observers and crackpots and are therefore completely unreliable, there is an underlying base of sound reports from qualified observers which makes it difficult to doubt the existence of these objects. This reporter is no longer skeptical. But an evaluation of what they are and where they come from is beyond his capabilities." 115.

"Tadpoles" over Austria.

During the first weeks of December scores of witnesses in Austria observed objects moving at great speed over the central Alps region. The objects were at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet and were described as bright green circular bodies that gave off a luminous halo that tapered to a long tail, giving the entire image a "tadpole" shape.

Austrian authorities let it known they were taking the mystery objects very seriously by issuing instructions to all police officials to take notes if they observed any suspicious aerial objects.

Following the Party line, Austrian Communist newspapers blamed the UFOs on "American propaganda balloons." 116.

"Crossed the Moon's disk."

Not all the Veneuelan cases were "close encounters." In the town of La Florida, Venezuela, amateur astronomer Cloris Hamel was studying the Moon with a 125 power telescope when a cluster of opaque bodies were seen passing in front of the Lunar disk. 117.

Early December. Guanare, Venezuela. (no time known)

The witness was impressive, the director of an educational institution in the city of Barquisimeto, and his story would sound familiar to French ears. The professor (he did not give his name to the press) was driving along minding his own business on his way to Guanare when a big, bright, object approached his car and took up a pacing position above the vehicle. Scared, the professor floored the accelerator, and when that did not help, he produced a handgun and fired wildly at the UFO but the shots had no apparent effect. The professor drove on and soon lost sight of the UFO. Shortly thereafter he met another car which he flagged down. As it happened, the other car had some interesting passengers: a policeman, a sheriff, a lawyer. The professor convinced them to go to where the UFO was last seen and as they drove up, the strange object was spotted speeding away to the south, tracing a bluish line in the dark sky. 118.

December 3rd. Durban, South Africa.

The popular magazine Outspan, one of South Africa's most widely read periodicals, devoted three pages to the UFO sighting of Eugene Meyer in its December 3rd issue. An art instructor at the Durban High School, Durban, South Africa, Mr. Meyer claimed to have observed and photographed a UFO over Durban back on July 31, 1954. The photo is blurry and seems to be of little value, but the verbal account was interesting. The schoolmaster said some local natives were the first to spot the object, pointing skyward and thus drawing his attention to the phenomenon. It seems a grayish mass, changing from an elliptical shape to a circular one, was at a low altitude, oscillating slowly, moving back and forth, evidently using two small stands of trees as reference points. Occasionally the object would make a vertical move. Nothing could be heard and no vapor could be seen. Energized by his experience, Mr. Myer obtained the use of a room at the Natal University where he headquartered a group he called the Durban Flying Saucer Club. He also established contact with the English organization, Flying Saucer News, through its Rhodesian representative, Mr. Glyn Benjamin. 119.

December 3rd. Azuaga, Spain. "Square UFO?"

Another odd UFO came from Spain on the 3rd. According to a press account a dozen workers near Azuaga saw a strange machine about 10 meters in diameter land and then quickly take off, zooming away toward the south. No time was given. What made this report so odd was that the UFO described as "square" in shape. 120.

December 3rd. Gulfport, Mississippi.

Strange object over Gulfport. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

The problem with the suggested Air Force explanation for the object over the city of Gulfport is that it did not jive with investigation results. There is no mention on the case file card but in the body of the case report there is language that opposes the wind vortex theory: "weather conditions at the time of the sighting do not support this consideration." 121.

December 4th. Caselle di Nogarà, Italy.

According to a press account:

"For several minutes a waiter saw a circular object standing in a pasture 50 meters away. It was blue, with symmetrical openings, from which a bright red light shone. The witness got a rifle and fired twice at a very tall figure who came out of the turret on the object. Immediately a very strong

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wind was felt, and the craft took off amidst a reddish glow." 122.

"Interplanetary Foundation."

After Laura Mundo's break with the Detroit Flying Saucer Club, she established her own little group, a so-called "Interplanetary Foundation," in December, 1954. This organization, which was later re-named "The Planetary Space Center," would reflect Miss Mundo's unabashed admiration for George Adamski. 123.

In any event, Miss Mundo's group was not as nearly as far out as another contemporary UFO organization, the "Christian Zion Advocates" of Neah Bay, Washington, which had determined to its satisfaction that UFOs were the "Lord's Angels which He has sent before Him."

December 5th. Northeast, Pennsylvania.

"Woman sees space ship." Did she?

(See newsclipping and drawing on file with BLUE BOOK)

December 6th. Irun, Spain. (7:25 a.m.)

It came out of the north, from the direction of the sea, on a downward slant. A luminous circular object was on a descending trajectory toward a place on a Spanish road called "Ioldi-Berri" which was near the town of Irun. Twenty-six-year-old Juan Poroles was riding his bicycle as the UFO approached, the strange round body losing altitude until it came to a rest close by. The young Poroles said the thing was about nine feet long and three feet wide, having four fins and a large headlight. Frightened, Poroles rushed home and talked his father into returning to the site of the UFO landing. No object was found but the grass in the area was flattened and footprints 15 cm in length were visible in the soft ground. Fragments of metal were also discovered according to the press account. 124.

December 6th. The Air Force balks.

Colonel Miliani, Baltimore's Civil Defense Director, contacted Donald Keyhoe and informed the crusading censorship fighter that the Air Force still refused to release UFO reports on file some six months after the military denied that such information was classified and would be made available. 125.

December 7th. Pretoria, South Africa. (daytime)

While tracking a weather balloon with a theodolite, R.H. Kleyweg, Officer-in-charge of the Upington Meteorological Station, Cape Province, sighted an unknown object at a high altitude, something of a hemisphere shape, something having a sloping top, something white and semi-circular that reflected the rays of the sun. The object moved slowly, occasionally hovering, heading in a north-east direction. Kleyweg was quoted as saying, the UFO: "...began to move too fast to track." 126. The meteorologist also said: "I have followed thousands of Meteorological balloons. This object was no balloon." 127.

A BLUE BOOK document dated December 7th mentions foreign UFO sightings and offers two suggestions as to the cause of the recent flap: Keyhoe and meteors. (See document)

December 7th. Sao Paulo, Brazil. (no time known)

According to a Brazilian correspondent, Jose Escobar Faria, a spindle-shaped "mother ship" appeared in the sky over Sao Paulo on December 7th:

Space Ship

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on fire.

The glow of a cloud-hidden moon on the water, however, revealed the thing to be suspended six or eight feet above the lake off Orchard Beach. The light it made remained steady and blindingly bright.

"If it had been a fire," the lady said, "such intensity would have been white—not orange."

During the eight or nine minutes that she watched it, the ship skittered east, then west—"so fast that by comparison a jet would be standing still."

Leaves Rosy Glow

By the time she had fetched her field glasses from the bed room where she had been watching some birds with them earlier in the day, the craft had gone. Only a rosy orange glow remained in the clouds of the western sky above the lake.

The lady's husband, when she awoke him, naturally accused her of hallucinations, but the next evening any doubts she may have had herself were whisked away.

The ship again hung in the sky about midnight. This time the lady had her glasses ready and got a better look at it.

It still appeared to be about the size and shape of a tug, she said but where the rigging normally projected above deck, the space ship had a low curved glowing dome of orange. Two tiers of square windows were ranged along its sides, she said, like rows of postage stamps.

Realizing that water distances are tricky to figure, she judged it was not more than a mile away. The brilliance of the light, however, made it impossible to make out the details of the ship.

This time, it rose gradually straight up and again disappeared. Although the lady sat to watch for it until long afterward, she didn't see it return.

The experience reminded her of another similar sight about a year ago—inexplicable goings-on in the sky.

Lady Sees Space Ship Saturday and Sunday

Hover Over North East Before It Zooms Away

"Before that," she said, "I never considered that these things really happened."

Like A Greenish Ball

She was returning home along Route 5 from the Snack Bar at 8:20 in the evening, when a greenish silver—"almost" phosphorescent—streak over the lake caused her to pull off on the Orchard Beach Road to make sure her eyes were all right. Thinking the ball-like object might be a re-

flection on her car window, she rolled it down and found that it was still in the sky.

It rested in the air over the lake opposite State Line. Suddenly, quicker than lightning, it hurtled toward Presque Isle and into the west.

The lady's husband thought she was crazy this time too—until the next day's paper reported that three separate and unrelated people described the same object near Ashtabula harbor ten minutes after she had seen it here.

Editor's Note. The lady's name withheld from publication by request will be disclosed to any doubting reader who calls the Breeze. Any other eye witness reports of the space ship will be so honored.

A space ship hovered over North East Saturday and Sunday, the Breeze learned this week.

After its two visits here, it was said, the strange craft zoomed away into the clouds. A thoroughly reliable and level Breeze correspondent, who wanted to remain nameless, faithfully reported the incident.

At 29 minutes to 2 Sunday morning she knelt on the maple chair in her home overlooking the lake at Dill Park to turn out the light. She had returned from bowling in Erie a little earlier and was reading the paper before going to bed. At first glance out the window she thought she was watching a boat in distress coming in to shore.

The object resembled a fish tug, which looked to be much nearer the beach than one normally drifts, closer even than private fishing boats anchor. Because of the brilliant orange light radiating from it, the lady thought it was

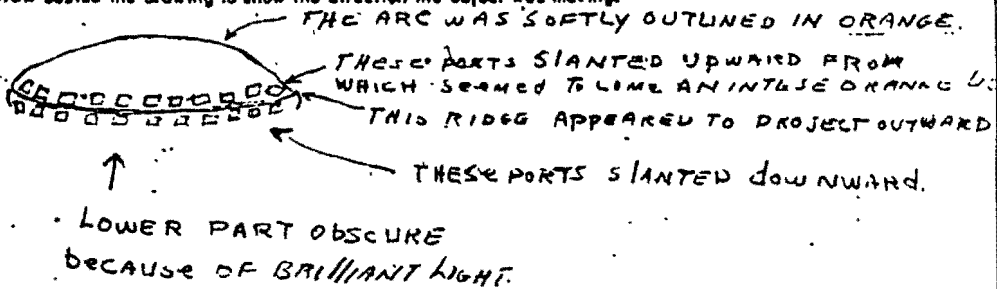
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16. In a few words the following things about the object.

No -

Color ORANGE - LIKE BALL OF FIRE

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 Outline like a soft orange glow.

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

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

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FOREIGN SIGHTINGS

7 Dec 54

France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Switzerland

Report No. ATIC 201529 (IR-271-54) dated 27 October contains various comments extracted from newspapers throughout Europe on various UFO sightings. Descriptions include:

Flying cigars
 Flying saucers
 Incandescent ellipses
 Balls of fire
 Luminous ash trays
 Immense greenish cigar

COMMENTS: ATIC attributed two major causes of the recent (Sep, Oct, Nov 54) outbreak of sightings in Europe. Mr. Keyhoe's book has recently been translated into various languages and is now selling in Europe. Also, a current increase of meteorite activity might account for a portion of the observations.

ATIC # 204440

Consists of a Doc in French
 titled "I have seen with my
 own eyes a FS for
 appr 20 min." by
 Mr. Eugene Farmer.
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"Firstly was seen a huge UFO in cigar form: its front part was round and prominent, the centre a little thin. By two gags the UFO let loose dense smoke, and described a wide circle when it gave deliverance to three disks with a metallic flare. Seen against the sun they had a red color." 128.

One of the disks released stayed in the sky over Sao Paulo for an hour performing complicated aerial maneuvers. The other disks immediately flew away, one racing out of sight northward while the other one sped away toward the south. The "mother ship" left the area by shooting straight up at a fantastic speed. 129.

December 8th. Zaragoza, Spain.

While hunting in the Sierra de Aleublerre, Senor Miguel Sevilla Galvez had the experience, he claimed, of seeing a glowing object 60 feet wide and 12 feet thick land within 50 yards of him. The craft was supposed to have had an antenna and some propellers. Two aliens emerged from the ship for a brief time and were heard speaking a strange language. The craft then took off rapidly. 130. Such reports from Spain during this period that mention "aircraft" details like "propellers," "fins," and "wheeled landing gear" are probable fabrications. The fact that such reports were coming in after almost all the UFO activity had shifted to latitudes south of the Iberian peninsula also indicates the stories were products of Spanish imaginations.

