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## 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.

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Ander Liljegren's Arkivet for UFO Forskning in Norrkoeing is one of the world's best sources of data and is recommended for anyone seriously considering research in the UFO subject.

### "Fifth Horseman."

It was Dr. Lincoln La Paz who enigmatically called UFOs "The Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse," certainly strong words to describe the phenomenon, implying he knew something terrifying since the use of the expression "apocalypse" would indicate some ultimate disaster. Dr. J. Allen Hynek's *Girl Friday*, Jennie Zeldman, who was the source of this story, indicates that Dr. La Paz had UFOs in mind and not the "green fireball" mystery which the New Mexico meteoriticist had made his prime interest. Logically one would assume Dr. La Paz's remark was really a reference to his theory the green fireballs were experimental Russian rockets being sent over the Polar region to North America. In September 1955 Coral Lorenzen of the civilian APRO organization heard that La Paz was now suggesting that the Russian rockets were tipped with dummy warheads made of ice that left no trace and that the explosive death of the ice warheads in U.S. skies, widely reported in the American press, would provide Communist scientists with intelligence on what were ranging tests, a prelude to an atomic ballistic missile attack. The use of the word "apocalypse" might well be appropriate when talking about atomic warfare, but if the reference was to UFOs, intelligently controlled flying bodies of unknown origin, why would La Paz have such a disturbing thought? By the 1990s the Russian danger had receded, but according to members of the UFO research community the "cover-up" by the American government is as complete as it was back in 1955.



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Japanese UFO investigators.

The "Japan Flying Saucer Research Association" was established in July 1955 by Kinichi Arai, an ex-radar specialist with the Japanese Air Force. This was Japan's first UFO group, and Arai, who had been intrigued with the aerial puzzle since 1947 when the Kenneth Arnold sighting was widely publicized in the Japanese press, gradually became convinced the saucers were visitors from another solar system. By 1953 Arai felt he had to do something constructive. The recent Korean War re-inforced the pacifism that already existed in Arai, as it did in a vast number of his countrymen: "I told myself that if we knew for sure that the aliens were watching us, we would no longer fight. Therefore, I decided to see if I could prove that the aliens were real." 1.

The Duke of Edinburgh.

We have it on the authority of London Sunday Express columnist Ephraim Hardcastle that the Duke of Edinburgh was taking a keen interest in the UFO mystery and had requested the Air Ministry to forward duplicate reports of aerial phenomena received by the English military to his office.

E.J. Ruppelt's book.

Completing his manuscript in July 1955, the ex-BLUE BOOK chief E.J. Ruppelt composed some brief preliminary remarks to be included in the work's introduction. He apologized for omitting many names because to use them would violate the privacy of people who cooperated with the military (It also greatly hindered the identification and examination of important cases). Although Ruppelt was no longer on active duty, he felt obligated to shed some light on the UFO problem due to world-wide interest and the confusion and secrecy surrounding the subject. He hoped to reduce wild speculation, and also indifference (which he termed "almost dangerous"). Moreover, Ruppelt felt that his two years of Intelligence work on UFOs, investigating and analyzing, qualified him to have an opinion. He admitted that UFOs "officially didn't exist," that there was no proof of alien visitors, but, and this was a big but, such a "... conclusion is far from being unanimous among the military and their scientific advisers because of the one word proof, so the UFO investigations continue." 2. The prime question, he pointed out, is: "What constitutes proof?" 3.

Ruppelt confessed that the Joint Chiefs were insisting that a flying saucer crashland at the Pentagon, yet was it proof: "...when a ground radar station detects a UFO, sends a jet to intercept it, the jet pilot sees it, and locks on it with his radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal speed? Is it proof when a jet pilot fires at a UFO and sticks to his story even under the threat of court-martial?" 4. Ruppelt wanted his readers to decide.

1 July. "Grindstone clouds."

The New York Times was willing to publish a handout from the U.S. Navy on July 1st that showed a picture of unusual clouds formation over Marseilles, France, on November 4, 1954. The paper commented: "The Navy gave no indication as to why they released the photograph, nor any information as to why they considered its release pertinent." 5.



2 July. "Flying barrel." (See right)

"They looked hideous!"

2 July. Stockton, Georgia.

Speeding along Route 129 seven miles south of Stockton, Georgia, the morning of July 2nd was a car with a Mrs. Margaret Symmonds of Cincinnati, Ohio, at the wheel. In the backseat was her husband sound asleep. The time was 3:30 a.m.

The headlights of the car lit up the night producing ghostly grey shapes.

Suddenly four diminutive humanoid figures became visible in the car's headlights. The "little men" seemed to be digging a hole in the road with some sticks but it was hard to tell in the blackness. The woman yelled and swerved around the figures, the sharp maneuver waking her husband.

When she arrived home, Mrs. Symmonds recommended that she not tell anyone, advice she followed until another such story about "little men" surfaced in the press. She went to the offices of the Cincinnati Post where she related her experience to reporter Charles Doctor.

UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield contacted the woman and obtained additional details.

## 7/2/55 Strange Object Rocks Coast Area Of New Zealand

An extremely loud explosion rocked the west coast of the New Zealand South Island, near Otago, at the foot of the Southern Alps, last night, after a strange object had been seen travelling over various parts of the coastal area in an easterly direction some minutes earlier.

Residents around Otago said the object was silver-coloured and shaped like a barrel. It was travelling at an extremely high speed and at a very high altitude, cables the B.U.P.

One man who claims to have seen it so close that he thought it was landing in a nearby field described it as being shaped like a 44-gallon drum with a saucerpan behind. Farmers reported a long pall of smoke rising from the foothills of the Southern Alps following the explosion.

The most popular explanation of the explosion, and one sponsored by a motorist who claims that he saw a large sky rocket explode high above him, is that it was a meteorite, and that the explosion that was heard over a wide area was its disintegration when it hit the Earth's atmosphere.

Body covering: Seemed to be wearing caps and the one figure facing the witness had on a small-rimmed "slouch hat."

Ears: None noticed.

Feet: Not lit up enough to see or did not notice.

Head: Roundish.

Eyes: Huge, no pupils, red-colored in reflected light.

Arms: Seemed longer than necessary.

Legs: Seemed short.

Hands: Claw-like. Real long. Thumb was not seen, if any.

Skin: Dark and coarse.

Body: Concealed by cloth but seemed very square and sturdy.

Nose: Long and pointed like a witch.

Height:  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 feet. All figures seemed to be the same size. Came up to the bottom of car's window.

Posture: Two had their backs to the witness. Another was bent over with two hands on a straight rod "poking(?)" at the roadway. All three remained still, apparently oblivious to the car and its headlights. The figure not that close to the centerline and in a position to be hit by the car, took a step backwards with its arms raised and faced the witness.

No "spaceship" was seen but it was a desolate area and low trees and scrub brush screened both sides of the highway so the witness admitted to Stringfield anything could have been hidden in the darkness. 7.

Hoax? Spaceman?

There is the possibility Mrs. Symmonds made the story up since she was a resident of Cincinnati, the home base of Stringfield's saucer investigation organization, although it appears she went to the newspapers with her story and not the UFO group to tell of her encounter.

Perhaps a more reasonable theory is that a person living in the Stockton countryside wanted to scare the wits out of a passing motorist after reading accounts about the little men reported in European newspaper stories. It would have been an easy task to place three dummies in the middle of highway 129 in the dead of the night when there was little traffic (with one dummy propped up with a stick). The fourth figure, the one that moved, could have been the joker himself wearing a big hat, a Halloween mask, and a coat on backwards (that's what the garment looked like in a drawing by the witness), however it would take nerve to face down car doing 60 mph.

There are certain features described, nonetheless, that suggests similarities to the "little grays" reported decades later, except for the "hat" and the long bent nose.

In any case, its been over 35 years and no one has come forward to take credit for a hoax (as in the 1952 Flatswoods monster case). Since the event took place in Georgia and the news story appeared in Ohio, it could be the person responsible for the gag, if that is the case, never knew his effort was a success, especially if the perpetrator was a youngster that never listened to the radio or read newspapers. Then again, after going to so much trouble, why wasn't there reports of other attempts to scare motorists on highway 129? We may never know what really happened that night in Georgia.

5 July 55. Georgetown, Massachusetts.

GOC observer George Tyler sees disk. (See below)

(Drawing by witness on page 5.) 8.

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>5 Jul 55                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Georgetown, Massachusetts                                                                                                                                                              |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 05/0958 EDT<br>GMT 05/1358Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 6. SOURCE<br>civilian (GOC)                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>six seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 9. COURSE<br>Circular E to N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One, disk-shaped object, like an empty wheel, silvery-white in color, appeared to the observer for a period of six seconds. Object traveled a circular flight path from E to N at an extremely fast rate of speed. The obj was estimated to be approximately 230 ft in diam. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>See attached AF Form 118 on this sighting. The four trails could possibly be contrails and the speed of the object could be attributed to the reflection of sunlight. A check with GOC Weather at ADC revealed that there were no temperature inversions at the time of this sighting. In the opinion of their headquarters the observer possibly saw the reflection of the sun off of a high flying jet aircraft and the contrails of jet aircraft.                                                                                                                  |  |

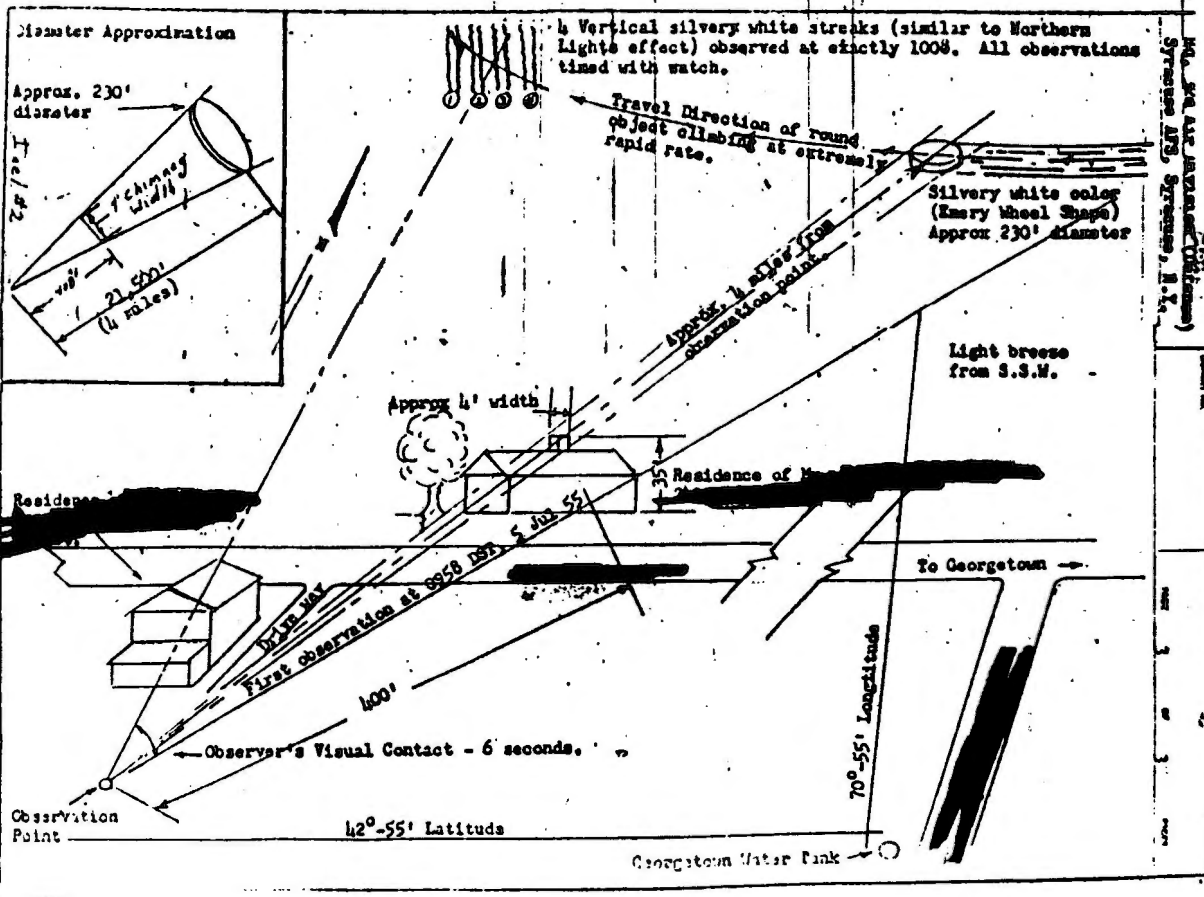
ATTC FORM 320 (REV 26 SEP 52)

7 July 55. Newfoundland.

"...it was moving very rapidly something like those flying saucers."

One of the best UFO reports of the year was the Harmon AFB case of July 7th. The military teletype as found in BLUE BOOK records is reproduced on the following pages. (See message pp.6-9.)

The case was impressive enough to generate an internal CIA memo (See p.10). The memo was produced in spite of the agency's supposed disinterest in UFOs.



INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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CCPS USAF WASHDC  
COMDR NEAC PEPPERRELL AFB NFLD  
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CANAIRDEF ST HUBERTS  
CANAIRFAX HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA  
COMDR 932 ACW SQ KEFLAVIK APRT  
COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY  
COMDR CONTL AIR DEF COMD ENT AFB COLO  
CANFLAGLANT HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

ADDOAO 167.

DEF ADDAO 164 AND ADDAO 165 THIS IS FOLLOW UP REPORT OF PERSONNEL STATEMENTS. THIS MSG IN 6 PARTS. IT INCLUDES 6 SIGNED STATEMENTS WHICH MAY CONSTITUTE A VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTING. PART 1 "I WAS AT THE CONTROLS AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL SIGHTING OF THE OBJECT WHEN IT WAS CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CREW IN THE FWD PART OF THE ACFT THAT THIS PARTICULAR OBJECT WAS MAKING ERRATIC MOTION IN THE SKY. AT THIS TIME, UPON SIGHTING THE OBJECT MYSELF, I DID NOTICE THAT THE OBJECT WAS MAKING A VERY IRREGULAR ZIG ZAG PATTERN AT A POSITION

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OF APPRX 12 O'CLOCK LOW ON THE HORIZON. OUR ALTITUDE AT THAT TIME WAS 16,000 FEET, OUR HEADING 125 DEGREES. THE OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE TAKEN THE ALTITUDE OF OUR ACFT. THE EASTERN SKY WAS JUST BEGINNING TO LIGHT UP, THE TIME BEING APPRX 0700Z, AND THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE THROUGH WHAT LOOKED TO ME TO BE A INVERSION LAYER. MY FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT IT WAS VERY LIKELY THE MORNING STAR OF VENUS AND THAT IS ERRATIC MOTION MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO REFRACTION AND OUR OWN RELATIVELY FWD MOTION. HOWEVER AT THE TIME THAT "ENRAGE" WAS NOTIFIED AND CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP 4 OR 5 TARGETS IN THIS SAME AREA, I BEGAN TO WONDER WHETHER IT WAS THE MORNING STAR OR SOMETHING ELSE. BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE INITIAL SIGHTING AND TIME TIM THAT WE STARTED OUR LET-DOWN, WHICH WAS APPRX 1-HALF HOUR, IT IS MY ESTIMATE THAT THE OBJECT CHANGED ITS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE HORIZON BY APPRX 15 DEGREES OF ELEVATION AND 5 DEGREES AZIMUTH. AFTER THIS BEFORE MENTIONED ANGLE OF ELEVATION INCREASED, THE OBJECT MOVED OUT OF THE SUSPECTED INVERSION LAYER AT WHICH TIME THE EXTENT OF ITS ERRATIC MOTION SEEMED TO DIMINISH AND ONCE AGAIN I THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE THE MORNING STAR." SIGNED LT PAUL J DAILY AO 1657967  
CO-PILOT, KC-9797ARS (TDY EH AFB)

PART 2 "AT 0755Z THIS DATE, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM "ARCHIE 91" KC-97 ENROUTE TO HARMON AFB. HIS POSITION AT THIS TIME WAS 280 DEGREES TRUE, 80 MILES FROM HIS STATION. "ARCHIE 91" REPORTED SIGHTING AN UNKNOWN OBJECT IN THE AIR TO THE LEFT OF HIS ACFT, SLIGHTLY ABOVE HIM, MOVING AT VERY HIGH SPEEDS. IMMED THEREAFTER, "ARCHIE 29"

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ANOTHER ACFT APPRX 20 MILES TO THE REAR OF "ARCHIE 91" REPORTED A SIGHTING OF THE SAME OBJECT IN THE SAME LOCATION. THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS FLYING A VERY ERRATIC COURSE, MAKING SHARP CHANGES IN DIRECTION. BOTH ACFT REPORTED THAT THERE NO CLOUDS WHATSOEVER NEAR THIS ALTITUDE THAT MIGHT CAUSE A REFLECTION. APPRX 0737Z I MADE RADAR CONTACT WITH A TARGET IN THE REPORTED POSITION, AND ALSO WITH SEVERAL OTHER TARGETS SLIGHTLY CLOSE TO THIS STATION. THE SIGHTED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING VERY SLOWLY AT THIS TIME AND EXCELLENT RADAR CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. THE OTHER ACFT REPTD ALSO, THAT AT THIS TIME THE OBJECT SEEMED TO BE HOVERING. THE OTHER GROUP OF OBJECTS DETECTED ON RADAR WERE MOVING VERY FAST, SOMETIME IN A CLUSTER, THEN STRUNG OUT IN LINE FORMATION. DUE TO SLOW ANTENNA ROTATION HIGH SPEED AND CHANGING POSITIONS OF THESE OBJECTS, SPEED CHECK WAS NOT AVAILABLE. ESTIMATE SPEED WOULD BE 1500 KNOTS. THIS GROUP OF TARGETS WAS DETECTED BRIEFLY ON THE HEIGHT FINDER AT FROM 5000-10,000 FEET, I ASKED "ARCHIE 29" IF HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLOSE ON THE SIGHTED OBJECT USING CAUTION, FOR A BETTER REPORT. THE PILOT OF "ARCHIE 29", LT H H SPEER AGREED AND CHANGED COURSE TOWARD THE OBJECT. APPROXIMATE RANGE TO THE OBJECT WAS 40 MILES. THE OBJECT WAS STILL HOVERING IN APPRX THE SAME LOCATION. AS THE RANGE DECREASED, THE OBJECT BEGAN TO SLOWLY MOVE NORTHWARD. AFTER TRAVELING NORTH ABOUT 10 MILES THE OBJECT MADE A TURN BACK SOUTH. "ARCHIE 29" CLOSED TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE OBJECT, THEN IT BEGAN TO MOVE OFF IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AGAIN ABOUT 070 DEGREES TRUE. "ARCHIE 29" REPORTED THAT THE OBJECT

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WAS MOVING NORTHWARD AND CLIMBING. HE SAID IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS NOT CLOSING ON IT ANY LONGER. AT THIS TIME I REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM "DIGNITY" (CONTROL CENTER) TO "SCRAMBLE" WAS COMPLETED. RANGE OF OBJECT BY THIS TIME WAS 30 DEGREES TRUE AT 8 MILES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A MOMENTARY CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT WAS MADE ON OUR HEIGHT FINDER. ALTITUDE WAS 35000 FEET. "ARCHIE 29" REPORTED THAT OBJECT WAS GETTING MUCH HIGHER AND FADING FROM VIEW, DUE TO LESSENING OF SUNS REFLECTIONS ON IT, AND ALSO SUN SHADE RESTRICTING VISION. WHEN FIGHTER BECAME AIRBORNE, OBJECT WAS 110 MILES NORTH OF THE STATIC FIGHTER PILOT, SHAKO 56, REPORTED HIS RADAR WAS INOPERATE. WE REQUESTED HE CONTINUE MISSION FOR ATTEMPT AT VISUAL CONTACT. WHEN SHAKO 56 REACHED "ARCHIE 29'S" POSITION, THE OBJECT HAD FADED FROM VIEW. BOTH ACFT WERE NOW 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF THIS STA. ACFT WERE TRANSFERRED TO GRANDPAS CONTACT MOMENTARILY, THEN TURNED BACK TOWARDS HARMON. BOTH LANDED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT." SIGNED 2ND LT CHARLES H DENNEY USAF SENIOR DIR, 640 ACWON PART 3 FROM THE PERIOD OF 17025 JULY TO 03025 JUL 55, I ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF OD AT THE 640 ACWON SITE. AT APPRX 0700Z, I WAS CALLED INTO OPERATIONS BY THE SENIOR CONTROLLER, WHO IN TURN ADVISED ME OF UNK OBJECTS BEING VIEWED ON THE RADAR. IN CHECKING ALL RADAR IN OPERATION, IT WAS FOUND THEY WERE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. APPRX FROM 1 JUL 55 TO PRESENT, PERIODICALLY THROUGH THE DAY WE HAVE HAD WEATHER INVERSIONS CAUSING OUR RADAR BEAMS TO BEND TOWARDS THE GROUND. WE HAVE PERIODICALLY PICKED UP THE SOUTH SHORE OF LABRADOR AND ANTICOSTI ISLAND DUE TO THE WEATHER INVERSION. AT THE TIME OF

NO SUCH RADAR PHENOMENON WAS NOTICED. ALL UNK OBJECTS SIGHTED ON THE RADAR WERE WITHIN THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR RADAR SET 11. SIGNED FIRST LT ANTHONY G SCARPAGE AO 941448 GND ELECT OFF, 640 ACURON

PART 4. "AT 0700Z, THE NAVIGATOR GAVE US A HEADING OF 132 DEGREES TO HARMON. JUST AFTER WE TURNED TO THAT HEADING LT SCHNECK MADE HIS REPORT OF THE OBJECT AND I LOOKED OVER WHEN HE CALLED IT IN AND THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD HELP IF I VERIFIED WHAT HE SAID BECAUSE I SAW THE SAME THING AT APPROX THE SAME POSITION. ENRAGE IDENTIFIED BOTH OF US BY OUR PARROT. ENRAGE DETERMINED THAT I WAS APPROX 7 MILES CLOSER TO THE OBJECT SO HE HAD ME GIVE CHANGE. THE OBJECT AT THIS TIME WAS APPROX 23000 FEET MY ALTITUDE WAS 18,000 FEET. THE DISTANCE WAS APPROX 33 MILES. WHEN I FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECT, IT MOVED TO THE LEFT IN A VERY DEFINITE MOVEMENT AND A VERY FAST MOVEMENT. THERE WERE NO SLOW INCREASE OR DECREASE IN SPEED. IT WAS A VERY DEFINITE FAST MOVEMENT. IT DID THIS TWICE. WE TURNED TO A HEADING OF 030 DEGREES AND THAT PUT THE OBJECT AT 12 O'CLOCK OUR POSITION. WHILE TRACKING THE OBJECT, IT MADE SEVERAL TURNS TO THE NORTH AND SEVERAL TURNS TO THE SOUTH WHICH WERE VERIFIED BY "ENRAGE". WE CLOSED OUR DISTANCE TO THE OBJECT TO APPROX 18 MILES AND AT THAT TIME I INCREASED MY POWER AND TRIED TO INCREASE MY SPEED BUT DUE TO RUNNING LOW ON OIL, I HAD TO DECREASE MY POWER ONCE MORE. OUR INDICATED AIR SPEED WAS APPROX 210 MILES PER HOUR. WE NEVER LOST CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT FOR A COMPLETE HOUR. WHEN WE GOT WITHIN 12 MILES OF THE OBJECT, IT STARTED A DEFINITE CLIMB TO AN ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF BETWEEN 35,000 AND 40,000 FEET. AT 0800Z, WE LOST CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT

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BECAUSE THE SUN WAS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US. AS THE SUN ROSE HIGHER, THE LIGHT BEGAN TO GET DIMMER AND DIMMER UNTIL WE COMPLETELY LOST SIGHT. IF WE HAD NOT SEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE OBJECT, WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A BRIGHT STAR, BUT THE DEFINITE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL MOVEMENTS OF THE OBJECT KILLED THAT BELIEF. THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY AT LEAST 5 OF MY CREW MEMBERS. AT 0625Z AS WE WERE MAKING CONTACT WITH OUR RECEIVERS, WE SIGHTED AN OBJECT WITH A BRIGHT LIGHT AT APPROX 10,000 FEET. IT WAS BELOW US, AND TO OUR LEFT HEADING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. IT WENT FORWARD TO OUR LEADERS POSITION AND TURNED AROUND AND CAME DIRECTLY BACK FROM THE HEADING OF 090 DEGREES. MY SECOND NAVIGATOR CALLED MY ATTENTION TO THIS OBJECT, BUT I DISREGARDED IT THINKING IT WAS JUST ANOTHER ACFT. AFTER IT PASSED OUR POSITION, WE LOST CONTACT." SIGNED LT HOMER H SPEED. JR AO 1856075 ACFT COMDR KC-9797ARS (TDY, EHAFFB)

PART 5. "WE TURNED OFF AFTER COMPLETION OF REFUELING, THE TIME BEING APPROX 0700Z, AND TOOK UP A HEADING FOR HARMON WHICH WAS 125 DEGREES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, "ENRAGE" CONTROL NOTIFIED ME OF AN ACFT AT 7 MILES OFF MY LEFT WING. I VERIFIED THIS POSITION BY VISUAL CONTACT OF SAID ACFT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT 10, O'CLOCK TO MY POSITION, I NOTICED A BRIGHT LIGHT. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH 3 CREW MEMBERS, WE DECIDED THE LIGHT WAS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY. I DECIDED TO CALL "ENRAGE" CONTROL TO VERIFY THE LIGHT. I TOLD "ENRAGE" CONTROL THAT IT WAS APPROX 10 O'CLOCK FROM MY POSITION AT FROM 15,000 TO 20,000 FEET, AN ESTIMATED 50 MILES. I ALSO TOLD THEM IT WAS MOVING VERY RAPIDLY SOMETHING LIKE THOSE FLYING SAUCERS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER,

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"ARCHIE 29" CALLED "ENRAGE" CONTROL AND VERIFIED MY ACCOUNT OF THE OBJECT. AFTER POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF "ARCHIE 29", THE DISCUSSION OF THE OBJECT WAS REFERRED TO AS TO ITS POSITION FROM "ARCHIE 29". I VERIFIED ALL OF "ARCHIE 29'S" INFORMATION AND CONTINUED WATCHING THE OBJECT UNTIL APPRX 20 MILES FROM HARMON FIELD. FROM THE INFORMATION "ENRAGE" WAS GIVING "ARCHIE 29", IT WAS APPARENT THAT "ARCHIE 29" WOULD MAKE ANY FURTHER REPORTS ON THE OBJECT, SO I DECIDED TO LAND AT HARMON AND CLEARED FROM THE "ENRAGE" FREQUENCY." SIGNED LT ROBERT W SCHNECK AO 775721 ACFT COMDR, KC-9797 ARX (TDY EHAFB)

PART 5 "AFTER WE FINISHED OUR REFUELING RUN AT APPRX 0700Z, WE RETURNED ON OUR HOMEWARD COURSE AND WE HEARD LT SCHNECK REPORT THE BRIGHT LIGHT THAT WAS MOVING VERY FAST AND ERRATICALLY. RIGHT AFTER THAT THE ACFT COMDR SAW THE OBJECT AND POINTED IT OUT TO ME. I COULD SEE IT. IT LOOKED LIKE A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT, LIKE STAR. WE TURNED TOWARDS THE LIGHT AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED MOVEMENT. IT APPEARED STATIONARY FOR QUITE A WHILE AND THEN IT MOVED IN EITHER NORTHERLY OR SOUTHERNLY DIRECTIONS AT DIFFERENT TIMES. EACH TIME IT MOVED, WE TURNED THE ACFT TO KEEP IT AT 12 OCLOCK POSITION. "ENRAGE" FIRST REPORTED WE WERE 45 MILES FROM THE OBJECT. THE SKY WAS FAIRLY LIGHT ON THE HORIZON AND BY CONTRAST THE OBJECT APPEARED VERY BRIGHT. IT WAS AT ITS BRIGHTEST WHEN "ENRAGE" INFORMED US THAT WE WERE 18 MILES FROM IT. AFTER THE SKY WAS GETTING LIGHTER, THE OBJECT BECAME DIMMER AND MORE DIFFICULT TO SEE. ABOUT 0800Z, IT DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY." SIGNED LT DAVID GÜELDNER AO 3006255 CO-PILOT, KC-9797 ARS (TDY EHAFB)

FOLLOW UP REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS RECEIVED AT THIS SITE.

