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DEDICATION

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

-Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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16 September. Poissenges, France. (1800 hours)

"Engin mysterieux."

In the French countryside near the town of Boissenges a young man herding some animals was bowled over by a rush of air as a dark oval "something," or as the French commonly termed such objects, an "engin mysterieux; swooped down to a landing close by. The boy said he watched in astonishment as a stairway extended from the 28 x 3½ meter-sized mass and a bald-headed, red faced creature (accompanied by another figure not described) stepped down to the ground where he picked some vegetation before climbing back aboard. The "ship" then soared away in a northeast direction. 1.

17 September. Bush Pine, New York.

"Unidentified submerged object."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bordes were fishing at a reservoir located near the town of Bush Pine, New York, the evening of September 17th. Their boat was some distance from the shore when they heard a splash followed by a "gurgling sound." Mrs. Bordes looked in the direction of the odd sounds and in the darkness she could make out an: "...iridescent pink mushroom-shaped object" suspended in the air. This object was not very high. The woman could see that the object, or craft of some sort, was hovering a dozen or so inches above the surface of the lake. While she had it under observation, the odd object sunk lower until it dipped into the water. Her husband had been busy untangling some fishline and missed seeing the "mystery mushroom," but was convinced enough by his wife's alarm over the incident to return to the pier. After reaching shore, the couple looked back, scanning the waters of the reservoir. The dark elongated body was once again visible, moving about on the surface and causing turbulence. The thing appeared to be the size of an automobile and was projecting two parallel beams of light. Manueuvring at high speed, the object reversed direction a number of times, impressing the witnesses with the ability to do so instantaneously. Eventually the object moved out of sight down the reservoir faster than a speedboat. 2.

18 September. Springfield, Illinois.

A young GOC volunteer manning a post in Springfield, phoned in an "Air-craft Flash" report concerning an oval-shaped object the size of a dime at arm's length, glowing a yellow-orange, speeding east to west. As the object came abreast of the observer post, it made a 90 degree turn and moved rapidly over the southern horizon. 3.

Adamski is busy in Detroit.

A number of publications gives us an indication Adamski was a busy boy in the Detroit area in late September. They are: Religion and Saucers, Detroit, Interplanetary Relations, Transcript of a public lecture in De-troit, September 19, 1955; The World of Tomorrow, Detroit, Interplanet-ary Relations, Transcript of a public lecture given in Detroit, September 20, 1955; In My Father's House Are Many Mansions. From a press conference with ministers of the Detroit area in September 1955.

20 September. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Stringfield's saucerzine carried a September 20th account from C.R.I.F.O.'s sources in greater Cincinnati. Adrian Connelly, Stringfield's informant in the western environs often reported UFO manifestations. On the 20th he said a red and green body swept silently over his house. Proof that Mr. Connelly was not imagining things came from the GOC post at Mt. Healthy where one of the men on duty, Charles Deininger, contacted Stringfield to pass on the news that two unidentified red-colored luminous objects were sighted to the northeast, and that later a single crimson light was seen bouncing around in the sky like a rubber ball until an aircraft approached. As the aircraft drew near, the red UFO turned white colored and shot away over the southern horizon. 4.

"Stunning displays, ghastly silence."

M.K. Jessup received what he termed a most intelligent and profound epistle from a reader named Isabel Hagglund on September 21, 1955. Miss Hagglund expressed her reaction to the stunning aerial displays being reported and the ghastly silence of the newsmedia. She wrote, in part, that:

"...the average person looks around, sees everything going on as usual, hears the same stuff on the radio, reads the same old stuff in the papers --and concludes that the book or magazine he just read was written about some other world, not this one. It must have been some other Ohio in some other United States on some other earth where it all happened. It seems to me that if the moon were to float down from the sky and impale itself on the Empire State building and fifty little men to disembark, neither the press nor radio would mention it --and presumably all the persons who witnessed the event would be gagged and/or carted off and drowned." 5.

22 September. Hickam Field, Hawaii. (7:30 p.m.)

At 7:30 p.m. a large cylindrical body was reported speeding over Hickam Field, Oahu, going an estimated 1700 mph. Numerous eyewitnesses watched the passage. The object was also tracked on several radars which established the altitude of the UFO as 32,000 feet. People described the thing as "sausage-shaped." This story was submitted to the CSI Newsletter by Marty Meyerson, a member of the New York group, the woman having just returned from a trip to the Pacific vacation spot. 6.

Stringfield did his best to inform the public. (See newsclipping)

23 September. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Those red UFOs returned to the sky over greater Cincinnati on the 23rd when they became so noticeable they caught the eye of Mrs. Kenneth Martin, a Mt. Washington suburb resident, who called her neighbors, the Robertsons, to alert them to two brilliant red lights overhead that resembled "traffic lights." The crimson pair moved across the heavens to a point over a hill where the UFOs paused awhile and then bounced around.

Both the sheriff's office and the local GOC post were notified. 7.

23 September. Lodi, Ohio.

BLUE BOOK files mention two UFO sightings from Lodi, Ohio, late in the evening of the 22nd about the time Stringfield was giving his talk. (See Air Force documents on the next four pages) 8.

Ground Observer Corps Hear Talk By Stringfield

Before a capacity audience composed of Hamilton County Ground Observer Corps personnel and other interested individuals, Leonard H. Stringfield, 7017 Britton avenue, recently lectured on the subject of "Unidentified Flying Objects". Stringfield editor of Orbit, an international publication told the group about the latest developments in the mystery about which the world has speculated since 1947, the year in which the first "UFO" was spotted by Kenneth Arnold of Idaho.

Stringfield's main contention in his writings and in his talk to the GOC are that these objects are extra-terrestrial in origin, are controlled by an advanced intelligence and in certain cases have been belligerent to those people of the earth. He bases his conclusions after four years of intensified research on Air Force releases, literature, international newspaper clippings, and from the thousands of letters he has received from business and professional people, scientists and from observers of repute who have witnessed their occurrence. Based on the facts that he has been able to correlate, Stringfield answered objectively all the questions from members of the audience.

Article in the
Eastern Hills, Ohio,
Journal. 9/23/55

Stringfield told of many sightings that have occurred in the Hamilton County area, many of which were seen by GOC personnel on duty. He closed his remarks by openly criticizing the attitude of the American press which has maintained a tongue-in-cheek viewpoint regarding the problem. He asserts that the American people should be informed of the implications of potential danger.

Ralph Bardoff, supervisor of the Forrestville GOC unit and Herbert E. Clark, chief observer were in charge of the meeting. Lt Edward Thorne and S/Sgt James Ussury of the Columbus Filter Center commented on the fine spirit of the group and also showed movies to the personnel.

In monthly meetings GOC personnel share their administrative problems and discuss plans to integrate resources in the event of an enemy attack. Also to discuss Air Force directives concerning communication techniques when "UFO's" have been reported in the area.

This Sunday, 25 Forrestville observers will travel to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton for a special tour of the base installations.

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PART ONE, Sept. 8 82-0708-1-55

Statement of Mrs. [REDACTED]

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

I received a telephone call approx. 10:15 p.m. Thur. Sept 22, from Mr. Joe [REDACTED], that there was a flying saucer in the sky - in the S.E. direction, from their home - asking me to report it to the O.O.C. at Canton Filter Center. I made the call, giving my station (Hotel Metro 50, Black) telling them of the object - as I could see it with the naked eye - saw it high in the (A) S.E. sky - it went to S.W. (B) (C) at point indicated with x there was something expelled from the object - there was explosion sound like fire crackers - (faint) - the object moved slowly - it just seemed to disappear all at once, there were two explosions or rocket flashes.

/s/ [REDACTED]
OOC observer

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

TRUE COPY:

Joe T. Maturo
JOE T. MATURO
Captain, USAF

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SOURCE: Memory sketch of U F O B



① 1st bomb like this

② Explosion heard; Two rocket or something came out

(SMOKEY BLUE COLOR REDDISH ORANGE EXHAUST)

Form 3-3, 1402d ATSS	REPORT NO. 38-0708-1-55	PART THREE
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1. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Ohio

Age: 32

Present Position: [REDACTED]

Education: High School, College

Qualifications: Member of the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946 serving as a Flight Engineer.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very pleasant and earnest, cooperating in every way. He stated he was still very interested in the Air Force and did a great deal of reading to keep up on the latest developments. His manner reflected his intelligence. He is well respected throughout the community. The information contained in this report is considered accurate to the best of the SOURCE's ability, however, it is further believed it is a misconception of a known object.