December 9th. Dorf-Gull, Germany. (6:30 p.m.)

One of the few UFO reports that were coming out of Europe at this time was an account from Germany.

A red-glowing object dived out of sky at Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Jung as the couple sped along a road near Dorf-Gull. The crimson-colored body did not land. Instead it stopped its plunge at a height of 15 feet where it hovered. The Jungs said the thing appeared to be a 15 foot long spindle that was about six feet in diameter. The spindle suddenly went dark and moved away toward a wooded area. A bus load of people passing by at the time were said to have observed the object also. 131.

December 9th. Caracas, Venezuela.

Wild Martian excitement.

According to a Caracas newspaper:

"In Chacao, a suburb of Caracas, witnesses said that they were able to get close to 'interplanetary' craft that landed at various parts of town and even to touch the crew members. One witness, Tomas Betancourt, claimed to have grappled with one of the 'Martians.' Said Betancourt: 'He was gelatinous and very slippery and got out of my hands.'" 132.

December 9th. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (11:00 p.m.)

There were only a few clouds in the clear, Moonless, sky the evening of December 9th at Rio de Janeiro, when a bank employee stepped out on the veranda of his house to enjoy a warm breeze. Mr. "C" (he wanted his name withheld due to his connection with a well known financial institution) immediately spotted a dark mass about ½ mile away stationary above an Army plant. In

spite of air currents the mass remained fixed, floating 700 feet high. Bright lights from the ground dimly lit the mass but evidently not enough to reveal its true shape. 133.

December 9th. Linha Bela Vista, Brazil.

The Adamski factor?

Brazilian military UFO investigators from Porto Alegre rushed to the town of Linha Bela Vista to question a farmer by the name of Olmiro da Costa e Rosa. The peasant assured authorities that on the evening of December 9th his farm had "visitors" that arrived in a cream-colored machine shaped like an "explorer's hat" and making a noise similar to a "sewing machine." As the craft hovered just above the ground in the middle of a smoky haze, Costa e Rosa said, a trio of men of average height, of pale skin, long blond hair, and slanted eyes, stepped out and looked around. The men were dressed in light brown clothes fastened to heeless shoes (At this point it is a good guess that the farmer had been inspired by Adamski's writings which had recently been translated into Spanish). The "men," Costa e Rosa said, were more interested in a barbed wire fence and some plants than the farm animals. When Costa e Rosa dropped his hoe, one of the "men" politely picked it up for him. The visitors didn't stay long, boarding their ship after a short time and refusing a gift of one of Costa e Rosa's farm animals which the farmer offered by the means of gestures. 134.

The Costa e Rosa case, investigated by journalist Joao Martins of the magazine O Cruzeiro, raised questions about the "Adamski factor." Although the Costa e Rosa story appeared to be derived from the Adamski hoax, Martin reported that Costa e Rosa had never heard of "flying saucers" and didn't read science fiction. 135.

December 9th. Melbourne, Australia.

A loud buzzing noise attracted the attention of a Melbourne woman early in the morning of December 9th, and looking in the direction of the sound, she saw a "saucer of enormous size" stationary above a nearby field. No other details are available.

Elsewhere in the country another woman living at Bonbeach, Port Phillip Bay, reported a golden object flying in circles in the sky, a UFO which suddenly shot away over the horizon. Keeping watch on the horizon, the woman's patience was rewarded when a cigar-shaped object appeared where the other object disappeared, coming up from the horizon and then performing loops. The cigar emitted black puffs of smoke as it looped in the air. 136.

December 9th. Carera, Venezuela. (night time)

The Flores-Gomez encounter.

It was night and Lorenzo Flores and Jesus Gomez were hunting in the darkness near the town of Carera. The young men made their way to the Trans-Andian Highway and once there saw some lights which at first they believed was auto traffic. Walking closer, Flores and Gomez were amazed to see that the lights were coming from a big object hovering in the air next to the road, an object which resembled a giant clam (two washbowls rim-to-rim some nine feet in diameter). From the bottom of the object spurted flames. Even more amazing, however, was when four small figures scrambled out of the UFO and approached Gomez. The figures were four "little men" about three feet

tall. These "men" grabbed Gomez and pulled him toward their ship. Flores would have aided his buddy by shooting the kidnappers but his shotgun was unloaded so he swung wildly trying to club the creatures. The first blow to hit home made solid contact, landing on a surface so hard the gunstock broke (See "fight with a saucer dwarf November 28th). Neither of the youths could recall any facial features on the creatures but did remember the beings' great strength and abundant body hair.

In the Coral Lorenzen account of the incident, it is implied that a passing motorist took Gomez and Flores to the police and that the roughed-up appearance of the two youths testified to the truth of their claims. Gomez and Flores had torn clothes and were suffering from cuts and abrasions. The police said the two young men were almost hysterical when they entered the Station House so a doctor and a psychiatrist examined both Flores and Gomez. No physical or mental illness was apparent. After an interrogation, the lawmen went to the site of the supposed encounter and conducted a search. The police found "signs of a fight" but nothing to prove the existence of the mysterious "little men."

The Caracas representative of Coral Lorenzen group (APRO) expressed his belief in the story since Flores and Gomez were so poor the deliberate breaking of a very valuable shotgun was unthinkable. 137.

December 10th. El Tigre, Venezuela. (no time known)

When a formation of "turtle-shaped" UFOs sped south to north over El Tigre, an American petroleum engineer spotted the objects and snapped a picture. The authorities examined the prints which were widely distributed and discussed in Venezuela but were never published. 138.

December 10th. Floresta, Venezuela. (6:30 p.m.)

About 24 hours after the Flores-Gomez "fight with a Martian," a Caraca doctor was driving his father home and while crossing the intersection of La Carlota Airdrome Street and Francisco de Miranda Avenue, his attention was directed to the side of the road. His father had seen something and had pointed it out. The sight was so curious the doctor pulled over to watch. Interviewed later by the press with his identity withheld (the doctor was well known), the doctor said he and his father spotted two "little men" running near the road and then duck into some shrubbery. Moments later a glowing saucer-like craft rose from behind the same shrubbery and zoomed away at great speed. 139.

U.S. Studying Photos. (See newsclipping)

"Propaganda balloons." (See BLUE BOOK document)

December 11th. Linha Bela Vista, Brazil. (5:00 p.m.)

"Chicken abduction?"

According to a story told by a Brazilian farmer by the name of Pedro Morais, a chicken became excited and made such a fuss he went to investigate. He found the cause of all the squawking was a hovering UFO, a round craft with a polished brass-like undersurface. A noise, like that made by a sewing machine, could be heard. The "pilots" of the UFO had already left their ship and were busy examining farmer Morais' vegetable crop. These "pilots," said Morais, were short figures encased in "yellow-colored sacks" that obscured their faces. A tomato caught the eye of one of the creatures who knelt down and picked it while his companion, more alert, noticed the farmer observing

U.S. STUDYING EUROPEAN FLYING SAUCER PHOTOS

Swedish, Yugoslav, Italian Reports Checked
— 10 Pct. of U.S. Cases Unexplained.

By ANSEL E. TALBERT

The New York Herald Tribune-Pan American
Special Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—United States defense agencies are studying purported photographs taken in at least three European countries—Sweden, Yugoslavia and Italy—of mysterious flying saucers to determine whether they could be inhabited vehicles, natural phenomena or frauds.

The United States Air Force's Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, O., which is charged with investigating all "unusual aerial phenomena" having a possible bearing on national defense, also plans to analyze the data and photographs from abroad.

Still No Opinion.

The Air Force said last night that its technical intelligence chiefs, who have been looking into reports of saucer, cigar and disk-shaped objects moving through the skies since 1947, still have no opinion on what they might be. The Air Force said further that they "are not any plane, missile or weapon" developed or under development by the United States and that "no authentic evidence exists that they are space ships from another planet."

Many sightings have been quickly explained by Air Force scientists and officers as obvious mistakes by their viewers who confused natural phenomena including reflections on clouds, or objects such as weather balloons, with "flying saucers." The Air Force says that comparatively few are deliberate hoaxes. About 10 per cent constitute observations by reliable persons for which there is no apparent explanation of any kind.

Italian Photograph.

Among the photographs being studied is one taken at Taormina, Sicily, which showed a group of Sicilians gazing skyward in the direction of two disk-shaped objects. These objects hovered over the town for about two minutes before disappearing, according to Giuseppe Grasso, the photographer.

Clare Booth Luce, United States Ambassador to Italy, is among the hundreds of persons abroad who have reported seeing unusual phenomena in the skies, although she stressed that she had no idea what it might be. Dr. Rafele Bendaudi, an Italian astronomer of considerable repute, has offered an opinion that the mysterious objects seen with increasing frequency are "human made."

Yugoslav Saucer.

In Yugoslavia, Dr. Milorad Protic, also an astronomer, stated that a glowing object which streaked over Belgrade going due east, and was reported in many other parts of the nation, "could not be a meteorite because it flew horizontally on a fixed course." A spokesman for Yugoslav Government said that although other scientists disagreed "we are taking the matter very seriously and conducting a thorough investigation."

Sweden's defense ministry has disclosed that photographs were taken two months ago with a telephoto lens of an object which passed over southern Sweden "at exceptionally high speed" about 19,000 feet high. This object went northward and was under observation "from horizon to horizon." No announcement has been made by Sweden as to what it believes the object was.

In France, which has been the origin of more recent "flying saucer" reports than any other nation in Europe, the magazine Express regarded as the voice of Premier Pierre Mendès-France, has offered a reward of 10,000,000 francs (about \$2,570,000) to the first person to bring a "saucer" from outer space into its office.

The New York Herald Tribune received several days ago a copy of a photograph taken at Taormina, Sicily, which showed a group of Sicilians gazing skyward at two disc-shaped objects. These objects hovered over the town for two minutes before disappearing, according to Giuseppe Grasso, the photographer who furnished the photograph to the Rome Bureau of The United Press and who is regarded by them as reliable.

The Herald Tribune withheld this photograph from publication pending a further check by The United Press. The United Press reported yesterday that the original negative of the Taormina photograph had been obtained by its Rome bureau and that a careful examination revealed no evidences of double exposure, retouching or any other known methods of false photography.

The United Press stated, "We have not been able to determine from the negative any evidence

of fraud whatever." (Picture appears on Page One.)

Some parachute operations apparently had been conducted in the area recently, according to the United Press, but no direct connection between the objects shown in the photograph from Sicily and parachutes was discovered.

No Case - Information Only

Dec 1954
Lok: Trasimeno, Umbria
Italy

PROPAGANDA BALLOONS TAKEN FOR 'SAUCERS'

Rome, ANSA, in Italian Morse to New York, Dec. 9, 1954, 2330 GMT--E

(Excerpts)

Perugia--The many "flying saucers" lately seen by people in Umbria have turned out to be balloons filled with propaganda leaflets.

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ITALY AND THE VATICAN
Dec. 10, 1954

Today Carabinieri seized many such balloons around and in Lake Trasimeno, Umbria. The balloons contained thousands of anti-Communist propaganda leaflets written in Hungarian. It is believed that the adverse weather conditions in the past few days caused these balloons to fall on Umbrian soil--balloons which people mistakenly thought were "flying saucers."

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them. Apparently upset by being discovered, the "pilots" approached Morais to wave him away. The two "pilots" then boarded their ship and zoomed out of sight. The ground was too hard for any footprints. A final note: the chicken that had sounded the alarm was missing. 140.

The reader may have noticed that farmer Pedro Morais must have lived close to farmer Olmiro da Costa e Rosa who claimed an alien encounter two days before on December 9th. Actually the farmers lived within a ½ mile of each other but a UFO investigator that checked on both stories claims the two men did not know each other and were not cognizant of the other's supposed experience. 141. Can we believe that?

"Weird form of spacecraft from another world."