/THIS MSG RELEASED SUBJ TO CORRECTION/SERVICE UPON REQUEST ONLY

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Acting Assistant Director for  
Scientific Intelligence

Chief, Physics & Electronics Division, SI

Unusual UFOB Report

1. The attached copy of a cable is a preliminary report from Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland reporting on what appears to be an unusual "unidentified flying object"-sighting.

2. Essentially, the "object" was apparently simultaneously observed by a tanker aircraft (KC 97) pilot (visually) and by a ground radar (type unknown) site (electronically). While such dual (visual and electronic) sightings of UFOBs are reported from time to time, this particular report is somewhat unique in that:

a. the "pilot of Archie 29 maintained visual contacts with object calling direction changes of object to (radar) site by radio. Direction changes correlated exactly with those painted on scope by controller."

b. In previous cases the dual (visual and electronic) sightings are mostly of a few minutes duration at most. This one was observed by radar, at least, for 49 minutes.

3. It is reasonable to believe that more information will be available on this when complete report (AF Form 112) is issued.

TODD K. COAREKCO [Signature]

Attachment.

cc: ASD/SI  
GD/SI  
SC/SI

Internal CIA memo on July 6, 1955 radar-visual UFO sighting by Air Force tanker pilot.

Last week in June. Circleville, Ohio. "Something in the treetops."

A local paper printed:

"Shrugging off with grins the good-natured jibes of their friends, two Circleville men today were standing firm in their story of a strange, 'square' light seen among the trees near Circleville waterworks.

"Chuck Rihl, 332 E. Union Street, confirmed how he and Dick Buskirk, E. Mound Street, had seen the light while in that area one night last week. They had gone there to fish. Rihl explained he and his companion, both employees of the local General Electric Company plant, had anticipated the ribbing their story would attract.

"We just didn't say much about it,' Rihl laughed, 'because even as it was, they were kidding as plenty at the shop. Somebody said we had seen a flying saucer and boy, that did it!'

"Rihl emphasized that he and Buskirk saw only a 'square and glowing light,' which otherwise had no particular details or pattern. Rihl added, 'It was a mighty bright light, though--brighter than anything I've ever seen before.'

"Rihl said the light he and Buskirk saw glowed with an unusually brilliant 'bluish' glare. He said he and his companion first sighted the phenomenon after they had finished fishing and were walking back to their car, parked some distance away. It was about 10:15 p.m., he said, and 'real dark.' The moon, he explained, was just beginning to rise and had yet to make an impression on the deep gloom around them. Buskirk carried a flashlight. The men said they are positive no other fishermen were in the area. And the moon, they recalled, was in a position where it could not possibly have been responsible for the mystery light.

"They first saw the light directly ahead of them while they were crossing a clearing and approaching the waterworks. It was well off to the right of the waterworks structure, motionless, and roughly at treetop level. Almost as soon as they noticed the light, Rihl said, it began to dim steadily and in a moment disappeared. The men, both able to claim more than average knowledge in the field of high-power lighting, stressed the fact that 'the light certainly didn't snap off suddenly---it dimmed, and very shortly went out altogether.'

"When they first spotted the light, Rihl estimated, they were at a distance of approximately one quarter mile. Made curious by what they had seen, they hurried forward but failed to find any sign of explanation for the light at the spot where they figured it had been. There was a dim light burning in the waterworks plant itself, Rihl recalled, but no sign of activity.

"Standing in the vicinity where they figured the light had appeared, Rihl said he and Buskirk were then puzzled by a noise in the trees overhead. He said, 'It's hard to describe that noise we heard. It was sort of like a big rustling of the trees, or like a whole flock of birds were fluttering around among the leaves. I honestly can't describe how it sounded. Believe me, it gave a fellow a strange feeling. As for Dick, he said: 'Let's get out of this place!' And I certainly was willing to go.'

"Rihl said it would have been virtually impossible to have seen an

object, even if of any great size, if it had been hovering overhead. The trees are fairly close together at the location he explained and the foliage is dense." 10.

7 July 55. Baltimore, Maryland.

"Three Saucers Reported Here."

The front page of the Baltimore Newspost carried the headline: THREE SAUCERS REPORTED HERE." Unlike many such cases, the military considered a jet scramble:

"Air Force authorities today were investigating reports that 'flying saucers' again have invaded the air over Baltimore.

"Three huge round objects 'in formation' were spotted a mile high over Old North Point road shortly before 11 a.m.

"A spokesman for the Air Force's filter center here said the alert was sounded 'too late' for jet planes to climb into the sky to track down the mysterious objects.

"However, the spokesman said the job of his office is to search for clues to every 'saucer' report.

"First to see the objects was Joseph Jackuiski, 1300 block Willow road, who gave a graphic description of the event.

"'They were up about a mile...the sky was light blue and they were whiter than the clouds,' Jackuiski said.

"'I was attracted by their whiteness...they weren't glossy or metallic appearing...there was no vapor trail or any sign of action except they flashed along in perfect order.'

"Jackuiski said there was a 'lead' saucer followed by two slightly behind and flanking the front one.

"'They weren't going too speedily, just going forward steadily,' the eyewitness said.

"His next door neighbor, James Barnett, backed up Jackuiski's story.

"The two men said they were standing outside their homes talking about 10:50 a.m. when Jackuiski looked up and pointed to the strange formation.

"They watched as the objects headed northwest and disappeared. They did not reappear.

"'Flying saucer' reports to the Air Force have dwindled in recent years after a rash of sightings in the early 1950's." 11.

Special Report #14. 7 July 55.

After the completion of Special Report #14 on May 5, 1955, the future of BLUE BOOK was discussed. An official history of the period states:

"As far back as 1952 recommendations have been made to discontinue the project or transfer it to civilian agencies or contractors. However, continuation of the project under Air Force auspices is likely. A letter from General Watson on 7 July 1955 to General Samford expressed factors that are still pertinent, '...is the fact that complete reliance on a contractor would not reduce the responsibility of and therefore the load carried by the Air Force...' Also various studies have been made to transfer the project to other organizations within the Air Force." 12.

9 July 55. Harford, Connecticut.

"Tremendous speed."

A newspaper report said:

"A local resident, James Carey, of Leona Lane, told the Courant he saw a 'flying saucer' over the city about 9:00 p.m. Friday 'at great height and tremendous speed.'"

"Carey, who lives near the A.W. Stanley swimming pool, in the extreme northern section of the town, said he was sitting on his front terrace gazing at the stars, when a disc-shaped object, light orange, almost yellowish, swooped in from the southwest.

"He said he followed its path for about thirty seconds and reported it headed northeast, then turned abruptly due north. 'It came back in a southeasterly direction,' Carey declared, and headed toward the northeast again, disappearing in the general direction of Hartford." 13.

9 July 55. Santa Catalina Channel. (2:30 p.m.)

"Saucer hovers over boat." (See newsclipping) 14.

10 July 55. Santa Catalina Channel. (11:00 a.m.)

"Cigar-shaped object skims channel." (See newsclipping) 15.

## FUMES SPURT FROM SIDES *July 10/1955*

# Flying Saucer Hovers Over Boat in Channel

A flying saucer hovered over a motorboat in the Santa Catalina Channel yesterday afternoon, a frantic boatman radioed district Coast Guard headquarters at San Pedro.

The man who made the report was George Washington.

Washington, of 503 Mountain View Ave., San Bernardino, a tax counselor, said he was en route from Newport Beach to Avalon with his wife, Elsie, and daughter, Maria, 11.

About 2:30 p.m. he reported, when his vessel, the 20-foot Lucky W. was about seven miles off Newport. Mrs. Washington went out on deck to take a sun bath.

She saw an object hover-

ing over the boat and both she and her husband observed it for about six minutes with field glasses.

### Fumes Spurt

Washington said he estimated the object to be about 50 feet in diameter and perfectly round. It was gray-white in color and was spinning rapidly on its own axis with fumes spurring out from each side, he said.

He said he is sure it was not a weather balloon or other such conventional object.

After hovering over Washington's boat for about six minutes it suddenly shot rapidly upward and then disappeared in a cloud bank to landward, he said.

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## Saucer Skims Channel, So Say Fishermen

New cigar shaped flying saucers have been spotted over the Catalina Island Channel.

Robert L. Parker of 1735 Plaza del Sur, Balboa, and five other fishermen aboard a Huntington Beach sport fishing boat yesterday told the Coast Guard of seeing a strange cigar shaped craft fly over their vessel.

Parker said the craft was pale blue on top and aluminum colored on the bottom and was flying about 1½ miles off the Calmar II when they spotted it. It seemed to be moving at a moderate speed and medium altitude before it disappeared, he said.

The sighting was made at about 11 in the morning.

On Saturday, a group of fishermen from Newport Beach, according to the Coast Guard, reported seeing a "conventional" round-shaped flying saucer over the channel traveling at speeds described as "preposterous."

"Had a camera and didn't use it."

A more complete story about the object over the channel appeared in a San Bernardino paper:

"The sighting of an unidentified object in the sky was described more fully by George Washington, San Bernardino accountant and tax consultant, at his home Monday.

"Washington, whose office and home is at 503 Mountain View Avenue, sighted a round 'cylinder-like' object in the sky while cruising with his family towards Catalina Island Saturday afternoon. His radio report to the Coast Guard at Long Beach brought Air Force jet interceptors blasting into the area almost immediately, apparently in hot pursuit of the object, he related.

"Washington said the chase was short lived, as the object shot off into hazy clouds in the direction of San Diego, leaving the jets 'far behind.'

"The accountant, who said his wife, Elise, and young daughter Maria, first sighted the object floating about 2,500 feet above the boat, described its shape as 'a round cylinder, grayish and white, turning rapidly within its own axis.'

"He said it was surrounded by a 'haze of fumes' apparently blowing out from the object. Washington observed it through binoculars for several minutes before deciding to notify the Coast Guard, who asked him to keep an eye on it until he could get planes into the air. He was under way at the time, having throttled down his engines when his wife and daughter called his attention to the object's presence. Washington said it maintained its position above him as he moved through the water.

"He described the object's movement after the appearance of the planes in the following manner: 'It zig-zagged upward with more fumes blowing out its sides and then suddenly zoomed away into the hazy clouds above to the south.'

"The object's dimensions 'are very hard to determine...maybe sixty feet in diameter, which may be right or wrong,' he said. 'I don't believe in flying saucers and that sort of thing, but the only conclusion I can come to is that it is something neither myself nor my wife have ever seen before.'

"At the time of the sighting, the accountant in his \$15,000 22-foot boat, was about nine miles west of Newport, headed for Avalon Harbor, thirteen miles away. Sunday he was interrogated by Coast Guard officials and numerous press and radio correspondents concerning the sighting.

"It was fascinating,' he concluded. 'My only regret is that all that time I had my camera in the boat with me and didn't use it.'" 16.

9 July. Dewey, Oklahoma. (9:00 a.m.)

An Oklahoma newspaper tells us:

"A Dewey man said Monday he has seen what he thinks is a flying saucer. M.B. Killian said he saw a 'round, silver' object flying at great speed about 15,000 feet over his house at 300 North Creek in Dewey about 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

"Killian said the object was flying a north-northeast course, made no noise, discharged no smoke, and he described it as being about fifty feet in diameter and having no wings.

"Killian added that it stopped its course, circled twice and then resumed the course again after picking up speed. Another Dewey resident, who requested that he be unidentified, corroborated Killian's story and said he saw the objects about the same time.

"The 796th ACGW radar station west of the city said it had no report of any unidentified aircraft in the area at that time." 17.

10 July 55. 4:30 p.m. London, England.

A Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Way were in a crowd at a cricket match when they looked up and spotted something passing overhead toward the southwest. The husband testified:

"I should imagine this silvery disc was about 25,000 feet up when my wife and I saw it, for it was travelling level with some cirrus cloud in the sky at the time.

"It was very bright and looked about the size of a halfpenny held at arm's length. It was circular, but it had a hump on the top of it.

"The odd thing about it' he added, 'was that there seemed to be two of these things very close together: as though one was on top of the other. They were going very much faster than any jet.'" 18.

11 July. Toulab, France. Reddish-orange object. (See below)

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| 1. DATE<br>11 Jul 55                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Toulab, France                                                                                                                                                                         |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE/TIME GROUP<br>Local<br>GMT -02452 (?) DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 5. PHOTO<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Mil (C-47 A/C)                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>12 min                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE<br>up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Round light, reddish-orange obj at first changing to a brilliant white. No sound or trail when first sighted, obj was ascending. It continued up, made an arc to left and descended to approx even alt. Wit with observers /ac and stopped suspended in midair. Obj then started lateral movements from left to right, just like a pendulum of a clock, but moved further to right than left, resulting in its crossing the flt path of observers a/c. Obj also slowly increased in alt. The obj faded from view in approx 19 min. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Ref: ATIC #240736,<br>IR 86-55-02 DTD 14<br>Jul 55, on file in ATIC<br>repository.<br><br>(No report in file)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

11 July. Greenville, Maine. Air traffic? (See below)

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| 1. DATE<br>11 July 1966                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 2. LOCATION<br>HJVA 3884 (Greenville, Maine)                                                                                                                                                          |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Twenty (20) Minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One (1)                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 9. COURSE<br>Circling                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>One (1) round and flat object with a light blinking on the top appeared the size of a four engine aircraft but with no tail or wings. Object appeared silver and pink, and a "flash" out of the rear of the object. Circled the observer four times. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>The fact that the description of this object coupled with the fact that there was air traffic in the area at the time of sighting indicates that she probably saw the aircraft and the navigation lights on it. The course of the object (circling) would also substantiate the above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

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11 July. China Lake Naval Air Facility, California. (10:10 p.m.)

A strange fireball was reported by CWO Carl Z. Russ, AO2 Richard F. Lundy, and ACAN Charles P. Chitwood. All reports were essentially the same. Control Tower Operator Lundy reported that the fireball was first noticed in the northwest part of the sky moving at high speed, and it flew out of sight at a theodolite-measured angle of 277 degrees.

The Air Intelligence Information Report filed on this case had this very interesting conclusion by the Preparing Officer, Captain Patrick O. Shere. The conclusion contained a number of suggested explanations. Among those suggested was this one:

"Optical phenomena seems to be the best possibility. The fact that no other individuals observed this object, although it was in sight for approximately 23 minutes, lends credence to this theory. The area is sparsely populated and it is possible that other people saw it and failed to report it. The inability of the interceptor planes to make either visual or electronic contact helps this possibility."

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| Incl #2, PART THREE, Rept 1C-UFOB-11-55<br>SOURCE's Memory Sketch of object's flight path in possible relation to mountain range |               |              |
| <p>China Lake case.</p>                                                                                                          |               |              |
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| <p>Arrow indicates direction of flight</p>                                                                                       |               |              |

In a rare difference of opinion, the Approving Officer, "J.M.W.," reviewed the paperwork and came to a conflicting conclusion, listing the following comments:

"This headquarters does not concur with the possible causes of this sighting offered by the Preparing Officer for the following reasons:

- a. Balloon possibility: The sudden reversal of direction, the high rate of speed, and the conical tail would eliminate balloon activity.
- b. Aircraft possibility: The duration of the sighting, the slow movement to the west, and the area of the sighting (restricted area) would eliminate the possibility of aircraft.
- c. Astronomical activity: The fact that this object was initially sighted by radar, coupled with the duration of the sighting would eliminate the possibility of astronomical activity.
- d. Optical phenomena: This object was initially picked up on radar and was seen by three people for a long period of time, thereby eliminating the possibility of optical phenomena.

"This report is forwarded to ATIC as 'unknown.'" 20.

This "unknown" conclusion was not put on the BLUE BOOK record file card.

12 July. Innerkip, Canada.

News from Canada:

"Harrold Prostag, who lives 2½ miles from Innerkip reported that on July 12 he saw 8 flying saucers between 8 and 9 p.m. His housekeeper also saw them. Prostag said that the oval, chrome-colored objects were clean-cut at the edges, shaped like dinner plates, and were in sight for 15 minutes." 21.

Donald Keyhoe learned that the next day something spotted over London, Ontario. According to his source several witnesses: "...sighted a disc nearly 200 feet in diameter. It flew south over the lake and then suddenly shot up and disappeared. According to an Ottawa dispatch, which I just saw, the RCAF has alerted all its pilots to be on watch for flying saucers." 22.

12 July. Palmdale, California. (8:15 p.m.)

Three shiny triangles.

An account taken from the Southern Antelope Valley Press states:

"Three silvery triangular objects soared over Palmdale in plain view of observers early Tuesday evening.

"First to spot the mystery 'things' at about 8:15 p.m. was Bob Jones, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jones, 1540 Palmdale Boulevard, who said the object first looked to be long, thin and silvery. As he watched, the long shape appeared to split into three shiny triangles which darted over, under and around each

other, sometimes standing almost still and then suddenly darting away at great speeds. Bob called his dad who operates the control tower for Civil Aeronautics Authority at Palmdale Airport. The elder Jones, after viewing the strange objects, telephoned Palmdale Airport where William Kane was on duty as tower operator. Kane leveled high-powered glasses in the direction of the objects, southward from Palmdale, and confirmed that there were three of them, silvery looking, and triangular in appearance. Jones said the objects appeared to be about 20,000 feet, were clearly visible, and were not airplanes. Mrs. Jones, who witnessed the phenomenon, was emphatic in stating the objects were not airplanes; that they were made of metal; that there definitely were three rectangles(? sic) in the sky.

"Tower operator Kane said he watched the objects off and on for some time, and that he could not identify them. He said they might have been weather balloons, but did not act like balloons.

"The objects were reported seen by Vincent Fire Station south of Palmdale and also by guards employed by Convair and Lockheed Air Terminal at Palmdale Airport." 23.

12 July. Wallowa, Oregon.

"Fast-moving objects at extremely high altitudes?"

Puzzled citizens related their story to a local newsman who filed the following story:

"Flying saucers, ten or a dozen of them, were sighted high over Wallowa Tuesday morning about 10:30. The two reputable witnesses who saw them are going to be hard to convince what they saw were not in fact fast-moving objects at extremely high altitudes.

"O.W. 'Shorty' McKenzie and Ralph Pease, who was painting the McKenzie home, witnessed the spectacle. At first, Shorty said, he saw four of them close to the sun. 'Oh, just dandelion thistles,' he said in a joking way.

"Then he watched more closely and saw them move. They must have been traveling at a high rate of speed, he said.

"Then he saw more of them in other parts of the sky, until he and Mr. Pease had counted ten or twelve. They appeared to be very high, to be made of aluminum and to be spinning very rapidly. Recalling that the sky watch program has urged observers to report unusual aerial phenomena, Mrs. McKenzie called the Wallowa sky watch tower. Finding no one was there, she called Mrs. Aneta Goebel, who called the filter center at Bend directly, reporting what had been seen.

"Returning from the house where he had gone to have Mrs. McKenzie phone, Mr. McKenzie took his high-powered glass and focused on the aerial objects. 'They looked like an extremely bright star,' Shorty said, 'except that they moved, going as fast or faster than a high-speed jet.' The 'saucers' were in view a total of between two and three minutes.

"Mrs. Ike Steele reports that the evening previous she saw a lone aerial object travel across the sky. Her description tallies closely with that of Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Pease.

"Since this is the kind of news story which copy desk men on the Observer delight in lifting for a front-page position Saturday, the editor hereby wishes to inform his fellow scribes that Mr. McKenzie operates the Wallowa Cash Market and is a partner in the McLean Theater at Wallowa. He is a veteran of World War I, and enthusiastic sports fan, and definitely not given to fanciful imaginations.

24.  
13 July. Long Beach and Glennavon, California.

"Jet plane exhaust?" (See BLUE BOOK\*file card)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>13 Jul 55                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2. LOCATION<br>Long Beach and Glennavon, Calif                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Sulfur<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Sulfur<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Sulfur<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local<br>GMT 14/0432Z, 14/0435Z                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                            | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian, 18000 multiple                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>five minutes<br>three minutes                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE<br>dropped, ascending<br>W & Str up    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One round red and white obj size of dime held at arms length, appeared to travel west and straight up.<br><br>One round, red obj, size of quarter at arms length, appeared to drop then ascend and head west. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br>Observer saw exhaust of jet a/c. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

ATTC FORM 320 (REV 10 SEP 52)

14 July. Ottetail Lake, Minnesota. (7:40 p.m.)

"I'm just as sure as I am sitting here."

The staff of a small local newspaper was told a "sucker story." The next day one of the reporters wrote the following for publication:

"With the thought of being ridiculed by friends, and accused of suffering from hallucination, a summer resident at Ottetail Lake and his guest have kept silent on a story that may or may not be important. The story, loaded with interest, is released by the parties this week, with the understanding that names be withheld.

"The story started out, 'I'm just as sure it was a flying saucer, as I am sitting here in your office.' With this, they tell of the following incident:

"While the resident and his guest were returning to the cottage from a fishing trip on Ottertail, their attention for some unknown reason, was attracted skyward, and they sighted a brilliant object suspended in the sky. As they came along in the boat, they continued to watch the object, and jokingly remarked, 'They won't believe us, but we can say that on this night, at twelve minutes to eight, July 14 --and--sighted their first flying saucer,' and continuing in lighter vein wondered if they would have their names in the second book when it was written on flying saucers.

"About fifteen minutes later when they docked their boat, the object was still visible, but had moved to another quadrant. Calling to his family, the resident told one of his children to get his binoculars, as he wanted to get a better look at it. The entire group watched it for another possible fifteen or twenty minutes.

"In explaining the object, they state it appeared to be somewhat like an elongated balloon, squashed together, and seemed to be standing perpendicular. When it was first sighted, it was about 75 or 80 degrees to the east, and later moved into a south quadrant.

"'Whatever it was, it wasn't affected by wind currents, for clouds moved around it, and there was no drift to it--it just stood still,' said one of the men.

"With the aid of the binoculars they could make out what appeared to be a row of windows, or portholes along the side of the object something like a train coach. On what they thought was the underside, was a 'V' which appeared to run from about the center off to the front.

"It was whitish,' is the way the color was explained, 'maybe something like aluminum in the bright evening sun, but it was so bright it was hard to tell, it just looked 'whitish' is the best way to explain it.'

"The object was estimated to have been at a height of 25,000 feet as near as they could determine from the cloud structure and it appeared to be about 'half the size of the moon.'

"When the object started its departure, they said it moved from the south slightly east, against the direction of the clouds, and then in a sort of sweeping arc started its perpendicular climb and disappeared into the south, passing through two thin layers of cloud.

"Said one: 'I have never discounted the possibility of flying saucers, but I was always in hopes I could see one to verify it in my own mind --and now I can,' and then went on, 'I can't help but feel it was somebody up there making an observation, for it stayed there so long.'

"This story has been passed on to the 739th AC&W at Wadena, belated as it is, and request is made, 'if any people ever view such an object which can't be identified as a conventional aeroplane, if they will get all data possible as to shape, color, and where viewed, and notify them immediately.'" 25.

Mid July (no exact date) Nata, South Africa.

Numerous reports came in from the Nata area concerning the presence in the sky of a mysterious elliptical body of large size that was seen travelling forward, backwards, and circling before coming to a complete stop. After a pause the object zoomed away at great speed. 26.

"Fantastic claims by Nahon's so-called "Interplanetary Association."  
(See newsclipping on next page)

15 July. Salem, Oregon. (8:30 p.m.)

An Oregon paper printed:

"Three Sweet Home residents are wonder what the strange object seen in the sky was, as they approached Salem from Portland, last Friday night. The thunder and lightning they were startled to see a round object hang motionless in the sky then take off at terrific speed. After they watched it for a while it again hung motionless, then disappeared in a burst of speed. The time was 8:30 p.m." 27.

18 July. Abbeville, France.

UFOs were still interested in France it seems, because on the 18th an intriguing event took place at Abbeville's Flessiel Airport, if we can believe a M. Maupin and five other persons. A circular body sailed thru the area at low altitude, silently and slowly, giving off a dazzling light. The object came within 150 meters of the witnesses and at one time hovered close to the metro station but did not touch down. Finally it moved away in a northwest direction. When word of the visitation was published, a woodsman named M. Rolle, who lived in Mareuil-Caubert, swore he also saw the UFO 30 minutes or so before its appearance at Abbeville. 28.

17 July. Canton, Ohio. (See below)

## Interplanetary Assn. Tells Real Summit Purpose

GENEVA, July 16 (AP) — The "World Interplanetary Assn." disclosed today the secret reason the heads of government of the world's four major powers decided to meet here next week.

This is it: To discuss how to deal with beings from other planets who have delivered a "final warning" to the world by destroying atomic plants in Britain and Russia.

The association made this disclosure in a memorandum to the Big Four, signed by its president, Prof. Alfred Nahon of Lausanne. The association's congress unanimously approved it last week, he said.

### Disintegration Of Universe

The utilization of atomic energy—even for peaceful purposes—was about to cause the disintegration of the universe, the memorandum declared. The inhabitants of other planets realized the danger, and the only way to prevent attacks from outer space was to abandon the atom.

The memorandum called on the Big Four to tell the world the truth about aircraft from outer space, "observed in all countries since 1945," in order to avoid a "stupid panic" when the facts finally become known.

### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>10 min                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                               | 9. COURSE<br>Stationary then<br>straight up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>Gray, round dome on top and bottom which were white in color, no sound, obj was low and stationary until approached by civilian a/c, then obj went straight up and disappeared.<br><br> |                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11. COMMENTS<br>Evaluated as Possible Balloon.<br><br>K243.6012-1<br>17-31341<br>1755<br>RETURN TO:<br>Discreet<br>Aerospace Studies Inst<br>ATTN: Archives Branch<br>Marshall AFB, Alabama                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

20 July. Wallowa, Oregon.

"Up and up and up."

The Wallowa County Chieftain related:

"'Unidentified flying objects' have been sighted lurking over nearby towns. Even though they don't zip or streak or whiz by but just hang there, the Air Force is having trouble with them. On Wednesday, July 20, the Weston post of the Ground Observer Corps reported to the Bend Filter Center that a round object of silver base color was in the sky over the town.

"A jet was sent up by the Portland Air Base but his maximum altitude was only 35,000 feet. The object went to 65,000 feet. A second jet was sent out, this a higher altitude job that could go to 65,000 feet. The object, however, remained elusive and went up to an estimated 95,000 feet. And there it stayed.

"No further contact was made and the jets went home.

"A week earlier similar objects were reported over Wallowa. The Filter Center was notified but it was too late to make aerial contact with them.

"Anyone spotting any flying objects is asked to contact the nearest Ground Observer post immediately." 29.

21 July. Lincoln, Nebraska. (See below)

# PROJECT 10873 RECORD CARD

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>15 seconds                                                                                                                                           |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE<br>SW to NE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One round, silver obj, size of silver dollar held at arms length clearly seen to be spinning while moving at a high rate of speed from SW to NE |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Check was made with COC weather at ADC with negative results. Observers possibly saw reflection of sun off a highly polished s/c. The non-technical background of observers would make it difficult to recognize such a phenomenon and the reflection could account for the large appearance of the obj.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |

20 July. Edison, Georgia.

"A hairy little ghost."

Three Springs Ranch, owned by a Wayne Dozier, was located outside the city of Edison, Georgia. Mr. Dozier, besides being a property owner, taught vocational agriculture at Edison High School. On Wednesday, July 20, 1955, Dozier wanted an alfalfa field mowed so he assigned the task to one of his farmhands, a young black man named Tant King.

About noontime King was driving a tractor back and forth, cutting the alfalfa, when he noticed a strange figure. Adjoining the barbed-wire-fenced field was a thick woodland area. Out of these trees there emerged a humanoid being about 3½ feet in height. In King's words: "...a hairy little grey man without clothes." 30. The creature apparently didn't do much. It just walked along the fence or stood around during the ½ hour it was visible before returning to the woods, nonetheless King was frightened by the thing.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Dozier drove his truck out to the field to bring in King and found the fellow in a highly nervous state. King told his boss about the "little man." Dozier asked King why he never tried to approach the creature but King said he wasn't about to mess with anything that might be supernatural, that it was not wise to "crowd a ghost." Dozier checked the ground where the "ghost" was supposed to have been walking and found some odd tracks in the dirt that seemed fresh: "...the size of a hand with four claws turned out sideways." 31.

Another search on Saturday turned up more strange "footprints" and by that time the whole town was abuzz about the "hairy little ghost" that was haunting the countryside. The Sheriff was quite ready to respond to any report of the thing's appearance since he was as eager as anyone else to get a look at the mysterious creature if it indeed did exist.

A second sighting occurred the afternoon of the 24th when apparently the same "little man" made an appearance at Mrs. Alberta Donnell's farm several miles from Dozier's place. Mrs. Donnell and her son Toby both saw the being after some cattle stampeded, the panic drawing their attention to a pasture about a ¼ mile from the farmhouse. Looking in the direction of the pasture, the Mother and son sighted a four foot high, shaggy-haired, mole-colored, figure which came out of a wooded area and walked across an open stretch of ground, disappearing behind a tree. It was the impression of Mrs. Donnell that the cows had sensed something uncanny.

On the 25th Mrs. Donnell's daughter Martha said she saw a creature in the same pasture, a hairy, brownish-colored figure about "shoulder high." 32.

Excitement over the mysterious creature lasted for about a week or so. The people living in the area hunted for the creature without success. No one knew where the thing had come from or where it had went. Press reports from local newspapers mention no UFO sightings.\*

It is tempting to believe the Edison sightings had some connection to the Stockton, Georgia, little men report 100 miles to the southeast.

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\*The reader may be interested in checking into the "shaggy-haired creature" sightings and a possible UFO connection by consulting Dennis Pilich's slim book: Night Siege: The Northern Ohio UFO-Creature Invasion. Published by the author at P.O. Box 5012, Rome, Ohio. 44085. The work details the author's investigation into a series of UFO-creature encounters in rural Ohio in June-August 1981.

24 July. Atlanta, Georgia.

"It stayed in the same spot for a half-minute then, phfft! Out of sight in two seconds."

A newsstory states:

"A strange 'glowing' object that traveled across the sky with 'fantastic speed' was reported seen by at least forty residents of the East Lake section, Thursday.

"Startled Atlantans who called the Constitution agreed the 'thing' shed a phosphorous-like light, seemed to revolve and left a jet trail. They differed slightly on whether it was round or oblong.

"I'll never forget it if I live to be 90!" one caller said. 'It stayed in the same spot for half-a-minute then, phfft! Out of sight in two seconds.'

"A woman, who had her neighborhood water-melon cutting interrupted by the object's appearance, said she was positive it 'wasn't a light from the ground, because clouds came between it and partially blocked it off for a while.'

"Atlanta Municipal Airport authorities said the object could not have been a commercial airliner, as none had been over that area lately.

'Mr. Boatwright said: 'I was standing directly beneath it and it appeared to me to have two jet exhausts! I could be mistaken.

"Sir! I believe that thing was at least two miles high and at least one hundred feet wide.'" 33.

25 July. "Inside The Space Ships?"

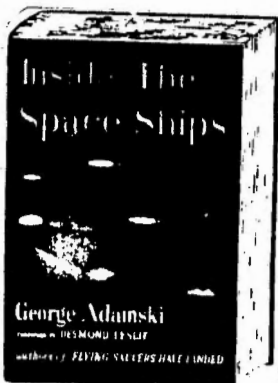
The publication date for George Adamski's second space thriller was July 25th. One UFO expert blasted the book calling it: "cheap, tear-jerking, sentimental pulp mag material and religio-philosophical twaddle." Such words never slowed the "New Age" crowd.

In Detroit, Michigan, the next day, contactee Buck Nelson lectured before a so-called "Study Group of Inter-Planetary Relationships." The myth-makers were going strong.

26 July. Kansas City, Kansas. (See below.)

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| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military (B-47 Pilot)                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Approximately one (1) minute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One (1)                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 9. COURSE<br>SW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One (1), round, white object, leaving no contrails or exhaust appeared to be at an altitude of approximately 66,000 feet and heading SW at a speed estimated to be 1,300 knots. This object was sighted from a B-47 type a/c which was headed NE. No radar contact could be made with the object by ground radar. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Due to the lack of information on the original report an ATIC Form 164 has been sent to the observer. A check was made with COC Weather for possible balloon activity in the area and a check of winds at the time of the sighting, both with negative results. Upon receipt of the 164 sent to the source, this headquarters will inform ATIC of the conclusions drawn.                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |



**GEORGE ADAMSKI'S  
NEW BOOK**

**\$350**

**PUBLICATION DATE: JULY 25th**

# Inside The Space Ships

**Adamski's first book, FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, has now sold over 85,000 copies in the United States alone and has been translated into Dutch, Spanish, and French.**

What has happened to George Adamski since he wrote the famous incidents in **FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED**? Since the memorable November 20, 1952, when he first made personal contact with a man from another world? And since December 13, 1952 when he was able to make photographs within 100 feet of the same saucer that had brought his original visitor?

INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS is Adamski's own story of what has happened to him since then. It begins with his first meeting, a few months later, with second man from another world—his first meeting with one who speaks to him. This second visitor brings him to a Venusian Scout (flying saucer) and this, in turn, brings him to a mother ship. Later he is conveyed in both a Saturnian Scout and a Saturnian Mother ship. Adamski tells us what transpires in these space craft and what the men and women from other worlds have told him.

Desmond Leslie, who was co-author with Adamski of **FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED**, provides a foreword to the new book in which he courageously faces the fact that many will be initially skeptical of the startling facts now told for the first time by George Adamski.

Also, an introduction provided by Charlotte Blodget, who was Mr. Adamski's literary aide in writing his new book, provides a framework in which to better understand the book. Mrs. Blodget also contributes a biographical sketch of George Adamski which completes the book.

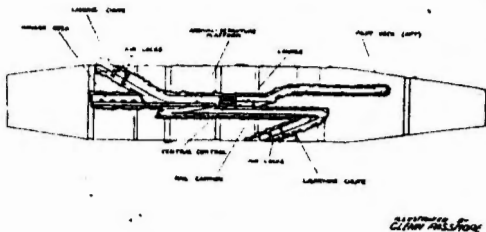
In spite of the scoffing of skeptics and the bitter and vicious attacks of opponents, a great world audience has collected to read and listen to George Adamski.

Adamski's photographs of flying saucers, originally published in **FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED**, have since become world famous as other witnesses in other parts of the world have succeeded in taking photographs identical with his. Now, however, in **INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS**, Adamski gives us 16 photographs and illustrations, mostly no longer of Scouts (flying saucers) but of the great space ships from which they are launched. The main group of these photographs were taken in April 1955 and neither the photographs nor a description of them have ever been published before.

• Mother ship releasing Scouts. Six Scouts (flying saucers) are seen. Last of four telescopic pictures in a series taken by George Adamski.



• Mother ship releasing Scouts. Here two Scouts (flying saucers) have slid down the rail, through two air-locks and out into space through the bottom of the ship.



VENUSIAN SPACECRAFT  
(MOTHER SHIP)

• Diagram of Venusian Spacecraft (Mother Ship) landing and launching chutes with air locks.

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27 July. Off Florida. About midnight.

"What IS it?"

Marine fighter pilot Willard D. Nelson was at the helm of a Douglas F3D2 "Skyknight" flying practice intercepts off the Florida coast the night of July 27, 1955. The controlling AC&W site was the one at Key West Naval Air Station.

About midnight officer Nelson had just finished an intercept and was flying on a straight and level course toward homebase. A strange red light was noticed off to the left at 8 o'clock position by Nelson which he guessed was at his own altitude of 25,000 feet. This light was not of much concern at first since the light seemed to be about 4 miles away, but it was at his altitude so the Marine pilot kept making visual checks.

Not long afterwards the red light could be seen moving parallel to Nelson at the same speed (about 300 knots) only some 150 yards away. Very curious, officer Nelson peered at the glowing crimson point believing a passenger plane was sharing his airspace but there was no cabin or navigation lights visible.

Suddenly whatever it was turned on an enormous jet-like, orange-colored, exhaust, like kicking in a giant afterburner, the flame over 10 feet wide and 150 feet long. Startled by the size and power of the display, Nelson alerted his RO, officer Moreau, by yelling: "LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!" Moreau, who had his head inside the hood that covered the plane's radar screen, jerked backward and instantly spotted the huge exhaust flame as it vanished in the distance, moving so fast it diminished to invisibility within 10 seconds. Moreau exclaimed: "What IS it!" 34.

29 July. Key Biscayne, Florida. (4:30 a.m.)

"Humming noise."

Joseph Murphy's baby daughter was making a fuss. In spite of the hour (4:30 a.m.) Mr. Murphy crawled out of bed to check on the infant but he arose with less reluctance than one might think because an odd humming sound was audible, a sound that intrigued Murphy since its origin was a mystery. Several times he had heard the same humming early in the morning coming from outside the house (Did the hum have anything to do with the nine-month-old girl in her crib?). When Mr. Murphy entered the nursery and switched on the light, the hum weakened as if whatever was generating the sound was moving away from the house. When his wife arrived to take care of the child, Mr. Murphy went to the front room and looked out the window of his Key Biscayne, Florida, home which had a good view of the Atlantic.

The weather was excellent and the stars stood out clearly. One bright spot in the morning darkness looked "funny" so Mr. Murphy stared at it intently. Suddenly the spot shot northward. It then stopped for a while. Without warning the spot in the sky, a smear of red, retraced its course and shot southward, passing over some houses about six blocks away. At that distance Murphy discerned a dark mass in a banking maneuver which exposed its underside, a glowing blue area surrounded by a rotating, orange-red rim. Apparently when the dark mass was upright only the crimson color was visible to an observer looking at its profile.

Murphy ran out the front door to get a better view but by then the UFO was gone.

Murphy, a lawyer who relied on facts to earn his living, had been a skeptic of the saucers but now he wasn't so sure he could be.

Another resident of Key Biscayne, a Mr. Art Gray, had reported a similar phenomenon over the city in 1953, a thing moving in the sky that was visible for seven minutes with the use of binoculars. Gray finally lost sight of it when it abruptly shot straight up. 35.

28 July. Upland, California. (2:45 a.m.) "Orange-yellow ball."

A southern California newspaper printed:

"An Upland man and his wife reported Thursday they sighted what appeared to them to be an orange-yellow ball of fire heading from the Ontario area toward San Bernardino. Names are withheld by request. The man arose about 2:45 a.m. to investigate a smell of smoke. He went outside to the yard and looking up toward the roof saw a ball of fire. He said it seemed to be traveling in a predetermined direction. In the skies over southeast Ontario it made a half-circle and then headed toward the northeast. It made no sound, and shed no sparks. 36.

29 July 55. Cincinnati, Ohio.

An hour after midnight a neon-bright sphere of light swooped out of the black heavens over Cincinnati. It was accompanied by a shrill sound.

Instead of exploding or plunging to earth like a meteor, the brilliant ball zoomed around in the atmosphere, flying zig-zags and executing square turns. After this performance, the puzzling "bolide" moved away to the north. 37.

30 July 55. Alaska.

A manifestation similar to the Cincinnati one took place over Alaska on July 30th.

Two King Salmon CAA Tower Operators, Richard Ohman and Robert Penland, saw a comet-like ball of light travelling at super-sonic speed. Trailing a blue and yellow tail of fire, the luminous body approached at an altitude of 25,000 feet and while in view made a number of sharp changes of direction at right angles to its trajectory. The thing was in sight about five minutes. 38.

30 July. Fazakerby, Tanganyika. 8:50 p.m.

A disc, reflecting the rays of the sun low down on the horizon, silently flew out of the southern sky and moved to a position above Fazakerby, a community in the country of Tanganyika. Having reached a point over the town, the object parked in the air for 20 minutes. The thing was under observation all this time by Mr. Clive Waud, a senior official of the National Coal Board. The disc disappeared when an aircraft approached. 39.

30 July.

Winston, Connecticut. (See BLUE BOOK file card below)

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| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                             | 6. SOURCE<br><u>Civilian</u>                                                                                                                                                                          |                          | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>It is possible that the observer of this sighting saw an aircraft passing to the north, and the sun being directly behind the observer, he possibly saw the reflection off a passing a/c. The duration of the sighting and the distance traveled by the object would support the aircraft theory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><u>Approx five (5) minutes</u>                                                                                                      | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><u>One (1)</u>                                                                                                                                                                | 9. COURSE<br><u>East</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>One (1), round, silver object, the size of a baseball at arms length, was seen to fly from NW to NE, flying straight east. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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31 July. Salem, Oregon.

More UFO reports from Oregon:

"Three cloud-colored objects, size and shape undetermined because of their height, were sighted going from south to north over Salem shortly after 2:00 p.m. Saturday by a resident of the area nine miles south near Highway 99E.

"A high-flying plane was seen traveling in the opposite direction on a similar line a minute or two later, 'but it wasn't anything like the other three things which were in V-formation and alternating between going extremely fast and considerably slower,' he said. 'The informant said the formation was in sight about sixty seconds.'" 40.

Late July, 1955. Paterson, New Jersey. "Ringed cylinder."  
 "A decidedly un-saucer saucer." (See below)

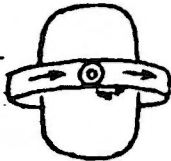
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10 July 1955  
 Paterson, New Jersey

### FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF PAST SIGHTINGS

#### RINGED CYLINDER OVER PATERSON

Late July, 1955: On a weekday evening late in July 1955, 19-year-old Daniel K. O'Connor, of Paterson, New Jersey, was sitting in a park off Main Street at about 8 p.m. when he saw a peculiar object of a grey metallic color in the sky. He described the shape as a cylinder on end with a circular ring running horizontally around the center of the object. Within this circular ring was a rotating light (see diagram). The object, about-as long as it was wide, appeared to be as large as a silver dollar held at arm's length. Its edges were clear and sharply defined. Seen in the southern sky, the object was retreating at a moderate speed to the west and finally became just a pinpoint in the bright twilight sky. It had remained in clear view for about 10 minutes. The sky was clear. Mr. O'Connor reported that others had also seen the object, but no names and addresses were available. The details were obtained from the witness by CSI members Arthur Shattuck and Frank Principe.



*Blue Book Files*

### The bridge at Loveland.

In July Leonard Stringfield printed rumors in his Orbit publication about a businessman seeing a quartet of "little men" beneath a bridge in a suburb of Loveland, Ohio. According to the rumor, after the witness reported the sighting, armed guards were stationed at the bridge, and later rumors indicated FBI interest in the incident.

Ted Bloecher, representing Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, travelled to Cincinnati to ascertain the truth. He discussed the matter with the Chief Coordinator for Civil Defense, Hamilton County, a Mr. Frank Whitecotton. The Civil Defence official told Bloecher the witness in question was not a businessman but a young Civil Defence police volunteer, suggesting Police Chief John Fritz be interviewed since it was Fritz who was the witness' immediate supervisor. Bloecher located Chief Fritz but found the man not very forthcoming until "Civilian Saucer Investigation" was explained. After that Chief Fritz warmed up a bit and revealed that the bridge witness was a 19-year-old police auxiliary named "C.F." (name withheld by Bloecher) and that the supposed incident took place in "early July" while the young man at the wheel of an official CD truck. While crossing the Little Miami River "C.F." noticed a terrible stench although he mentioned nothing that would tie the smell to the "beings." Chief Fritz admitted his office was contacted but he did not give Bloecher the police report on the case. Asked about FBI interest, Chief Fritz denied the Federal Bureau had any of its people involved, furthermore he gave the impression he wanted to avoid such questions. Finally, Loveland's top cop refused to confirm the rumor a police guard was placed at the bridge.

In spite of the hesitation shown by the Chief at point in the interview, Loveland's top cop offered to take Bloecher to see "C.F."

It seems "C.F." lived in a farmhouse on the outskirts of town so Chief Fritz drove Bloecher a lift in his patrolcar.

Unfortunately "C.F." was not in a good mood to be questioned. Ridicule had embittered the young man and it took some coaxing to elicit his cooperation. When "C.F." finally decided to talk he related little that was new or useful. The sighting lasted only seconds so all the fellow remembered was that there were four, "oddly moving," human-looking men, all about three feet in height. 41.

1 August. Willoughby, Ohio.

A dark shape, that displayed a small red light, sailed downward out of a black cloudy sky. As it approached the earth two more lights were switched on and these cast a brilliant glare over the property of a W.E. Sheneman of Willoughby, Ohio. Sheneman was just driving up to his house when the strange aerial object dived out of the heavens, giving the man the impression a plane was about to crash into his home. His wife and children also spotted the object plunging toward them and they were terrified.

Fortunately the object slowed to a stop and then hovered about 20 meters above Sheneman's garage. The Sheneman family was now able to study the visitor closely. At first there wasn't much to see. The object was about 30 meters in diameter from what they could observe. Its smaller features were obscured by red and green lights which washed out details but these lights suddenly were extinguished revealing a domed body, a long flat dome in profile that had many tiny points of light on it. A sound, which the witness compared to the hum of an electric fan, was audible.

The object did not remain stationary for long. Its pilot, we assume it had a pilot, felt the need to move his craft and the ship "flashed" to a position above a nearby wood where it paused for about 5 minutes before drifting away at a leisurely speed. 42. (See witness drawing)

The Sheneman case was investigated 12 months later by Air Force BLUE BOOK agents. An official report commented:

"In view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. (...name deleted) repeated almost the exact story submitted in the UFO case dossier, that Mr. (...deleted) appears familiar with known types of aircraft; and that he still seemed frightened almost a year after his sighting, the undersigned investigator was left with the impression that Mr. (...deleted) is sincere and truthful and that he did see something unusual and unknown." 43.

1 August. Salon, France.

A couple of tourists exploring the French countryside experienced something they could really write home about. As they drove along a road near the town of Salon a flying disc about 30 feet in diameter zoomed down out of the sky at their car and then pulled up when it approached within 30 yards. The machine then silently circled the vehicle before zipping away to parts unknown. The two frightened tourists reported the incident to the police at the next town they came to which was the community of Arles. 44.

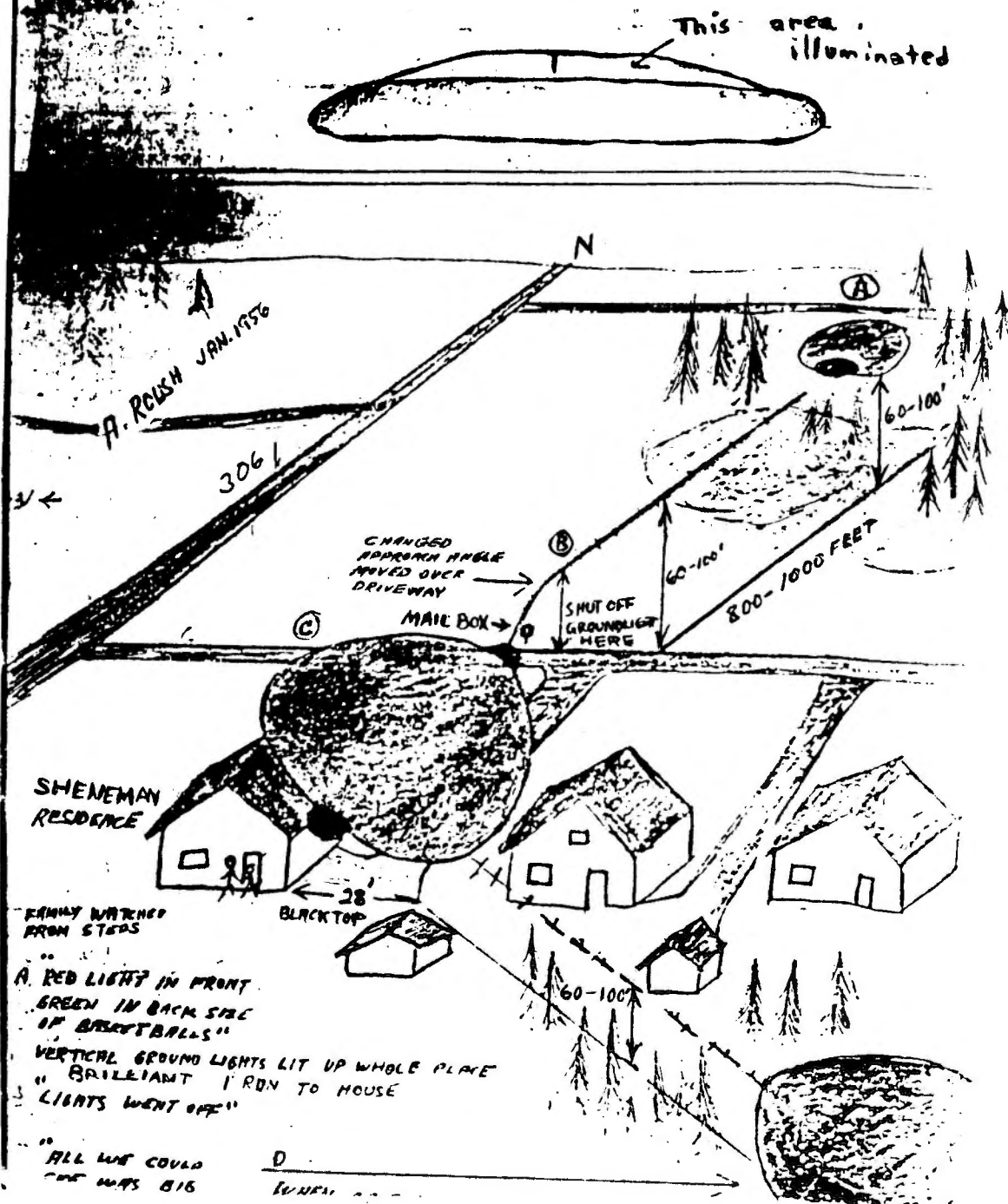
1 August. Liverpool, England.

A 14-year aviation veteran with the Royal Navy, Thomas Bolton, wrote to the English UFO publication Flying Saucer Review to alert the magazine to the fact that a brilliant silvery-gold flying saucer passed over Liverpool on the first day of August. His Observation was said to have been confirmed by four other people. 45.

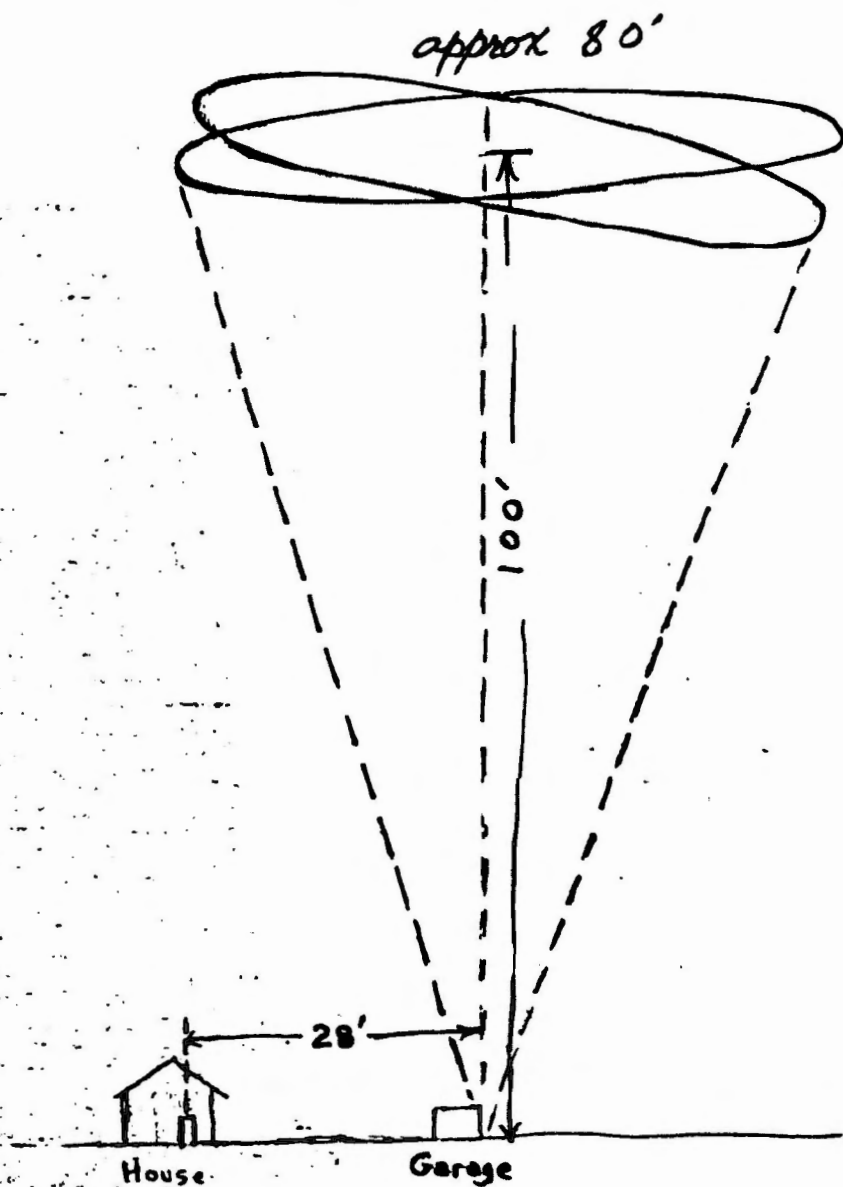
August. No exact date. "Get your gun Pa, the Martians have landed."