III. SOURCE's DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

1. SOURCE was walking from his garage to his home after returning from work. Looking into the sky Eastward, he noticed a light on a bearing of 95° and a azimuth of 45°. Time was 0700 Zebra hours 23 Sept 55 (2200 hours 22 Sept 55 EDT). At first SOURCE thought object was a searchlight beacon, but after watching for several minutes, came to the conclusion that it was a flying object unidentified to him. At 0715 Zebra hours 23 Sept 55 (2215 hours 22 Sept 55 EDT) he called Mrs. Rose M. Presnick, who is the local OOC Observer, and reported the object to her for her collaboration.

2. The object was following a circular pattern, emerging from out of a haze in the East and disappearing into the haze again in the South East. SOURCE watched the object for a total of 45 minutes. The pattern object followed was regular and took one (1) minute and fifteen (15) seconds for each revolution.

3. The sight was described as hazy in the East with scattered cloud overhead. No wind was evident and it was warm and dry with no trace of daylight.

4. Sound of the object was described as more like that of a rocket as opposed to that of a jet. Color was blue gray center with bright white fringe. When first sighted, the outline was sharp, but became fuzzy before disappearing. SOURCE stated this could be because of the increase in the haze coverage.

5. Several times during sighting, SOURCE saw another, smaller object flying near the larger object. It appeared to him as if the smaller object was attempting to make contact with the larger. No increase in sound was evident when both objects were in view. Color of the smaller was the same as the larger.

6. During the time of the sighting, SOURCE saw and heard a aircraft pass over from the East to the South West. He said he could definitely recognize it as a conventional type aircraft as he was used to seeing them often. He believes the town of Lodi is on a course of a regular airlines.

7. Unknown object appeared as large as a basketball and was estimated as 20 feet in diameter, traveling at 400 miles per hour. SOURCE could not

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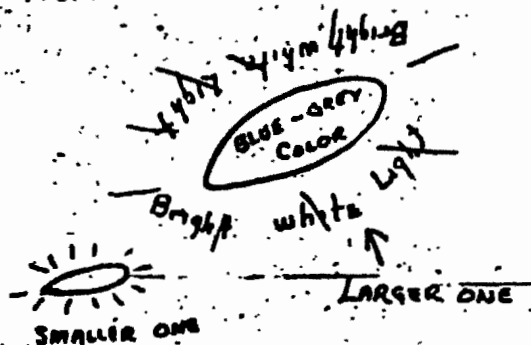
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Observer's Memory Sketch of Object

MOVE IN COUNTER
CLOCKWISE DIRECTION



"CENTER HAD A BLUE GRAY CENTER WITH A
BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT ON FRINGE"

23 September. West Chester, Pennsylvania.

UFO Jr balloon? (See BLUE BOOK report) 9.

25 September. Saltsbury, Pennsylvania.

Another UFO report from Pennsylvania was originally sent to the FBI with agency forwarding the information to the Air Force. In a letter from "R.D." of Saltsbury, Pennsylvania, it was stated:

"Gentlemen:

"I would like to report a strange aircraft which we watched for about an hour on Sunday, September 25, 1955 at about 10:00 p.m.

"This object apparently had three bright red lights which flashed about three times as fast as ordinary aircraft. The thing appeared to stop and go at will without any sound. The altitude was approximately 500 to 1,000 feet.

"The object has concerned us because early this past Spring upon returning home about midnight we watched another similar object -- altitude approximately 500 feet, standing still and flashing a brilliant white floodlight over the breast of Beaver Run Reservoir which is the water supply for Westmoreland County located on Route 380 about three miles east of North Washington." 10.

27 September. Tarrytown, New York.

"Classic UFO movements." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

30 September. Near Cedar City, Utah.

"Mental conversations and a square from Jupiter." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

1 October. Urichsville, Ohio. (10:00 a.m.) "Angel hair?"

At ten in the morning of October 1st a Mrs. Della Burroway of Urichsville, Ohio, observed seven, silver-colored, discs as they whizzed over town. Some two hours later more such objects were spotted by her daughter and grandson.

Silken cotton-like material filled the air and covered trees and TV antennas. 11.

2 October. Holeyko, Massachusetts.

"Aircraft?" (See BLUE BOOK file card)

2 October. Poughkeepsie, New York.

Captain E. Wood, piloting a Colonial Airlines passenger plane encountered something unusual the night of the 2nd. In a letter to authorities Captain Wood wrote:

"At 1816 our position was approximately 5 miles NNE of the city of POJ at 4,000 ft. Ceiling and visibility were unlimited at the time. An extremely bright blue-white light resembling a meteor passed a-beam of our port side and hovered approximately 10 to 15 seconds. This object then departed on a southeasterly heading at an extreme rate of speed and disappeared from sight. As it faded from sight, it appeared to gain altitude. Its speed and altitude were difficult to estimate. 12.

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]
(Geobac DUK 2557)

Age: 35

Occupation: Housewife

Education: College

Qualifications: 20/15 vision, uncorrected

II. RESEARCHER: Good. SOURCE was contacted personally.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 23 September 1971 at 12:30 EST a sound similar to the sputtering of a light plane's engine drew her attention to the sky. SOURCE dashed around to the side of her house in order to see the horizon but was unable to see the aircraft. She began scanning the sky, when suddenly she noticed the appearance of a strange flying object, oval-shaped and charcoal gray in color moving across the sky.

SOURCE watched the object perform a counter-clockwise rotational motion which continued as the object moved away and out of sight. The time of sighting was between two and five minutes. Its course seemed to be due west.

SOURCE could discern no sound being emitted by the UFOB during the time she observed it, even though it was the sputtering sound which had first drawn her attention to the sky. During the UFOB sighting an unidentified airplane, flying low at what SOURCE estimated to have been 1,000 ft., flew below and to the right of the UFOB.

In addition to the oval-like configuration of the UFOB already noted, SOURCE described that after she had dashed inside to get a set of 7 x 30 binoculars, she was able to distinguish a small blister on the ventral center of the object as well as a circular object just off the right side of the UFOB. SOURCE was certain that the smaller object was moving independent of the larger one.

SOURCE described the UFOB's physical appearance to have resembled the cover of an alligator skin purse with slightly irregular protrusions visible.

The condition of the sky was overcast with an approximate 3500' ceiling.

No photographs were taken of the UFOB.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Sep 55	2. LOCATION Tarrytown, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Searchlight</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>27/2315Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 6 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE zig-zag	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One circular intense light. Obj traveled a zig-zag course with 90 deg turns. Obj seemed to collide with a/c in area of sighting. Obj seemed to be elliptical at times. (NO CASE IN FILE)		11. COMMENTS Description indicates probability of searchlight activity.	

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Sep 55		2. LOCATION Near Cedar City, Utah		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/1800Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian (4)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One square, silver obj, size of grapefruit held at arms length, seen by 4 observers, two of which held a "mental conversation" with the obj, seen without optical aids. The obj claimed to be from Jupiter and would revisit the observers in two weeks. (NO CASE IN FILE)				11. COMMENTS Check of MDH trackings revealed MDH balloon #81W was over area at time of sighting. Evaluated probable balloon.	

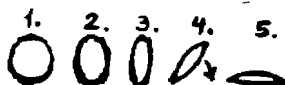
PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Oct 55		2. LOCATION Belozye, Mass		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Obsd _____ 08/175Z 081		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Viewed ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Viewed ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTO BY _____ 2570		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION small in sight		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5-10	9. COURSE BSW		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION Spherical, silver white, vapor trail, 5-10 obj, obj criss-crossed. Obj stopped, then started and made sharp turns.			11. COMMENTS Form 154 sent and not returned. Evaluated as possible a/c in Jan 56.		

AND FORM 154 (REV 24 SEP 54)

2 October. Alliance, Ohio. (6:10 p.m. and 6:20 p.m.)

Just after sunset on Sunday, October 2nd, eight people in Alliance, Ohio, viewed an orange-colored, disc-shaped, object as bright as the planet Venus. Mr. and Mrs. Ansley and their two sons were travelling in an auto on Route 173 directly beneath the UFO, and as these witnesses watched, the thing changed its color, and its shape, becoming darker and lighter alternately. The object's cross section changed from a circle, to an ellipse, to a thin crescent, and finally to a slender 'cigar-shape,' much like the phases of the moon in a sense. The 'cigar' then tilted over 20 degrees, paused, and then shifted to a completely level position. 13. (See drawing below)



CSI New York.