On December 11th the latest issue of the English magazine Everybody's Weekly appeared on the newsstands carrying the story of the encounter between the British Overseas Airways Centaurus and a strange phenomenon in the sky over Labrador back on June 29, 1954. Centaurus Captain James Howard was quoted as saying:

"It was a solid thing. I'm sure of that, maneuverable and controlled intelligently -- a sort of base ship linked somehow with those smaller attendant satellites. There is no rational explanation -- except on the basis of spaceships and flying saucers. On that basis it must have been some weird form of spacecraft from another world. If so, then another world was watching the Centaurus as it flew over Labrador that night in June -- watching, waiting maybe. For what? One day we shall know and that day, I'm sure, will be quite important for man. I hope I'm here to see it." 142.

"Stay away! We've got enough trouble!" (See newsclipping)

Try Flying Saucers Somewhere But Iran

TEHRAN (AP) — Reports of "Flying Saucers" in and near Iran's capital brought this plea from Tehran's English-language Tehran Journal:

"One version is that the fly-

ing objects are some kind of new secret weapon being tried out by various countries. If this is so, then we say: Try your weapons wherever you please but keep out of Asia in general and Iran in particular. Please! We've got enough troubles already."

December 12th.

Dallas, Texas. (2000 CST)

A dark blob emitting a blue exhaust was seen traveling at terrific speed over Dallas, Texas, the evening of December 12th. There was not much to this UFO report, but the witnesses that made the report are interesting, as was the Air Force's reaction to these witnesses. 143. (See BLUE BOOK document)

Rollins, Texas
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AVAIL TO INTERVIEWING OFF. A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAS NOT BEEN CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF THERE COULD HAVE BEEN OTHER POSSIBLE CAUSES FOR THE SIGHTING OTHER THAN WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THIS MSG. THE CIVILIAN POSIT OF THE TWO OBSERVERS AS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS TO THE PERIODICALS TIME AND LIFE, AND THE AF DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THESE AGENCIES MAKES IT NEC TO RECM THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO CONDUCTING A MORE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BY THE 4622D AISS. PARA (12): NOT APPLICABLE.
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"Little man in white suit?" (See newsclipping)

Flying Saucer Lands Little Man 'In White Suit'

LOS ANGELES (UP)—A Los Angeles man reported seeing a flying saucer land in MacArthur park and "a little man in a white suit get out."

A truck then came and carted away both the saucer and the little man, the observer said.

He would have gotten the truck's license number, he said, except that the fog closed in and he couldn't see anymore.

The witness refused to give his name "because everybody would think I was crazy."

December 13th. Gricignano di Aversa, Italy.

Another abduction?

For 48 hours a peasant that lived near Naples was nowhere to be found. It had rained during that 48 hours but the weather seems not to have caused the disappearance of the Italian. The middle-aged fellow finally turned up on December 13, 1954 and told his son a couple of individuals kidnapped him and kept him walking the whole time. The individuals were dressed oddly, "like the rainbow," he said. He also said he had experienced a strange sensation of weightlessness, or a feeling of flying. The son did not know what to make of his father's story but did notice the dry condition of his father's clothes in spite of the wet weather.

The "kidnapping" had a bad effect on the peasant who feared he would be abducted again, and acted wild and confused. An account of this strange story appeared in the Naples press on December 13, 1954. 144.

"United world effort."

Between December 10th to 14th UFO excitement crested in Venezuela and Brazil. The Brazilian Air Force went so far as to make a public appeal to the nations of the world to band together to study the UFO problem. The leading spokesman for the call for an united effort was Brazilian Colonel Joao Adil Oliveiera. With official UFO briefings given extensive coverage by the press, public excitement was assured. 145.

December 15th.

"Mysterious airplane."

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ND TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC

Phenomenon Causes Hunt For 'Mysterious Airplane'

LOWELL, Mass. (INS) — Civilian airfields throughout the nation but found that no major aircraft was missing. Other factors that helped determine the "lost plane" was not an aircraft was that few planes would have been able to stay aloft for that length of time, and that a pilot would not have kept circling in the same circle, as callers reported to police.

Police switchboards in Lowell and neighboring communities were jammed with calls about a "big, old plane" that was circling overhead.

Radio attempts to contact the "lost plane" failed.

Officials at Hanscom Air Force Base contacted military and civil-

Edinburgh's balloons. (See newsclipping)

December 15th.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

It was reported:

"...the Honduras Air Force reported that a large luminous object flew over the city of Tegucigalpa that morning at an altitude of about 25,000 feet. The Air Force promptly broadcast the report over the radio. Many persons rushed to the streets to view the phenomenon.

"One eye-witness described it as a 'glowing body of considerable size which seemed to change shape slightly as it moved through space, giving the impression it was made of or surrounded by a gaseous substance.'" 146.

December 15th. Nowra Air Base, Australia.

"Pilot chased by saucers."

Official word from Melbourne on December 15th told of a Royal Australian Navy pilot named Lt. O'Farrell who had been followed by two "lights" as he returned to Nowra Field. Lt. O'Farrell radioed Nowra control which confirmed that three targets were being tracked at his reported position. By executing course changes radioed by Nowra control, Lt. O'Farrell's plane was located exactly on ground radar scopes while the other two targets remained a mystery. According to the Australia Sun-Herald, Lt. O'Farrell:"...had reported that the lights flashed past him spinning at a fantastic speed" 147.

Questioned after he landed, Lt. O'Farrell talked about the lights being attached to some kind of material body, saying that whatever the objects were, they had much better engines than his Seafury fighter. 148. The Sun-Herald noted:"The Navy had established that no other aircraft were in the area at the time." 149. Furthermore, the Australian Navy Minister was quoted as saying that whatever had chased or followed Lt. O'Farrell's fighter were "objects unknown." 150.

The Sun-Herald carried a big headline on its front page:"NAVY FINDS SAUCERS ON OUR RADAR." What is so curious is that the Nowra incident took place in September and was only being released to the public in mid-December. Perhaps Australian authorities were following the lead of the Brazilian government to become open and serious about the UFO problem. Sweden, Yugoslavia, Venezuela, France, Italy, Austria and England had made official remarks about the mystery or had launched official investigations. Things had been quiet in the United States as far as UFO activity but that didn't stop a reporter from asking the President a pointed question on December 16th.

December 15th. Campo Grande, Brazil.

Another "occupant" case was reported on the 15th, this time at a location in Brazil's Mato Grosso region. The witness, who owned a house on the outskirts of Campo Grande, spotted a strange machine swooping down to a landing next to a river. The landing was almost 1/2 mile away but the witness used a telescopic sight taken from a rifle to examine the craft and some beings that disembarked from it. The craft was a large sphere and three much smaller ones. A single small sphere was in orbit around the big one while the rest were stationary on the underside of the main, or "parent" sphere.

The ball-like craft floated about six feet above the riverbank, low enough apparently to permit three midget-sized beings to descend to the ground where they went to work gathering samples.

SOLVED!—EDINBURGH'S THREE-YEAR MYSTERY OF BALLOONS IN THE SKY

14.12.1954

DISPATCH REPORTER TOM CAMPBELL

Six huge hydrogen filled balloons, tied together in a 350-foot long string, soared 100,000 feet over Edinburgh this morning—and a three-year-old mystery was solved.

The Dispatch can reveal to-day that the odd balloons reported over the city on five occasions since 1952 are radiation measures released by the University's Department of Natural Philosophy in Drummond Street.

To-day's experiment, carried out by 40-year-old Indian doctor R. P. Thattai and his assistants, is another big step towards telling scientists more about conditions 19 miles up.

Carrying Geiger counters and light weight transmitters to gauge the intensity of cosmic radiation in the upper atmosphere, the balloons took back to a receiving station in the University Buildings.

Air pressures, humidity and temperatures are also recorded on a graph by five needles, and in electronic contact with the transmitters attached to the balloons.

Children and workmen gaped as the balloons with a target for radar tracking and a parachute attached, rose over the city at 1000 feet a minute.

1000 FEET A MINUTE

Dr Thattai, who has waited five nights without sleep for ideal weather conditions—little wind and no rain—today we have not been allowed to describe our work till now. The balloons have travelled as far as the Laithly District to the south and Ayr to the north.

No doubt the appearance of the whole equipment strung over the city gave rise to rumours of objects from space.

But there is nothing dangerous about it. Only the gas in the balloons is highly inflammable.

An oxygen mask, a reward for the first balloon to descend in the upper atmosphere, descends by parachute. The balloons travelling in a current of atmosphere gradually expand until they burst.

Sometimes we have been able to use discarded equipment and Dr Thattai. The value of an experimental set is about £100. But even if we got nothing back the knowledge gained is worth it.



READY TO GO

A group of the balloons tethered to the ground by heavy weights before being released this morning dwarf the scientists below.



FILL HER UP—Dr R. P. Thattai supervises the filling of one of his mystery balloons. He and his assistants have waited up for five nights to be ready for the right conditions—little wind and no rain.

Dr Thattai, who completed an M.A. in Physics at the University, now believes in flying saucers.

As a layman I am impressed by the reports of objects seen by trained observers especially in America," he said.

As a scientist I have no evidence that there is not intelligent life on other planets, and that it is not sufficiently advanced to do things we have not dreamed of.

At first some calcareous soil was scooped up and placed in a strange phosphorescent box, and then some more of the same material was sucked up by a metallic tube device. This job was finished quickly and the little creatures left the area in their craft.

Very curious, the witness checked the landing site and discovered a number of square holes in the earth. 151.

December 15th.

President Eisenhower. (See newsclipping)

The New York Times comments. (See newsclipping)

December 16th. San Carlos, Venezuela. (evening)

"Hairy-dwarf attack?"

Three young men were driving home after dinner at a city restaurant and as they drove along one of the trio, a Jesus Paz, felt the call of nature and asked the others to stop the car so he could relieve himself screened by some shrubbery in the Ministry of Agriculture Exposition Park. Paz climbed out of the car and disappeared behind a bush. Moments later Paz's buddies were startled by a scream. Instantly Paz's pals scrambled to the rescue and found him sprawled on the ground motionless, at the same time they noticed a "hairy dwarf" running away and climbing aboard a disk-like craft that was floating a few feet off the ground. Angry about the apparent attack on their friend, one of the youths, Luis Mejia, a soldier in the Venezuelan Army, would have shot the "little man" if he had had a weapon but all he could do was throw some stones which had no effect.

With a buzzing noise, the dwarf's ship zipped out of sight. With the creature gone, Mejia and the other youth rushed an unconscious Paz to a local hospital. Authorities were impressed by frighten state of Mejia and the other youth as well as the condition of Paz who was suffereing from shock and three long scratches down one side of his body.

It was suggested that Paz surprised the "little man" and had fainted when the creature lunged at him. 152.

December 16th.

"Prophet of Doom."

Flying saucers from outer space fail to land and pending cataclysm never takes place. (See newsclippings)

News commentator Frank Edwards discussed the recent Air Force handout, which expressed the Air Force's supposed serious and continuing study of UFOs, with his friend Donald Keyhoe. As Edwards saw it, the American public continued to be confused and hoodwinked by official policy. Keyhoe agreed. 153.

December 17th. Sweden.

A symmetrical metallic sphere zoomed by an airliner while the passenger plane was flying from Malmo to Stckholm. 154.

December 18th. Bersaillin, France. (5:00 p.m.)

A stretch of road near Bersaillim was brilliantly lit, causing a French woodsman to think some sort of big American auto was approaching. Instead he saw that the source of the light was a dark mass about 70 yards away. The

Ike Says Saucers Not From Space

Stockton (Calif.) Record—Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1954

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP)—President Eisenhower said today that an Air Force official told him some time ago that so-called flying saucers do not come from outer space.

The President spoke in response to a news conference question. He did not, however, say whether he thinks there are any such things. Or, if so, where they do come from.

The subject of flying saucers came up after a long discussion of defense plans and the world situation.

A reporter said some European governments are investigating "quite seriously" reports of flying saucers. The U. S. Air Force also has been making a long study of unexplained phenomena.

The President also was reminded that a recent book quoted some Air Force officers as believing some of the reported saucers came from out of this world.