We have no exact date of the incident but it was claimed a M. and Mme. Dejean had was supposed to have had a strange experience in August 1955 at the town of Gazeres, France, about 10:00 in the evening. The night was darker than usual(perhaps there was no moon) thus when a pair of egg-shaped objects emitting multi-colored lights landed in a field near the Dejean's house. The two objects were immediately noticed by Mme. Dejean. When two "bald little men"(estimated height 90 cm.) also appeared, Mme. Dejean yelled to her husband. M. Dejean ran to get his gun while Mme. Dejean ran to alert the neighbors. A barking dog must have spooked the "little men" because shortly thereafter the "egg-shaped craft" blasted off into the bejewelled firmament. The people living next door to the Dejeans emerged from their house in time to see the two UFOs fly away although they just looked like two big red stars by that time. A search of the landing site located some traces on the ground approximately 2½ meters across. 46.

## Side View



Pictures Drawn by ~~XXXXXX~~  
To Show UFO Location over House  
and Garage



It was an Air Force practice to create detailed notes on various important UFO cases written up in Donald Keyhoe's books (an example is shown below).\*

The military apparently went to all this trouble as a defense against the civilian author's attacks on ATIC's handling of UFO reports. If the BLUE BOOK people put half as much work in UFO investigations, they might have learned something.



AUG. 1, 1955 WILLOUGHBY, OHIO (KEYHOE-1960 P 237) 2 WITNESS  
 SHORTLY AFTER 9 P.M., MR. [REDACTED] OWNER OF A RADIO AND TELEVISION  
 STORE IN WILLOUGHBY, OHIO, DROVE UP TO HIS HOME ON [REDACTED] AS HE GOT  
 OUT OF HIS CAR HE SAW A LARGE CIRCULAR OBJECT, WITH A RED LIGHT ON THE FRONT  
 RIM, COME DOWN RAPIDLY OVER A NEARBY FIELD.  
 AT ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED FEET, THE OBJECT STOPPED, AND TWO BEAMS OF LIGHT  
 SHOT DOWN. AS THE GLOW ILLUMINATED THE GROUND, [REDACTED] SAW SEVERAL WINDOWS  
 AROUND THE EDGE OF THE HOVERING DISC.  
 \*AT THIS POINT, [REDACTED] REPORTED, \*I BECAME BADLY FRIGHTENED AND RAN BA  
 TOWARD THE HOUSE. I WAS SO SCARED I RAN PAST MY CAR, PARKED WITH THE MOTOR  
 RUNNING. I FELT THE OCCUPANTS OF THE OBJECT WERE FOLLOWING ME. AS I RAN UP  
 THE DRIVE IT WAS RIGHT OVERHEAD, MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION I WAS RUNNING.  
 \*MY WIFE MET ME AT THE BACK DOOR AND SAID, \*\*TURN THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON  
 BEFORE IT HITS THE HOUSE.\*\* I SAID, \*\*HELL NO, TURN THEM OFF AND MAYBE IT  
 WILL MISS IT.\*\* OUR CHILDREN WERE TERRIFIED AND QUICKLY GOT UNDER THE  
 DINING-ROOM TABLE TO HIDE.\*  
 AFTER A MINUTE, THE [REDACTED] FEARFULLY VENTURED A LOOK FROM THE BACK  
 PORCH. BY NOW, THE DISC'S LIGHTS WERE TURNED OFF.  
 \*DOROTHY AND I STOOD THERE AND STARED UP AT IT, [REDACTED] STATED. IT WAS  
 HUGE DARK SHAPE, HE SAID, HOVERING LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE  
 GROUND. \*IT MUST HAVE BEEN BETWEEN EIGHTY AND A HUNDRED FEET IN DIAMETER.  
 WAS SO LARGE IT EXTENDED OVER THE MAJOR PORTION OF OUR HOUSE, THE BREEZEWAY  
 AND BEYOND THE ATTACHED GARAGE. I NEVER HEARD ANY NOISE, BUT DOROTHY INSIST  
 SHE HEARD A FAINT, SOFT HUMMING.\*  
 ABRUPTLY, THE STRANGE OBJECT MOVED OVER A WOODED AREA NEARBY. THE  
 [REDACTED] SAW A DOME ON TOP, LIT UP BY A WHITE GLOW FROM INSIDE. THEN THE  
 DISC RACED AWAY, LEAVING THEM BADLY SHAKEN.

\* The Air Force expression here "KEYHOE-1960 P 237" stands for: Keyhoe, Donald E. Flying Saucers Top Secret. New York: Putnam 1960. Page 237.

BLUE BOOK's monthly Summary for July 1955 shows no investigations of any UFO sightings in Ohio! (See below)

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Hqs 4602d AISS AISSB Subj: Monthly UFOB Summary, Jul 55

Investigative Efforts (con't)

|         | INVESTIGATIVE UNIT | LOCATION OF SIGHTING   | CONCLUSION            | Remarks          |
|---------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 8 July  | 1. Flight 1-C      | Riverside, Calif.      | Optical Phenomena     |                  |
| 13 July | 2. Flight 1-C      | Glen Avon, Calif.      | Possibly Astronomical | A/C              |
|         | 3. Flight 1-C      | Hollywood, Calif.      | Possibly Astronomical |                  |
| 11 July | 4. Flight 1-C      | China Lake NAS, Calif. | Not Concluded         | Bureau           |
| 20 July | 5. Flight 3-F      | Harrisburg, Pa.        | Probably Hoax         | NEWARK, PA       |
| 17 July | 6. Flight 3-F      | Penbrook, Pa.          | Reliability Check -   | A/C              |
|         | 7. Det 3           | New York City, N.Y.    | Hoax                  |                  |
| 30 July | 8. Det 3           | New York City, N.Y.    | Not Concluded         | SENDER NOT       |
| 25 July | 9. Flight 1-D      | Glendive, Montana      | Unknown               | ASTRO (ARCTURUS) |
| 30 July | 10. Det 2 & Flt 2  | Shelby, Iowa           | Not Concluded         | ASTRO (STARS)    |

b. In addition to the above, two (2) limited follow-up investigations are being conducted by Headquarters, 4602d AISS, by means of ATIC Form 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet). The above forms were sent to the observers of UFOB sightings at Kansas City, Kansas and Santa Maria, California.

c. The one (1) investigation which was not concluded at the time of the June summary has been finished by Flight 2-D with results as follows:

| INVESTIGATIVE UNIT       | LOCATION OF SIGHTING | CONCLUSION |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 20 June 4c<br>Flight 2-D | Dallas, Texas        | Unknown    |

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"A Night of Terror in New Mexico."

Coral Lorenzen was encouraged by the theme of flying saucers being used in TV programs, specifically "A Night of Terror in New Mexico" which was an episode on the Sunday night network show Science Fiction Theater, as well as an unnamed Sunday Matinee feature aired August 2, 1955. She mentions this in her APRO Bulletin which illustrates her concern the public wasn't giving the UFO problem enough thought, even if it meant doing so in a sci-fi format. 47.

2 August. UFOs visit California.

Richmond. (3:08 in the morning)

According to a Richmond newspaper:

"Mysterious balls of fire --this time in triplicate --were seen to-day flashing over San Francisco Bay by two Richmonders.

"James Dodd, 16, a student and Jerry Gilbert, 20, a member of the Air Force, saw the white ball about 3:08 a.m. They had just returned from a movie and were in front of Dodd's house at 146 West Bissell Avenue, talking.

"Dodd particularly remembers the time because he checked the clock in the auto in which they were sitting. He said the white ball was equipped with red, white and green lights. It was going east at about a 45-degree angle upwards.

"'At first, we thought it was a plane,' Dodd reported. 'Then as the lights began to fade out, it split into three parts. Each part was a white ball of fire and went in a different direction. Then we knew it wasn't a plane.'

"The youths telephoned Daniel Artegea, chief observer of the Richmond Ground Observer Corps. He said the post was closed last night so there were no reports from the sky-watchers. The reports of Dodd and Gilbert were forwarded to the Oakland Filter Center." 48.

2 August. Fresno, California. (1:30 PST)

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| 1. DATE<br><b>2 AUGUST 1955</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 2. LOCATION<br><b>FRESNO, CALIFORNIA</b>                                                                                                                                                              |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><i>Conclusion: Res. Ball</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local <b>1:30 PST</b><br>GMT <b>042100Z (DAY)</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                            |  | 6. SOURCE<br><b>CIV (WX OBSERVER)</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>1 1/2 MIN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 9. COURSE<br><b>SE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><b>WHILE OBSERVING WX BALLOON, BRIGHT SILVER CIRCULAR OBJ CROSSED IN FRONT OF THEODOLITE FIELD OF VIEW. OBJ WAS BRIGHTER THAN WHITE BALLOON. OBJ HIGHER THAN BALLOON &amp; MOVED AT STEADY RATE OF SPEED.</b> |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><b>Poss. Res. Ball.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

A newsstory from Fresno said:

"The last person to see an object flitting through the atmosphere over Fresno was Warren Langer, a weather observer briefer stationed at the Federal Weather Bureau at the Fresno Air Terminal.

"Langer said the object he saw was round, silver color-d and moving through the skies at a regular rate of speed.

"Early yesterday morning an International News Service photographer reported sighting a mysterious speeding light over Fresno.

"Langer added he has been a weather observer for seventeen years and while he has seen other unidentified objects this one caused the greatest question in his mind.

"Langer explained he was making observations of a weather balloon at about 1:30 p.m. when the object passed through his field of vision against the wind.

"I was sighting through a theodolite at a pilot balloon,' he said. 'when the object passed close by the balloon.' He declared the balloon was at 30,000 feet.

"He explained a theodolite is a low-powered telescope used for sighting on balloons and determining wind velocities aloft and other weather data. 'It moved away at a regular rate of speed.

"I had no way of estimating its distance but it must have been up somewhere near the balloon. It appeared about one fourth or one third the size of the balloon, which is six feet in diameter.

"I don't know what it was but it was sharply outlined against the sky.'" 49.

3 August. Naples, Italy.

Word from Italy on August 3rd mentioned the sighting of a "strange globe" by persons living in the Materdel area near the city of Naples. The globe over Capodimonte at a moderate altitude, perhaps 9,000 feet up. 50.

3 August. Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio.

In the U.S. another round glowing object passed over the cities of Cincinnati and Columbus. There was no local publicity. 51.

4 August. St. Louis, Illinois.

Stationary and then ---zoom!

The newspaper report on this read:

"A pair of housewives spotted the season's first flying saucer. The women, who live on Outer State Street, saw the object stationary for fifteen minutes. Then it streaked off eastward, 'faster than any jet,' one of the witnesses said.

"She said she and a neighbor were chatting on her front porch and went down the steps to see a pair of jet planes roar past. As they looked up, her neighbor spotted the object, 'just a shining speck' in the sky.

"At first they thought it was a weather balloon, she said, but its metallic appearance and the speed with which it disappeared ruled that out.

"Others joined them until three men and three women were in the yard craning their necks. She added, 'a couple of the men weren't able to see it.'

"Her neighbor finally ran to her home to get a pair of binoculars but by the time she returned and focused them, the object shot away. "The women reported another neighbor had spotted something Wednesday night.

"I hadn't asked what it was, but I'm going to now," she said. "I was sitting on my porch and I heard them say 'there it is now, over the housetops.' If I find out they saw the same thing or if I see it again I'll tell you my name. I don't want to now, though. Somebody might think I'm crazy." 52.

4 August. Mc Donald, Pennsylvania. (See BLUE BOOK file card below)

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| 1. DATE<br><b>4 August 1955.</b>                                                                                              | 2. LOCATION<br><b>McDonald, Pennsylvania</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>Four (4) Minutes</b>                                                                           | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>One (1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                | 9. COURSE<br><b>Moving north</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><b>One saucer-shaped object, red, orange, and yellow, was moving north on a 45° incline.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br><b>This object was moving against the wind. There was local civilian air traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. The duration of the sighting and the "fading" of the object would substantiate the aircraft theory.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

AISOP Form 3 (15 Oct 54)

4 August. Fazakerley, Tanganyika. (no time known)

It is assumed the observation took place at the city of Fazakerley where the witnesses lived since they were on their way home. Travelling in a car, a man and his daughter saw a UFO in the sky. The girl was the first to notice the object, which was a disc-shaped body, and she called her father's attention to it. The father, a licensed pilot, was immediately intrigued by what he felt could not be an airplane. The UFO's altitude seemed to be about 25,000 feet assuming the size of the object was about 70 feet in diameter, guess made by the father, a Mr. A.G. Rose, who believed the UFO to be the same dimensions as a DC-3 Dakota aircraft. No engine noise could be heard and to Mr. Rose's reckoning the atmospheric conditions should have been favorable to vapor trail formation yet none was visible. These two factors increased Mr. Rose's suspicions he was viewing a mysterious flying body.

While the two witnesses watched, the disc pulled up into a steep climb and passed out of sight flying upward. 53.

5 August. Northern Kentucky, southern Ohio.

"Was it a meteor?"

A big bolide flashed over Stringfield's home territory the evening of August 5th. A Cincinnati newspaper reported:

"The thing's presence over the city was reported to the Enquirer by residents of Walnut Hills, Mt. Washington, Madisonville, Hyde Park, the East End, and Fort Thomas. They began telephoning about 8:45.

"One man described his vision as being pear shaped, having a tail and glowing with colors such as green, violet and white. To him, it appeared to be between two and three feet long, and eight to ten inches in diameter. Everyone on the street saw it, he said.

"A woman saw it from in front of her Columbia Parkway residence and was afraid it was going to hit a house. Someone told her it probably was a meteorite, and she was greatly relieved." 54.

The same newspaper asked Stringfield for an opinion:

"'It was not a meteorite,' he emphasized, 'but an 'extraterrestrial propelled device,' better known as a spaceship and facetiously referred to as a flying saucer.'

"He explained that it was 'perfectly round in the frontal area, tapering into a tear shape and having a blue tail.'

"Furthermore, Mr. Stringfield continued, it traveled too slowly to be a meteorite and traveled without trajectory (curvature) as meteorites are known to do. It left no streamers or debris in its wake as meteors do, and, moreover, there are no meteor showers present at this time, he concluded." 55.

6 August. Cincinnati, Ohio. "Toward the Fernald atomic plant."

Stringfield, apprehensive over the rocket-like manifestation at 8:45 p.m., became really alarmed when only hours later (1:00 a.m. August 6th) an amazing event took place in Cincinnati. It seems a Mr. "E.F." (he wanted his name withheld from publication) was sleeping soundly in his north Cincinnati home when his dog began barking loudly. Suspecting a prowler, Mr. "E.F." peered out the window and was astounded to see a glowing ovoid object about 15 feet in diameter resting on the ground in front of his house. Although about 90 feet away, the object had to be auto-size since its bulk could be gauged by the known width of the driveway. The ovoid gave off bright, white, pulsating rays of light that hurt the eyes of the witness. In a matter of seconds after being spotted by Mr. "E.F.," the UFO rose in the air and silently sped away, taking a course (here Stringfield's eyes widen) which took it "toward the Fernald atomic plant." 56.

"Saucer showdown near?"

Stringfield was never so worked up about the UFO mystery as he was now. He had corresponded with Professor Alfred Nahon of Lausanne, Switzerland, concerning Dr. Nahon's allegations in a news story out of Geneva July 16th, newswired around the world by the Associated Press, that maintained the convening of representatives of the Big Four: Russia, France, Britain, and the United States; was due to the activities of the "saucer people" who had "launched attacks on nuclear facilities in Russia and Britain." Dr. Nahon claimed in a letter to Stringfield that the source of his information was an "Italian diplomat in Rome." 57.

Killgallen again.

Stringfield remembered some lines in the Dorothy Killgallen column of February 15, 1955, which said: "Flying saucers are regarded as of such vital importance that they will be the subject of a special hush-hush meeting of world military heads next summer." 58.

And then, Stringfield noted, there had been some unexplained explosions felt in the Hampstead Heath area of England on March 16th that cause a stir in the press, and a big mysterious blast felt over a 50 mile radius around London on July 6th. These shocks may have been supersonic bangs caused by jets but who knows? 59.

The CRIFO chief editorialized on the front page of the group's publication Orbit under the headline: "IS 'SAUCER' SHOWDOWN NEAR? UNPRECEDENTED PEACE TALKS MAY HAVE EXTRATERRESTRIAL COERCION." (There may or may not have been a UFO reason for the talks but it was a fact that U.S. Intelligence estimated that the Soviet nuclear program had finally achieved a sufficient stockpile of atomic bombs to challenge the West and a good reason for the U.S. Air Force to try and keep "flying saucer reports" from saturating America's air defense system. The January 1953 Robertson Panel recommended a debunking of the mystery and the 1955 release of the Special Report #14 no doubt was timed to help "clear the air of saucers" at this critical moment since experts assumed Russia would attack as soon as it had the weapons to win).

5 August. Buzancy, France.

Violent maneuvers by five, brown-colored, discs were witnessed by Mssrs. Ceisiu and Mahieu of Buzancy on August 5th. Information available says the group of discs were seen climbing and diving at great velocity before they split up. Three flew away while the remaining pair swooped down to ground level about 1/4 of a mile from the witnesses. No more detail is known. 60.

6 August. Punto Fijo, Venezuela.

A brilliant body, so bright it was visible when it passed behind some cloud, zoomed through the air above Puerto Cumarebo. After flying north to south, the object retraced its course and finally disappeared in space. The witnesses were: Clement Rodriguez, Rafael Martinez, and Francisco Cruz. 61.

7 August. Hobart, Indiana.

It may have been due to the play UFOs got in the Ohio press but a flap was in the making in the region. Reports were also on the rise elsewhere in the nation.

A man living in Hobart, Indiana, viewed a funny-looking ball with the aid of binoculars. The man claimed the object "made radical moves," although it may have been his hand shaking yet he insisted he kept his grip still by resting his arms on a chair. 62. (See letter)

7 August. Akron, Ohio. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

Hobart End <sup>1965</sup>

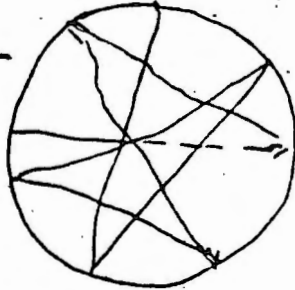
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Scientist in Charge of outer space objects.

Dear Sir -

In 1955 Aug 7<sup>th</sup> about 11 A/M, we  
in our neighborhood saw a ball-  
silver color high in the air. I could  
not keep it in view with my  
binoculars until I sat in a chair and  
braced my arms so they could not move.  
Then when I was firmly braced and  
again contacted the object this is what  
I saw and why I couldn't keep it in  
view before; binoculars 3 marked  
7x35 7° 10'.

over



back and forth the ball went always  
going to the outside of my view and  
crosses cross - going completely around  
the circle of vision in the binoculars  
never stationary back and forth.

What kind of an object would  
this be and what used for.

Sincerely,

Mr. [REDACTED]

Hubert [REDACTED] 342

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>ten mins                                                                                                                                              | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE<br>southerly |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>One pink obj, shaped like a streak, seen heading south, observed for ten minutes. Disappeared in upward direction, assumed alt at 15,000 ft. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                        | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>Sighting took place at dusk, accounting for color. Winds in a southerly direction at estimated alt of obj. Above seems to substantiate possibility of balloon sighting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

ATTIC FORM 329 (REV 10 SEP 52)

8 August. UFOs and the CIA.

A fascinating internal CIA memo dated August 8, 1955, exchanged between the chief of the Physics and Electronics Division and the acting assistant director for scientific Intelligence, was singled out by UFO debunker Phil Klass as a valuable bit of evidence concerning the organization's attitude toward the UFO problem. Did CIA interest in UFOs end in 1955?

The chief of the P&E, a man named Odarenko, informed his superior that his department had uncovered: "no intelligence of concern to national security." This was the result after being assigned the duty of monitoring of UFO matters for two years (The agency was assigned the task by the January 1953 Robertson panel). There was no figure given as to the number of UFO cases examined but Odarenko referred to a workload of "10 to 25 analyst hours per month." 63. In summation the memo read:

"In view of the fact that no positive intelligence of significance has been produced under the subject project, it is recommended that the project be terminated and the files there of be placed in dead storage." 64.

While the CIA was "putting its UFO files in dead storage," a new UFO flap was sweeping the nation, a wave of sightings that was marked by a number of multiple object reports.

10 August. Grand Island, Nebraska.

The local paper informed its readers:

"Flying Saucers were observed here Wednesday night (the 10th) by several persons.

"Faintly luminous discs were seen crossing a segment of the sky to the northeast, sometimes two together, but mostly one at a time. They could not have been reflections from car lights as they passed at intervals of 25 seconds. There is no airplane beacon closer than forty or fifty miles, so far as is known. The phenomenon lasted for several hours; in fact no one knows how long, as it was still in progress when those watching tired and went to bed." 65.

The same paper mentioned sightings in Iowa:

"Several Crawford County citizens have reported seeing what looked like flying saucers.

"They are reported as white, flat objects traveling in the air at a high rate of speed. One observer reported a large cluster of them." 66.

This upsurge in UFO activity apparently was the reason behind the comment of a Mrs. Taylor:

"Mrs. Harold Taylor of Albion, Nebraska, supervisor of the GOC post there, mentioned along with a news release regarding her replacement, that she had just received some new instructions for operation of the post, including closer identification of unidentified flying objects." 67.

Even more interesting was this:

"August 12, 1955: A request for assistance in reporting objects sighted by ships at sea was made today to all operators of 31 steamship companies by Vice Admiral F.S. Low, Commander Western Sea Frontier. In his request, Admiral Low asked that all sightings of unidentified flying objects in the air or on the surface of the sea be reported immediately to his headquarters, Treasure Island, San Francisco. It was stated that the cooperation of the owners of fishing vessels and other private craft is desired." 68.

8 August. Morengo, Illinois. "Jet aircraft?"

Air Force investigators filed this report:

"At about 0405 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time, on the morning of 8 August 1955, source was awakened by a noise similar to the drone of an electric motor, and saw a brighter than usual sky thru the south-east windows of the first floor bedroom of his home. The source arose to investigate further, and noticed four bright round objects in formation in the lower south-eastern portion of the sky. Binoculars were used to view objects and showed the objects appeared to be spinning. One object was about three feet in diameter, the other three much smaller, less than a quarter of the size of the larger object.

"The objects seem to have the illuminating color of a fire-fly or lightning bug and as the objects would 'tilt' the under side would appear more orange or flame like in color. The objects would seem to stand still for awhile then move quite rapidly then slow down and stand still again. Direction of travel was to the south-east. There seemed to be a change of color and a sort of exhaust or vapor trail made when the objects moved.

"Mr. Miller's wife also saw the objects but only added the statement 'It was a wierd sight' to the information on the sighting. The Night Chief of Police, city of Morengo, Illinois, was called to Mr. Miller's home and was reported to have seen the objects prior to their disappearance into the daylight. The police officer could not see the objects through the binoculars because of the bi-focal lenses of his eye glasses." 69.

Military jet aircraft were said to have been in the area at the time. The Air Force verdict: "jet aircraft."

9 August. Akron, Ohio. (See BLUE BOOK file card below)

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>eight mins                                                                  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE<br>SW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>One round, yellow and white obj, heading SW was seen by GOC personnel. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br>Possible balloon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

ATTC FORM 320 (REV 20 SEP 52)

A lieutenant in the Navy notified the Department of the Air Force that his mother had seen a flying saucer. A note on this matter was typed and filed with BLUE BOOK. 70. (See document on next page)

11 August. Iceland. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

"Mysterious formation zooms over Iceland."

Note witness' statement that the UFOs "changed shape from cigar to that of a more rounded egg" could mean a disc turning over. A curious fact is that the few UFO reports from Iceland mention formations of UFOs passing overhead apparently enroute to somewhere else?

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TAB "A"

Mrs. [REDACTED] Chase, British Columbia, Canada, observed an unidentified object near her home on 9 August 1955. The observation was made on a clear day with only one or two small clouds in the sky. The observation was made between 5 and 6 p.m. with the sun shining brightly. According to Lt. [REDACTED] she saw an object, saucer in shape, both on top and bottom with something on top resembling a stack. The object was silver in color and passed from east to west and was under observation for about 20 to 30 seconds. No change in speed or altitude was noted while under observation. The object was estimated to be at 8,000 to 10,000 feet in altitude and about a quarter of the size of the moon in size. This sighting is the only time such an object has been sighted by this individual according to Lt. [REDACTED]. This one individual is the only person known to have observed this particular object.

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>3 - 4 mins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>2                                                                                                                                                                             | 9. COURSE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Shaped changed from cigar to egg shaped. Appeared to be gray in color. Formation changed from elliptical to a wavy line to scattered and back to straight line. Objs were first in trail form. Speeds from almost hovering to over 1,000 mph. Radar out of operation at time of sighting. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           | 11. COMMENTS<br>Sounds like birds, however, case evaluated as UNIDENTIFIED in 1955.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

ATTG FORM 120 (REV 20 SEP 52)

12 August. Florida's Lake Gertrude. "Playfully flitting about..."

A press account says:

"Mis Elmira Lodor and Miss Alice Bukey, Grand View Hotel residents, have more flying saucer company now.

"The Alfred W. Johnson family on Old Eustis Road is ready to join them as bekievers in these strange invaders from the sky. They saw them last Friday night, playfully flitting about the northern horizon.

"First to see them was their son, Alfred, 14, who was out rowing in Lake Gertrude with a friend, LeRoy Meshler, about 10:00 p.m. He spotted the lights in the sky ---lights that glowed big and bright and then faded to a deep red. They would go up and down, dart to and fro, then stand perfectly stationary.

"Going ashore, the boys called adults to witness them too, and for several minutes the family watched the apparent playtime of saucers --- or whatever they were---in the sky northward. Then they disappeared.  
71.

Ohio "bombarded again."

What were the odds of more big "meteors" passing over Ohio within a week? Probably very high.