The dedicated membership of the New York UFO group produced results. By the Fall of 1955 a file of well over 2,000 UFO reports had been collected and indexed, and while it appeared there was a lull in UFO activity in 1955, that was just an impression given by the reluctance of the newsmedia to publicize sightings. Due to good contacts with Wright Field, CSI learned that the military had been receiving reports from every part of the country for the previous nine months, at least one a day.

The recent Hopkinsville "little men" case convinced the organization's research section that the 1954 "little men" reports from Europe and South America were probably true.

CSI official Ted Bloecher returned to New York after spending August 27-29 in the Cincinnati area where he experienced a UFO flap firsthand. The vivid excitement in Ohio provided encouragement when he addressed a meeting of the Social-Scientific Society of New York at Manhattan Towers. The members of the society asked Mr. Bloecher to expand on his criticism of an article in the August 27 issue of the Saturday Review which blasted flying saucer books. 14.

2 October. Columbus, Ohio. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

3 October. "Nothing to saucers?"

A letter to the editor of the Dayton, Ohio, newspaper said:

"That is sad news for the flying saucer addicts --what you put in the Journal-Herald this morning where the Air Force says there is nothing to this saucer business.

"But if what the Air Force says is correct, what becomes of all the hundreds and hundreds of sighting of strange moving objects in the skies that so many people have been seeing for several years?" 15.

4 October. Lord Dowding comments.

A press dispatch stated:

"Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, 75, says he believes there are flying saucers from other planets, though he has never seen one.

"The wartime boss of the British Royal Air Force fighter command, a prominent spiritualist, declared in a lecture Sunday 'the evidence is overwhelming.'

1. DATE Oct 59		2. LOCATION Columbus, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/00:00Z 0310Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. THOROUGH SUMMARY OF REPORT Appeared as a star. Orange and white, no sound, speed was fast, would stop and dart about, flew in zigzag path.				11. COMMENTS Observed for 40 min while driving home from work. Positional data not included. Possible searchlight activity, however, no firm conclusion. Case carried as insufficient data.	

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"He added, however, he doesn't expect flying saucer operators to land and tell their secrets to earthmen 'until we have learned better manners.'" 16.

Soviet saucer?

Those who might want to side with a less sensational theory may want to refer to a news item in a New York newspaper on October 4th. UFO writer M. K. Jessup speculated that the story:"...shows a trend in aircraft design which leads us to suspect that the major governments are using UFO data to guide them in aircraft development." 17. There is nothing in the news-story, however, to assure us a Russian experimental craft was observed, but something must have been flying around:

"Eyewitness reports reaching Kabul, Afghanistan, said today the Soviets were testing a revolutionary bottle-shaped aircraft at a secret base in the remote and mountainous regions just north of Afghanistan.

"More than a thousand residents of the Afghan corridor--a finger of land jutting eastward toward Red China--reported seeing the strange craft which they first said looks something like a flying saucer.

"The description of the eyewitnesses was almost identical. They said it was shaped like a neckless bottle, about twenty feet high, with 'pins' extending down from the bottom edges, apparently similar to the new U.S. 'Flying Platform.'

"Fire appeared to be shooting out of the top and from the bottom and there was a big wind which officials took to be the downward thrust of air at high speed. The craft had a blue band around the middle and portholes, the witnesses said. The aircraft was seen twice." 18.

This curious news item would cause no comment in the Pentagon the day it reached Washington(October 4th), but ten days later some American travelers emerged from behind the Iron Curtain and they had surprising story to tell!

Mac Arthur's "space war" hint.

UFO buffs were startled October 8th by a story in the New York Times. It seems that during an otherwise drab interview with the visiting Mayor of Naples, Italy; retired General Douglas Mac Arthur said something quite unusual. The Mayor, Mr. Achilla Lauro, told a reporter for the Times;

"He thinks that another war would be double suicide and that there is enough sense on both sides of the Iron Curtain to avoid it...He believes that because of the developments of science all countries on earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by peoples from other planets." 19.

Mr. Lauro then added:"The future of politics, in the General's opinion, would be cosmic or interplanetary." 20.

Stringfield's reaction.

One can imagine Leonard Stringfield nearly falling out of his chair when he learned of MacArthur's comments after bannering "interplanetary war" across the front page of his UFO newsbulletin Orbit. Maybe Prof. Alfred Nahon was right and the Big Four were talking about "spacemen attacks."

On the front page of the next issue of Orbit, Stringfield editorialized that although the General did not mention a UFO threat, it seemed an odd thing to say without some reason to do so, and that perhaps it was a hint of high-level thinking in Washington. 21.

Keyhoe's reaction.

Donald Keyhoe subsequently collected some unusual remarks from various sources of a similar nature and tested them on his friend Frank Edwards. Keyhoe felt there well be something ominous about what he had been hearing lately:

"The belief of General Douglas MacArthur, as quoted in the New York Times, October 8, 1955, that all nations might have to combine against attacks from other planets; a suggestion by General James M. Gavin that we are likely to encounter beings inimical to the earth's existence; and an Air Force officer's explanation of a refusal to join in a Baltimore TV discussion of UFOs: 'The Air Force doesn't want to scare the American people.'" 22.

Keyhoe penned a letter to General MacArthur but received no answer. Trying again, Keyhoe arranged for a special registered letter with a return receipt. Someone on the General's staff signed the receipt and sent it back but there was no word from the famous WWII hero. Finally, Keyhoe tried a telegram with a plea that as a great military leader the General owed his countrymen an explanation for the strange remarks since it involved the possibility of hostility by a foreign power. The inquiry by telegram also proved futile. 23.

When contacted, the Pentagon also chose to remain mute. Keyhoe was batting zero.

MacArthur repeats.

Of course one could claim the General's comments were just a one time attempt to make point and had no significance, yet in the early 1960s during an address to the graduating class of West Point, MacArthur again used some odd words to paint a picture of change, a change that awaited the young cadets:

"We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe, we are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of harnessing the cosmic energy...of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy, of such dreams and fantasies as to make life the most exciting of all times." 24.

MacArthur's UFO file?

UFO researcher John R. Fick alleges MacArthur maintained a huge private file of UFO reports from military and civilian sources, a collection that began in April 1945 when the General was supposed to have had somekind of UFO experience near Clark Field in the Phillipines. Fick claims records of UFO incidents in MacArthur's Southwestern Pacific Command were compiled from 1945 to April, 1951, when the General left to return to the States after being fired by President Truman. Fick said the UFO material was put together by the "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit," a U.S. Army organization. Moreover,

Fick claims that a "MacArthur Report" on UFOs was written and submitted to Colonel William Donovan, head of the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor to the CIA. It is also alleged by Fick that the OSI chief rejected the report, thus it never reached the desk of the President. This all seems like something Fick made up. What ever happened to this material? According to Mr. Fick the MacArthur files were given over to the Office of Strategic Information in 1962, the transfer verified by an OSI spokesman named Rudolph M. Schellhammer. 25. Without better proof, Fick's essay is just another of the many wild rumors circulating in the UFO research community. Strange as it seems, the "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit" did exist at one time (See letter from the Department of the Army to William Steinmen). 26.

Any student of MacArthur would know of the man's imperious nature, a characteristic that makes Fick's story credible. Another fact is that UFO reports to be found in BLUE BOOK files from the Far East dated prior to 1951 are nearly zero. Were there such reports and were they kept from BLUE BOOK? Something not in Fick's essay, and from a good authority, is that when one of the mysterious "ghost rockets" was reported to have crashed in Europe in August 1946, General MacArthur made an inquiry through the British mission in Tokyo. Why was the General so interested in aerial phenomena on the other side of the world? 27.

8 October. Loogootee, Indiana.

Two men were installing a television antenna on the roof of a residence in Loogootee, Indiana, October 8th at 4:38 p.m., when something in the sky came to their attention. Zooming straight overhead in level flight was a solid-looking body, silver-white in color, and round in shape. There was no surface wind and visibility was unlimited. One of the men said:

"This object was traveling in an east-south-easterly direction, at an estimated altitude of 5,000 feet, and at a speed estimated to be 'in excess of 1,000 miles per hour.' This object which left no visible trail nor made any audible sound was observed for approximately ten to fifteen seconds." 28.

The foregoing statement was from a former U.S. Navy Quartermaster who added this: "I have observed, during my time in the service, both piston engine and jet aircraft under normal and combat conditions. This object was definitely not an airplane of any type that I have ever seen." 29.