CHIEF IS NATTY

Asked for his reaction, the President, natty in a double-breasted brown suit and matching brown tie with small blue dots, seemed a bit surprised at first.

He thought briefly and replied that nothing recently had come to him on the subject.

The last report he had on flying saucers—he did not say just when—was from an Air Force man whom he trusted.

This man, the President said, told him it was completely inaccurate to believe that the saucers came from any other orbit or planet.

The Air Force said recently that during the first nine months of this year 254 sightings of various objects were reported to its Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O.

That compared with 429 reports in 1953 and the peak figure of 1700 in 1952.

"It has been determined that over 80 per cent are explainable as known objects," an Air Force summary said.

SOMETHING ELSE

The experts usually find that the objects are balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies, atmospheric reflections, or even birds.

The summary added:

"The Air Force would like to state that 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. The photographs on hand are, at best, only large and small blobs of light, which, in most cases, are explainable."

The New York Times

DECEMBER 16, 1954

President Discounts 'Saucer' From Space

By ANTHONY LEVIERO

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Eisenhower said today an Air Force official had assured him that flying saucers were not invading the earth from outer space.

That left the inference that if flying saucers were real they were terrestrial. But nobody at his news conference asked the President where they did come from.

All the news on the subject from the Air Force today was reassuring, however. In fact if the Air Force were not tactful it might scoff at the whole business publicly. Some of its spokesmen just scoffed in private.

Air Force officials imply that for a number of reasons they cannot deprecate saucers too freely (though they wish they could). First somebody, some day, is apt to come along with a jet airplane resembling a saucer and then the flying saucer advocates will say "We told you so."

The Air Force also receives a great deal of mail on the subject. Some of the writers are well-meaning persons and get indignant if officials suggest doubt that they actually saw an object in the sky. Then a lot of mail is considered in the "crackpot" class and the Air Force does not want to get any more of this than it has to.

And finally, there is a comparatively small group—but the most troublesome—the writers on the subject. Some of them have been making a good thing of the flying saucer interest and a few have been challenging the Air Force to state categorically that flying saucers do not exist.

The Air Force maintains a serious and continuing study of flying saucers because of "a very definite obligation to identify and analyze things that happen in the air that may have in them menace to the United States."

This study is called the "Unidentified Flying Object Program."

"Flying saucers" have been intriguing some Europeans, and the Air Force has received a photograph of some Sicilians gazing at two disks in the air over Taormina, Sicily. The Air Force did not comment directly on this photograph but noted that still pictures in general were "worthless as evidence."

A spokesman said today that 10 per cent of the sightings could not be evaluated because of insufficient data. The other 90 per cent, he said, could be explained on one scientific basis or another.

Recently, when it reported 254 sightings in the last nine months of this year, the Air Force had placed at 20 per cent the number that could not be evaluated.

If somebody reports a sighting and wishes to help, he is sent a form to fill out. It requests data on date, time, size, shape, composition, speed, altitude, direction of travel, maneuver pattern, color, sound, length of time observed, sky conditions, visibility, ground direction of wind, name, age, and mailing address of the observer, and any other remarks the observer wishes to make.

In the last year the Air Force has sent out about 1,500 of these questionnaires and the results have done no more than confirm the situation—that 90 per cent of the sightings can be explained as not saucers and the other 10 per cent lack the data for proper evaluation.

Two years ago scientists of the Civil Aeronautics Administration turned in a report of research demolishing flying saucers, so far as they were concerned as optical illusions caused by "temperature inversions"—one of the explanations also offered by the Air Force today.

The Beam Bounces

A layer of cold air gets sandwiched between layers of hot air. Cold air is denser than the hot air and therefore breaks through the hot layer in odd-shaped fragments. That is temperature inversion. These fragments are not visible to the naked eye but can be seen on radar screens.

Radar sends out a beam that bounces back from tangible objects, showing their shapes on the radar scopes. Cold air is sufficiently dense to bounce the beam to the ground. The beam bounces back to the sky and is then strong enough to reflect the fragmented cold areas, moving with the wind.

On the radar screen these swiftly moving fragments look like saucers.

MAYBE FROM MARS, MAYBE NOT

The President of the United States, conferring, as it is quaintly put with the press, is expected to know everything and to answer any question if the interests of the country permit. Mr. Eisenhower was therefore asked on Wednesday if he had reason to believe that flying saucers were coming into our atmosphere from outer space. Unfortunately in spite of the fact that he was duly alerted to be the Chief Executive and question answerer of the United States by a sizable majority, Mr. Eisenhower was unable to put out anything but negative information on this subject. Nothing had come to him, he said, about it either verbally or in written form—except, he added, that once some time ago a trustworthy man from the Air Force had said that as far as he knew it was, to quote the indirect discourse of the press conference report, "completely inaccurate to believe that they came from any outside planet or other place."

We are thus left in the dark. We don't know any more about flying saucers than we did before. Some enthusiastic supporters of Adlai E. Stevenson may cling to the belief that he would have known all about flying saucers if he had been elected President. He may know, anyway, but he doesn't tell. Nobody tells. People go on seeing them, sometimes in Oregon and sometimes in Taormina, Sicily.

Midwest Target

Space Seer's
'Tidal Wave'
Due Today

Chicago Daily News 1959
OAK PARK, Ill., Dec. 28—

As the hours ticked away to night and the clock hands inched their way along, all was still, and calm in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Martin.

Thin, dark-haired Mrs. Martin was still sticking to her prophecy that the Midwest would be inundated Tuesday by a great flood, spreading from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mrs. Martin said calmly that she had just received an invitation to attend a cocktail party in a Chicago bar that would continue "until the world ends."

"That is typical of the morose calls I've been getting," she said. "We have to expect that."

The "we" includes several followers, among them Dr. Charles A. Laughhead, a physician who was forced to resign from Michigan State College, because of his belief in flying saucers.

All of Mrs. Martin's information comes to her from outer space and the planet, "Clarion." Without so much as a space helmet, Mrs. Martin gets this dope from the same guys who are, she says, twisting around the earth in flying saucers.

Chicago stores have reported no run on such marine items as boats, life rafts or water wings. But the city was expecting some fuss when its 88 air raid sirens start kicking up their regular Tuesday wail at 10 30 a. m.

It was recalled that in 1919, when an amateur astronomer predicted the sun would explode on a certain day, the noise of a stuck roundhouse whistle caused a minor panic in Indianapolis.

Saved by God

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. Charles Laughhead announced today his Unetabla for the end of Chicago and the rest of the world had been upset by a pre-dawn "message" of reprieve from outer space.

Mrs. Martin said she had received warnings from "Conitors," who lived on a planet in outer space and checked up in the world during flights in flying saucers.

Laughhead said the "reprieve message," when it came, meant "the earth is to be saved from his cataclysm."

The former medical missionary said he and his followers were told:

"There is but one God of earth and he is in thy midst. And by his word have ye been saved."

Quake Damage Is Heavy
In California Port City

EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—A shuddering earthquake just before noon today did untold damage in this northern California coastal city and caused one freak death by drowning.

Carl Wilkerson, 42, drowned when the sudden shock at 11 53 a. m. threw him into a lumber mill pond beside which he was eating lunch.

Five Small Fires

A score of other persons suffered minor injuries from falling debris or glass.

Nearly every building and home in this city of 25,000 was damaged, most superficially, but adding up to a tremendous property loss.

There were five small fires, four caused by shorted electric wiring. All were extinguished quickly.

The rolling shock was felt as far away as Berkeley, 225 air miles to the south, and in a wide area of southern Oregon and northern California.

It was the second heaviest but most damaging of a series of earthquakes in the Far West in recent days.

In Eureka chimneys collapsed, windows shattered and stocks in stores were hurtled down in costly disarray.

Electric power failed and some gas service was interrupted, but there were no reports of fires.

In the Eureka Humboldt Times and Humboldt Standard offices, typesetting machines were shaken loose and molten metal burned at least two printers slightly. There were about 10 minor injuries throughout town, mostly from glass. A check of all hospitals, however, showed no one hurt badly enough to require hospitalization.

Cracks In Highways

A crack was reported across U. S. Highway 101, the Redwood Highway between Eureka and Arcata, 10 miles north.

The 69-year-old Humboldt County Court House developed large cracks and the building was closed indefinitely.

The City Hall, another old structure, had much internal damage and was evacuated. Streets around it were roped off.

The Federal Building, housing the Post Office and other U. S. offices was closed temporarily for inspection of broken pipes and cracked ceilings.

The County Hospital, radiators were jerked from walls and laboratory equipment was broken. Radio stations KJUV and KJEW were knocked off the air by power failure.

Grocers and druggists throughout the town reported heavy losses from smashed bottled goods. One store alone estimated damage to stock was at least \$3,000.

The total damage could not be connected. Most of it appeared not to be structural, however.

One unidentified elderly man had screaming hysterics on a downtown street believing the world was coming to an end as predicted by a former Michigan State University professor.

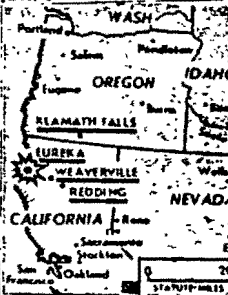
Old Port City

Eureka, an old lumbering and port city, has a great deal of wooden construction which withstood the shock better than masonry.

All old-time residents called today a quake the worst in at least 25 years and possibly the worst in the history of this quake-labile community.

The San Andreas Fault, which caused the San Francisco disaster of 1906, fans out under the Pacific Ocean west of Eureka.

Minor shocks are fairly frequent, the most recent having been felt Dec. 3.



Black symbol locates Eureka, Calif., area which was hard hit by an earthquake yesterday. Underlined are other northern California and southern Oregon cities which were jolted by the earthquake, the worst in 25 years.

Earth 'Disaster' Stayed,
Woman Prophet Says 1959

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—A woman who claims she receives space messages said today her predictions of coming cataclysms have been bolstered by earthquakes in Italy and along the West Coast of the United States.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin said in September tidal waves and violent eruptions would occur in various parts of the world today. She and her 12 disciples waited all last night in her suburban Oak Park home for them to happen.

Then early today she said "disaster has been stayed."

Refers To Quakes

In a statement issued after she heard about the earthquakes in Italy and on the West Coast today, she said, "It all ties in."

"It's strictly my opinion, you understand," she said, "but it may be this is being brought about by a higher intelligence to give us time to prepare for what is to come."

Weather Bureau officials said there was nothing about today's quakes to indicate they were any

LAUGHHEAD'S CULT
CLAIMS QUAKE IS
PROPHECY PROOFOusted College Physician
Says 11th Hour Reprieve
Saves Chicago 1959

Chicago, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. Charles Laughhead's space cult warned today that the California earthquake is "bearing out" prophecies of world-wide destruction.

But Laughhead, ousted Michigan State College physician, said an 11th hour reprieve from outer space saved Chicago from a monster tidal wave scheduled today.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin, 33, leader of the cult who claims to be in touch with informants in outer space, said the prophets have told her that "seismic disturbances would accompany world-wide destruction."

"The California earthquake is bearing this out," she said.

Mrs. Martin said she would like to reveal more but that the prophets "have not given me authority to do so. I must abide by their decision."

Laughhead himself was in section listening to recordings of the "message" that snatched Chicago from the jaws of death today. He said the reprieve came at 4:45 p. m. while he was sitting in Mrs. Martin's home awaiting the end.

Dec. 21 had been the day when Laughhead believed a Lake Michigan tidal wave would wipe out Chicago and earthquakes would devastate the Midwest as a prelude to the final end of the world in 1959.

different than those which have been occurring for centuries. Also, earthquakes cannot be forecast by scientific methods.

(The Weather Bureau in Chicago said the level of Lake Michigan today is about three-fourths of a foot higher than a year ago and no unusual fluctuation of the lake level was observed. One of Mrs. Martin's predictions was that a tidal wave would engulf the center of the North American continent from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico.)

Mrs. Martin reiterated that "no place have we been misled, at no time have we been misled. Who are we to question what has been foretold?"

She set no specific time in her latest statement for disaster to occur, "but I have no doubt that it will come as a thief in the night."