13 August. Xenia, Ohio. (no known time)

A red ball of light with a tale was spotted by a schoolteacher as it sped at high speed over the city of Xenia. Visible for just a few seconds, the glowing body disappeared to the southeast behind a treeline suggesting a low altitude. 72.

14 August. Wadena, Minnesota. "Had pullman-type windows."

A man and his wife on the staff of the Wadena Pioneer Journal, Wadena, Minnesota, reported a strange object. A file card on the sighting can be found in BLUE BOOK records. (See card below)

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| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>50 minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE<br>S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Balloon like-flat on top and bottom, whitish like shiny aluminum, had a V from middle of front to rear on bottom side, also dark row around side resembling pullman windows. No sound, extremely bright, moved against wind, climbed rapidly out of sight. |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Vega at 80° elev moving toward West would be 80° in South about 1 hour later. Duration too long for balloon and motion against wind.                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

AFIC FORM 129 (REV 16 SEP 53)

14 August. Cincinnati, Ohio.

About 9:40 p.m. a kelly-green fireball flashed through Cincinnati skies north to south. It streaked horizontally approximately 15 degrees above the horizon. A Walter Tood and some other CAA officials witnessed the passage. The thing may well have been a meteor but it was certainly impressive. It was said the speeding body resembled a drop of water in shape. 73.

15 August. Klamath, Oregon. "Bouncing ball?"

Manning the GOC post in Klamath Falls the night of August 15, 1955 was Mrs. Fredda Ustack. Using field glasses the woman spotted a strange object

in the sky at 2113Z. Also present at the time was A/1C Terrance N. Taylor. The UFO appeared to be a "ragged-looking" object estimated to be the size of a child's head" which was moving westward with a bouncing motion. 74.

Mid-August. Caistor, England.

"Red loop affair."

Bright red flashes lit up Mrs. Edith Knowles' bedroom causing the woman to look out the window to determine the source. Outside in the night sky was a glowing moon-like object surrounded by a red ring. As she watched, the "moon thing" moved downward and let down a "red loop affair." The "moon thing" then rose and emitted a humming sound. What happened to the "red ring affair" wasn't mentioned but the main object zoomed upward out of sight. 75.

16 August. Bradford, England. Suddard's "little man."

A number of strange sights were recorded in England at this time, over Yorkshire, the towns of Silsden, Ilkley, Heysham Harbour and Wakefield. The visions were variously described as a "golden ball," a white streak," and a "fluorescent cigar-shaped object," but certainly the topper was the story related by Ernest Suddard, a truck driver from Bradford.

It seems Mr. Suddard and his 13-year-old son were returning home early in the morning and were almost home when "something" in the street was lit up by the vehicle's headlights. It seemed to be:

"...a small human being about .4 feet tall, dressed in skin-tight black clothes. It held its arms close to its sides, and kept its feet close together, and hopped or jumped forwards in a series of jerky movements. Clearly seen, shining plainly in the light of the headlamps, was a circular silver disc, perforated with holes, on the figure's chest, just below its throat. The 'someone or something' came towards the lorry, which had pulled up, for a few yards, and then turned off abruptly into a passage." 76.

Frighten by the encounter, Mr. Suddard alerted the police. A search of the neighborhood was conducted by authorities it failed to locate the "little man." In spite of ridicule by his fellow truckdrivers, Suddard stuck to his story.

Excitement in Ohio.

Fanning the fires of excitement in Ohio was a small item in a Cleveland newspaper on the 16th: "Cleveland Air Force members mention it only in voices below their usual voice ---more than seventy per cent of all flyers believe that flying saucers exist and that they come from outer space." 77.

17 August. Ohio becomes a "battlefield."

Things began to get so hectic in Stringfield's hometown he chose to use military terminology. When a swarm of strange objects were reported over Cincinnati and its environs and air defense alerts were sounded, scrambling jet fighters, Stringfield characterized the nocturnal confusion as "virtually battlefield" conditions. People in both Reading and Mt. Washington areas had sighted orange balls of light cavorting overhead, and the GOC post at Forestville called in an "Aircraft Flash" message to the regional Filter Center concerning an unexplained object in the heavens swinging in a pendulum motion before streaking away horizontally. 78.

17 August. Bremerton, Washington.

"Eight lighted circles."

Saucer news on the 17th came from the northwest part of the country:

"Report of a formation of eight flying saucers sighted high over this area shortly before midnight last night (17th) has been made by two teenage boys.

"We were in sleeping bags in our back yard, and I guess we both noticed them at the same time ---about 11:30," Kenneth Parolini, 15, told the Sun. With young Parolini was Nicholas Ahlfs, 14. The youths described the sight as a formation of eight lighted circles that moved out of the southwest, made a gentle arc high in the sky and disappeared in a westerly direction.

"I guess they were over us for about six seconds before they faded from view," Parolini said.

"They flew in a triangular formation, Ahlfs said. 'I've seen meteors before and this was definitely not one of them,' Parolini emphasized.

"They did not appear to change formation as they moved across the sky, and Parolini stated he was able to make out lines encircling the sides of three of the objects. 'It couldn't have been a reflection. They appeared to fly in a tight formation as though actually being maneuvered,' Parolini said.

"The youths state that they heard no noise as the circles moved above them." 79.

17 August. Northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Witness: "Object interested in capturing her and her car."

Air Force: "Ascribe report to psychological causes of witness."

A 61-year-old elementary school teacher was driving along a highway northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada, about an hour and a half before dawn on August 17, 1955, when suddenly a pear-shaped light of an intense blue color, similar to an electric light bulb, appeared in front of the woman's auto. The glowing mass rose and skipped over the top of the car. Thereafter the thing appeared on all sides of the auto at various times. The woman believed: "That the object was interested in capturing her and her auto and was persistent enough to stay for 1½ to 2 hours, leaving only with approaching dawn." 80. The object finally moved away behind a mountain range to the east.

The woman did not report the encounter to the newspapers but did contact the military. Local Intelligence officer Major Curvin E. Miller investigated and concluded: "Ascribe report to psychological causes of witness." 81.

17 August. Keyhoe's latest book.

On the 17th Keyhoe wrote Leonard Stringfield to tell the C.R.I.F.O. leader that his latest book on UFOs had been delayed by "new and important developments." This postponement moved publication back to the end of November. 82. Its possible Keyhoe had heard of the completion of the Air Force's Special Report #14 and wanted to time his book's appearance with the release of the military study. 82.

18 August. Cincinnati, Ohio.

On the 18th even Stringfield's wife saw something in the sky over Cincinnati when she glanced out a window in the children's room. A bright sphere could be seen hovering in the air. 83.

18 August. Between Oxford and Orleans, Nebraska.

"I know doggone well they were saucers."

A newsstory said:

"The UFOs apparently were spotted here.

"This time twelve of them, UFOs, were sighted by a Lincoln man between Oxford and Orleans.

"And Gerald Merritt of 1965 B, is sure that the cluster of lights he saw moving across the sky late Thursday wasn't anything as commonplace as an airplane.

"I know doggone well they were saucers,' he insists.

"For the record, Merritt says the saucers looked like a cluster of white lights. They weren't airplanes, he says. There were too many of them, and they were arranged in a circular pattern.

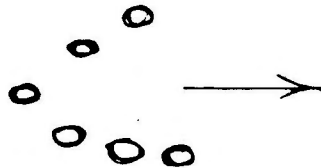
"They were flying low, but just how low Merritt couldn't estimate. They were moving slowly from west to east. They were in sight maybe three or four minutes.

"Merritt isn't the only one sticking to the flying saucer story. He says two companions saw the same thing he did ---and insist they were flying saucers, too. 84.

19 August. Pisa, Italy.

Another formation of unknowns.

The Flying Saucer Review's correspondent filed a report that mentioned a formation of UFOs over the city of Pisa. A large UFO and a half dozen smaller ones were spotted at dusk. 85. The formation was like this:



20 August. Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

"It seemed to know exactly what it wanted to do."

H.J. "Bud" Parsons was the owner of Parsons Airways, Ltd. of Kenora, Ontario, a small outfit that operated out of a Lakeside seaplane anchorage at a wharf at the end of 2nd Street. The evening of August 20, 1955 strong wind gusts came up and they concerned Parsons who worried about whether his seaplanes were tied down enough to resist a storm. He left home and drove to the wharf to check on the aircraft. Leaving his wife in the truck, Parsons walked toward the canopied section of the dock where the seaplanes bobbed on the restless water. It was late into the evening, 10:45 p.m., and the black night sky was made even darker by a low, scattered, overcast.

The nightwatchman at the dock, Adolf Engstrom, saw his boss coming but his attention was drawn instead to a bright light out over the lake approaching fast out of the west. Engstrom at first thought some foolish pilot was going to attempt a reckless night landing. "I was scared," he said later. Engstrom gestured in the direction of the onrushing "plane," causing Parsons to turn his head.

Parsons was now looking directly at the "plane" and he was astonished at what he saw. Streaking toward the dock was a beautiful, glowing, silver-white disk-shaped body like two shallow saucers rim-to-rim. He estimated its dimensions at about 4½ feet across and perhaps 9 inches or so thick, a guess that compares well with that Engstrom's who figured the object to be 6 feet in diameter and 10 inches thick. The two men were able to evaluate the object's bulk and profile because it raced at them, titled for a moment, and then came to an abrupt stop, remaining motionless for about two minutes about 75 yards away and some 40 feet above the surface of the lake. Parsons noted there was a halo of light around the disk, in the rim area, which, as far as he could tell, was about ½ inch thick and some five inches wide indicating the presence of some kind of energy field. This impression carried over to the disk's general appearance, a sort of "sparkle" to the thing as if the whole surface was emitting rays.

After a couple of minutes hovering, the glowing disk zoomed away toward the north with a "super smooth" acceleration.

Pondering the angle of flight of the disk and the placement of the cloth canopy on the dock, Parsons received the distinct impression the disk wanted a good look at the seaplanes tied up at the anchorage and made its approach with that in mind: "It seemed to know what it wanted to do," he stated. 86.

BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek heard the Air Force had suggested the two witnesses in the foregoing case misperceived something conventional. Hynek remarked with amazement: "...what could be 'misperceived' to yield the above description?" 87.

20 August. America's Rocky Mountains.

Did entertainer Danny Kaye see a UFO?

An American Airlines passenger plane out of New York bound for Los Angeles on a transcontinental run, was passing over the Rocky Mountains about mid-day when a blurred silvery object was spotted by the aircrew. The American DC-7 was flying 300 mph and was at 20,000 feet yet off to one side a metallic-looking shape was pacing the plane, and it continued to do so for 45 minutes. The thing did not register on the plane's radar yet it appeared real enough. Those in the cockpit were content to observe the UFO themselves for a half an hour and then the pilot finally made up his mind to inform the passengers and had the stewardess alert those in the cabin section that something odd could be seen if they cared to gaze out a window. The pilot put the airliner in a bank to get the passengers a better field of view. For the next 15 minutes the passengers maintained their own watch. At the end of that 15 minutes the UFO shot upward out of sight at incredible speed.

Later when two of the passengers returned to New York where they lived, they contacted the locally-based Civilian Saucer Intelligence organization to relate their experience. These two people requested anonymity but they said that among the 20 passengers on board was the world-famous entertainer Danny Kaye. 88.

20 August. Things still hectic at CRIFO headquarters.

Stringfield continued to get more phone calls and letters than he could handle. On the 20th, for example, a Charles Paisley of Columbia, Georgia, sent CRIFO a clipping from a local paper that mentioned a possible saucer landing close to the town of Sumter but that was too far away for Stringfield to investigate when so much UFO activity was taking place in Ohio. 89. 90.

21 August. "They're landing in the backyard."

A phonecall from the Ohio town of Anderson's Ferry to CRIFO headquarters in the Stringfield household on August 21st was perhaps the most sensational yet, if true. On the line was an excited voice which Stringfield wrote about in the next issue of Orbit:

"...the voice breathlessly describing a brilliant object 'landing in the back yard.' Another voice with urgency cut in, shouting --- 'something's coming out of the bottom ---hurry!' There was a promise to phone back, but no one did. The writer's phone, unfortunately, remained busy the remainder of the evening, but we cannot help but wonder what had happened." 91.

The phantom phonecall seems like a perfect case of teenagers pulling a gag but Stringfield, in the middle of a UFO storm at the time, wasn't in a doubting mood. In fact, that very night the biggest UFO newsstory of the year was unfolding 200 miles to the southwest.

21 August. Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Wild stories about "little men" landing was just a big horselaugh to the vast majority of Americans, especially to the police who had to respond to such reports. Not many claims were convincing. There had been many so-called encounters in Europe the previous year but no evidence of a solid nature was collected. Apparently the French and Italians had been drinking too much wine. One can well imagine then, the utter astonishment at Hopkinsville police station when some local folks, terrified, rushed in yelling: "We need help! We've been fighting them for nearly four hours!" 92.

It is one of the best-known and best documented creature classics, a story of some little orges causing terror to simple down-to-earth country folks. BLUE BOOK advisor J. Allen Hynek considered the case clearly preposterous if considered in isolation from the general UFO mystery. We are not talking here about Adamski and Bethurum type yarns about happy meetings with noble beings from the stars.

The nightmare begins.

Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1955 was an ordinary town of 26,000 inhabitants. There were many communities like it across the nation, rural service centers for an agricultural region of small farms. Not much of importance happens in such places. For outsiders there wasn't much to recommend Hopkinsville except for the fact it was the crossroad for Highway 68 running east to west, and Highway 41 running north to south, although soldiers from nearby Fort Campbell came into town once in awhile seeking recreation which explained why some MF's walked a beat in the business district.

The hot, humid night of August 21, 1955 was a boring duplicate of many others, and since it was Sunday things were even more tranquil.

At the Hopkinsville police station Desk Sgt. Malcom Pritchett was free to do low-priority paper work and to pause for a long time, if need be, to slap a mosquito. What was about to erupt reminds one of a grade B horror movie.

About 11:30 p.m. down the street from the station an auto careened around the corner on two wheels. Right behind it came another speeding just as fast. The two drivers slammed on the brakes when they came abreast of the station. After coming to a screeching stop, car doors were flung open and 11 terrified people tumbled out. Rushing inside the building, the group of men, women, and children burst into the front office. Sgt. Pritchett, startled, heard the people yelling about needing help and a four hour gun battle. 93.

The frightened group of country folk was from Kelly Station, a cluster of farmhouses north of Hopkinsville on Highway 41. For the most part the group consisted of members of the Sutton family (It makes it simpler to refer to them as the "Suttons" although there were some individuals involved that were friends and no relation). The group consisted of the matriarch of the family; Glennie Sutton, who remarried and was currently known by her second husband's name of Lankford; her son Elmer ("Lucky") Sutton, the strong male leader of the family; his wife Vera; John Charley Sutton, his wife Alene; three young children of Glennie's: Lonnie, Charlton, and Mary; an inlaw, O.P. Baker; Elmer's buddy Billy Ray Taylor; and Taylor's wife June. This collection of humanity was babbling about "a strange battle with some spacemen," yet as fantastic as that sounded, the Suttons were very persuasive because it was obvious they experienced something that had caused extreme fear.

Alarmed and befuddled, Sgt. Pritchett telephoned Police Chief Russell Greenwell who was home in bed. A sleepy Greenwell was told a "space ship had landed" and naturally the Chief instantly questioned the wisdom of calling him at that hour in an attempt at humor. Sgt. Pritchett tried to make things sound better by saying the State Police had already been informed and were preparing to respond. Throwing on his uniform, Chief Greenwell rushed to the station to take charge.

The basics of the story, as he heard them quickly related during the confusion at the station, was that a flying saucer was supposed to have landed in a field near the Sutton farmhouse and some little spacemen had closed in on the dwelling only to be kept at bay by gunfire until a lull in the action enabled the family to escape.

Chief Greenwell wasn't about to shrug off the mention of a flying saucer. He had seen one with his own eyes during the summer of 1952, a half-hour observation of a glowing oval object that hovered in the sky in full view of himself and 100 other people. Hopkinsville's top lawman was also acquainted with the Sutton clan and knew they would seek aid from authorities only as a last resort.

After interviewing the people he became convinced: "Something scared those people. Something beyond reason -- nothing ordinary." 94. Another person at the station at the time couldn't bring himself to swallow the story but admitted the Suttons were "scared green."

Chief Greenwell was impressed enough to order an immediate reconnaissance of the Sutton farm. He and his men strapped on their guns and checked their flashlights. Leaving nothing to chance, Chief Greenwell made sure some State Troopers and the County Sheriff's office were sending some men. The city police that responded were, besides Chief Greenwell, the following: T.C. Gross, Dorris Francis, and Gray Salter. Summoned by radio and joining the motorcade as it sped to the farmhouse were: State Troopers R.N. Ferguson, Jr., and G.W. Riley, as well as Deputy Sheriff George Batts. 95.

Moreover, the four military policemen on duty in Hopkinsville volunteered to accompany the civilian lawmen to the scene of the "invasion."

Patrolcars packed with police and some of the Suttons set off with sirens screaming and red lights flashing, racing toward Kelly at speeds approaching 80 mph.

During the drive to the Sutton farm, one of the State Troopers seated next to Billy Ray Taylor, couldn't help but notice the throbbing pulse beat in an artery in the young man's neck. Knowing something about medicine, the lawman estimated that Taylor's heart was beating twice as fast as normal. The Trooper was puzzled. If this was some kind of joke, how could Taylor fake that fantastic pulse rate?

Adding to the mounting tension was a radio message from a State Police unit near Shady Oaks restaurant, an establishment on Highway 41 on the way to Kelly. The unit reported hearing "meteors" zooming overhead making a noise like artillery fire.

The police motorcade turned off Highway 41 and on to the gravel-surfaced Old Madisonville Road that led directly to the run-down, tenant-type, domicile the Suttons called home. The cars pulled up in front of the dark, deserted, structure surrounded by a number of trees and a weed-infested yard. The nearest neighbor lived ½ mile away so the isolation, combined with deep shadows, gave the place a spooky appearance. As headlights flooded the front yard with light, lawmen jumped out of their vehicles and pointed flashlight beams in every direction. A photographer for the Hopkinsville newspaper Kentucky New Era, an unofficial posse member (about 25 people arrived at the farm), walked toward the farmhouse, and looking around, directed a question at one of the Suttons, doing so in a tone of voice that betrayed his doubts, asking where all the supposed spacemen were. A reply was thrown back: "Supposed hell!"

Most of the men fanned out to search the grounds and the fields beyond, while Chief Greenwell headed directly for the front door. If all this fuss was just the result of a big booze party, he figured he would find a lot of empty bottles scattered about, but a quick check of all the rooms turned up no signs of drinking.

Chief Greenwell experienced a "weird feeling" about the place, a certain strangeness in the air, an unease. 96. The other officers felt it too. One was quoted as saying it was: "...like being alone in a haunted house." 97. The only thing missing from this sci-fi movie scene was eerie background music. When one of the MPs stumbled in the darkness and happened to put his foot on a cat's tail, the animal's yowl electrified everyone. Guns cleared holsters in a flash. Nerves were on edge. Was there something beyond comprehension lurking in the shadows, around that corner, behind that bush, or behind one's back?

While the rest of the men searched the live stock pens and fields, Chief Greenwell discussed the "spacemen" with the witnesses that had returned to the farm with him. According to the Suttons it all started about 7:00 p.m. when Billy Ray went out back to get a drink from the well. While at the well, Billy Ray noticed a "wash-tub-shaped" silvery object, emitting a multi-colored exhaust, coming out of the southwest sky. The "wash tub" passed low overhead (estimated height 35 feet), paused in the air, and then moved downward, apparently touching down out of view in a big gully about 300 yards from the farmhouse.

Billy rushed back inside the farmhouse and announced he had just witnessed something marvelous but the declaration was promptly discounted by the others. They assumed Billy had seen a shooting star.

For the next hour everyone went about their business having forgot about the "meteor." Outside the night became even darker as the Moon set. About a city block away was a 40 foot deep gully no one bothered to investigate. Unknown to the people in the Sutton farmhouse their nearest neighbor looked out a window and observed some odd luminous activity in the fields behind the Sutton's but he assumed some live stock had escaped and the Suttons were giving chase.

The Suttons were all indoors and were not aware of anything unusual outside until about 8:00 p.m. when the family dog went nuts. Elmer Sutton and his friend Billy Ray went to the back screen door to investigate the violent barking. The dog crawled under the house and stayed there.

Elmer and Billy Ray spotted a strange glow in the dark field beyond the old cyclone fence that marked the boundary of the backyard. 98. As the glow drew near, the men's eyes resolved the darrest-looking humanoid one could imagine. The thing was in the general form of a very small man with a head all of proportion to the rest of the body. Said Elmer:"...it walked like a very old man --or some sort of monkey --mostly with its hands." 99. Moreover:"He was about three feet tall, with eyes like saucers and set about six inches apart, with hands like claws..." 100.

The big headed critter with giant, yellow-colored irises, moved forward with its thin, long arms raised, giving the impression of surrender or attack, there was no way of knowing which although the creature's advance was not very swift. The little guy's silver body gave off a glow like that of a radium watch dial which added a spooky touch to the "apparition."

Country boys are not much for diplomacy. Elmer grabbed a 20 gauge shotgun and Billy Ray produced a .22 caliber handgun. As a press account states it: "About five feet from the door of the house he(the creature) stopped and retreated when the Sutton's fired a shotgun off into the air. But soon he returned and the Suttons fired at him. The creature fell down from the blast, then ran off into the fields." 101.

When the silver-colored "UFO-naut" was hit, a loud metallic ping could be heard which suggested armor, especially since the creature regained its footing and quickly fled, indicating the shot hadn't slowed it down a bit.

The two men backed into the house. As they entered the living room, another entity of similar appearance showed its face at an open window to their right. Elmer and Billy Ray immediately fired at it through the screen, hitting it squarely, the force of the bullets flipping the little man backwards. Certain they had wounded the intruder, the two men decided to go out the front door and search the yard. With Billy Ray leading the way, the two men headed for the doorway. Billy paused for a moment beneath a small extension of the roof, an overhang that protected the doorway from the rain, unaware of a creature that had climbed on the roof and was now directly above him only inches away. The creature may have been fascinated by Billy's hair, in any case it extended a claw-like hand down toward Billy's head. 102. Behind Billy one of woman folk saw the talons reaching toward the unsuspecting "victim" so she screamed:"Look out. He's trying to get you!" 103. Elmer, a man of action, charged by Billy, spun around, and then let the creature have it from his 20 gauge at point-blank range. The blast from Elmer's shotgun catapulted the creature backward, so far backward it was thrown clear over the ridgepole and out of sight. The shotgun shouldn't have been that powerful but this puzzling matter was explained moments later when Elmer blasted another creature out of a tree. The "little man" didn't fall, he

floated to the ground, an indication the creature was nearly weightless!

Within seconds of "taking care of" the creature on a tree limb, Elmer turned and was confronted by another one that came around the corner of the farmhouse. It may have been the same creature knocked clear over the roof, but there was no way of telling, in fact at times it was thought by the Suttons there may have been 12-15 of the "little men" yet the ineffectiveness of the gunfire and the fearless way the entities pressed their advance probably mean only a few creatures were involved.

Elmer blasted the creature at the corner of the house. It flipped backward and then scurried away.

The failure of their weapons shattered the men's confidence. They retreated inside the farmhouse to take advantage of any protection it might offer. 104.

Terrified, the women and children lay on the floor while Elmer and Billy Ray took pot shots at the creatures as the intruders appeared at the windows. The gunfire continued to be ineffective but the creatures made no attempt to enter the dwelling. During this "battle" Billy claimed he used up four boxes of .22 shells. 105.

The behavior of the "little men" continued to be one of curiosity. When the Suttons turned on a porch light to get a better view of the yard it seemed to bother the creatures. Likewise flashlight beams seemed to be more of an annoyance to the creatures than gunfire (It has been pointed out that the large eyes of the creatures may indicate their origin was a place where dim light was the norm).

The eleven frighten people cowed inside the farmhouse, listening and waiting for something to happen. After a time they all heard a tapping noise coming from a point above the kitchen in the rear of the house (This would put activity on the opposite side of the roofpole and thus away from the better lit front yard). Elmer and Billy boldly made a sortie out the backdoor and spotted one of their uninvited guests on the roof again. Gunshots knocked the creature into the air, but the "little man" did not fall to the ground, instead in a controlled manner it "floated" to the top of the cyclone fence that separated the back yard from the fields beyond, a distance of about 50 feet! Like some weird bird, the entity perched on the heavy mesh barrier, just like a target in a carnival shooting gallery. It was a perfect target. Blasted off the fence, the creature, apparently unharmed, dropped to its peculiar "all-fours" mode of locomotion and moved out of sight into the shadows and weeds. Elmer and Billy Ray tried to assess the effect of their efforts. There was no doubt they had scored some hits yet there was no apparent harm done, although they did note that the glow given off by the creature's body did seem to intensify when bullets struck home (Indeed some sort of glowing substance was said to have been noticed on the ground during a search of the area but it was not sampled and tested), yet oddly enough the glow also seemed to intensify when the Suttons yelled at the creatures(?).

The sound of all this gunfire reached the ears of those living in the area but no one called the police. A number of reasons may have explained the failure to contact the authorities. Hunting was a common activity in the fields around Kelly, and not everyone owned a phone (The Suttons were poor and didn't own one).

After two hours there was a long lull in the action and the weary people in the besieged farmhouse wondered if it had finally dawned on the "little men" they were not welcome. When one of the kids started screaming in fear, the adults became concerned that their hysteria was traumatizing the youngsters so it was decided the only way out of the terror was to run for it and trust to luck. The front yard seemed clear, and a short distance away were the two cars the Suttons owned. The Suttons bolted from the house and piled into the vehicles. They made it without any trouble. There was no sign of the "invaders." 106.

This brings us back to Chief Greenwell conducting a search of the Sutton farm. A press account quotes Chief Greenwell as saying: "The women said they were especially frightened seeing these pumpkin-sized heads with eyes like saucers peek at them through the curtains." 107.

The lawmen found nothing they considered to be of consequence. There was an odd "luminous patch of grass" out back that was barely noticeable and a fleeting glimpse of a "greenish glow" in the woods by Sgt. Salter (This may be where the press got their "green men" idea), but that's the extent of the "evidence" collected. The only tangible signs of the one-sided siege were a number of bullet holes, expended shell cases, and some terrified residents of Kelly.

Billy Ray and the others didn't let the lack of physical proof discourage them from talking. Billy for one escorted Chief Greenwell to the backyard to point out an old barrel in the field that protruded above the high weeds and demonstrated to the Chief how he picked off a creature standing on it with his handgun. The bullet whined as it ricocheted, Billy remarked, just like "shooting in a pail." The Chief noted that Billy, still in a state of shock, refused to leave the yard and enter the darkness beyond. The sweep of the area completed, Chief Greenwell was now satisfied that if the "mid-gets from space" had paid a call, they must now be gone, flown back to Mars or whatever. 108.