So impressed was the witness he phoned the U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, at Crane, Indiana, to report the observation. Known at the Depot as a no-nonsense employee, the authorities there forwarded the information to the office of the Director of Naval Intelligence in Washington D.C. where the information was passed on to the Air Force in accordance to (and this is interesting since the wording is unfamiliar) the following instructions: "9 ND INSTRUCTION 3820.1 of 28 July 1954" and "COMEASTSEAFCRON INSTRUCTION 3820. 2 of July 1954." 30.

10 October. Marshall, Texas.

A resident of Marshall, Texas, phoned the Marshall Texas News that a silver-colored, long, shaft-shaped, object passed high overhead in a north-west direction in a very erratic fashion. 31.

12 October. Earnest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland.

"A hellish fast and high aircraft."

A N/Sgt., his wife, and an airman were in the housing area of Harmon AFB

Exhibit 3



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

May 16, 1984

Freedom of Information Office

Mr. William S. Steinman
15043 Rosalita Drive
La Mirada, California 90638

Dear Mr. Steinman:

This is in response to your letter of May 8, 1984, in which you request information concerning "The Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit of the Scientific and Technical Branch of Army Counterintelligence Directorate, DA." Your letter was received in this office on May 15, 1984.

As you note in your letter, the so-called Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU) was disestablished and, as far as we are aware, all records, if any, were transferred to the Air Force in the late 1950's. The "unit" was formed as an in-house project purely as an interest item for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. It was never a "unit" in the military sense, nor was it ever formally organized or reportable, it had no investigative function, mission or authority, and may not even have had any formal records at all. It is only through institutional memory that any recollection exists of this unit. We are therefore unable to answer your questions as to the exact purpose of the unit, exactly when it was disestablished, or who was in command; this last would not apply in any case, as no one was "in command". We have no records or documentation of any kind on this "unit." Also, it is very unlikely that there was any relationship between [redacted] and the IPU, but only [redacted] could answer that question.

I regret that we are unable to be of more assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff
Director of Counterintelligence

when their attention was drawn to a "falling star." The thing:

"...looked like a falling star until it stopped and hovered for approximately 2 minutes. It then moved a short distance, hovered again for approximately 1 or 2 minutes. It moved again and stopped again for 1 or 2 minutes, it repeated this move again a total of 4 times altogether." 32.

Furthermore:

"The unidentified object was at an estimated 50,000 ft or higher when first observed. The observer felt it was a 'hellish fast and high A/C until it stopped.' The senior observer physically moved his position in attempting to get assistance in correlating the sighting and a less qualified observer kept the object in view for an additional period of time. The sighting terminated when the unidentified object made a vertical climb out of sight. Manner of sighting was visual." 33.

12 October. Kirkton, Maryland.

A casual glance at the sky revealed a bright fluorescence light like a long cigar much sharper at the front than the rear an estimated 125 feet in length. The thing was headed south-east at an estimated 200 miles per hour on a straight and level course. The Air Force evaluated the sighting by the civilian observer as a "possible aircraft." 34.

TOP SECRET.

The Senator Richard Russell sighting.

As the growing stockpile of Russian nuclear bombs reached operational levels for a first strike against the U.S., the struggle to gain any sort of edge intensified. The struggle even involved the flying saucer mystery. There were numerous attempts to convince the other side the fantastic disk ships were in their arsenal. The Russians did it by circulating false stories. The British Intelligence Digest of July 31, 1953, printed a report about a supposed "saucer-shaped aircraft" in operation behind the Iron Curtain in areas of Poland and East Germany, craft of very high performance of a disk-like airfoil design and having Soviet insignia. And then there was a report about two Soviet pilots "overheard in an argument" in late 1952 in an East German cafe. The Soviets were carrying on about some supposed "Joffe Rays" as an newly invented air to ground weapon against atomic bomb carrying American warplanes, the shouting match, within the hearing of a Western agent, connected the so-called "Rays" with aerial phenomena, the "circles of fire" and "fire disks" being seen in the skies of Poland and Czechoslovakia. Another thing that bothered Western Intelligence was the curious silence in the Communist state-controlled newsmedia about the flying saucer mystery.

Countering the Reds was simple for the Americans, after all most of world's saucer reports were being made in the U.S. which indicated an American origin in spite of official denials such sightings were of real aircraft, earth-made or Martian. In spite of such denials, there was a good solid effort to persuade the Russians "disk" type technology was no stranger to Western science, the most important example being "Project Y," or A.V. Roe "disc plane" which was extensively publicized in spite of its supposed "highly secret" status. The press quoted Field Marshal Montgomery



RESPECTED Sen. Russell never publicly revealed what he had seen.



EYEWITNESSES in Stalingrad with an unidentified Russian woman. L. to r.: Aide Ruben Efron, Senator Russell and Col. Hathaway.

after he got a peek at a mock up of the craft: "Fantastic! I couldn't believe my eyes." Others publicly paraded through the Project Y workshop were: Canadian Prime Minister St. Laurent; Dr. O. Sollant, the Chairman of Canada's Defense Research Board; as well as Lt. General Donald L. Putt, head of the United States Air Force Research and Development Command. In fact on June 14, 1955 the A.V. Roe saucer plane was given a three page spread in the widely-read American magazine Look which no Communist agent could possibly fail to notice.

A secret weapon theory to explain UFO sightings never enjoyed wide-spread support but it was also never totally eliminated from consideration. The idea of the Russians, especially the Russians, inventing a super plane like that being reported seemed a very doubtful proposition, although speculation was rife about the number and quality of ex-Nazi scientists working for Stalin.

On October 13, 1955, American Intelligence received a jolt. It was learned that something had happened in Russia.

The first inkling the general public had of the event was a rumor making the rounds. In 1956 the Aviation Editor for the Los Angeles Examiner, Tom Towers, heard the rumor which said Senator Russell (R. Ga.) had seen a flying saucer in Europe. This was not minor news if true, because the man was one of the most important men on Capital Hill. He was Chairman of the Armed Services Committee (1951-1969), and a man who had sought the Democratic nomination in the 1952 Presidential race.

Towers wrote the Senator, asking about his rumored experience. The Senator wrote back:

"Permit me to acknowledge your letters relative aerial objects seen in Europe last year. I received your letter but I have discussed this matter with the affected agencies of the government and they are of the opinion that it is not wise to publicize this matter at this time. I regret very much that I am unable to be assistance to you." 35.

Subsequently (much later) the 'matter in question' was declassified, and, besides the remarkable witness in this case, the story is fascinating because where it took place and the fact that there is different official versions of what transpired!

The location of the event was deep inside Russia, forcing American Intelligence to make a painful assessment.

Let us examine the original Intelligence report classified Top Secret (See reproduced document)

Little in the way of UFO news happened until October 17th when a report came in from Yuma, Arizona.

"Return of the 'Lubbock Lights?'"

A project BLUE BOOK file card states:

"Approximately 12 pale yellow lights traveling in a SSE direction formation was wide 'V' with 3 of the outer lights appearing to be in echelon. Lights grew dimmer, smaller, and then faded. Observer had

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OBSERVATIONS OF TRAVELLER IN USSR

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 113a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclusions, including number of copies)

This report contains an eye witness account of the ascent and flight of an unconventional aircraft in the Trans Caucasus region of the USSR. This aircraft was reported by three highly reliable United States observers who were travelling by rail at the time of the sighting. The three observers were firmly convinced that they saw a genuine flying saucer or flying disc. Two sightings occurred at 1910 hours on 4 Oct. 55 between ATJATT and ADZHLJABUL, ten minutes by rail after departing ATJATT. One disc aircraft ascended almost vertically, at a relatively slow speed with its outer surface revolving slowly to the right, to an altitude of about 6000 feet where its speed then increased sharply as it headed north. The second flying disc was seen performing the same actions about one minute later. The take-off area was about 1-2 miles south of the rail line where two searchlight beams were seen pointing up almost vertically. All other observations given to USAIRA in Prague by the three visitors, 12-13 Oct 55, are presented in Part II. USAIRA COMMENT: The significance of this report re the USAF project "Unidentified Flying Objects" is remarkable and lends credence to many "saucer" reports.