Dr. Charles Laughhead, who lost his job on the student health staff of Michigan State College through acceptance of Mrs. Martin's prophecies, was among those in her home throughout the night. He was not available for comment, she said.

'End of World' Doctor Plays It Safe, Wants Balance of December Pay

DECEMBER 18, 1934

East Lansing, Mich. —(AP)—A prediction that the world will come to an end Dec. 21 became a matter of official business yesterday before the state Board of Agriculture, governing body of Michigan State College.

Dr. John A. Hannah, MSC president, reported to the board that Dr. Charles A. Laughhead, a staff physician at the college hospital, had submitted his resignation because of his belief the world will end Dec. 21.

Dr. Laughhead had been an MSC staff member since June 15, 1934. "I first heard about this business from a delegation of students who came to me," Dr. Hannah told the board. "They said Dr. Laughhead had been holding meetings at his home and teaching the beliefs of some peculiar religious sect."

Dr. Hannah said the group believes the world will end Dec. 21 and that flying saucers from Venus or Mars—Dr. Hannah wasn't sure which—would rescue some of the survivors.

"We understand Dr. Laughhead is disposing of his possessions and is getting ready to move to some mountain top to await the rescue," the MSC president said.

Dr. Hannah said Dr. Laughhead acknowledged holding the meetings attended by college students and that his resignation "was agreed upon."

"We told Dr. Laughhead that his religious beliefs were his own business but we didn't like some of the students being upset," the MSC president said.

"He was perfectly willing to resign and only seemed concerned about getting his pay immediately, for the balance of the month of December."

Dr. Hannah said that as far as he knew no other faculty members belonged to the sect. He said he believed only a few students were seriously interested and said he knew of none quitting school to await the predicted end of the world.

"I did hear one student made a down payment on a Cadillac," Dr. Hannah said. "He figured he wouldn't have to make the rest of the payments and wanted to enjoy it while he could."

Members of his family said Dr. Laughhead was "out" and unavailable for comment. They refused to discuss the matter further.

Doctor Looks For Earth 'Upheavals'

Denies End of World Prediction; Says His Resignation Asked For

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—A young doctor who claims contact with "outer space" today set Dec. 21 as a day of "violent upheavals" on earth.

Dr. Charles Laughhead, a staff physician at Michigan State College, East Lansing, until yesterday, denied, however, he ever predicted the world would end on that day.

Referring to "communications" he said were received by persons tuned in for signs from "outer space," he said there will be "certain cataclysmic effects Tuesday" near Lake Michigan and off the Eastern and Western seaboard.

He said these developments may bring to life ocean-covered legendary continents.

But he said he never predicted the end of the world.

In Chicago, a similar denial came from Dr. John A. Hannah, president of the college. He said he did not know who originated the report that Dr. Laughhead predicted the world's end. Hannah was in Chicago for an educator's conference.

Dr. Hannah said the college was "not interested in Dr. Laughhead's beliefs," he added.

"Our objection was when he was using his position in the college to propagandize students on a peculiar set of beliefs of questionable validity and of a nature likely to upset the peace of mind of the students and affect adversely the quality of their college work."

Dr. Laughhead was reported as submitting his resignation to the school, but he said today he was asked to leave. Dr. Hannah said he had no comment to make on this version of Dr. Laughhead's departure.

Calls Self 'Reporter'

As for his beliefs of pending cataclysms, Dr. Laughhead described himself as a "reporter" for individuals who he believes have been receiving communication from outer space telling of such world shaking disturbances. He did not identify the individuals.

"These communications show," he said, "there will be certain cataclysmic effects Tuesday in certain localities. One of them is in the Midwest around Lake Michigan and others are off the Eastern and Western Seaboard."

He said they may cause the legendary continents of Atlantis and Mu, the "birthplace of humanity," to rise from the floor of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

(Several hours before the interview with Dr. Laughhead an intense earthquake shook Nevada, Oregon, Idaho and California. The quake was described as the heaviest of three that have jarred the area since July.)

Means Of Contact

The doctor said the persons with whom he is in contact receive their communications by various means, some as a spiritual medium, would by code tapings, some through voices and others "through actual contact with men in flying saucers."

"I know two fellows in Detroit who were picked up and given rides in flying saucers," he said. "He said, however, he believes the communications originate from 'the prophet who is the individual we know as Jesus, and all this was predicted by him in the New Testament.'"

He said his plans are "personal." He said he has occurred many times before in the history of the earth. He cited such examples as volcanic eruptions burying cities, mountains rising from the earth's crust, and islands emerging from oceans.

Plans Are 'Personal'

Dr. Laughhead, interviewed at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Martin in suburban Oak Park, declined to say where he would be Tuesday. He said his plans are "personal."

"MSC President Hannah said yesterday: 'I first heard about this business when a group of students came to me. They told me Dr. Laughhead had been holding meetings at his home and preaching his beliefs of some peculiar religious sect.'"

Dr. Hannah was in Chicago today for an educational conference and could not be reached for additional comment immediately.

No Sect Involved

But Dr. Laughhead said no religious sect was involved. He said the student meeting under his auspices at MSC were known as the "quest group."

As for his resignation, Dr. Laughhead stated, "I was called into the department head's office, and told: 'We'll have to have your resignation, Doctor. You know why. It has nothing to do with your professional efficiency.'"

Several persons were in the Martin home during the interview, including a teacher, a man in his 20s and a youth who would only give his name as "Paul."

Mrs. Martin described how she received her communications from outer space.

"My arm feels warm," she said. "It's hard to explain, but I just put a pencil to paper and write."

Her first communication, she said, was simply an introduction to a superior being who said he was "elder brother from Venus." She, too, believes flying saucers are playing a vital part in the communications, but she said: "Don't call them by that vulgar term, say 'discs.'"

Vague About Plans

Mrs. Martin also was vague about her plans, saying only, "We are awaiting further word."

Mrs. Martin said her communications have been telling her the cause of the cataclysms will be "fault lines" in the earth's crust. She said the upheaval will form a sea covering the central part of North America and the West Coast will be submerged.

Dr. Laughhead said he did not plan to go to a mountain top in Vermont to be picked up by people in vehicles from outer space, as reported, because "they will make their own selections in their own way."

He gave his love to Mrs. Laughhead and his daughter, Charlyn, 18, in East Lansing, Mich., and said to tell them "not to worry."

Dr. Laughhead said he assumed the resignation was asked because of his "hobby," which is "flying saucers and other matters to do with outer space."

He said he also assumed that "we had freedom of speech at Michigan State, but apparently I was wrong."

Prophet Of Doom Sticks To 'Cataclysm' Forecast

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Martin, prophet of doom for millions, remained calm today on the eve of the cataclysm she says will befall the continent.

Mrs. Martin, who lives in suburban Oak Park, predicted last September that water would engulf much of the land between the Arctic Circle and the Gulf of Mexico Dec. 21. She said also that the West Coast will be submerged from Seattle to Chicago.

"There has been no change in my original prophecy," she said. "But we are awaiting further word."

Mrs. Martin's story of things to come, she says, was received from a planet named Clarion in outer space.

Mrs. Martin declined to predict what she will be doing tomorrow. But, she told a reporter, "I will be tomorrow I have assurance of being. I am making no plans and formulating no ideas."

Visiting Mrs. Martin today was Dr. Charles Laughhead whose acceptance of her prophecy led to loss of his job on the student health staff of Michigan State College.

Dr. Laughhead made only this comment to a newsman who telephoned him: "I have nothing more to predict. If I have anything else to say, I'll send it over to you."

Anthony J. Mullaney, Chicago civil defense chief, reminded Chicago residents that the city's 86 air raid sirens will go into their weekly test walks at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow regardless of cataclysms.

There was no slackening of the pre-Christmas shopping rush in downtown stores as Mrs. Martin's deadline approached. The restaurants reported no noticeable slackening of diners' appetites.

Coast Guard, the department police and utilities officials said that they expected the usual run of emergencies and were ready for them. Reminders of Mrs. Martin's prediction, however, brought reactions ranging from the noncommittal to the indignant.

One waitress, asked what she thought of the prediction, responded "You don't see me climbing no steeples."

light became more intense and the increase in brightness was accompanied by a wave of heat. The light dimmed shortly thereafter. 155.

December 18th. "GROUP DEFIES IKE'S DENIAL."

Leonard Stringfield, as head of the civilian UFO group CRIFO, was so upset with President Eisenhower he penned a letter of rebuttal and mailed it to the three major news services: UP, AP, and INS. UP rejected Stringfield outright. The AP people hesitated to carry it, telling Stringfield they would have to consult with their superiors in New York, a prudent move since those same superiors vetoed the appearance of Stringfield's message on the newswire. INS however picked up the rebuttal and sent it out to the nation on December 18th:

"GROUP DEFIES IKE'S DENIAL--The publisher of CRIFO Newsletter challenged President Dwight Eisenhower's recent statement that there is no reason to believe the phenomena (saucers) are from another planet. Leonard Stringfield said in a letter to the President that the Air Force possesses evidence supporting his belief the saucers are interplanetary vehicles. Stringfield asked that the Air Force release this evidence which he said consisted of films and the evaluation reports of these films. The publisher claimed Air Force conclusions about the saucers are so serious that some officers have been threaten with court martial if they talk too freely..." 156.

This rebuttal to the President drew a blast from Robert Crater of the Scripps-Howard, a reporter based in Washington D.C. Crater made fun of saucer researcher Max Miller, Jim Moseley and Meade Layne, but saved his biggest abasing for Stringfield who Crater characterized as:"...all worked up." 157.

December 19th.

The New York Times comments again. (See newsclippings)

December 19th. St. Louis, Missouri.

"Orange meteor?" (See BLUE BOOK document)

December 19th. Tavirona, Spain. (no time known)

A circular object was seen resting on the ground near the town of Tavirona by a M. Moral Bernal and J. Riguelme Camach. The men tried to approach the object but when they got within 50 meters the thing zoomed away, noisely, on a course that took it in the direction of Portugal. 158.

December 19th. Vienna, Austria. (no time known)

Strange objects were seen in the sky over Austria's capital on the 19th. The Vienna police took seriously reports of unidentified flying objects moving at great speed. 159.

December 19th. Valcencia, Venezuela. (about 11:00 p.m.)

"Hairy little men collect rocks."

The Commissioner of Criminal Investigations for the city of Valcencia, Senor Lopez Ayara, was manning his desk at the police station when he was confronted with a terrified, shirtless, teenager early in the morning of the 19th. The terrified youth, Jose Parra, clamed down enough to finally to tell his story. Parra said he had been jogging along a nearby highway when he encountered a

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AIR FORCE REMAINS CALM WHILE THE 'SAUCERS' FLY

It Doesn't Want to Discourage People Who
Might Some Day Spot a Missile

By ANTHONY LEVERO
Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON Dec 18 — President Eisenhower hit a popular delusion right in the solar plexus this week when he said flying saucers do not come from outer space.

Diligent inquiry at Air Force Headquarters, the source of the President's knowledge, leads to the conclusion that the talk about flying saucers is one of those delusions that from time to time sweep the popular mind, especially in times of stress.

For a number of reasons however, neither the Air Force nor other Government agencies will officially take the position that flying saucers do not exist.

The Air Force is not making flying saucers itself nor does it believe any other nation possesses them. But it does not want to discourage people from reporting objects they see in the sky. As one spokesman put it, you never can tell when one of these reports might turn out to be the sighting of a Russian airplane or guided missile. Then, of course, somebody is likely to develop a jet aircraft that will be disk-shaped.

One thing, though, the Air Force would like to clear up. That is the idea in the minds of a lot of people that its mission is to determine whether life exists on Mars or other planets.

'Unidentified Objects'

In the matter of "unidentified objects," as the Air Force classifies flying saucers, the responsibility of the Air Force is solely to determine if anything moving around in the upper air is a menace to the United States. So far no flying saucer report has produced evidence of such a menace.

Sightings of alleged flying saucers have Europeans in a tizzy now. In this country 1,700 sightings were reported to the Air Force in 1952, but the number dropped to 429 in 1953 and 254 in the first nine months of this year.