The State Trooper's report about a "loud meteor" provides some interesting information. The Trooper was much closer to the Sutton farmhouse than the police motorcade at the time yet if the phenomenon was indeed a meteor this distance would have been of no importance and those in the motorcade would have heard the roar also unless the "meteor" was the tubbed-shaped ship taking off. In that case the noise level would have dropped off drastically with distance. Another thing that has a bearing on this is that only a sound was noticed by the Trooper and nothing was seen by him. 109. While a small body may have escaped notice, the intense light that usually accompany a meteor can be seen for hundreds of miles.

Chalmette, Louisiana. Shortly after midnight.

Where did the "tub ship" go? Did it go south? (See CSI report p.62) 110.

At 2:00 a.m. Chief Greenwell called off the investigation for the night and told the Suttons he would return in the morning to check the area in the full light of day.

When the police left, Elmer, Billy Ray and the others of the Sutton house hold retired for the night hoping to finally get some rest. All lights were extinguished. Turning off the lights may have been a mistake.

About 3:30 p.m. Elmer's mother, Mrs. Lankford, lay on a bed in the living room trying to slip into unconsciousness but she had trouble calming her nerves. She stayed awake and gazed at the fireplace at the other end of the room. Next to the fireplace was a window with its bullet-torn screen. Suddenly the dark square was lit by a glow. The "little men" were back!

20, 25 July 57

21 August 1955  
Chalmette, Louisiana

### LOUISIANA WOMAN FRIGHTENED BY LENTICULAR DEVICE

August 21, 1955: At Chalmette, Louisiana, Mrs. [redacted] chanced to look out of her window shortly after midnight on August 21, 1955; she saw, much to her astonishment, a low-hovering object about the size of a plane, a block and a half away. Rotating slowly, it was a glowing white, as clear as the full moon, and appeared to be a solid object. The glow was bright and even, and the edges were clearly defined. It looked like two soup plates put together, but rounded at top and bottom. There was a rim encircling the outer edge.



The night was dark and the sky clear; the weather warm and dry. After watching the object for about ten seconds, Mrs. [redacted] saw it move to the south, then turn up on edge and shoot away at high speed (a typical maneuver). She described the phenomenon as "very pretty and very frightening."

The information was obtained from the witness by [redacted] of New Orleans, in correspondence. [redacted], a careful and thorough investigator, writes: "I am thoroughly convinced that it was an honest report. I questioned her thoroughly by mail and had to pry the facts out of her. She is certainly not a publicity seeker, and a hoax seems unlikely because of the non-sensational nature of the report, and the unwillingness of the observer to discuss the matter freely. Our correspondence ceased abruptly when she asked me what it was, and I suggested that it might be a spaceship."

An additional note of perhaps some significance concerning her report is that not only did the incident occur on the same date as the Hopkinsville, Kentucky, "landing," but the object, as described by Mrs. [redacted], is almost identical to the object described by [redacted] at Hopkinsville. (The two towns are approximately 500 miles apart in a straight line.)

Hopkinsville object. In spite of the "washtub egg-shaped" description given in the written account of this case, a drawing done by Ledwith after interviewing Billy Ray leaves no doubt that the craft that brought the little men was identical in profile to the thing reported at Chalmette.



Strip of light

A claw-like hand touched the screen and a pair of big yellow eyes peered in. The woman calmly alerted her son to the being staring into the room, not raising her voice and reminding Elmer the creatures did not seem to be hostile, nonetheless Elmer insisted on using his gun. Pellets damaged the window frame but apparently not the strange Peeking Tom.

During the next few hours more shots were fired as the "battle" continued. No details of this period have been recorded but it would seem the action was not as intense as before, otherwise the Suttons would have included more detail in the testimony about that night.

Monday morning. (4:45 a.m.)

The last sighting of a creature was made at about 4:45 a.m. which was about a half hour before sunrise. If the creatures avoided bright light the approaching day may have been the reason for their departure.

When the sun came up the Sutton's felt safe enough to go about their normal routine. Perhaps they wanted to take their minds off the events of the night before by doing familiar things around the house. In any case, the family was poor and had to keep busy to survive, besides Chief Greenwell promised to drop in sometime that morning and he would know what should be done. The menfolk left Kelly to get a truck repaired and the women stayed home to do the chores. 111.

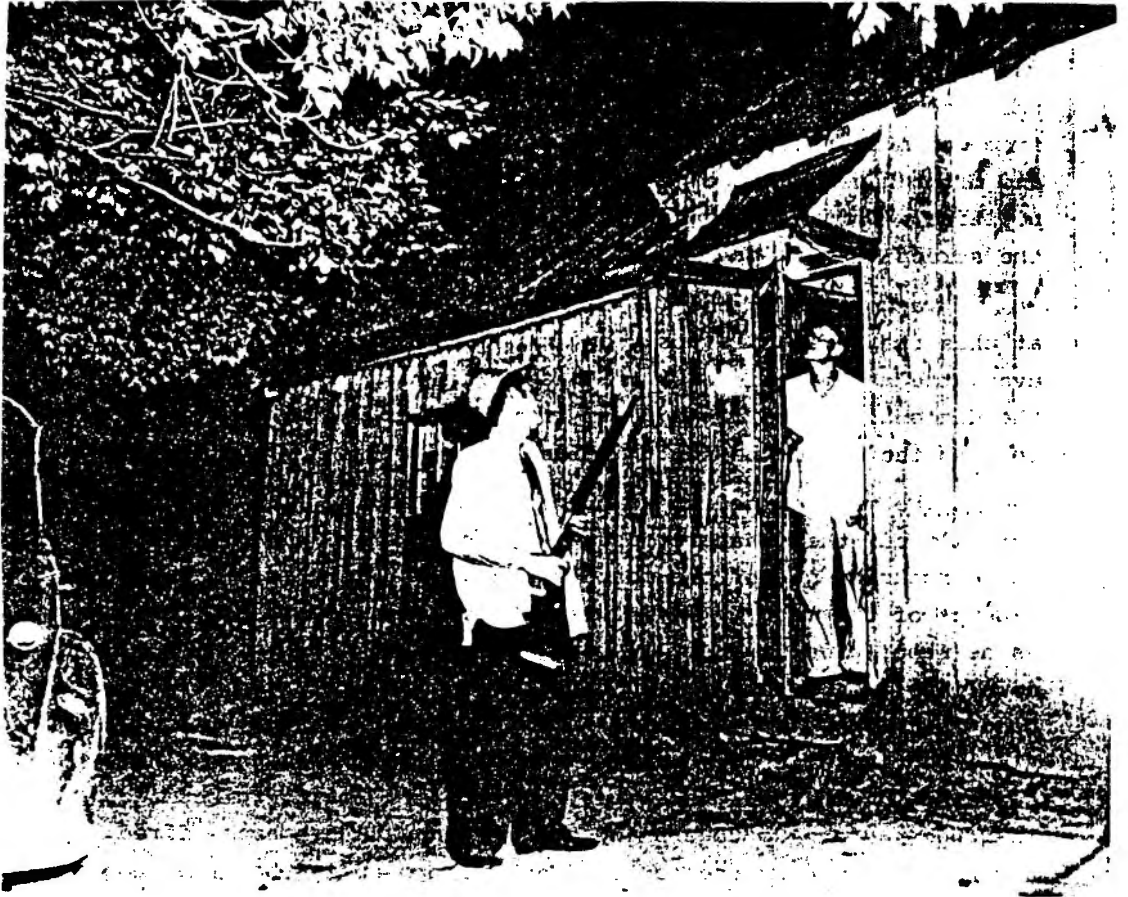
Good to his promise Chief Greenwell showed up early to look around and ask more questions. He was informed by Mrs. Lanford that the creatures paid another visit. The Police Chief examined new bullet holes in the walls of the farmhouse that seemed to confirm the claim the beings had returned. He then examined the ground around the farmhouse in the strong light of day. He later told a newsman:

"We didn't find any little footprints --that is true --but that ground was so hard and dry a tractor wouldn't have left much of a trace on it. I didn't make any footprints there either --so the absence of footprints doesn't prove a thing --nobody with a lick of sense would have expected to find any under those conditions." 112.

Monday morning. (7:15 a.m.)

The world at large knew nothing about the "battle" until 7:15 a.m. that Monday morning when radio station WHOP Hopkinsville broadcast a short news bulletin. It was probably this broadcast that was heard by Air Force Major John E. Albert of nearby Campbell AFB, Kentucky, (He said he heard a radio broadcast at "8:00 a.m.") while he was driving close to the town of Gracy which is 10 miles west of Hopkinsville. The Major located a payphone and called the base to determine if anyone at the military facility had knowledge of the incident. Authorities at the Air Base said they didn't know a thing about it and they suggested that Major Albert conduct an unofficial inquiry since he was so near the scene.

Stopping at the Sutton farmhouse, Major Albert spotted Deputy Sheriff Batts who was keeping an eye on things. The Deputy Sheriff chatted with Major Albert, telling the military officer nothing in the way of solid evidence had been found. The Major then questioned Mrs. Lankford for a bit. She was probably the only witness he consulted. The Major obtained a brief affidavit from the woman but she apparently had little schooling and her written account was inarticulate and short on details. This is important since the piece of paper eventually became a crucial part of the BLUE BOOK record on the case. Details of the conversation between the Major and Mrs. Lankford are not known which is unfortunate since it might help to



Billy Ray and Elmer Sutton pose with their weapons in front of the farmhouse. Note the roof overhang where one of the creatures sat and reached out for Billy Ray's head. The light from the bare bulb above the door proved a better deterrent than gunfire. --Kentucky New Era photo.



Mrs. Lankford points out a spot in the yard where one of creatures appeared. Note the weeds and the crude live stock pen to the left which gave the "little men" cover. ---Kentucky New Era photo.

understand some discrepancies. Major Albert maintained that the Sutton family and friends had been emotionally charged that Sunday evening after attending a "Holy Roller" service, however Mrs. Lankford was the only one of the family that attended church and her denomination of choice did not practice high spirited worship and in fact was a low-key ministry. This leads to a more fascinating assertion by Major Albert, the officer claiming that perhaps the Suttons had been inspired by a story in a religious newsletter that Mrs. Lankford had sent for after hearing it advertised on the radio. The newsletter in question was supposed to have been issued by Kingdom Publishers of Fort Worth, Texas,\* and in its pages was a story about "saucers" illustrated by a picture showing a silver-painted monkey (It has been suggested that this photo was the German April Fool joke that appeared in the Cologne newspaper Neue Illustrierte in 1950). 113. 114. Civilian investigators of the Sutton case were puzzled by the Major's reference to this article since none of the witnesses mentioned it in published accounts of the events that transpired. Unfortunately many years would pass before the public was allowed access to BLUE BOOK files, a situation that greatly hindered the checking of such details. Back issues of the Kingdom publication have never surfaced and in subsequent years the Suttons became very reluctant to discuss the case even if they could be located. The Kingdom article was supposed to have been part of the original file in BLUE BOOK records but someone removed it before the paperwork on the incident was microfilmed for open review. 115.

Returning to Major Albert, we find that he made another suggestion to explained the "Martians," indicating that there was a possibility some monkeys escaped from a certain travelling circus and perhaps the animals had trespassed on the Sutton's property. 116. This theory has appeal. The mode of locomotion, general appearance, and odd behavior, certainly suggest playful simians, most likely chimpanzees; but if the creatures were flesh and blood, Elmer and Billy Ray had to be the worst marksmen this side of Mars. Chief Greenwell and his men looked hard for any trace of wounded intruders and discovered nothing.

Monday morning. (9:25 a.m.)

A second newsflash about the "battle with spacemen" was broadcast by WHOP at 9:25 a.m. Public interest was building rapidly. The radio station sent a reporter out to the farm to record interviews with the witnesses to be featured on the major newscasts later in the day (12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

Residents of Hopkinsville and the surrounding area began to appear at the Suttons. It was open house that day whether the Suttons liked it or not.

Monday. Late morning.

By late morning an employee of radio station WHOP, Andrew B. Ledwith, happened to stop in at the station on his day off and heard his co-workers joking about "little green men." Intrigued with the story Ledwith got a brilliant idea. He would use a new police method of having an artist reconstruct facial features from a witness' memory to create a picture of the

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\* The Kingdom Voice, an English religious publication, stated in 1969 it had carried a series of articles on flying saucers in 1954 titled: "The Flying Saucers -- Are They Myth, A Menace Or Messengers Of God?" (ed.: Reginald A. Bradbury EM/Kingdom Voice Monomark House, London W.C. 1, England. Vol. 30, September 1969. p.1.) This writer knows of no Texas connection -- L.E. Gross.

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The following statement was given to me by Major John E. Albert on  
26 September 1957:

On about August 22, 1955, about 8 A. M., I heard a news broadcast concerning an incident at Kelly Station, approximately six miles North of Hopkinsville. At the time I heard this news broadcast, I was at Gracey, Kentucky on my way to Campbell Air Force Base, where I am assigned for reserve training. I called the Air Base and asked them if they had heard anything about an alleged flying saucer report. They stated that they had not and it was suggested that as long as I was close to the area, that I should determine if there was anything to this report. I immediately drove to the scene at Kelly Station and located the home belonging to a Mrs. [REDACTED], who is the one who first reported the incident. (A copy of Mrs. [REDACTED] statement is attached to this report.)

Deputy Sheriff Batts was at the scene where this supposedly flying saucer had landed and he could not show any evidence that any object had landed in the vicinity. There was nothing to show that there was anything to prove this incident.

Mrs. [REDACTED] was an impoverished widow woman who had grown up in this small community just outside of Hopkinsville, with very little education. She belonged to the Holy Roller Church and the night and evening of this occurrence, had gone to a religious meeting and she indicated that the members of the congregation and her two sons and their wives and some friends of her sons', were also at this religious meeting and were worked up into a frenzy, becoming very emotionally unbalanced and that after the religious meeting, they had discussed this article which she had heard about over the radio and had sent for from the Kingdom Publishers, Fort Worth 1, Texas and they had sent her this article with a picture which appeared to be a little man when it actually was a monkey, painted silver. This article had to be returned to Mrs. [REDACTED] as she stated it was her property. However, a copy of the writing is attached to this statement and if it is necessary, a photograph can be obtained from the above mentioned publishers.

It is my opinion that the report of Mrs. [REDACTED] or her son [REDACTED] was caused by one of two reasons. Either they actually did see what they thought was a little man and at the time, there was a circus in the area and a monkey might have escaped, giving the appearance of a small man. Two,

being emotionally upset, and discussing the article and showing pictures of this little monkey, that appeared like a man, their imaginations ran away with them and they really did believe what they saw, which they thought was a little man.

The home that Mrs. [REDACTED] lived in was in a very run down condition and there were about eight people sleeping in two rooms. The window that was pointed out to be the one that she saw the small silver shining object about two and a half feet tall, that had its hands on the screen looking in, was a very low window and a small monkey could put his hands on the top of it while standing on the ground.

It is felt that the report cannot be substantiated as far as any actual object appearing in the vicinity at that time.

*Charles N. Kirk*  
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1ST LT., USAF  
Adjutant

Statement from Air Force BLUE BOOK files. Marks on the page were done by some unknown military person.

dwarfs. Fortunately he arrived at the farm before the growing mob of sightseers totally antagonized the Suttons, making such an interview impossible. With the menfolk still absent, Ledwith worked with the women, asking them about the creatures' appearance, although it was Billy Ray and Elmer who got the best look at the intruders. Drawings were made and then altered to fit the mental images still retained by Mrs. Lankford and the others still at the farm. These witnesses described a creature with: a round head, floppy ears, spindly arms and legs, and a formless straight body. Finished with the task after getting as much detail as he could, Ledwith set the drawing aside and went outside to mingle with the people wandering around in the yard. Ledwith talked with two State Troopers and then took the time to search the gully in the fields behind the farmhouse where the "spaceship" was supposed to have landed Sunday night, but like others who visited the site, he discovered nothing unusual about the place (one investigator pointed out that perhaps the machine hovered just above the ground thus leaving no tell-tale marks in the earth).

Monday August 21st. (12:30 p.m.)

The first major newscast of the "spaceman invasion" aired during the noon news on station WHOP.

Monday August 21st. (1:45 p.m.)

Early in the afternoon Billy Ray showed up at the farmhouse after spending the morning hunting. Walking by a table Billy Ray spotted Ledwith's "little man" drawing. Excited, Billy Ray snatched up the piece of paper uttered a cry: "that's it!" 117. Ledwith was pleased with Billy Ray's endorsement but he wouldn't be satisfied until he discussed the image with Elmer Sutton, who had yet to return home.

"Major Ziba."

During the comings and goings that Monday, Chief Greenwell recalled related details of the case with an Air Force officer. It seems the CO of the Air Base at Campbell ordered no "official investigation" of the Hopkinsville incident and BLUE BOOK files reflect this, but it has been pointed out that military personnel did travel to the scene in an "unofficial capacity" as in the case of Major Albert. 118. Official records suggest the presence of a "Captain Benjamin Bennett," and Campbell Air Base Deputy Base CO. "Major Ziba B. Ogden," making low profile inquiries. Ledwith did remember running into an Air Force officer, and a name, unlike Chief Greenwell. According to Ledwith, the name was memorable because it was so unusual: "Ziba." If true, it would peg the Deputy CO as an interested party and would certainly qualify as proof the military was more concerned than it would admit. 119.

August 21st. (3:30 p.m.)

The afternoon edition of the Hopkinsville Kentucky New Era hit the streets at 3:30 in the afternoon. The space invasion is front page news.

August 21st. (6:00 p.m.)

At 6:00 p.m. WHOP's prime newscast of the day reached people who had been at work all day and were now learning about the "spaceman battle" for the first time.

COPY

... from a newspaper item appearing in the Kentucky New Era,  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Monday afternoon, August 22, 1955

# STORY OF SPACE-SHIP, 12 LITTLE MEN PROBED TODAY

## KELLY FARMHOUSE SCENE OF ALLEGED RAID BY STRANGE CREW LAST NIGHT: REPORTS SAY BULLETS FAILED TO AFFECT VISITORS

All kinds of investigations were going on today in connection with the bizarre story of how a space-ship carrying 12 to 15 little men landed in the Kelly community early last night and battled occupants of a farm house.

Most official of the probes was reportedly being staged by the Air Force.

More than a dozen state, county and city officers from Christian and Hopkins counties went to the scene between 11 p. m. and midnight and remained until after 2 a. m. without seeing anything to prove or disprove the story about the ship and its occupants.

The farmhouse is located on the Old Madisonville Road about eight miles north of Hopkinsville. The property is occupied by Cecil (Lucky) Sutton, one of those who reported experiencing last night's phenomena.

There were some 10 or 12 persons at the house, including several children, but investigating officers were not able to determine exactly how many of those present actually claimed to have seen any of the little men from the space ship.

Only other person whom officers quoted directly was identified as Billy Ray Taylor. One account said Taylor is a visitor from Pennsylvania which recently had a similar report of a space ship. Neither Sutton nor Taylor was at home when officers returned to the scene this morning.

The story broke about 11 o'clock last night when two cars, one bearing a Pennsylvania license drove up to Hopkinsville's police headquarters. Officers then at the station said the two autos contained at least five adults and several children. All appeared highly excited.

Spokesman for the crowd told of how something resembling a space ship or flying saucer had landed at the back of their house near Kelly and 12 or 15 men, who appeared to be about 4 feet tall, had got out of the ship and come up to the house and done battle with the occupants.

"We need help", one of the men said, "We've been fighting them for nearly four hours".

Four city police, Chief Russell Greenwell, T. C. Gross, Dorris Francis, and Gray Salter, drove to the scene to see about the "little men". By radio, contact was made with State Trooper R. N. Ferguson, Jr., and G. W. Riley and Deputy Sheriff George Batts, all of whom joined the motorcade to Kelly in their own vehicles. Four M.P.'s also went.

The radio discussions also brought two Hopkins County deputy sheriffs and at least three state troopers from the station at Madisonville.

First arrivers found the scene deserted. The two cars which had brought the report to Hopkinsville did not return to the Kelly farm until after officers had arrived and looked the situation over.

Officers reported they found no tracks of "little men" nor was there any mark indicating anything had landed at the described spot behind the house. There was a hole in the screen at the window through which occupants said a shot had been fired at one of the strange little men.

Both Chief Greenwell and Deputy Sheriff Batts said they got approximately this story from the still terrified and excited Sutton and Taylor families.

About 7 p. m. one of the men went out of the house to get a bucket of water. He saw what looked like a flying saucer come over the trees and land in a field at a point about a city block behind the house. There was no explosion only a semi-hissing sound, and the watcher returned to the house with the bucket of water.

A short time later somebody reported some little men with big heads and long arms were approaching the house. The men were described as having huge eyes and hands out of proportion to their small bodies. The visitors were wearing what looked to be metal plate.

The men got their guns, a shotgun for Sutton and a .22 caliber target pistol for Taylor. By and by one of the little men pressed his face against the window and the shotgun was fired through the window. The face disappeared.

The men decided to go outside and see if the visitor had been hit. Taylor was in front and when he emerged from the front door, a huge hand reached down from the low roof above the door and grabbed him by the hair. He pulled away, and the two men went on out of the house.

One of the strange little men was in a nearby tree, another on top of the house. A blast from Sutton's shotgun knocked another one of the men down but he did not appear hurt. He disappeared in the darkness.

Taylor reportedly opened fire on other members of the invading party, also with little effect. The battle went on for sometime. When the occupants of the house saw their chance, they jumped onto their cars, and drove to Hopkinsville for help.

Deputy Sheriff Batts said the men told him that in all they fired up about four boxes of .22 pistol shells. The officer quoted a neighbor saying he hears shooting over at the Suttons but distinguished only about four shots and mistook them for fire-crackers.

Most of the officers remained at the site for more than two hours. During that period there were approximately 25 persons at the scene.

Only excitement during the period the officers were there came when a MP happened to step on a cat's tail while walking in the darkness near the house. The cat let out a squawl and for a few seconds there was much activity and scurrying around on the part of those present.

Two officers who returned to the Kelly area early this morning reported hearing that the "little men" had reappeared around the Sutton home about 3:30 a. m.

Other investigators who went to Kelly later during the morning said they were told Sutton and Taylor had gone to Evansville today.

Officers who visited the scene during last night's excitement were reluctant to express any opinion today in regards to the reported invasion of Kelly. All officials appeared to agree that there was no drinking involved.

Only outspoken comment came from Frank Dudas, city police desk sergeant, who was not on duty last night and has not visited the scene so far. He said, "I think the whole story is entirely possible."

Sergeant Dudas was one of two city policemen who reported seeing three flying saucers early one morning last summer. He said, "I know I saw them. If I saw them, the Kelly story certainly could be true."

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Charles N. Kirk*  
CHARLES N. KIRK  
1ST LT., USAF  
Adjutant

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8/22/55

My name is [REDACTED] age 50 and I live at [REDACTED]  
Hopkinsville Route 6, Kentucky.

On Sunday night Aug 21, 55 about 10:30 P. M. I was walking through the hallway which is located in the middle of my house and I looked out south the back door / & saw a bright silver object about two and a half feet tall appearing round. I became excited and did not look at it long enough to see if it had any eyes or move. I was about 15 or 20 feet from it. I fell backward, and then was carried into the bedroom.

My two sons [REDACTED] age 25 and his wife [REDACTED] age 29, [REDACTED] age 21 and his wife [REDACTED] age 27 and their friends [REDACTED] age 21 and his wife [REDACTED] 18 were all in the house and saw this little man that looked like a monkey.

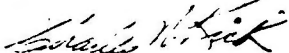
About 3:30 A. M. I was in my bedroom and looked out the north window and saw a small silver shinning object about 2 1/2 feet tall that had its hands on the screen looking in. I called for my sons and they shot at it and it left. I was about 60 feet from it this time. I did not see it anymore.

I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness s/John E. Albert

s/[REDACTED]

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Handwritten testimony of Glennie Langford retyped for BLUE BOOK files.

The scores of people around the farmhouse were now so troublesome the Suttons began to wonder if they could control the situation. Many of those who made the trip to the site of the "spaceman invasion" were obnoxious, nosey, and quick to ridicule. There was not much to see, but the idea of being physically present at a location where "history was being made" was so sensational a feeling few could muster the urge to leave.

Monday evening. (7:30 p.m.)

By the time Ledwith returned in the early evening to continue his interviews, attempts had been made to clear the property of curious townspeople. The Suttons had no locks on their doors and some people had the gall to walk right in uninvited. The Suttons observed that the "spacemen" had more manners than that. The lawmen on the scene were little help in protecting the Sutton's privacy. The State Troopers seemed to be happy if they could just keep traffic from blocking the road out front. Friends and relatives dropped in to offer aid and comfort, as did Mrs. Lankford's pastor, but what the family really needed was peace, quiet, and to be left alone. Not having gotten any sleep the night before, the Suttons were hoping the coming hours of darkness would drive the curious away and then they could relax into a blissful slumber. The approaching night, however, offered the possibility the "spacemen" might come back and many of those wandering the yard didn't want to miss the show.

Monday evening. (8:30 p.m.) "GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!"

Elmer finally returned at 8:30 and knew right off things were getting out of hand. There were so many cars in the area Elmer had to park a ¼ mile away from the farmhouse. After having to walk so far, Elmer was in a bad mood when he reached the frontdoor. Fortunately Ledwith had gained the confidence of the womenfolk so was not kicked out by an irritated Elmer. As the ladies prepared supper, Ledwith talked with Elmer about the "spacemen's" appearance. At one point, when the crowd outside got too distracting, Elmer jumped out of his chair and yelled out the front door: "GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!"

When Ledwith finished with his questioning and drawing, he quickly excused himself and left. He came away impressed with the almost parallel testimony from different witnesses.

Monday evening. (Midnight)

Sightseers lingered at the Sutton farm until midnight. By that hour the need for sleep, and the failure of the spacemen to appear (and no doubt many had to go to work the next morning), thinned the ranks of the crowd until no one remained. The second invasion of the Sutton farm was over, for the time being. 120.

Monday. Cincinnati and Akron, Ohio. Various places in Michigan.

The same evening crowds of the curious camped out at the Sutton's, UFO activity occurred elsewhere.

A brilliant-colored aerial object excited witnesses in the state of Ohio. Red, green, and white lights on a mystery body in the heavens were reported by a John Klemper in Cincinnati who viewed the UFO with 8X30 binoculars for 45 minutes. At Akron an "orange ball" moved north to south was sighted by the local GOC post.

Meanwhile, reports of a flashing UFO came in from central and western Michigan. GOC spotters phoned in reports from Cutterville, Roseville, and Saginaw. 121.

August 22nd. Sacramento, California. "Rewrite that..."