Thomas S. Ryan
THOMAS S. RYAN, LT. COL. AIR ATTACHE

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* WIACT. TO: DIRFA, WASH. DC. NOFORN. USAF handle as OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE. USAF CRYPTO PASS TO CINCUSAFE AND USAIRA MOSCOW. THREE RELIABLE US OBSERVERS, SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL, LT. COL. E.U. RATHWAY, ARMY, INF. WHEN EPRON, VISITED PRAGUE 12-13 OCT. ARRIVING DIRECT FROM KIEV, VIA BAKU, TIFLIS, DNIETROPETROVSK, BLACK SEA AREA, AND REPORTED FOLLOWING TO USAIRA AND USAIRMA. ON 4 OCT. 55 AT 1910 HOURS BETWEEN ATJATY AND ADZHIABUL, TEN MINUTES BY RAIL AFTER DEPARTING ATJATY IN TRANS CAUCASUS REGION, TWO ROUND AND CIRCULAR UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT RESEMBLING FLYING DISCS OR FLYING SAUCERS WERE SEEN TAKING OFF ALMOST VERTICALLY ONE MINUTE APART. DISC AIRCRAFT ASCENDED NEAR DUSK WITH OUTER SURFACE REVOLVING SLOWLY TO RIGHT AND WITH TWO LIGHTS STATIONARY ON TOP NEAR MIDDLE PART. SPARKS OR FLAME SEEN COMING FROM AIRCRAFT. NO PROTRUSIONS SEEN ON AIRCRAFT WHICH PASSED OVER OBSERVERS' TRAIN. BOTH FLYING DISC AIRCRAFT ASCENDED RELATIVELY SLOWLY TO ABOUT 6000 FEET, THEN SPEED INCREASED SHARPLY IN HORIZONTAL FLIGHT BOTH ON INCREASINGLY HEADING. FLYING ATTITUDE OF DISC REMAINED SAME DURING ASCENT AS IN CRUISE, LIKE A DISCUS IN FLIGHT. TWO OPERATING SEARCHLIGHTS POINTING ALMOST VERTICAL SEEN NEAR TAKEOFF AREA LOCATED ABOUT 1-2 MILES SOUTH OF RAIL LINE. AFTER SIGHTING SOVIET TRAINMEN BECAME EXCITED AND LOWERED OUTRIGS AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO LOOK OUT WINDOWS. US OBSERVERS FIRMLY BELIEVE THESE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT WERE GENUINE SAUCER OR DISC AIRCRAFT. USAIRA LATES INFO 9-2. ON 9 OCT. 55 AT DNIETROPETROVSK AIRFIELD, RATHWAY REPORTED 42 STRUT JET FIGHTERS NOT TAGGED AND ONE MULTI JET BOMBER DESCRIBED AS: ONE "B" AS LONG AS US COCCA 47; ENGINES CANVAS COVERED BURIED WING TYPE; CANOPY WELL FORWARD NEAR BLUNT NOSE; TRICYCLE GEAR; DEFINITE TRAYBACK SHAPE ON TOP OF FUSELAGE; SEVERELY SWEEP WINGS SET IN MIDDLE OF FUSELAGE AND LOCATED ALMOST MIDWAY FROM NOSE TO TAIL; TAILPLANE LOCATED LOW BENEATH BOTTOM LEVEL OF VERTICAL FIN; VERTICAL FIN SWEEP WITH SQUARE TOP; AND SILVER BULBOS BULGE AT TAILCONE EXTENDING REARWARD OF RUDDER LINE. DNIETROPETROVSK AIRFIELD WAS GRASSY SOIL. AT BAKU LONG TRAIN LOADED WITH MANY PLATFORM SIZE LANDING CRAFT. 42 KILOMETERS FROM MOSCOW ON MOSCOW TO KIEV HIGHWAY, 250 YARDS TO RIGHT OF ROAD, PARTY SIGHTED RADAR SITE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED HERE AS ONE WOODGAGE OR GAGE AND ONE SQUARE POLE TYPE.

RECOMMEND COMPLETE DEBRIEFING OF RUSSELL GROUP UPON RETURN AND SUGGEST CONSIDERATION FROM D/I FOR EFFORTS. RUSSELL GROUP DEPARTED PRAGUE 13 OCT. 55 PER PAGE 13 OCT. (Signed) T.S. RYAN."

On 12 Oct. 1955 at about 2145 hours, Sen. Russell, Lt. Col. E.U. Rathway, U.S. Army staff officer assigned to Senate Armed Forces Committee, and Mr. Ruben Epron, Committee Consultant, arrived at Wilson (Mlawni) Station in Prague, having come direct from Kiev. Their rail route from Kiev brought them to GCP, at the eastern border of Czechoslovakia, where they observed the RR gauge switching operation from the Russian broad gauge to the Czech standard gauge. Upon arrival at the RR Wilson Station, the Russell group was met by the acting Chief of Mission, Mr. Harold Vedler, and the USAIRMA. He escorted the group to the US Residency where they were to spend the night. It was evident that they had seen much and had been to places in Russia and possibly in Czechoslovakia where US observers had not been, at least for a good many years. Sen. Russell stated that he had been in Prague once before in 1927, and was anxious to see some familiar places. After arrival at the Residency and dinner, Lt. Col. Rathway expressed a desire to report something of the utmost importance to the USAIRMA, "something you may not believe, but something that we've been told by your people (USAF) doesn't exist." I suggested that we not discuss anything at the Residency

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because of the absence of security precautions but suggested that we meet early the next morning in my office together with Col. Thomas Dooley, the US Army Attache. Lt. Col. Hathaway said he was anxious to report his observation and that he had witnesses, fortunately, in Sen. Russell and Mr. Efron.

We met at 0900 on 13 Oct. in the larger office of the Army Attache and proceeded with the debriefing amid adequate safeguards for talking. Present were: Lt. Col. Hathaway, Mr. Efron, Col. Dooley and myself. Col. Dooley and I took notes and provided paper for sketches. Sen. Russell was busy with the Chief of Mission and was unable to attend. Due to the departure time of the group, we were unable to spend more than one hour talking, the interview ending about 1800. Col. Hathaway did most of the explaining, and answering with Mr. Efron supplementing and adding support.

Lt Col. Hathaway proved to be an excellent observer and Mr. Efron had kept detailed notes which he referred to for times and places.

Hathaway led off with "I doubt if you're going to believe this but we all saw it. Sen. Russell was the first to see this flying saucer and he called us to the window, and we both saw the second one (pointing to EFRON who nodded yes). We've been told for years that there isn't such a thing but all of us saw it, including Sen Russell." It was emphasized that Sen. Russell saw the first flying saucer or flying disc ascend and pass over the train on a northerly course, taking off from the left side of the train's direction, which places the take-off area on the south side of the R1 line on which they were travelling.

I stated that I don't disbelieve anything after having been in Czechoslovakia for 17 months. The following raw notes are quoted with additional comments after:

1. "Two flying saucer type aircraft were seen between two railway station stops after we left BAKU."
2. "It was after we left AWATY, we were there at 1900 and we saw the aircraft at 1910. The next place we saw was ADZHIBABUL." (Efrons notes.)
3. "They took off straight up and then the speed increased greatly as they moved straight ahead, horizontally, and disappeared to the right of the train." (Questioning revealed that the angle of ascent was not exactly "straight up" but rather in a slight arc just off the vertical line.)
4. "The whole object whirled and then levelled and zoomed off at very high speed." (Questioning revealed that the outer surface of the object revolved slowly in a clockwise direction or to the right, with the rate of ascent being relatively slow in comparison to the high speed which the object took off at when it reached altitude.)
5. "The take off was at an angle to about 2000 meters." (Both objects were said to have ascended almost vertically to an approximate altitude of 5000 feet before sharply increasing speed in level flight.)
6. "They were seen out of window on left side of train."
7. "Two searchlight were seen pointing at an angle near where the saucer took off." (The angle was nearly vertical and evidently, I gathered, that the angle of one searchlight beam was nearly vertical approximating the arc which the disc ascended to 6000 feet, while the second searchlight beam was pointing at another spot. Lack of time prevented complete clarification of the searchlight beams. dusk was falling at the time of sighting.)
8. "Some sparking or flame came out bottom as craft rose."
9. "After we saw the two discs, the Soviet trainmen became excited, closing curtains and telling us that we were not allowed to look out of windows." (The behavior of the trainmen was such as to indicate that the US passengers had seen something that they were not supposed to see.)
10. "Approximately one minute elapsed between the first and second takeoffs of the aircraft." (It was explained that Sen Russell had seen the

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first flying object and recognized it as something drastically different rushing in to get Mr. Efron and Col. Hathaway to see it. Col. Hathaway stated that he got to the window with the Senator in time to see the first while Mr. Efron said that he got only a short glimpse of the first due to crowding. However all three saw the second disc and all agreed that they saw the same round, disc shaped aircraft which was the same as the first.)

11. "The take-off area was about one mile away, maybe a little further." (Searchlights were located in the same area.)