The sightings range from sober reports of real flying objects that prove to be something else besides saucers—mostly weather balloons—to fantastically weird stories, some of them obviously from troubled minds.

One person recently reported to the Air Force that President Eisenhower had been making secret trips to the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona to confer with emissaries from Mars who had arrived, of course, in flying saucers.

Then there was a young woman who wrote from the Netherlands that the flying saucers came from Heaven. She said that if the Air Force would bring her here, her brother would materialize in a golden saucer and explain the phenomena.

Balloons Are Culprits

Upon analysis of the reports the Air Force has found that 20 to 30 per cent of them were verified as balloons. Balloons as large as 100 feet in circumference are sent up by the Navy and other Government units for scientific purpose. Most sightings are reported at dusk, a time when a balloon may be at an altitude of 20,000 to 30,000 feet and glowingly visible, for the sun's rays are still reflected there at dusk.

Some of the sightings have proved to be natural astronomical phenomena. The Air Force from time to time has placed astronomers under confidential contract to analyze some sightings.

The Air Force is somewhat sad over the dozens of flying saucer clubs in various parts of the country that have no faith in the Air Force. A spokesman said these clubs had the attitude that the Air Force was holding out on them and so they are seeking the truth of the flying saucer phenomena themselves. The Air Force man pointed out that if flying saucers were real it would be more than happy to make spotting them a part of its Ground Observer Corps program and thus get the cooperation of all citizens.

The result of all their research is the conclusion that 8 to 20 per cent of the sightings each month lack sufficient data for clear evaluation, but the rest turn out to be "balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies, atmospheric reflections and birds."

The New York Times

DECEMBER 19, 1954

'HONEST. THEY'RE JUST RUMORS ...'



The G. A. Jones Syndicate

Those Saucers

At the U. S. Air Intelligence Technical Center in Dayton, Ohio, a special project known as "Blue Book," or "Unidentified Flying Object Program" has been set up—under pressure. The pressure comes from U. S. citizens who still insist they see flying saucers. "Blue Book's" mission is to try to find out what it is they're actually seeing.

Over the past two years the number of saucer reports has sharply declined in the United States compared with 1952 when saucers were whizzing all over the place. But recently there has been a rash of saucer reports in Europe. Last week the saucer puzzle whirled right into President Eisenhower's press conference. This exchange took place

Q . . . I wonder if you could tell us if our authorities really do suspect [that the flying objects come from outer space]?

A . . . A man whom he trusted from the Air Force had said that, as far as he knew, it was completely inaccurate to believe that they came from any outside planet or other place.

Where do they come from? "Blue Book" says they come mostly from the mind's eye—either pure hallucination or misinterpretation of natural and man-made phenomena such as meteors, weather balloons or airplanes.

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REFERENCES (Cite number, directing previous report, etc., as applicable)	AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54			

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Object sighted 19 December 1954.

- (1) (a) Round. (b) Orange. (Distance five to eight miles) (c) White when moving, red when stopped. (d) One. (e) N/A (f) None. (g) None. (h) None. (i) None.
- (2) (a) Observer was showing his son an airplane that had just passed overhead. (b) 45 degrees and 60 degrees. (c) 45 degrees. (d) Object came down like a shooting star. Object was moving very fast. It then stopped for a few seconds, then moved up and off out of sight. Additional information concerning flight path are in inclosures one and two. (e) Light just faded out. (f) About ten (10) seconds.
- (3) (a) Ground visual. (b) None. (c) N/A. (d) (a) 2000 feet. (b) Height.
- (5) Latitude 3838 - Longitude 9017
- (6) Mr. Age not known. Residence University City, Missouri. (b) N/A. (7) (a) None. (b) 3000 feet broken. Visibility seven miles. Temperature 27 degrees. Wind West by Northwest at eight knots.
- (8) None.
- (9) N/A.
- (10) One plane had just passed overhead.
- (11) Wing Intelligence Officer, Major. Possible cause of sighting unknown.
- (12) Negative.

dozen "hairy little men" gathering large rocks and putting them into a hovering disk-shaped ship. Para turned to flee but was suddenly frozen to the spot when one of the dwarfs shot him with a violet-colored ray. As Para remained fixed in place, too paralyzed to move, the diminutive figures boarded their saucer-like craft and travelled out of sight.

Police detectives were despatched to the site of the supposed incident, where the highway passed a cement factory, but found nothing aside from some marks on the ground that defied identification. 160.

Giving some credence to Para's story was a report from a Valencia hospital that suggested something very strange was in the vicinity that night. About midnight at the Barbula Sanitorium for Tuberculars an employee peeked out a window and observed something floating in the air close to the ground. The thing glowed brightly and was the shape of a disk. Not wanting to cause any consternation among the patients, the employee did not raise the alarm.

Later, at about 3:15 a.m. (December 20th) another hospital employee spotted what must have been the same object, hovering a few feet from the ground. The witness attempted to approach the object but it moved away. 161.

Lorenzen and Keyhoe.

APRO's Coral Lorenzen accepted the "little men" stories, taking them at face value. Donald Keyhoe, however, was more restrained. Keyhoe wrote: "Before the Venezuelan dwarf reports there had been very little similarity between any of the 'creature' stories. Most of them were such obvious fakes they were not even worth considering. Some of the Venezuelan reports also had a suspicious sound.... The existence of these hairy dwarfs was hard for me to accept..." 162.

December 20th.

A.V. Roe "saucer plane" lives!

AVIATION WEEK, December 20, 1954

"Flying saucer" project at A. V. Roe Canada's Toronto plant has been abandoned by the Canadian government, but the company plans to continue its research on the aircraft—described as "oval shaped with exhaust pipes." Amount spent so far by the government and A.V. Roe \$4.5 million.

December 20th. Uruguay.

According to our source: "Three Uruguayan towns report round, brilliant objects going south at great speed. The towns are miles apart." 163.

Life magazine criticized.

Two letters to the editor printed in Life's December 20th issue discussed the magazine's recent "Astral Intruders in Italy" article, both being critical of the treatment given the story. One letterwriter admitted he could not figure out the editor's true attitude toward the material. He also wanted to know if Life had made any attempt to verify the fantastic accounts. The other letter writer expressed astonishment that Life's treatment was so brief, apparently rationing the data to the readership. 164.

December 20th. Campinas, Brazil.

"Silvery rain?"

The afternoon of December 19th there were sightings of mysterious objects skimming the housetops of Campinas, Brazil. Details of these sightings are not available and it is only something that took place the following afternoon that provided a memorable event, the supposed "fall of silvery rain." This supposed event in Campinas received coverage in the Rio de Janeiro newspaper O Globo written by retired professor Benedito G. Nascimento:

"Ten days ago, when a few flying saucers were seen flying over the town, a lady to whom I am acquainted invited me to pay her a visit. She told me she had something very important to show me. She told me then that she was in her backyard when she noticed three flying saucers in the sky. One of the objects, round, gray, spinning incessantly dove over her backyard illuminating it intensely; at the same time the saucer dropped something like a silvery rain. After a few minutes my friend went to the place where the 'rain' had fallen and found something shining. She bent to catch it but retrieved her hand because the heat was too strong. Then she asked me to pay her a visit." 165.

Professor Nascimento continued:

"I went to the offices of O Correio Popular, whence accompanied by a reporter I delivered the material to a chemist for examination. I have written for O Correio Popular a few articles denying the existence of the so-called flying discs; later on, however, I was lucky enough to see one of these objects flying over Campinas; then I confessed my error in another article in the same newspaper. I have no doubts that the silvery rain seen by my friend was really originated by one of these saucers." 166.

A Brazilian UFO group that published the UFO Critical Bulletin pressed professor Nascimento to question "Mrs. G.O." more closely. The interview produced some differences from the original account:

"Q. Did you really see the UFOs?

A. Yes.

Q. How many?

A. Three.

Q. Were they spinning?

A. Yes, like a record.

Q. Please, state hour, day, month and year.

A. I Don't remember. At the time I attached no importance to the event, but I recalled that the event took place in the morning, when I was in my poultry-yard.

Q. At what altitude were the UFOs?

A. I don't know. I don't understand about such things, but I remember I saw those objects perfectly.

Q. Did the UFOs drop anything when you were looking at them?

A. Not when I was looking at them. But just after their passage some bits like metal fell near my feet and I am sure that they came from space(sic) because my house is high(sic) and surrounded by high walls.

Q. Please, describe the material.

A. It was like liquefied tin when it fell near me, but soon after it solidified. It was quite hot and I only touched it some time later.

Q. Please, describe the UFO's shape.

A. The upper part looked like a hat, but the lower part disc-shaped and flat like a record and spinning like a record on a phonograph. The three objects crossed noiselessly over my house and did not leave any smoke or trail." 167.

An account of the incident had first appeared in the local newspaper, the O Correio Popular, after a discussion between professor Nascimento, Mrs. "G. O." and a reporter for the paper, Danton Gomes. In the days following the appearance of the story, the people of Campinas sent Gomes bits of solder-like material picked up from roof tops and yards. Some 30 pieces made up this collection (leaving in doubt the authenticity of the samples collected since it was done without any supervision). It was the reporter Gomes who coined the expression "silvery rain."

Dr. Visvaldo Maffei's analysis.

Gomes and Dr. Nascimento contacted a chemist, Dr. Visvaldo Maffei, at the Young Laboratories in Sao Paulo and asked him to do a spectrographic examination of the mystery metal. Dr. Maffei agreed, and when he did, he was jolted by the results. His test showed that the material was 88.91% tin and 11.09% oxidation (caused by atmosphere contact), in other words the sample was 100% pure, there was no infinitesimal traces of impurities like those found in the best laboratory samples. 168.

On the 23rd a reporter for the Rio newspaper O Globo interviewed professor Nascimento and obtained the full story about the "silver rain" and the sensational test results. Soon the news appeared in newspapers all over Brazil.

The Chief of Staff, Brazilian Air Defense Command, General E.M. Zonaer, immediately ordered an emissary to Campinas to get some of the metal for an official analysis, which when finally conducted, was kept secret. 169.

The Nathan Meltz analysis.

In the mid-1950s Dr. Charles A. Maney of Defiance College in the United States arranged for a colleague, professor Nathan Meltz of the school's Department of Chemistry, to do another test of the material.

Four different tests were run by Dr. Meltz whose speciality was the analysis of metal. They were: the Rhodamin test, the Pyridine test, the Pyragallol test, and a common test using a silver coin and a hydrochloric acid solution. No impurities were found (the usual impurities found in samples were lead, antimony, and iron). Professor Meltz also discovered that the density of the material was 10.3 times that of water, a density much higher than that of normal tin which is 7.3. 170.

Further tests over the years by Oak Ridge scientists and an official of Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York, who was a chemist, Lex Mebane, determined that the metal was common solder. This contradiction with the test results of Dr. Maffei could not be cleared up since it was not certain the later tests were conducted on the actual metal from the saucer or just some bits of stray metal picked up at random by the citizens of Campinas. 171.

At the same time the "silver rain" story was making headlines in Rio, the writings of Brazilian UFO expert Dr. Olaves Fontes appeared in the same newspapers. Over a period of three days (December 22-24th) Fontes' series of articles titled: "We Have Visitors From Outer Space" excited the readership.

December 21st. Miami, Florida. (2:00 p.m.)

Employees of the Miami International Airport spotted a pair of strange objects circling over the city at 2:00 p.m. They phoned a local TV station and an engineer named Norman Bean took the call. Bean grabbed some binoculars and ran up the stairs that led to the roof of the station. The TV engineer reached the top of the building in time to see a mysterious object zoom by at a speed he guessed was "thousands of miles per hour."

Later that evening, at 7:30 p.m., Norbert F. Gariety, and many others in the city of Miami saw a huge meteor-like body cross the sky. Gariety wrote later:

"Since that day, Unidentified Flying Objects have become a part of my way of life. Collecting data, interviewing eyewitnesses from all walks of life, and public lectures on the topic have become routine. Even when vacationing, UFOs do not take a backseat (Gariety would eventually edit and publish one of the best UFO newsletters ever to see print)."
172.

December 22th. "Solar Cross."