While the furor in Kentucky was cooling off, a person out in California saw a "flat and amber-colored egg-shaped body" perform strange maneuvers over Sacramento. Leaving a small streak behind as it moved, the object, according to the wording in the official military teletype message: "CAME UP IN SOUTH, WENT TO SOUTHWEST, AND MADE 90 DEGREE TURN, CAME STRAIGHT OVERHEAD AND CLIMBED STRAIGHT OUT OF SIGHT." 122. In preparing the BLUE BOOK file card on this case, the Air Force UFO expert rewrote the report to fit an airplane explanation: "...appeared in the south, went south-west, and then disappeared overhead." 123.

Tuesday. August 22nd. "SEE WHERE THE MARS-MEN LANDED."

Sightseers descended on the Sutton farm in even greater numbers on Tuesday. One estimate put the crowd at 2,000. People pestered the Suttons to pose for photographs and some concession operators sought permission to set up food stands. The Suttons just wanted everyone to leave. First they tried posting "No Trespassing" signs, and when that didn't work, they put up a sign that said: "SEE WHERE THE MARS-MEN LANDED \$1.00." The crowd ignored both appeals. 124.

A stringer for the United Press filed this story on Tuesday:

"Hundreds of curiosity seekers tramped across Ceil Sutton's farm today after the Suttons said 'little green men' from space paid them a visit last night.

"Sutton, his family and several relatives said they were up all night fending off the little men who, they said, glowed with an inner illumination.

"Kentucky state police and sheriff officers investigated the weird report but were unable to find any trace of the 'space visitors.'

"'That is because they used lights all over the place,' Sutton said. 'You can't see them except in the dark.'

"When asked if they expected the spacemen to return tonight Sutton said: 'You can't tell, they might be back.'

"Mrs. Sutton said she was 'skittedy about it.'" 125.

Frank Edwards.

Perhaps the most well known UFO "expert" in the region besides Leonard Stringfield was Frank Edwards. Edwards had been the news commentator for the American Federation of Labor on the Mutual Radio Network from 1949 to August 1954 when he was fired, after which he switched to television, appearing daily on station WTTV Indianapolis. UFO reports were standard fare on his broadcasts. The newsman explained his late arrival at Hopkinsville this way:

"I was in Vernon, Indiana, only about 50 miles away, when this story hit the newspapers. The Evansville Courier-Press of August 22nd printed a detailed account of it, with a drawing of one of the little men, based on the descriptions given by the witnesses -- a weird-looking little creature. Since a member of my family was dying, I couldn't leave at the time, so it was three days before I got there." 126.

Edwards phoned Hopkinsville and learned that a certain Major "Albert Coren" from Fort Campbell was asking questions around town. When Edwards quizzed the PIO at Fort Campbell about this "military investigation," he was told there was nothing official being done to his knowledge, a reply Edwards interpreted this way: "Official reaction to this incident was one of pretended indifference." 127.

### The Suttons "disappear."

Harassment became so severe the Suttons "vanished," they escaped to Michigan to stay with relatives until all the sightseers got tired of overrunning the farm.

Wednesday. August 23rd.

On Wednesday the following appeared in a New York paper:

"The J.C. Sutton family at Kelly, Kentucky, today fled from their farmhouse in the Blue Grass Country after they told neighbors the 'little green men from outer space' paid them a return visit.

"They just upped and left town," Chief of Police Russell Greenwell of Hopkinsville, told the New York Journal-American by telephone.

"They beat it shortly after the spacemen they said they saw Sunday came back early yesterday and started to climb over the trees and roof. Nobody else saw the little fellows, but the Suttons said it was too much for them --and they had run out of shotgun shells anyway."

"The Suttons had told the Chief that the three-foot tall creatures were indestructible. 'Besides,' said Chief Greenwell, 'it looked like they outnumbered the Suttons two-to-one, and that's counting four children in the farmer's family.'

"Chief Greenwell was asked if he believed the Sutton's story of the 'spacemen.'

"I don't know what to believe,' he said." 128.

With the Suttons gone the excitement subsided. Reporters representing out of state newspapers had arrived a little late to learn much that wasn't already known so they continued to stand by at the Hopkinsville police station in case of new developments. There were things to chat about. Some of the scribblers suggested that the admission signs erected by the Suttons proved that the incident was just a money-making scheme, a theory that was countered by the argument that the Suttons had skipped town just when there was big money to be made. Where were the Suttons? One reporter grinned and suggested the family may have been "carried off."

### Jacqueline Sanders of The Saucerian.

That afternoon a woman walked into the Hopkinsville police station without attracting attention until she flashed a little magazine titled: The Saucerian, and announced she was a "flying saucer investigator." This was certainly a revelation to those in the room. They didn't know there was such an animal. Here was someone who might have answers to some of the zillion questions posed by the perplexing claims of the Suttons. There wasn't many "flying saucer experts" in the mid-fifties.

The woman was Jacqueline Sanders, the eastern editor of Gray Barker's West Virginia-based UFO publication. Chief Greenwell ushered the woman into his private office since he was eager to discuss the situation with a sympathetic listener. The Suttons were not the only ones suffering from the "spacemen" experience. The townspeople, and even some of his own men, were now viewing the business as a huge joke, making comic remarks about the latest head count of Martian midgets currently in the local Bastille. The Chief, nonetheless, still took the position the flying saucer subject should be treated seriously and gave Miss Sanders a long and complete account of events to the best of his ability. The subsequent article in The

Saucerian was the most comprehensive treatment of the case until the Davis-Bloecher investigation. 129.

Media accounts of the Sutton case were limited in content, full of mistakes, and contained quotes selected more for their entertainment value than for their informational value. Typical headlines read: "LITTLE MEN WITH INDIRECT LIGHTING GLOW GREEN ALL OVER KENTUCKY FARM," and: "WEIRD STORY OF 'GREEN MONSTERS' -- KENTUCKY FAMILY FLEES 'SPACEMEN.'"

Frank Edwards arrives.

During a talk given to the New York organization Civilian Saucer Intelligence, Edwards remarked:

"...when I did get to Hopkinsville, I walked into a practical joke, which is one of the things you have to watch out for when you're trying to investigate subjects like this. A couple of newspapermen whom I'd once played jokes on went to a good deal of trouble to revenge themselves; they arranged an interview with a phony 'witness,' who told me a lot of inaccurate and invented details. And he tried to sell me a plaster cast which he said had been made from a footprint of one of the creatures. If I'd brought it, their cup would have bubbled over. As it was, it took me some time to catch on." 130.

23 August. Mt. Healthy, Ohio. (Midnight)

UFOs deployed in the sky over Mt. Healthy, Ohio, beginning at midnight on August 23rd. The objects performed pendulum-like motions. 131.

23 August. Loveland and Forestville, Ohio. (Midnight?)

In the skies of Loveland and Forestville white balls of light and disc-shaped bodies performed erratic maneuvers. 132.

23 August. Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. (12:10 a.m.)

When ADC radar confirmed the presence of unidentified targets in the sky between Columbus and Cincinnati, the Air National Guard sent a flight of F-84s aloft to challenge the interlopers.

An excited GOC supervisor at Mt. Healthy, a Mr. Walter Paner, telephoned Leonard Stringfield to tell him military fighters were in the air and were about to tangle with UFOs 20,000 feet above Cincinnati. This was something the Chief of CRIFO had been waiting for, the situation giving Stringfield a sense of scary expectation he hadn't felt since WWII. However, a "contact with the enemy" with an awed UFO buff as a spectator was not to be. A heavy overcast obscured the heavens, moreover, when the jets bored in at 100% power, they never got close, the UFOs pulling away at a fantastic speed the planes could not match. 133.

23 August. Arlington, Virginia. (10:45 p.m.)

### **Red, White, Green Mystery Object Over Michigan**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (UP) — Observers at the air filter center said they saw a red, white and green object that "was not an airplane" flying in this area early this morning.

Sgt. Earl R. Kirkpatrick, who said he could not identify the object, described it as being "larger than any of the stars in the background." He said it bobbed and weaved as it moved in a counter-clockwise arc.

The object first was sighted in the Saginaw area last night and again over Cutlerville south of here early this morning. The Air Force was notified of the object's movement.

23 August. Arlington, Virginia. (10:45 p.m.)

Two UFO sightings were recorded in the eastern U.S. at this time. The first given in BLUE BOOK files is listed as "unidentified" and was from an amateur astronomer named Garnet M. Park. He testified:

"On August 23, 1955 at about 10:45 p.m. EST, my friend Rev.(...deleted) and I were standing near the south side of my house, facing to the south, when my attention was called to a moving object in the sky. It was orange in color and was travelling south at a high altitude and great speed. After observing its flight for about fifteen seconds, it turned east and disappeared about ten seconds later. Shortly afterwards we were scanning the sky and another object of the same type appeared in the southwest. It remained visible for two or three minutes. At one time we could spot three of them travelling a great distance apart and in the same general direction, but shortly afterwards they took different courses. One circled the dome of the sky while the other made a semi-circle and reversed itself before returning on its original course.

"The other circled the dome of the sky and then turned and went directly across the dome of the sky. Another appeared to come to a complete stop and then it continued on its regular course. While it was standing still it looked like one of the stars in back of it. At one time, when one was turning, it appeared to be above the atmosphere of the earth since they didn't appear to lose altitude as an object would when passing over the horizon.

"They never showed signs of losing their brilliance and didn't fly in formation at any time. I think that the visible light was due to reflection from the sun." 134.

23 August. Near Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania.

More multiple UFOs appeared above Pennsylvania. (See BLUE BOOK card)

#### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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24 August. Cincinnati, Loveland, Forestville, Ohio. Vevay, Indiana.

UFO activity continued in the Ohio and Indiana region during the early hours of the 24th. GOC spotters Herb Clark, Ralph Berdoff, and Fred Pfeiffer of the Forestville post described what they observed as a silent, brilliant-white object. 135.

24 August. Marysville, Ohio. (8:29 p.m.)

"I've almost got to say there is such a thing now."

During the evening of the 24th a Marysville couple witnessed something fairly close up and it turned out to be more than a "white light" reported by the GOC spotters. The Marysville paper ran this story"

"Spotting of a flying saucer was reported today by a Marysville couple Dale Gardner, 111 E. Seventh Street, told the Journal-Tribune today that he and his wife saw the disc-shaped object last evening while sitting in their yard.

"Gardner said it appeared to be about eight or ten feet in diameter and was going 'at a terrific rate of speed' in the general direction of Milford Center.

"He said there were no outside lights on the object like there would be on a plane but that it was 'all lit up like lights inside an automobile.' He described the color of the light as having a reddish cast.

"Gardner said the time was exactly 8:29 p.m. as he checked his watch on his wife's request. He said they were able to see the flat-shaped craft only about ten or fifteen seconds before it was out of sight.

"In reporting the incident, Gardner said he was doing so only to learn if anyone else in the vicinity had seen the object.

"He said he had never been a believer in flying saucers and had always considered such reports as a 'hoax.'

"But he added, 'I've almost got to say there is such a thing now. My wife and I both saw it.'" 136.

25 August. Cincinnati, Ohio. (10:40 p.m.)

The Fernald atomic plant again.

Just north of Cincinnati was the Fernald atomic plant. At 10:40 p.m. the evening of August 25th two county policemen on patrol in two separate cruisers both sighted a UFO hovering an estimated 5,000 feet above the nuclear facility according to CRIFO investigators. The object was a light brown sphere. 137.

25 August. Bedford, Indiana.

Two women were driving to the home of one of them, and as they neared their destination they saw a white object, with a black streak through its center, hovering near the house. The thing glowed with a pulsing light, and as the light pulsed, the house lights brightened and dimmed in unison. The women became frightened and drove back to town to get their husbands. When the witnesses returned the UFO nowhere to be seen. Semi-circular impressions were found in the ground at the site. 138.

26 August. Guarenas, Venezuela.

An impressive report came from South America on the 26th. Some 40 kilometers to the east of Caracas, Venezuela, a silvery ball was noticed in the sky above the small town of Guarenas. A strange sound was also noticed during the 40 second incident. While the object was in view a sort of "humming

bee" noise.

The UFO did not race straight across the heavens, instead it zipped here and there, occasionally hovering. One witness claimed the passage of the UFO had an unusual effect on his body, raising goose pimples on his skin and causing a tickling sensation in his stomach. 139.

26 August. Various communities around Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Terrified by a green being."

Police were summoned to Henshaw Street by the parents of Bobby Perry because a "green man" had terrified their boy. Another child in the area got so scared when apparently the same "green man" peeked in a window, hysteria was the result. Was Camp Washington being invaded? 140.

More sightings of a strange creature came in from other communities around Cincinnati: Winton Woods, Mt. Airy, Greenhills, and Cumminsville. The Greenhills incident was eventually determined to be a fake, and the excitement in Cumminsville neighborhood was explained when a 15-year-old Albert Snapp was apprehended by authorities. It seems the boy had dressed in green-dyed long-johns and put on a green-colored Halloween mask to scare people, however the boy insisted his Martian masquerade had not been conducted outside Cumminsville. Quite possibly publicity of the Hopkinsville case caused imaginations to run wild. 141.

29 August. Cincinnati, Ohio. (3:15 p.m.)

In bright daylight a metallic appearing disc-shaped body was observed stationary in the sky above the Ohio river. There was no estimate of Altitude but when an airliner flew near while on its way to a landing at Boone County Airport, the disc sped away. 142.

Avro disc plane again. (See clipping)

"X-Dimensional."

It might be thought that theories about the UFO phenomenon suggested by civilian buffs in 1955 were unsophisticated, yet an excerpt from a Stringfield UFO newsletter that was published in February said:

"Reliable records show that in many instances saucers are metastatic, that is they are reported to emerge from nowhere, suddenly disembody and vanish, and, while in flight, undergo transformation --all before the human eye. Although incredible, we cannot dismiss the facts, plus some recent evidence which supports a plausible case for the theory of X-Dimension." 143.

The next case certainly calls for some hard thinking about reality or some sort of "X-Dimension."

30 August. Riverside, California.

"Fantastic neighborhood riot."

(See newsclipping on the next page)

### USAF Saucer Project

In a terse announcement that it has a contract involving a new aircraft design concept with the Avro Aircraft Ltd., U. S. Air Force last week gave cautious confirmation to reports that it has taken over the Canadian flying saucer project.

Despite tight security wraps on the Avro plant at Malton, Ont., where the project prototype is located, it was reported that Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt, USAF Deputy Chief of Staff for Development, has visited the site.

Air Research and Development Command took over the development after the Canadian government had spent only \$397,000 on the design. This followed an estimate by Canadian Defense Production Minister C. D. Howe that construction of a prototype will cost \$100 million.

AVIATION WEEK, August 29, 1955.

SEEN ONLY BY CHILDREN

## Squadron of Flying Saucers Causes Neighborhood Riot

By BOB RODEN

A squadron of red, blue, orange and silver "flying saucers" landed here yesterday, according to a story attested to by a dozen Casa Blanca youngsters.

At least two of the youngsters were "paralyzed" briefly by "flashing lights" aimed at them from "space ships as big as three houses."

Ronnie Strickland, who was climbing a tree when the first "saucer" arrived, said a silver arm beckoned to him, "and I just floated off into space from a housetop." He couldn't say how he got onto the house, "but I sort of slid over there."

Other youngsters swore they saw Ronnie leave the roof and fall straight down, landing on his head. He was unhurt.

The youngsters, most of them residents of Sonora Pl. and ranging in ages from 14 to three or four, saw the "flying saucers" about 3:15 p.m. yesterday.

### Street in Uproar

Shortly before 5 p.m. when this reporter conducted an on-the-spot interview, the entire street was in an uproar and everyone tried to tell his story at the same time.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson, 2894 Sonora Pl., said that the youngsters, who had been playing along the street suddenly broke into shouts, screams, yells and floods of tears as the first "flying saucer" landed in a nearby field.

One youngster reportedly ran

and jumped on his mother so hard as she dashed outside that he nearly knocked her to the ground, hiding his face against her in fear.

### Cried Long Time

Nearly two hours after the "little men with four arms and four legs" arrived in their "space ships," one of the little boys still was crying real big tears that ran repeatedly down his cheeks.

Blanche Campbell, 13, said that many of the children saw the "objects" at about the same time, but Kermit Douglas was credited with being the first to see the incoming "saucers."

Blanche said that Ronnie turned red before he jumped off the house when one of the "rocket ships" came zooming in toward him. She said something pointed at him and he jumped off the house.

She claimed the "little kids saw it too and they were real scared."

### Round In Shape

The youngsters were unanimously in agreement when they said the flying saucers were round "like basketballs" and of different colors. The first "object" landed in the field, another landed on top of a house and another knocked a branch off a walnut tree.

Kermit said he saw a man about 3½ feet tall get out of the "saucer" in the field. He had "big red eyes, a big red mouth and four diamond shaped things where his nose should be."

The "creature", Kermit couldn't tell if he was human or not, had four arms and four legs and was "sort of shadowy." He had two guns and a rifle.

### Paralyzing Guns

Wayne Gardner said he saw the "man with a funny costume with two guns that paralyzed two of the boys."

Marvin Simms said that the "space ships sort of spiraled down and when they took off they pulled up off the ground and then disappeared with a whirling motion."

The "little men" talked to some of the boys, telling them to climb a certain tree and wait to be picked up. The boys did. But some of the others talked them into coming down before the 15 minutes was up.

Parents of the youngsters were out in force along the street asking their offspring dozens of questions, but the Captain Jet enthusiasts stuck by their ray guns, claiming their story was true.

Indications were that last night was one minus television and comic books.

ENTERPRISE, Riverside,  
CA - Aug. 30, 1955

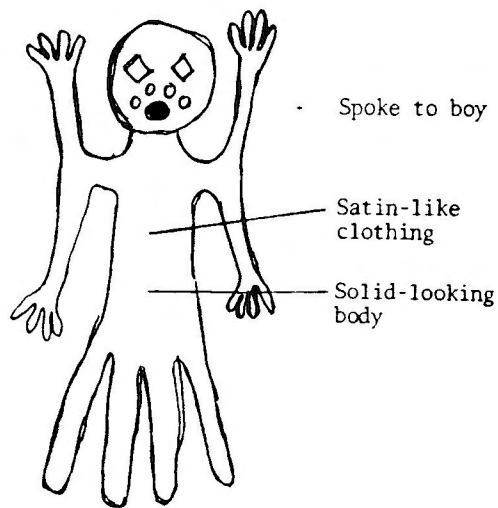
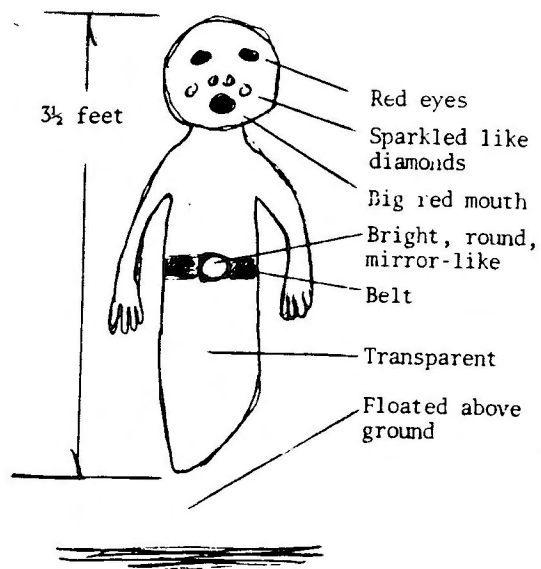
Small, child-like  
arm suspended in  
the air beckoned  
to boy



UFOs, different shapes



The Riverside phenomenon



The Riverside phenomenon

30 August. Dudignac, Argentina.

A Saturn-shaped object of "tremendous dimensions" was seen and photographed by a Senor Pedro Francisco Navarro of Dudignac, Argentina, on August 30, 1955. Authorities named two witnesses: Alberto Sampietro and Angelica Scatolini. The image on the film was difficult to see due to the obscuring effect of some clouds, yet there was enough on the negative to draw the attention of leading aviation magazine in the country, the *Revista Aeronautica*. The magazine gave the UFO subject extensive treatments in subsequent issues and often editorialized on the mystery. Unaware of developments in other nations apparently, the magazine printed: "It is really deplorable that no country has seen fit to set up an official investigating organization." 144.

30 August. Trenton, New Jersey.

A local newspaper informed its readers:

"Three UFOs paid a surprise visit to Lawrence Township last night and created quite a stir before disappearing in a northeasterly direction.

"The UFOs were described as 'oblong' and were a reddish-white in color. Witnesses said they were flying at a height of two thousand feet.

"The objects were clearly visible from Lawrence Township police headquarters." 145.

31 August. Ponteland, England.

Very excited, the four young boys ran to tell someone. They found a constable's wife and felt she was the next best thing to a constable himself. The boys: Jan Nicholson, David Thompson, Andrew Thomas, and Robert Esau. The English UFO magazine *Flying Saucer Review* quoted the young saucer sighters as saying the aerial object was as big as a jet and like two dinner plates placed rim-to-rim with dark openings around the outer edge. As the saucer soared upward into the billowy mass of cloud, a droning sound could be heard. Said one boy: "It was low enough for anyone in it to have a good look at what was going on down here." 146.

September 2nd. "Interplanetary war?"

Caught up in a UFO whirlwind, Leonard Stringfield bannered "Interplanetary War across the front page of his UFO publication. (See next page)

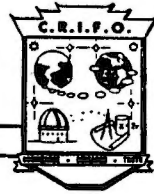
September 3rd. Cincinnati, Ohio. (9:15 p.m.)

"The spheroid that listened."

In the western part of Cincinnati was Boomer Road. At 9:15 p.m. a Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flaig were motoring along the highway when they noticed a metallic grey ball about 4 feet in diameter lit up from the moonlight. The sphere was dropping down out of the dark sky. The couple watched the smooth orb fall until a rooftop screen it from further observation. Since the object must have hit the ground only 40 yards away to their estimation, the two witnesses decided to investigate. Mr. Flaig got out of the car and walked over to the supposed impact area. He was astonished to find the ball floating just above the ground. Just then, as Mr. Flaig approached the strange object; his wife, who was still in the car and was concerned about her husband, called out to him. Mr. Flaig received the definite impression the sound of his wife's voice alarmed the sphere because the instant she yelled the object shot skyward on a 45 degree angle. 147.

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# ORBIT



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## THE QUESTION OF INTERPLANETARY WAR — LANDINGS AND LITTLE MEN. CINCINNATI IS SCENE OF UFO CONCENTRATION

Cincinnati, sweltering under one of its hottest summers, had forgotten flying saucers. Even the local newspapers, in their seasonably canned editorials, had neglected to remind the readers that saucers and the heat were deplorably synonymous.

While the press faithfully recoiled, leaving the unsuspecting public aloft in their ivory towers, only a handful of Cincinnatians knew the real issues. Among these few were certain Civil Defense officials, who were, in the main, under security, and CRIFO, who had learned vital information the hard way. In essence, the truth presented a sobering picture. Drawing from recent information and correlating it with the past, we concluded, (1) UFO's have turned from surveillance to aggressive action, (2) such action constitutes, *ipso facto*, a state of interplanetary war, (3) the war is entering a critical period or turning point and the world's military forces are uniting, defensively, (4) regional concentrations and landings of UFO's are in effect, (5) until the UFO's ultimate objective is determined, the fate of the world, as result of landings, singly or en masse, is unknown.<sup>1</sup>

Like other key points, Cincinnati and environs were in the direct path of the gathering storm. Whether or not the local press knew the grim facts, they were keeping silent, but the thunderhead had already showed its tantalizing menace. Just north of the city, in the town of Loveland —

A notable feature was the sharply etched roundness of the device which gleamed in a uniform brilliant white luminescence. Tapering abruptly behind this white mass was a short fiery tail of bluish-green—much like the tonguing flame of a rocket. Its speed, although constant, was too fast for any known aircraft, yet too slow for a normal meteor.

During the next few days I interviewed over fifty other witnesses. Most all confirmed the description which I had phoned to the Columbus Air Filter Center and the newspapers. Some described the object as "cone-shaped", like a "pear" or, as my daughter told me, "a light bulb with a little blue tail." Reports poured in from every section of the city, mostly in the eastern half or from high ground in the west. One report from Cold Springs, Kentucky claimed that the object was exceedingly low and appeared to have "windows."

While all three Cincinnati papers laughingly reported the incident under banner headlines—blaming it on the heat or hallucination<sup>2</sup>—other accounts of the object's flight began filtering in from remote areas in central and northeastern Ohio.

From Columbus came reports that residents there also saw a ball of fire streaking over the city. It was described as a "fireball" with a red and green

September. (exact date not known) (10:00 p.m.)

Another brief "touchdown" is mentioned in a French case. It seems that a Mme. Meunier of St. Pierre de Fursal spotted a glowing object (shape not described) moving in the sky approaching from the direction of the town of Marsac. After reaching a point above St. Pierre de Fursal, the luminous UFO flew three orbits and then landed. For several minutes the object sat motionless and then zoomed aloft, trailing a bluish light. 148.

September 5th. Allegan, Michigan.

"Cannonballs from space."

A mysterious "projectile" scored a Bullseye on a structure at Allegan, Michigan, on September 5th. (See newsclipping)

## Rocket-Like Meteor Falls; House Burns

ALLEGAN, Mich. (UP) — A meteor apparently fell on an abandoned house 6 miles northwest of here Monday night and touched off a fire that burned the house to the ground.

At least four persons living in the area saw a "bluish" flash between 9 and 10 p. m. and the house burned to the ground within 30 minutes after the object was seen.

Scores of persons in other parts of western Michigan reported they saw a "greenish" light in the sky about the same time. The Air Force filter center at Grand Rapids said several ground observers reported seeing the object.

Persons who saw the flash near here said there was no crash when it hit the ground but within a short time the house was burning about where they had seen it fall.

"All I could see was a blue fire that looked like a sky-rocket," said Mrs. Dell Smith who saw the flash while leaving a home about a mile from where the house was burned. "It had a tail about two or three feet long."

NATIONAL AFFAIRS—Newsweek—

KENTUCKY: September 5, 1955

### 'Men' in Green

*Good old summertime-space sector*

Those frisky intruders from who knows where, the little green men, bobbed up again last week. Mrs. Margaret Summonds of Cincinnati insisted she had almost run over four of them while driving through Georgia. Near Hopkinsville, Ky., several persons said they saw a flying saucer land and watched several luminous men get out. The Kentuckians added—dead pan—that they scared them off with shotgun fire.

A farmer, Cecil (Lucky) Sutton, reported a bevy of green men cavorting on his land. Result: Jammed highways leading to the farm. Sutton put up a "No Trespassing" sign and charged 50 cents admission. Many paid.

In Washington, an Air Force officer, Capt. Robert White, said that he has collected the statements of all who have reported flying-saucer occupants during the last four years. His not-so-serious sum up: (1) They are less than 4 feet tall; (2) they're greenish; (3) they glow, especially when agitated.

The Pentagon reaction to the latest saucerman reports: Ho-hum.

Remarkably, another "projectile" story appeared in the press on September 23rd concerning an incident at West Alexandria, Virginia. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon tenant farmer Joe Martin became alarmed when a barn on the property burst into flame. Martin rescued all the livestock but the building was a total loss. Fire Chief Earl Hickey investigated the blaze, and after examining a section of the metal roofing and a strange baseball-size object found in the ashes, determined that the sphere may have caused the inferno.\* 149.