12. "There were two lights towards the inside of the disc which remained stationary as the outer surface went around." (Both agreed firmly on this point.) "The lights sat near the top of the disc." (If a line representing the diameter of the disc were divided into three segments, the lights would have been located at the two points of division between the middle segment and the two outside segments i.e. see sketch drawn with aid of Mr Efron:



13. "The aircraft was circular." "The aircraft was round." "It resembled a flying saucer." "It seemed to be the shape of a discus, round and circular- revolving clockwise or to the right." (It was definitely round or at least circular in the eyes of these two observers, containing no protrusions or "sticks" or bulges. No estimate could be obtained from either observer re thickness or diameter.

14. "There was no noticeable color? (It was stated that dusk prevented any color impressions.)

15. "After reaching 2000 meters, it whipped off at a great speed from our left to our right, or towards the north from the south." (Speed differential was very noticeable between ascent and level flight speed.)

16. "We could see the take-off on the horizon to our left or south of our train."

17. "Outer part revolved slowly to right." (There seemed to be a different impression of the disc's movement while climbing and after assuming level flight, with the terms "revolving slowly" used for the climb and the term "whirring" for the cruising flight.

18. "The disc rose in the same position as it was in when it sped away." The flying attitude of the flying disc was said to resemble a discus in flight.)

USAIRA COMMENT: I believe that further debriefing of all three US observers in a more relaxed atmosphere and with more time would produce much more valuable technical details than the hurried interview above.

PART B. OBSERVATIONS AT BAKU

A long RR train comprised of flat cars was seen outside of BAKU. Each flatcar had one landing craft which was described by Col. Hathaway as being platoon size, with a slot in the rear for an outboard engine and the tops of the boats covered with canvas. Men were seen in the vicinity wearing a unique uniform which he could not recognize.

One jet aircraft was seen flying high over Baku, too high for any type of identification. The party landed at Baku by aircraft, the civilian airfield being located an hour from the city. A military airfield

impression of very high altitude.

"Duration of sighting and the impression of high altitude to evaluation that observer possibly saw a meteor shower or small band of asteroids which were drawn into the outer fringes of our atmosphere. Possible meteor." 36.

Special Report #14. A "leak" that foreshadowed the announcement.

Newsweek magazine October 17th:

"Pentagon.

"Flying saucer enthusiasts will be doused with cold water in a few weeks when the Air Force releases 'Project Bluebook.' It's an exhaustive study which reports that 97% of the saucer sightings can be explained by such known facts as weather balloons and atmospheric conditions. In the other 3% of the cases, the observers didn't report enough facts to justify any definite conclusions." 37.

Instead of a "few weeks," the document release was moved up to October 25th for some reason, and the reason may have been the "Russell case." How could the Air Force release a debunking report with rumors of the Senator's sighting making the rounds. This awkward state of affairs was addressed the next day.

18 October. A meeting of the IAC.

When Allen Dulles, head of the CIA, chaired a meeting of an Executive Session of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, a group that consisted of representatives from every Intelligence organization, he brought up the "Russell" case which is interesting since many UFO researchers would argue that not all of the IAC members had the "need to know" about Top Secret UFO data, which was the original classification of the incident, yet failure to address the case might have generated any number of rumors, some more wild than the facts warranted. (As it was, civilian Tom Towers managed to get wind of the case within months in spite of its classification!)

The FBI representative at the IAC meeting took notes for submission to his superior:

"At the Executive Session of the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) this morning (10/18), Mr. Dulles, of the CIA, discussed a report received from party of (...deleted) traveling through Russia, that (...deleted) had seen a flying saucer.

"Dulles said there were 4 persons in (...deleted) party, including (...deleted), Air Attache Hathaway (attached to (...deleted) office), a (...deleted), interpreter, and an American businessman (name unknown). The (...deleted) is back and has been questioned. The others have not yet returned, but the Army will attempt to identify the businessman and question him upon his return, and the CIA will attempt to get word to (...deleted) caution against discussing the incident, inasmuch as the Russians might restrict travel if a fuss is made over the incidents.

"The details are not clear; however, allegedly while (...deleted) and the other 3 were aboard a Soviet train proceeding from Baku, along the Caspian Sea, at dusk, (...deleted) rushed into the com-

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MR. L. V. BROWN

October 18, 1965

FROM : MR. A. E. FALCONER

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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The details are not clear; however, allegedly while [redacted] and the other 3 were aboard a Soviet train proceeding from Baku, along the Caspian Sea, at dusk, [redacted] rushed into the compartment of the other 3 persons, exclaiming he had seen a flying saucer. They rushed to the window and saw what appeared to be an aircraft of some kind arise vertically to a height of about 9,000 feet and then cross over the train. The [redacted] did not state it was a flying saucer, but could not recognize the type of plane it might have been, due to darkness, but did verify that there was a vertical rise of the machine. b6

The consensus of the discussion at the IAC meeting was that this could have been any one of a number of things, including a helicopter, but that other members of the party should be interviewed and, meanwhile, the matter should be kept quiet to avoid concern on the part of the Russians which would result in limiting of United States travel in Russia. b6

For your information.

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cc-Mr. Brannigan
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The CIA's department of Scientific Intelligence, Applied Science Division, generated a paper authored by W.E. Lexow. There can be little doubt the paper refers to the "Senator Russell" sighting although names are censored. The paper reads:

"19 October 1955.

"SUBJECT:Reported Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

"1. The objects reportedly sighted by(...deleted) are described to be similar to Project 'Y' which is in the research stage at Avro Aircraft Ltd., Canada, under contract to the U.S. Air Force.

"2. Several design studies have been made on Project 'Y.' The present study calls for a circular wing 30ft. in diameter and about 1.1 ft. thick. Its performance is to be as follows:

Speed M-3

Rate of climb --120,000 ft. min.

Ceiling --102,000 ft.

Range --700 n.m.

"3. The present effort consists of wind tunnel testing sponsored to the extent of \$800,000 by the U.S. Air Force.

"4. Project 'Y' is being directed by John Frost. Mr. Frost is reported to have obtained his original idea for the flying machine from a group of Germans just after World War II. The Soviets may have also have obtained information from this German group.

"5. Since two objects were reportedly seen in operation at one time in an area where it is most unlikely that experimental flying would be conducted, it is likely that these objects were in service. This would indicate very rapid progress in this development for the Soviets, if they have such an object in service, would continue their large development and production programs on conventional type aircraft.

"6. Since our first information on Project 'Y' in early 1953, ASD has been on the alert for information which might indicate that the Soviets were working on such a project. Prior to the sighting by(...deleted) no such information has been available.

"7. In order to properly evaluate the report by(...deleted)and group, it will be necessary to have additional information and details of the sighting. The Air Force has made arrangements for technically competent persons to question the party." 39.

This is how the CIA recorded the "Russell case." The CIA file says:

"COUNTRY(...deleted)
DATE: 4 Oct 55
SOURCE:(...deleted)

1. At 1630, 4 Oct 55, I boarded a train at (...deleted) in the company of (...deleted) one of whom shared a Wagon-Lit compartment with me; the other two occupied the adjoining compartment. The train ran very slowly, making every stop; I would estimate its overall speed at 20 m.p.h. Exactly two hours and 40 minutes out of(...deleted) one of our group in the compartment next door entered my compartment and said, 'Did you see that out there? I just saw a flying saucer.' I and my compartment companion were about to laugh it off when the man from next door pointed out of the window again, and then we all saw the following sight.

"2. On the lefthand side of the train, between the train(...deleted) was a large air field. The evening was dark but clear. A huge search(...deleted) on the field itself,...deleted) on a triangular object on the ground which I would say was probably not more than two miles distant from the railroad./ Collector's comment:Source first estimated that the air field was about five miles away but, on further reflection, changed the distance to the object to two miles -- Mr. Spaulding's insert/ The size of the object was comparable to that of (...deleted) jet fighter, with a squat shape and in the form of an equilateral triangle. There were three lights on the object, one on each point of the triangle, presumably two wing lights and a tail light. As we watched, it was ejected from its launching site, making not less than three and not more than seven fast spirals in the air, after which it climbed extremely fast at about a 45 degree angle. We watched it climb and saw it reach a high altitude; the search (...deleted) followed it all the way.

"3. I wish to emphasize that this was no ordinary take-off but a launching procedure more like a missile ejection. Our companion from next door reported that this was the second launching in rapid succession.

"4. I believe that the train at the time of the sighting was between 50 and 65 miles south of (...deleted). While the four of us were still watching the object ascending, the steward came in and pulled down the blinds. When I began to protest, the steward pointed toward the rear of the car and shook his head, (...deleted)." 40.