People didn't learn much from the Mrs. Keech fiasco. The day after Mrs. Keech's followers learned she was a false prophet (nothing having occurred on the 21st as predicted), a Solar Cross organization was founded by a Mr. Dick Miller that maintained itself for 24 years on a series of supposed communications with mankind's so-called "friends upstairs." Miller was the former leader of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club's "Amateur Radio Monitor Group," and who had faked, according to Randall Cox, a radio message from the so-called "space brothers." 173.

December 23rd. Nogales, Arizona.

Cat and Mouse game.

The interrogation of 1st Lt. Kenneth G. Hite of the 15th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, pilot of a F-86D, resulted in the following testimony:

"I was airborne at 24/0510Z on a local Combat Air Patrol mission. After climbing to an altitude of 15,000 feet at an indicated speed of 350 knots, I vectored to a heading of 160 degrees toward Nogales, Arizona, under GCI control of the 684th AC&W Squadron ("Sniper" located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

"At 24/0519Z I sighted an unidentified flying object approximately 10 to 20 nautical miles northeast of Nogales. Since I was 30 to 40 nautical miles northwest of Nogales, the unidentified object was sighted from my eleven o'clock position and appeared to be 5 to 10,000 feet above me, heading on a 180 degree vector.

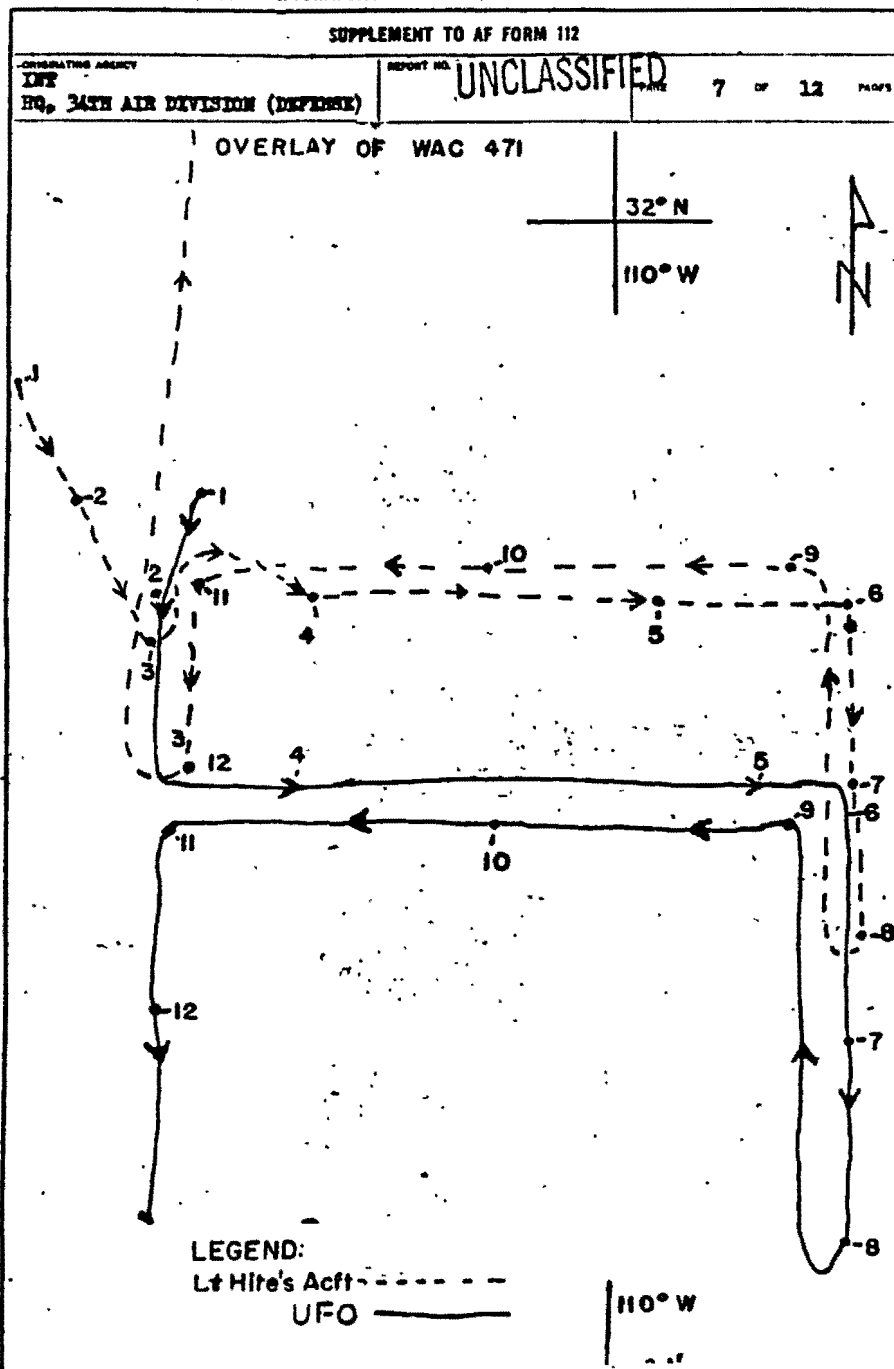
"Contact and Judy was accomplished when unidentified object was over Nogales and approximately ten miles ahead of me.

"Radar lock was broken not more than five seconds after Judy and at no time afterward was I able to re-establish radar contact. At this time the unidentified object was moving away from me on a 180 degree heading.

"I chased the unidentified object until I reached EJKB0315 at an altitude of 28,000 feet and an indicated speed of 350 knots.

"I returned to Nogales and then on an easterly heading toward Douglas, Arizona, at an altitude of 20,000 feet and an indicated speed of 375 knots.

"At this time I was visually monitoring the unidentified object. It paralleled my course at a distance of twenty nautical miles on my



three o'clock position and maintained an altitude of approximately 5 to 10,000 feet above me. When I reached EJLB0521, the unidentified object was on my two o'clock high position.

"I turned south over Douglas and again gave chase. The unidentified object was then on my twelve o'clock high position, also on a southerly heading, and moving away from me.

"When it became apparent that I could not close in on the unidentified object, I returned to Douglas, Arizona.

"During the chase described in paragraphs above, I noticed a group of dots on my scope while I was in manual control. There is a possibility that these dots could have been an interference pattern or ground clutter return.

"When I reached Douglas, I took a westerly heading toward Nogales. Again the unidentified object paralleled my course at a distance of twenty nautical miles on my nine o'clock position and maintained an altitude of approximately 5 to 10,000 feet above me.

"At Nogales I turned south and again chased the unidentified

"When I reached the approximate plotted position of EJKB0903, I was forced to break off the chase because of low fuel status.

"I then proceeded back to Davis-Monthan AFB without further incident. Arrival was accomplished at 24/0600Z.

"All that was ever distinguished of the unidentified object was a hazy glow of red and green flashes with a stronger red flash occurring approximately every third interval.

"The unidentified object seemed to remain 5 to 10,000 feet above me throughout the incident. My altitude varied from 15,000 to 28,000 feet. 174.

Comments on the report indicate special concern. Intelligence Officer Captain L. Dewees wrote:

"The primary Intelligence interest in this report, and any other reports of similar nature, lies in the obvious weakness of present detection and interception capabilities along the southern U.S. international border. The possibility, however remote, of ferret or snooper flights of potentially unfriendly aircraft from areas south of the border should not be discounted completely." 175.

UFOs and Hollywood.

A mysterious "sphere of light" went through a series of maneuvers one night in August 1952 in the sky over California. Far below two men watched with fascination. One man was Clarence Greene, a movie producer who was "indelibly impressed" by the UFO show. The following afternoon Greene shared his experience with business partner Russell Rouse. The newspapers were full of UFO reports that summer and much of the commentary by editors consisted of ridicule which outraged Greene who had seen something with his own eyes. He got the idea of producing a serious film documentary about the UFO mystery and by 1954 he had started to gather material and arrange interviews. Al Chop, former Pentagon Press Information Specialist, was one of the first people approached since he had moved to the West Coast after he had left government service. At first Chop had his doubts anyone from Hollywood could do an unbiased film but in time Greene and Rouse won him over. 176. By the Winter of 1954 work on the documentary was well advanced.

Christmas Day. Cape Province, South Africa.

A cigar-shaped object producing a heavy vapor trail was to have been photographed. 177.

December 26th. Omerahi, New Zealand.

According to the Dunedin Evening Star persons living in the community of Omerahi, which is close to the city of Whanprei, watched three strange luminous bodies in the sky for about 45 minutes. One of the UFOs was much closer to the witnesses than the other two and that was probably the reason it was the brightest of the trio. An intermittent flashing from this UFO suggested that it was spinning. Clouds occasionally lightly veiled the UFO as it hovered in the air casting a glow that reflected off the waters of Whangarei Harbour. The two other UFOs were reddish in color and shifted about much more than their brighter companion. 178.

December 27th. Cobalt, Ontario, Canada.

"Got to get out of here before it gets me."

Willis St. Jean was on duty as a watchman at the Agamika Cobalt mine 8:30 p.m. the evening of December 27th. The mine was shut down for the holidays and St. Jean was making his rounds uneventfully, alert for fire or prowlers, walking from the building that housed the hoistroom to the miner's dressing shack about 70 feet away and at a higher elevation. Passing between buildings, St. Jean spent some time outdoors in the cold clear air where suddenly night became day as a brilliant light lit up the whole area. Startled St. Jean glanced upward at the source of the light which turned out to be a circular mass "7-8 times the size of a house," from the center of which a bright shaft of light was being directed downward. The big round mass itself was a shimmering, silvery-blue hue.

Terrified at the luminous specter in the heavens only about 150 feet above his head and its eerie brilliant beam aimed in his direction, St. Jean got in his car: "To get out of there before it got me." 179.

Feeling more secure after climbing into his car, St. Jean curiosity replaced his fear as he sat there waiting for something to happen and nothing did. Finally the UFO rose higher and moved in the direction of the nearby body of water, Lake Tuniskaming. The UFO moved in a most extraordinary fashion, a sort of gyration, or a "...continuous series of e's." 180. This performance ended after a short distance and the UFO then gained more altitude by flying in an upward 30 degree slant until it reached a point directly above an island where it parked itself, a motionless blob in the black sky. Excited by the phenomena, St. Jean rushed back into the mine building to place a phone call to a reporter for the North Bay Daily Nugget, John Hunt. Fortunately Hunt was available to take the call and quickly learned of the goings-on at the Cobalt mine. Since he wasn't that far away (3 miles), Hunt jumped into the newspaper's truck and drove madly toward the scene of the UFO manifestation, reaching St. Jean in time to see for himself the UFO as it began to move again as it climbed quickly to an estimated 10,000 feet where it appeared to the naked eye the size of a U.S. quarter if held at arm's length. The UFO then began a series of 10 back and forth runs: west to east, east to west; changing shape and momentarily disappearing during the turns as if "banking." The UFO then resumed hovering. The Nugget reporter tried to get a response from the UFO by waving a flashlight. There was no response.

There was something that Hunt apparently missed. St. Jean claimed there

Late October, 1954
Yugoslavia

IR-793-54, ATIC 205222 (No 133) (C)

Subj: Flying Saucers OverYugoslavia

OAIRA, Belgrade, Yugoslavia dated 24 November 54.

Report contains translated newspaper articles concerning a rash of flying saucer sightings over Yugoslavia in late October 1954. The increase in sightings was noted immediately after considerable publicity had been devoted to the subject by the French Press.

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were 10 unexplained lights on the surface of Lake Timiskaming. Taking a look for himself Hunt could see only one such light and determined that any connection with the UFO would be guesswork.

Meanwhile, the UFO remained still, unmoving high in the dark sky, just a point of light. More people arrived at the mine by this time and they all watched the point of light for a hour before it vanished at 10:45 p.m. 181.

The editor of the civilian publication Saucerian, the American Gray Barker, felt satisfaction when the Cobalt report crossed his desk. He expressed the hope the saucers had ended their European vacation after: "... enjoying the sights of Paris, southern France, and the balmy climate of Italy." 182.