Hopkinsville. Some additional notes.

A single national response of an official nature concerning the Hopkinsville case surfaced in September. It was picked up by Newsweek and treated in a way to make the Pentagon Generals smile. (See clipping p.84)

The official response was received differently by those in the know. The associate editor of The Saucerian, Jacqueline Sanders, took exception to the reference to the color green and the mention of terrible stench that turned up in Captain White's remarks. She blamed careless newspaper reporting and the tendency of newsmen to make unwarranted use of other UFO reports in general. 150.

For Ted Bloecher of CSI the words "smell bad" leaped out at him. To his knowledge none of the "little men stories that were published" mentioned odors although the obscure cases like the Loveland incident did! He wondered about the true extent of Air Force data gathering. 151.

September 5th. "Spitzbergen saucer crash."

UFO researcher Pat Bontempo states that a so-called German newspaper article in the Stuttgart Tageblatt about an alledged "Spitzbergen saucer crash" dated September 5, 1955 does not exist and that the confusion originated in a Dutch UFO periodical. The original story, as determined by Mr. Bontempo, appeared in the June 28, 1952, issue of the Sarrbrücken Zeitung.

September 7th. Southern California.

Authorities had trouble attributing the following object/objects to a balloon phenomenon:

"Anxious callers flooded military, police and newspaper switchboards late yesterday with reports of 'shimmering things' in the skies over Orange County Beaches, Riverside and San Bernardino, and Los Angeles counties.

"Some observers speculated that the object sighted might be the giant 25-story-high balloon which ran away from scientists in International Falls, Minnesota, seven days ago.

"Although the experimental balloon, carrying mice and guinea pigs,

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\* Charles Fort wrote a couple of letters to the New York Times in the 1920s which concerned mysterious ball-like "meteors." Fort discussed cases of odd cast iron spheres, the size of cricket balls, that had fallen out of the sky, one of which seems to have had a joint around its middle indicating that it had been manufactured. (See "Letters to the editor." New York Times 10/2/25 and 8/14/24.

was thought by the scientists to be somewhere over Canada, scores of residents in Southwest Colorado have reported they saw it passing by. The scientists said this couldn't be.

"An observer using binoculars in Laguna Beach about 6:30 p.m. yesterday said that she and friends watched a giant balloon bounce around in the sky for nearly an hour. The woman, Suzette Dabney, of 1320 Carmelita Street, said the balloon had something dangling below it.

"Miss Dabney said there were airplanes circling the balloon when she spotted it; however, El Toro, March Field and Norton Air Base Information Officers said that no planes had been dispatched from those fields.

"Calls also came in from residents of San Juan Capistrano and Newport Beach that either 'flying saucers or weather balloons' were circling over the beaches.

"Norton Air Force base information officers said that they had received many calls concerning objects in the sky, but they doubted that weather balloons from that base could be spotted from the ground as they are too small. They also said that no planes were dispatched from that base late yesterday.

"Information Officers at El Toro Marine Air Base also said that they had received many calls concerning objects in the sky, but they had no idea what they could be.

"Officials at March Field Air Force Base also denied knowledge of what the objects could be." 152.

September 7th. Colfax, Iowa. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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September 7th. Washington D.C. (See BLUE BOOK document) 153.

September 8th. Baltimore, Maryland.

This case was not accurately represented on its record card. While the data given in the brief summary section mentions the object's movements, the version as written is incomplete. The actual wording in the original teletype went this way: "APPEARED AT STAND STILL SUDDENLY BROKE UP AND SPED AWAY. BROKE INTO PARTS. GAVE OFF SMOKE. CHANGED BRIGHTNESS. CHANGED SHAPE. FLICKERED." 154. If the objects at any time became motionless as implied, then a bird explanation seems weak even without the curious claim the objects "gave off smoke."

September 9th. "My only request is that you not ask any questions."

Proof that UFO activity in the Ohio region was exceptional is provided by the fact that the Air Force did something unprecedented. Leonard Stringfield's CRIFO was well known to the military, and the civilian organization's network of personnel impressed the people at ATIC (even E.J. Ruppelt). Although the conversation between Col. O'Mara of ATIC and Stringfield in June 1954 apparently meant an end to any significant official contact with Cincinnati civilian group, circumstances evidently forced the Air Force Air Defense Command authorities to approach the CRIFO band of UFO buffs with a proposal. On September 9, 1955, Stringfield received a phone call from Capt. Hugh McKenzie of the Air Defense Command unit based in Columbus. The Captain requested CRIFO's cooperation since many civilians in the Cincinnati region were reporting to Stringfield and not the ADC. If CRIFO went along with the plan, Capt. McKenzie said, the military would pay all of the phone bills required in the receiving and screening of UFO reports. The ADC officer, however, injected a bit of mystery into his request by saying: "My only request is that you (Stringfield) not ask any questions." 155.

Edward Ruppelt, who was not unaware of the O'Mara-Stringfield controversy we assume, nonetheless had some kind words for the CRIFO chief. In his book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, the ex-BLUE BOOK man-in-charge termed Stringfield: "...very public minded..(and a) level-headed saucer expert..." 156.

For months Stringfield's group would be an auxiliary to the regional GOC Filter Center with the call sign: "Foxtrot Kilo 3-0 Blue."

"The Great Lakes Unidentified Flying Objects Club."

Another civilian UFO group got extensive coverage in the Washington D.C. Star on September 11th which may have had some government people questioning the wisdom of the military cooperating with such enthusiasts. Note that the supposed Eisenhower-saucerman rendezvous rumor was being kept alive by the Great Lakes club. (See newspaper clipping)

That same evening (September 11th) in Forestville, Ohio, Stringfield gave a talk promoting the UFO extraterrestrial theory to an audience of Ground Observer Corps volunteers of Hamilton county. Surprisingly such presentations did not cause the Air Force to terminate its arrangement with CRIFO. 157.

"Snatched into space?"

Considering latter-day UFO speculations about possible abductions, an English newspaper article is of interest. (See newsclipping)

# (CLASSIFICATION) AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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| FORM 100-10<br>Intelligence Division<br>Headquarters Command, USAF | REPORT NO.<br>1-55 | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES |
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1. Report of sighting an unidentified object submitted by Mr. [REDACTED] Army Map Service, [REDACTED], Washington, D. C.
2. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that three of his fellow workers sighted an illuminated object, appearing approximately the size of a silver dollar. The object seemed to glow and was round in nature. There was no sound.
3. The object was first seen when one of the three men was tossing up a coin while waiting for the coffee mobile. As the man looked up for the coin he sighted the object and told the other two men to look. The flight path of the object was like an arc in the sky. The object disappeared over the Dalecarlia Reservoir. The total time of sighting was about one (1) minute.
4. The manner of observation was ground to air, and visual.
5. The date was 7 September 1955 at 1130Z. It was late afternoon.
6. The location of observers was from the grounds of the Army Map Service, located at [REDACTED] Washington, D. C.
7. Identifying information of the observers is as follows:
  - Mr. [REDACTED] address [REDACTED], Silver Springs, Maryland, occupation is that of a Plate maker for maps. Reliability is unknown.
  - Mr. [REDACTED], address [REDACTED] Washington, D. C. N.W. occupation is photographer. Reliability is unknown.
  - Mr. [REDACTED], address [REDACTED] Kensington, Maryland, occupation is color photographer. Reliability is unknown.
8. Weather conditions at the time of the sighting were described by the observers as very good, ceiling high, visibility was clear, no cloud cover, and there were no thunder storms in the area. There was almost no wind at the time, and no unusual conditions were observed which might account for the sighting. Winds for the 7 Sep 55 Suf, 330-10K; 5000, 300-11K; 10,000, 280-20K; 18,000, 290-25K; 25,000, 270-29K; 30,000 260-41K; 50,000, 260-35K; 80,000, 150-13K.
9. There was no air traffic in the vicinity at the time of sighting.
10. No explanation to the cause of the sighting can be given. No further action in regard to this sighting is presently contemplated.

# Flying Saucer Viewers

## Have Spacial Slant on

### Geneva Summit Meeting

THE SUNDAY STAR, Washington, D. C.  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1955

By DONALD R. FOXVOG

ZION, Ill.—It was only some 25 years ago that this Northern Illinois city on the banks of Lake Michigan achieved national attention when Wilbur Glenn Voliva and his Zionist followers staunchly insisted that the world was flat.

There is still a handful of oldtimers here who cling to that conviction, but another group with a strange new belief is now in the limelight.

Today the Illinois dunes, the sandy shores of Zion, are used as the site for dead-earnest "saucer sighting" expeditions by a group that is just as firmly convinced that flying saucer people from other planets have already landed on earth, as the Zionists were convinced the world wasn't round.

This new group, known as the Great Lakes Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Club, is one of some 65 such organizations now flourishing in the United States and, for its size, it is probably the most active group in the Nation. Other prominent flying saucer clubs may be found in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia. Still others exist in England, France, Italy and South Africa.

#### All Around Us

The basic belief seems to be that soundless flying saucers are zipping around the earth almost all the time. Thousands are seen, millions more go by unseen. The saucers are "known" to come from Mars, Venus and Saturn in our solar system and there is one "recorded" visit from a saucer which "obviously was from another solar system."

How does one see flying saucers? Well, some just happen to come into view, other times you go looking for them and sometimes they look for you, especially if you are a "plain simple person" with an "open mind."

Jack Maynard, president of the Great Lakes UFO Club, proudly says he has had 17 "sightings" since 1949; "12 with witnesses." Maynard has trained himself to "look up" so he won't miss any that just happen to whiz by.

The Great Lakes UFO Club goes on frequent "saucer sightings" at night at the Illinois dunes, and Maynard said his group saw a saucer make "three passes" one night last fall. Checking further, it was learned that about a third of the group did not see it and others "confessed" they weren't sure they saw a saucer.

but they didn't... disappointed Maynard and other friends who immediately saw it.

### Any Open Minds?

Maynard explained that since the spacemen have equipment in their saucers which tells of the presence of "open-minded" and receptive earthlings, they can arrange to be seen by people who will make favorable reports about their experiences. The saucer people quite obviously want favorable publicity, as do the UFO'ers.

When this reporter promised to record his exact experiences while "saucer sighting," it was thought that the spacemen might take advantage of the vow and make their presence known. But they let this golden opportunity slip through their fingers... or perhaps weren't tuned in when the promise was made.

The night we went saucer sighting Maynard reported seeing one brief, strange, unaccountable movement of light in the heavens, but said he was not sure enough to call this a "suspicious," much less a "definite," to use the technical terms. Unfortunately I didn't see even that much.

While saucer sighting Maynard carried a huge flashlight which he frequently flashed off and on. He assured me that he was not sending code to his friends in outer space but was only seeking to attract the attention of handy saucers.

### Getting to Know Them

The Great Lakes group believes that in at least 60 cases Martians, Venusians and Saturnians have landed and talked to earthlings, and the Great Lakes UFO club imports speakers who calmly relate that they have engaged in such conversations.

How are such conversations possible? Simple. Saucer-men from any planet have IQs superior to yours and mine. In addition to having a language of their own, they speak any earth language. They also have telepathy down pat and thereby know what earthlings think.

You can converse with a Saturnian, for example, by just thinking. The Saturnian may answer in your language. English perhaps, or he will just put his answer into your brain. The latter method avoids noisy, turbulent conversations.

At least two visiting saucer experts have told the Great Lakes UFO group that they have been favored with rides on flying saucers. Thus history (earth history, that is) can record that the first rides into space took place in the middle of the 20th century. (Unless, of course, some human in a previous century received a ride and kept mum about it for fear he wouldn't be believed. There seems to be no fear today.)

### Free Rides

One earthling was whisked from New Mexico to New York City and back (about 8,000 miles) in a half hour, but time was lost while the space ship hovered over the city so the earthling could be sure of where he was.

However, this venture was next to nothing compared to the trip taken by "Buck" (shades of Buck Rogers?), a 65-year-old Missourian who refused to give his full name. (The check for his lecture fee had to be made out to cash by the club.)

Buck reported that after four earlier visits from the saucer people he persuaded them to take him for a ride on their fifth visit. And what a ride! From his Missouri farm

to Mars, Venus, the moon and back in three days!

So Buck is the first known earthling to travel to the moon and other planets!

Readers may wonder why they have not read news stories about this epoch-making, interplanetary trip—certainly one of the greatest stories in our recorded history. Jack Maynard has the answer:

Air Force Intelligence has "ordered" the press associations not to publish such stories and newspapers "go along."

"How about freedom of the press?" Maynard was asked. Answer: "They all go along for reasons of national security."

Air Force Intelligence, and even the FBI, you see, know all about the visits of the flying saucer people. They have this information locked in their files and they are determined to keep it there.

And not only that, just why do you suppose the heads of the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France met at Geneva recently? If the answer isn't obvious, it was to discuss flying saucers.

Like Senator McCarthy (though for different reasons), Maynard is confident that President Eisenhower in no way revealed what was really discussed at Geneva. The Great Lakes UFO group knows that the President is not withholding personal information on saucers.

### President's Rendezvous

One dark night, Maynard reports, the President and Secret Service agents slipped out of Washington for a prearranged rendezvous with spacemen from a neighboring planet. They met at a deserted airport. The saucermen felt obligated to warn Eisenhower about the dangers of atomic

warfare and the President assured them that he would do all he could to prevent it. Another reason for the Geneva Conference!

Do you recall what followed on the heels of the Geneva Conference? It was the announcement that the United States would have satellites revolving about the earth in the '50s. These satellites are to gain information about the flying saucers, as if you didn't know.

### Why Secrecy?

Maynard feels that people are somewhat naive when they ask, "Why all the secrecy? Why is Air Force Intelligence, the FBI and the President withholding all this information?" To Maynard the answer is crystal clear:

"They don't admit that flying saucers are arriving from other planets because there would be chaos! People here (on this planet) would be all upset! Some would jump out of windows!

"No one could go on living his present, everyday life if he knew that the earth was only one of many inhabited planets!"

He was asked, "Why not?"

"There would be economic upheaval. War would positively be prevented if the Government would release the flying saucer information, and our whole economy, based so heavily on military preparedness would suffer."

The saucer people themselves, according to all who have seen and talked to them, are gentle, kind and beautiful. It is good to know they include both sexes. Space people mean no harm to earthlings and would like to help us if we would but believe.

EVENING DISPATCH, Tuesday, September 13, 1955

## SNATCHED INTO SPACE?

**In his second article the author—noted American archæologist, explorer and instructor in astronomy at Michigan University—develops a theory that many inexplicable disappearances of persons can be accounted for by visitations from outer space.**

**By M. K. JESSUP**

It is well-known sea lore that ships develop a kind of spiritual or psychic entity, or personality, like people, and the strange tale of the Marie Celeste illustrates this as few other histories can.

After reading the whole story of how she was discovered in 1872 off the Portuguese coast under full sail with her entire crew missing and completely unaccounted for, it cannot be denied that a curse enshrouded this unhappy vessel. The dramatic disappearance of her crew is vital to our present theme.

There are several facts which I wish to stress. First, the upper rigging of the ship was slightly damaged as if some unusual accident or activity took place there. Then, the compass was damaged.

Aside from these, there was no note of disarray or struggle. Life had departed from the ship instantly, apparently with all the routine activities interrupted and no preparations made: no log book on table, clothing in order, sails set, galley undisturbed—but no records in the log or anywhere else.

### Frenzied call

Before I supply what I believe to be the solution to this we must consider several other sea mysteries for points of similarity.

Here is one of a far more recent date—1948:

On a calm, fine day early in February the Dutch vessel s.s. Ourang Medan was passing through the Straits of Malacca in the East Indies when it sent out a distress call.

S.O.S. and again S.O.S. in a frenzied call.

Rescue ships from Dutch Sumatra and British Malaya rushed to the vessel in distress.

When they found her and boarding parties reached the Ourang Medan they found an eerie sight. There wasn't a living creature in the ship.

The captain lay dead on the bridge. The bodies of the other officers sprawled in the wheelhouse, chartroom and wardroom. The faithful "Sparks" was slumped in a chair in the radio shack, his hand still on the sending key. The bodies of the hapless crew lay everywhere: in their rooms, in the passageways, on the decks. And on all the dead faces was a look of convulsive horror.

Even the ship's dog, a small terrier, was dead, its teeth bared in agony.

But strangely, there was no sign of wounds or injuries on any of the bodies.

The would-be rescuers decided to put a towline on to the unlucky vessel and take her into port. But at that very moment smoke and flames belched forth from No. 4 hold. The fire was immediately so hot and so widespread that it was impossible to subdue.

From that day to this no one has ever been able to determine what happened to this unfortunate ship or to her officers and crew.

The notable points: sudden death (or disappearance) of people (all life) at a lonely and isolated spot at sea. No apparent cause assignable. A sudden and unexplained fire, obviously for the purpose of "destroying the evidence," a fire

so suddenly violent and widespread as to defy action, although strong men, familiar with ships, were at hand, prepared for emergencies.

The New York Times, of June 21, 1921, discusses the disappearances of three U.S. ships, with such a dearth of information that piracy was suggested.

## Dismasted

In February the Carol Deering, a five-masted schooner, had run ashore on the coast of North Carolina, in circumstances startlingly like those of the Marie Celeste. The crew had disappeared about the time a meal was to be served. Some bottles were later found with messages, one purporting to be from the captain and one from the mate, but they were contradictory, and not too plausible.

On October 3, 1902, the German barque Freya cleared from Manzanillo, on the west coast of Mexico, for Punta Arenas. On October 20 she was found at sea, partly dismasted, lying on her side - nobody aboard.

The anchor was still hanging from her bow, not fully slipped, a good indication that calamity had struck very soon after she left port. The date on the wall calendar in the Captain's cabin was October 4.

## A pattern

Weather reports showed that there had been only light winds, but on July 5 there had been an earthquake in Mexico. It does not seem that this 'quake could have created a tidal wave sufficient to capsize and damage this vessel, without doing some noteworthy damage along the nearby shores.

Note especially that she was dismasted not the type of damage to expect from a tidal wave - and then jump 50 years.

In February, 1952, when the *Holchu* was found with all the crew gone, the mast was also found to be broken.

Damage aloft is a common feature of these events and clearly indicates activity above the ship or at least above its decks.

May I also suggest that there seems to be a tendency for selectivity toward sailing vessels? And don't overlook the fact that some

of these ships disappeared in the era of wireless and radio - disappeared so suddenly that it was impossible in most cases to radio for help to announce impending disaster.

Now - let's peer into the records a bit closer. First the crew. Do you begin to see a pattern? Complete and sudden disappearance, with no time to leave a record of any kind, from a ship under sail, often in calm weather.

A very high order of selectivity - so high as to require "purposefulness." There seems a dexterity for segregation beyond the capability of natural forces. But of course! The open seas provide an easy catching place.

One thing stands out above all others. All these disappearances are almost impossible to explain except as upward.

In some of these disasters the disappearance of the crew is but one phase, and there is evidence of continued application of intelligence - from above. As if the force, which abducted the crew, might have some element of compassion for the owners of the cargo, the unfortunate ship was brought carefully to shore, and gently grounded high on the sand, "miraculously, as if lifted by giant hands."

What better description can there be of a ship being levitated by an intelligently directed force from above?

Are we forever to keep on attributing these disasters with their dexterity and selectivity to untutored storms and whirlwinds?

In the disappearances we certainly have an intimation, however slight, of levitation . . . of something operating from above, with great and decisive power, and suddenness of action.

## Ruthless

There is also a suggestion of ruthlessness. There is something of evasion, or secretiveness. All are attributes of intelligence.

To attempt to postulate motive for space inhabitants kidnapping crews from ships is pure speculation, but if, as I have suggested, space contrivances originated in an ancient period of our civilisation long since destroyed and that those seen in recent years are survivors of that destruction, it seems reasonable to suppose that our space friends want to know

what has happened to us. On the other hand, bearing our two possibilities in mind as to the origin of space contrivances, in either case our space friends would want to know what has happened to us since they left, or what has happened to us since they put us down here.

\* Often, but erroneously, called the Marie Celeste.

Condensed from "U.F.O." by M. K. Jessup (Arco. 15s.), to be published on September 16.

### This Island Earth.

While we are the subject of being "snatched," it should be noted that the classic Sci-fi film This Island Earth made its debut in 1955. The movie featured the "snatching" of an airplane out of the air by a flying saucer using a beam of energy.

September 11th. Boundry Peak area, California/Nevada border.

A Pacoima, California newspaper printed:

"Lee Owings has been an employee of the California Water and Telephone Company for the last six years. At present, he is employed in the company's offices at San Fernando.

"The company considers Lee to be a reliable employee. Lee drinks very, very seldom, and in talking to him you get the impression he is a level-headed young man. In his late 20s, Lee is a member of the Sierra Club and a very active hiker.

"Why all this attention to Lee Owings? Well, it's very simple. Lee has seen what some people might call a flying saucer. Lee doesn't call it anything --he doesn't know what to call it. But, there's no doubt about it, Lee and a hiking companion saw something.

"Here's the whole story: About a month ago, Friday, September 9, to be exact, Lee and a hiking companion, both members of the Sierra Club left Hollywood about 10:00 p.m. for a weekend of hiking along certain ranges on the California-Nevada state line.

"Their first objective was the top of 'Boundry Peak' which they reached about 5:00 p.m. that Saturday evening. Although it was starting to get dark, they decided to rest awhile and continue the climb to Montgomery Peak which is only a short distance from Boundry Peak. They reached this second peak by 7:00 p.m.

"To get back to their starting point, it was necessary for them to retrace their steps and again cross Boundry Peak.

"About 1:15 a.m. the next morning, which was Sunday, they had reached a low point, or saddle, after reascending Boundry and were almost back at camp.

"It was at this point they both noticed a strange flicking light in the sky. They made mental note of the time because it was much later than they had thought. This flicking in the sky attracted their attention and they noticed it came from five or six points in the distant sky.

"As they continued to watch these flicking lights, they noticed what appeared to be beams of light coming from these pinpoints in the sky. From this same area in the sky a yellow light suddenly appeared and lit up the heavens. There was no moon and the light was very clearly seen.

"Suddenly this yellow light shot towards them and as it did so, it changed in shape to form a sort of wavy line of light with no particular head. Its main body was in the form of a long streamer.

"At approximately five miles distance from where they stood, this bright wave of light stopped its motion and changed into a crescent with both tips pointing toward the ground.

"Lee says when this happened, two beams of light came from the object. One, a broad lamp-like beam illuminated the floor of a nearby canyon, the other, a narrow beam, played near the top of Boundry Peak.

"This object moved towards them once again and they did not see it for a few minutes. But when they again saw it, the points of the crescent pointed toward the sky and the entire figure was just about a mile away, standing still except for a slight jiggling.

"At this point, Lee and his companion decided to take cover behind some trees, at the same time moving to higher ground for a slightly better look. In so doing, they lost sight of this 'thing' temporarily.

"But then they saw it again and Lee says 'At its closest, it was just a yellow-orange glow with a definite outline. Looking at it, we were plenty scared.'

"Not knowing what to expect, they again decided to take cover behind some trees. From this position they could not see the object at all. The area just beyond their vision on the other side of the ridge was suddenly lit up three times. They could tell this by the way the ridge was so brightly silhouetted against the sky.

"However, not knowing what might happen next, they decided to stay out of sight of the object they had been watching and they did not see it again. When we asked Lee if he thought it was a flying saucer, here's what he had to say 'I never seriously believed in flying saucers. But after seeing what we did on that mountain, I'd be receptive to almost any new idea.'" 158.

September 12th. Santa Barbara, California.

Another UFO in southern California skies.

A press account reads:

"H. Harper Forrest, of 122 Skyline Circle, said that he and his wife went out last night to view the fire on the mountains --and saw what looked like a flying saucer.

"We saw something streaking across the sky like a shooting star,' Forrest said, 'but it went right across our vision out to sea, and then up into the Milky Way. It was too fast for a jet plane, and it was not a shooting star, because it went up and not down. Dots of fire were shooting out from it. I won't say it was a flying saucer, but I don't know what else it could have been.'" 159.

September 13th. Palmdale, California.

There may have been something very strange in the skies of southern California at this time, as indicated by the previously quoted story about a mysterious body emitting lights in the night sky over Boundry Peak. An odd object was seen near the town of Palmdale. A teletype message said:

"TOP AND BOTTOM FLAT ENDS ROUNDED. LENGTH EQUAL TO DIA OF SILVER DOLLAR WIDTH  $\frac{1}{4}$  LENGTH. EXHAUST BLAST FROM REAR OF OBJECT EQUAL TO WIDTH OF OBJECT ADDL BLAST OBSERVED THREE TIMES PRIOR TO OBJECT'S CHANGE OF DIRECTION FROM SIDE OF OBJECT FOLLOWED CONTOUR OF ROUNDED SIDE AND EXTENDING IMMEDIATELY UNDER OBJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF LENGTH. CONSTANT DEEP UNDERTONE SIMILAR TO DIESEL ROAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLASTS FROM SIDE OF OBJECT...FIRST SEEN HEADED WEST 4,000 FEET TO 5,000 FEET. GRADUAL CLIMBING TURN TO SOUTH THEN SOUTHEAST. OBJECT MOVED VERY SLOW ESTIMATED 100 MPH." 160.

BLUE BOOK experts suggested a solution to this sighting that used the words: "possible test vehicle," yet the teletype message on this report states: "NO JET ACFT OR OTHER TRAFFIC REPORTED IN AREA... (also) NO POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR PHENOMENA KNOWN. SIGNED ROBERT T. GREEN, MAJOR USAF PROJECT OFFICER AT PLANT 42 PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA." 161. Major Green was affiliated with a aircraft test installation at Palmdale and should have known enough about test vehicles not to mistake them for a UFO.

September 13th. Wegenstette, Germany, and (Stillwater, Texas?)

A BLUE BOOK record card concerning a UFO report from Germany had an even more interesting note, apparently inadvertently stuck to it, which mentioned a UFO sighting at "Stillwater," probably Stillwater, Texas. (See BLUE BOOK card below)

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>13 Sep 55                                                                                                                                      | 2. LOCATION<br>Wegenstette, Germany                                                                                                                                                                   |                   | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 13/0100Z<br>GMT                                                                                                               | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                       | 6. SOURCE<br>civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>4 seconds                                                                                                                     | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           | 9. COURSE<br>West |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>Rectangular obj passed through 45 deg of arc in four seconds. Red lights along the side. Four times as long as wide. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>Probable meteor sighting.<br><br>Sept. 13, 1955—Dr. [redacted] and his wife watched with other Stillwater residents as a brilliant object with an internal light traveled back and forth over Stillwater at enormous speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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Killgallen again.

In her syndicated column of September 14th Dorothy Killgallen inserted the following two sentences: "...a new series of flying saucer headlines are in the making. Behind them --a group of scientists who have been investigating reports in the southwest." 162.

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