The reader of the foregoing accounts may already noticed some odd differences, but we will put off a discussion of discrepancies a little longer.

20 October. Ohio. "Widespread apprehension."

Mysterious lights continued to bedevil people in Ohio. According to a press account:"The eerie phenomena --nature unknown --has caused widespread apprehension in some parts of the western section. Some families have ordered their children to remain indoors after nightfall." (See newsclipping)

21 October. Minneapolis, Minnesota. (2:00 a.m.)

and brother, Ann, 4, and Dennis Edward, 6.

Right on Schedule

Oct 20:55

Mystery Lights Still Loom Around County

Those right-on-schedule mystery lights in the sky above the western section of the county still are being seen and they're still mysteries.

The eerie phenomena—nature unknown—has caused widespread apprehension in some parts of the western section. Some families have ordered their children to remain indoors after nightfall.

The lights have been observed by many residents of the section in the vicinity of Zion and Buffalo Ridge Roads for several weeks. They invariably dart westward and apparently at high speed.

IT HAS BEEN definitely established that they are not figments of the imagination—too many persons have seen them.

One theory—that they might be jet planes making scheduled test runs or "check" runs for the Jefferson Proving Grounds at Madison, Ind., directly to the west of the area, was pretty well squelched Thursday.

At the proving ground officials said that they have no such scheduled use of aircraft.

James Denning, control tower operator at Lunkens Airport, and William Bradshaw, WKRC photographer, were

two of those who have seen some lights.

DENNING SAID he was of the opinion that the one light he saw several nights ago was a jet plane. He and Bradshaw turned the telescope of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society on the object and saw a light of reddish cast, beneath which was a second, a red light so dim that it could not be seen by the naked eye.

Denning says that this light definitely was not the same light observed by one of his acquaintances.

That man he said, told how he and a friend had followed a light in their automobile about two months ago, in the Hooven oil refining area.

THE LIGHT was a bright one and it seemed to be traveling slowly at lower than tree-top level, the witnesses said. They described it as a white light with a reddish tinge and bigger than the normal aircraft light.

Some of the residents claim that the lights show with a most clock-like regularity on certain evenings. They have been seen, according to all reports, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 and 10 p. m.

Times Star

Fighter pilot Lt. William Steak of the 432th Fighter Squadron was making his approach to the airport at Minneapolis, turning in the traffic pattern, when he noticed a fast moving object to his right. The object was a glowing white oblong blob that "made a 90 degree turn during the 2 seconds it was in view."

The local GCI radar site "Kidskin," where controller 2nd Lt. Fredric W. Busch was on duty, reported a blip on its scopes moving at 1,000 mph and which left a track for about 15-20 seconds. Steak's RO, Lt. Chanau, also claimed a radar pick up, an oblong image of impressive size. 41.

21 October. Cream Ridge, New Jersey. (6:00 a.m.)

At six in the morning Mr. and Mrs. William Steig of Cream Ridge were still sleeping and did not plan to get up for some time. Suddenly their dog started to bark. Awakened by the noise and a bright glare lighting up their bedroom, the couple arose and rushed to a window. Peeking out they sighted a strange white-colored, cigar-shaped object with "chopped off ends," passing over the house, zooming horizontally toward the west. 42.

21 October.. Cleveland, Ohio. (7:15 p.m.)

The first person to see the UFO was a Pinkerton detective guarding the National Mallable Steel building located in downtown Cleveland. While walking his rounds early in the evening of the 21st, the guard (he wanted his name deleted from the report) noticed something in the clear sky above but did not feel concerned until his eyes rested on a bright orange spot coming down out of the heavens at a 45 degree angle. As it got closer the guard could see that the thing was circular in shape. This "circle" leveled off and then took a northern course.

A small plane also entered the guard's field of vision at this moment, and although the aircraft's engine could be heard, nothing audible came from the UFO. As the object in question sped north, orange-colored beams of light were projected down from its underside. The UFO was low in the sky, perhaps as low as 500 feet.

Another witness in the area also saw something between 7-7:15 p.m. This second person, when interviewed by UFO buff Tom Camella, related some interesting details. From where this second witness stood, the UFO was so close it appeared to be directly above his neighbors yard at tree-top level where its "squashed hamburger" shape, with two rows of yellow lights across its midsection, was clearly visible. The neighbor's property was some distance away, nonetheless the UFO was clearly seen due to its size which rivaled that of a house. 43.

21 October. Rittman, Ohio. (10:30 p.m.)

"Cork screw motion."

The Rittman press asked its readers to provide more information concerning a phenomenon sighted on the 21st:

"Reports have been received of a sky phenomenon similar to a flying saucer which several Rittman residents saw last Friday night around 10:30 p.m. in the western and south-western skies.

"The object appeared to be round and was moving in a circular rotation like a cork screw. It appeared to be coming from the direction of Sterling and moved in a south-westerly direction and disappeared over the horizon south of Rittman.

"The object appeared to be going in a circular path at a high rate of speed. It completed each circle in approximately two or three seconds and all the time it was moving in a south-westerly direction. It was not as bright as a star but it had a fluorescent glow of about the same color of a star.

"It was slightly less brilliant than the moon. It could not have been the reflection of a high powered searchlight because there was no beam of light from the earth.

"This sky phenomenon was reported to the press by Mr. and Mrs. George Alesander and Russell W. Frey. Others who might have seen this particular phenomenon are asked to phone the press office." 44.

The biggest mistake BLUE BOOK ever made.

25 October. Special Report #14 "released." Obvious subterfuge.

Some newspapers gave the announcement by Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles two-inch-high front page headlines. (See copy of the official Department of Defense news release)

Special Report #14 (See pp.33-63)

(The press release was just a summary. The following pages show some of the charts, tables, and drawings in the complete report)

NEWS RELEASE

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OCTOBER 25, 1955

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AIR FORCE RELEASES STUDY ON UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

The results of an investigation begun by the Air Force in 1947 into the field of Unidentified Aerial Objects (so-called flying saucers) were released by the Air Force today.

No evidence of the existence of the popularly-termed "flying saucers" was found.

The report was based on study and analysis by a private scientific group under the supervision of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Dayton, Ohio. Since the instigation of the investigation more than seven years ago, methods and procedures have been so refined that of the 131 sightings reported during the first four months of 1955 only three per cent were listed as unknown. (A summary of the report is attached.)

Commenting on this report, Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles said: "On the basis of this study we believe that no objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have overflowed the United States. I feel certain that even the unknown three per cent could have been explained as conventional phenomena or illusions if more complete observational data had been available.

"However, we are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear.

"The Air Force and the other Armed Services have under development several vertical-rising, high performance aircraft, and as early as last year a propeller driven vertical-rising aircraft was flown. The Air Force will fly the first jet-powered vertical-rising airplane in a matter of days. We have another project under contract with AVRO Ltd., of Canada, which could result in disc-shaped aircraft somewhat similar to the popular concept of a flying saucer. An available picture, while only an artists' conception, could illustrate such an object. (Photograph is available at Pictorial Branch, Room 2D780, Ext. 75331).

"While some of these may take novel forms, such as the AVRO project, they are direct-line descendants of conventional aircraft and should not be regarded as supra-natural or mysterious. We expect to develop airplanes that will fly faster, higher and perhaps farther than present designs, but they will still obey natural laws and if manned, they will still be manned by normal terrestrial airman. Other than reducing runway requirements we do not expect vertical-rising aircraft to have more outstanding military characteristics than conventional types.

MORE

"Vertical-rising aircraft capable of transition to supersonic horizontal flight will be a new phenomenon in our skies, and under certain conditions could give the illusion of the so-called flying saucer. The Department of Defense will make every effort within bounds of security to keep the public informed of these developments so they can be recognized for what they are."

Mr. Quarles added: "I think we must recognize that other countries also have the capability of developing vertical-rising aircraft, perhaps of unconventional shapes. However we are satisfied at this time that none of the sightings of so-called 'flying saucers' reported in this country were in fact aircraft of foreign origin."