December 28th. Chipewa Falls, Wisconsin. (night time)

"Red baseball."

Motoring down a highway that ran past Chipewa Falls, Wisconsin, the evening of December 28th, three people were about to have a UFO experience literally "out of the blue" if it had been bright daylight. Something red-colored, moving so fast details could not be discerned save for the thing's apparent size and shape, like a "baseball," the witnesses said. The thing zoomed out of the sky and headed straight for the speeding auto, hitting the radio antenna and then the chrome strip above the window near the driver. The impact produced a loud metallic clang that suggested metal colliding with metal, the "baseball" then speeding away into the darkness. The fact that the object flew away proved that the object was a powered and not a falling body. 183.

December 29th. San Diego, California. (daytime)

Saucer scoffer converted.

Earl Bolen claimed to be a UFO skeptic until December 29, 1954, when he saw something himself. To his great disappointment he had no camera at the time (he was a Navy photographer stationed at the Underwater Demolition School of the Amphibious Base in Coronado). It was broad daylight and there wasn't a cloud in the sky which was perfect conditions for picture taking.

Looking skyward, Bolen watched a B-47 jet bomber pass over at 20,000 feet clearly visible to anyone interested. To Bolen's great surprise, a "round, silvery thing" came along and passed beneath the bomber. This object was quickly joined by another object that was similar in appearance. Having joined up, the two objects hovered, or seemed to have hovered, for a moment before Bolen lost visible contact. 184.

December 29th. Bru, France. (9:00 p.m.)

A mysterious red-glowing, oval, mass was seen by a Frenchman by the name of M. Gamba. When first spotted, the crimson body on the ground about 40 yards away and unmoving, so M. Gamba walked toward it to get a better look. As he drew near, a strange paralysis stopped him in his tracks. This immovability was temporary, and when M. Gamba regained enough feeling, he ran to get other witnesses, returning to the scene minutes later. The UFO was still there, but was showing some activity, turning color. The thing turned white and then back to red, after which it vaulted into the air and travelled east. Where the object had rested, the soil was found disturbed and trees in the area had some limbs slashed. 185.

Saucer squadron over Peru? (See newsclipping)

December 31st. Neuchatel, Switzerland. (7:55-8:30 a.m.)

A huge metallic oval put on a show near the city of Neuchatel the last day of the year, according to a Madame Vicot who was married to a Swiss Army officer. She said she looked out her window the evening of the 31st and beheld a big orange oval object hovering about 400 yards away. The object was emitting a brilliant light from one end and a shower of sparks from the other, the sparks turning into a steam-like smoke. Shortly thereafter as Madame Vicot gaped, the UFO elevated itself to a higher altitude as a beam of light revolved around the object while more smoke spurted from both ends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vicot watched the object until 8:30 a.m. and then they phoned the Neuchatel Observatory seeking advice. The Swiss stargazers suggested an explanation the Vicots rejected: a weather balloon. 186.

Theories and various notes.

Size of the wave.

It would be a big mistake to use U.S. Air Force BLUE BOOK statistics to gauge the level of UFO activity for any particular time period since UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon, a fact that became clear in 1950 and even more so in 1954. It would seem the American Air Force tried to discourage a world view because it lends credence to the reality of the mystery. Jacques Vallee compiled some statistical tables from BLUE BOOK records and he wrote: "Especially interesting is the fact that the 1954 wave cannot be detected from these data: This gives perhaps a measure of the lack of representativity of the Air Force data when discussing the phenomenon as a whole." 187.

Aime Michel wrote of Europe: "After September 20, (1954) we are lost. We can no longer count them (reports). Hundreds of observations were never reported." 188. Likewise, it was primarily the most sensational 1954 cases from the Latin nations that saw print in English language publications. The best source of information for American UFOlogists are the writings of Coral Lorenzen who wrote in one book: "The incidents (1954) reported here are only a sampling of the hundreds brought to public attention by the press in Brazil and Venezuela as well as in other South American countries." 189.

"Ghost stories."

The commotion in Europe did not escape the attention of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, but of course his U.S. Air Force sources told him little so it was only when a French astronomer urged him to examine the data unofficially accumulated by French civilians Aime Michel and Pierre Guerin that the BLUE BOOK advisor began to take a deep interest, although he remained unconvinced about the value of the material because the accounts: "...sounded like ghost stories..." 190. Michel understood Hynek's hesitation and liked to characterize the 1954 wave as: "...a festival of absurdities." 191.

Search for evidence.

Aime Michel wanted some evidence of the UFOs since he was personally convinced there was an unexplained phenomenon present in the environs of the earth. There was testimony galore from people of all walks of life but was that enough? There was some intriguing trace cases like the "hole" at Poncy on October 4th, but there was no scientific personnel and equipment available for any complete follow-up investigations.

Flying Saucers 1954

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 31 (UP) — The government newspaper La Nacion said today that five flying saucers appeared over Lima last night and were seen by at least 50 persons.

The saucers were brilliant, silver-colored objects, throwing off intense light, the newspaper reported. They stood still over the city for about five minutes, the paper said.

Then, after all of them veiled by a cloud, only one reappeared and was seen spinning in space like a top, La Nacion said.

"Orthoteny."

Michel's good friend, Jean Cocteau, made a suggestion. Why not, he said, plot all the French UFO reports on a map and then look for patterns? If there was a pattern, would that not constitute evidence? Michel was receptive to the suggestion since he had one good reason to believe such an approach might pay off. The "cloud cigar" reports seemed to indicate "mother ships" launching smaller ships that would fly off in all directions (St. Fargeau, France September 22nd).

Collecting as many reports he could and plotting them on a map of France, Michel found that sightings seemed to fall along straight lines, lines that intersected in some cases where cloud cigars were observed. Michel believed he had something that could be studied, checked, and analyzed. Michel felt he finally had a theory, a theory that he called "Orthoteny" from the Greek orthoteneis which means "stretched in a straight line."

For a few years "Orthoteny" enjoyed considerable attention. Others who attempted "Orthoteny" studies were Buelta in Spain, Olavo Fontes in Brazil, Christian Vogt in Argentina, and the Civilian Saucer Intelligence organization based in New York, but it was Jacques Vallee that really applied his mind to the idea since in his words there was a "poverty of hypotheses" which made the UFO problem: "...seemed doomed to irrationality." 192. Initially Vallee praised "Orthoteny" as: "...the first organized application of the scientific method." 193.

UFO haters like Dr. Donald Menzel attacked "Orthoteny," saying that any results of "patterns" could be attributed to the laws of chance. Those backing the "Orthoteny" theory tried to defend it but disputes arose over methodological errors. It was Vallee that explored the data in depth and finally determined without much doubt that the "straight line" idea had fatal weaknesses, a judgment generally accepted by students of the UFO mystery. One trouble was obtaining the correct date and time of day for a UFO sighting. That was not always easy since witnesses had difficulty recalling such details and even if they did the press often printed the wrong figures or incomplete accounts. Also often the witness was located correctly but the exact position of the phenomenon was the product of guesswork due to the altitude and distance from the observer, especially when high velocities were involved. Checking Michel's data, Vallee found that the supposed alignments suffered too much from selection effects, therefore he was forced to conclude: "...the elucidation of the UFO problem 'Orthoteny' seemed to announce has not come about." 194.

Real clues?

Fortunately there were real clues in the 1954 wave data that provided some evidence to something of an anomalistic nature; paralysis of witnesses and electromagnetic effects on automobiles. Michel was not a scientist but he did notice the potential importance of the information and tried to give it some prominence, giving significance to the Forli, Italy, case where a diesel tractor and a gas-magneto tractor reacted differently to the near approach of a UFO. Michel suggested (without scientific calculations and with just a few examples) that the stories: "...show that the electric paralysis takes place in a radius of about 165 feet around the 'object'." 195. It was a harbinger of James M. McCampbell's brilliant scientific book on pulsed microwaves and UFOs that would be published years later. 196.

"Kinematic characteristics."

As UFO expert Jacques Vallee correctly noted, what arouses the attention of a researcher to an apparent genuine UFO report are the "kinematic characteristics," a term that means exceptional "velocities and maneuvers" which rule out conventional explanations. As an example Vallee used the French UFO radar-visual report of an object over Ceuta, Morocco, on December 2, 1954 to make his point, plotting speed, altitude, and time, to illustrate this fact at a glance(See Vallee's book Challenge to Science p.107).

UFO reports collected by Roberto Enrique Banchs. (1954)

Argentina:

January-August - 0

September 6th Federal Capital
 " 7th Federal Capital
 " 13th Federal Capital
 October 7th Torquinst
 " 12th Cordoba
 " 13th Bahia Blanca
 " 15th Federal Capital
 " 15th Bahia Blanca
 " 22nd Trelew
 " 22nd Mendoza
 " 24nd Mendoza
 November 7th. Mendoza
 " 11th. Buenos Aires
 " 14th Federal Capital
 " 14th Berma La Plata
 " 18th Rosario
 " 24th Gran
 " 25th Pajas Blancas
 " 26th La Plata
 December 4th Pringles
 " 5th Cordoba
 " 27th Alta Gracia

Chile:

January 4th Santiago
 " 19th Santiago

February-November - 0

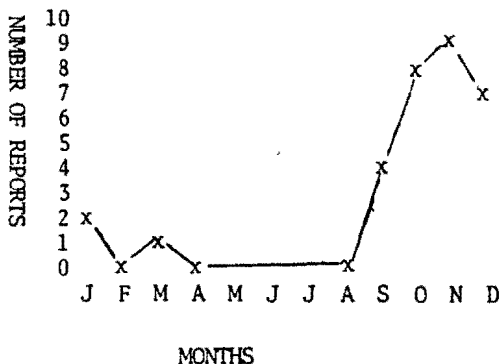
December 17th Imperial
 " 23rd Traiguén

Uruguay:

January-November - 0

December 7th Montevideo
 " 20th Isla del Frances

Argentina, Chile, Uruguay.



Some additional notes:

Leonard Stringfield gives us more on the UFO sightings in Africa in November. According to a news dispatch collected by the Ohio UFO buff:

"Reports...have flooded newspaper offices in three East African territories --Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika. Europeans, Asians, and Africans all have claimed to have seen objects in the sky --stationary, zooming over horizons, changing colors, elliptical in shape and elongated with upright projections at either end.

"First reports came from Dar-es-Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, and were followed by sightings at Mombasa, Kampala and Nairobi. In Nairobi citizens phoned local police stations to report saucers circling the suburbs. More than one police car, sent to investigate, reported following the course of 'mysterious bright objects.' Two Europeans on duty at the international airport observed objects through binoculars." 1.

That same month in Nairobi the Kenya astronomer Duncan Fletcher and four of his friends observed a strange light low in the sky at 7:40 p.m. The light was to the east and was not similar to an aircraft or an astronomical body. It was estimated to be at about 2,000 feet, a bright orange light that rose and dropped. 2.

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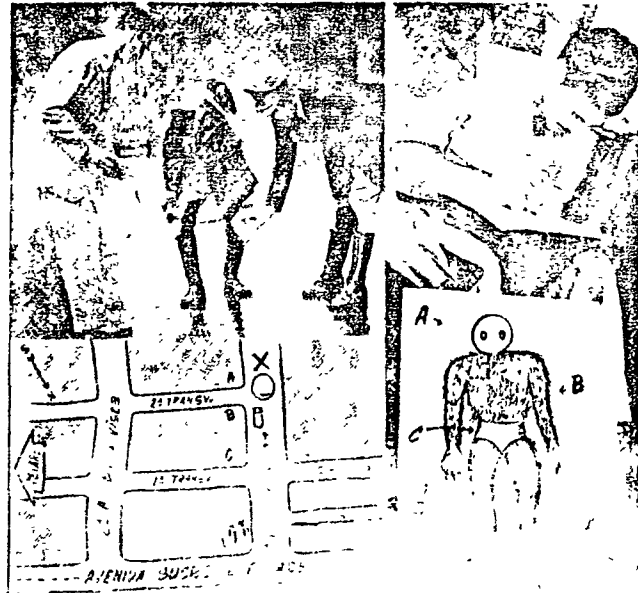
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