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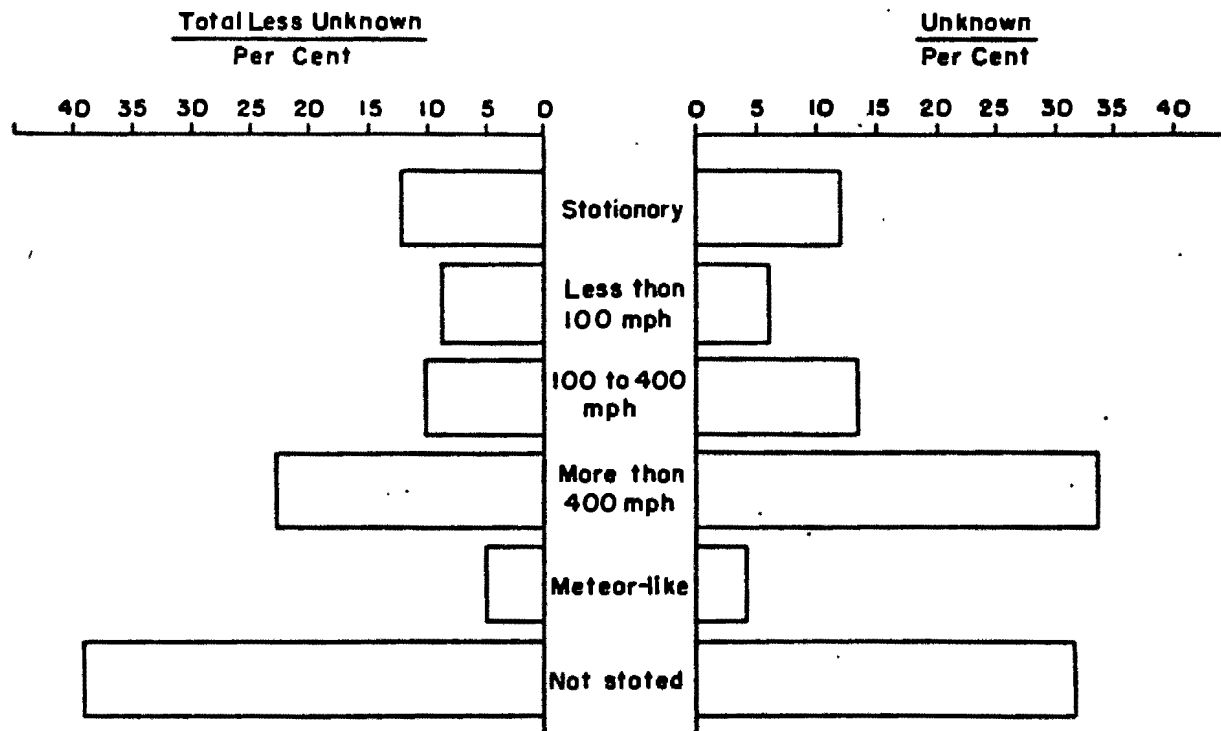
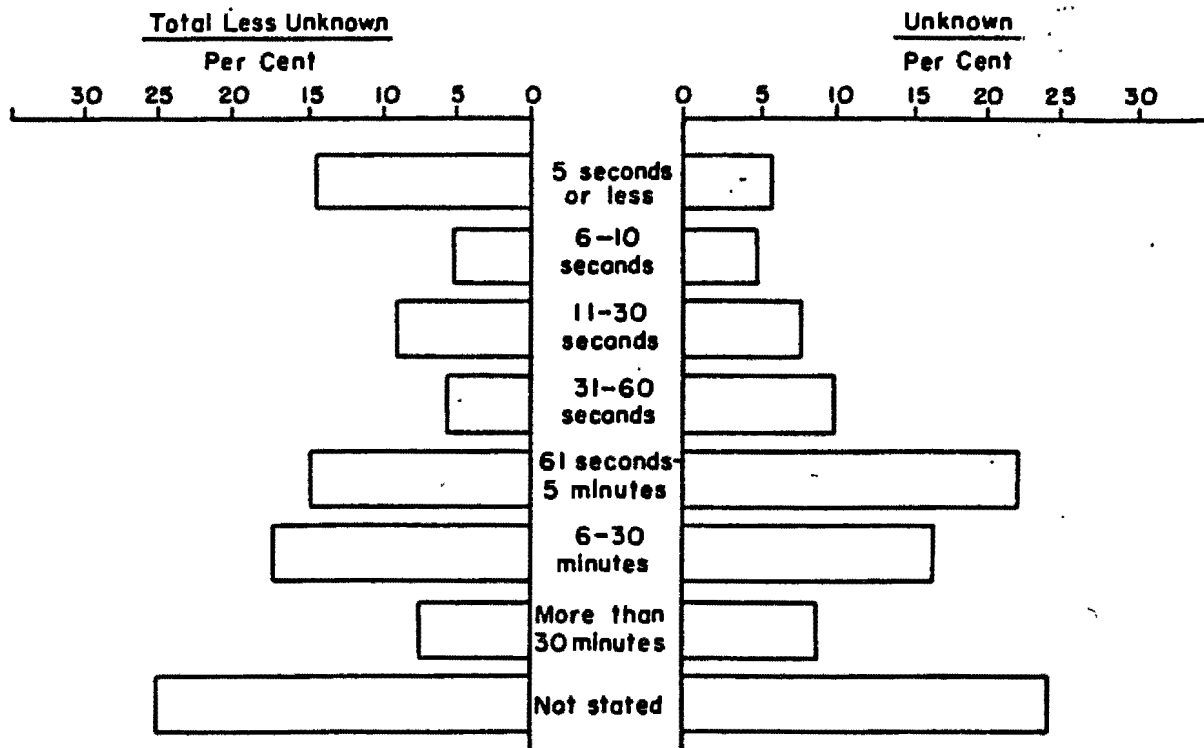


FIGURE 20 COMPARISON OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY SPEED, 1947-1952

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FIGURE 21 COMPARISON OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY DURATION, 1947-1952

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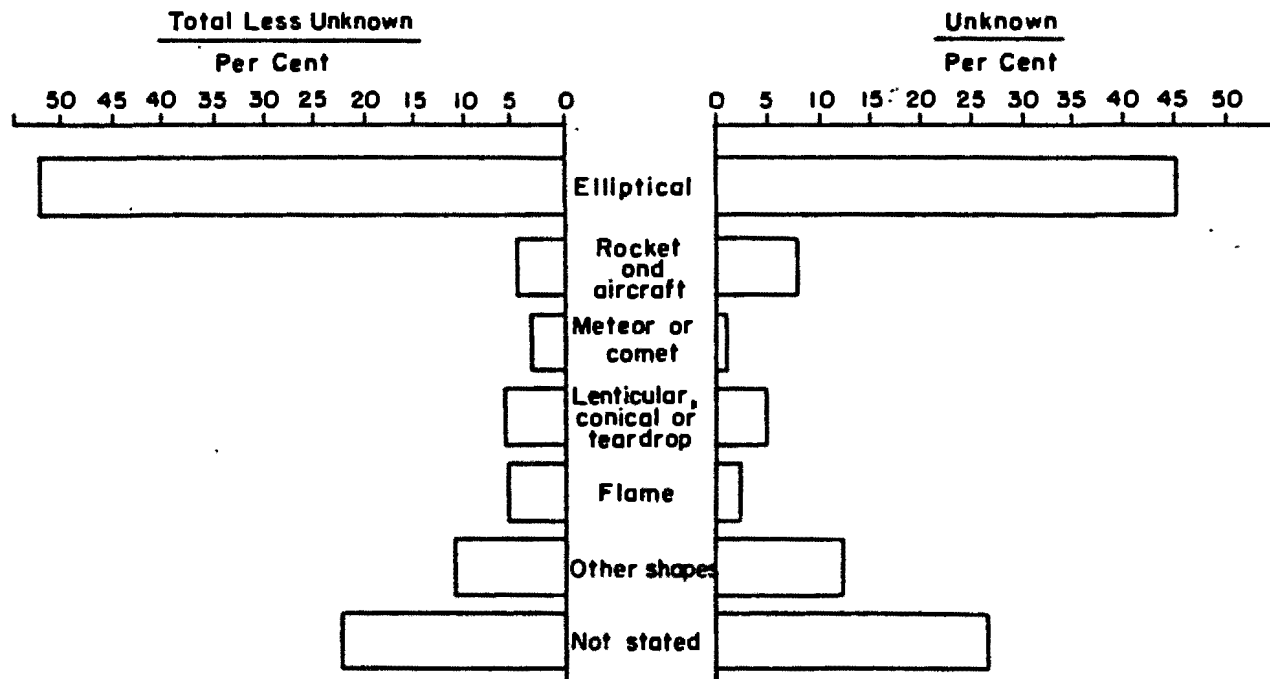


FIGURE 22 COMPARISON OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY SHAPE, 1947-1952

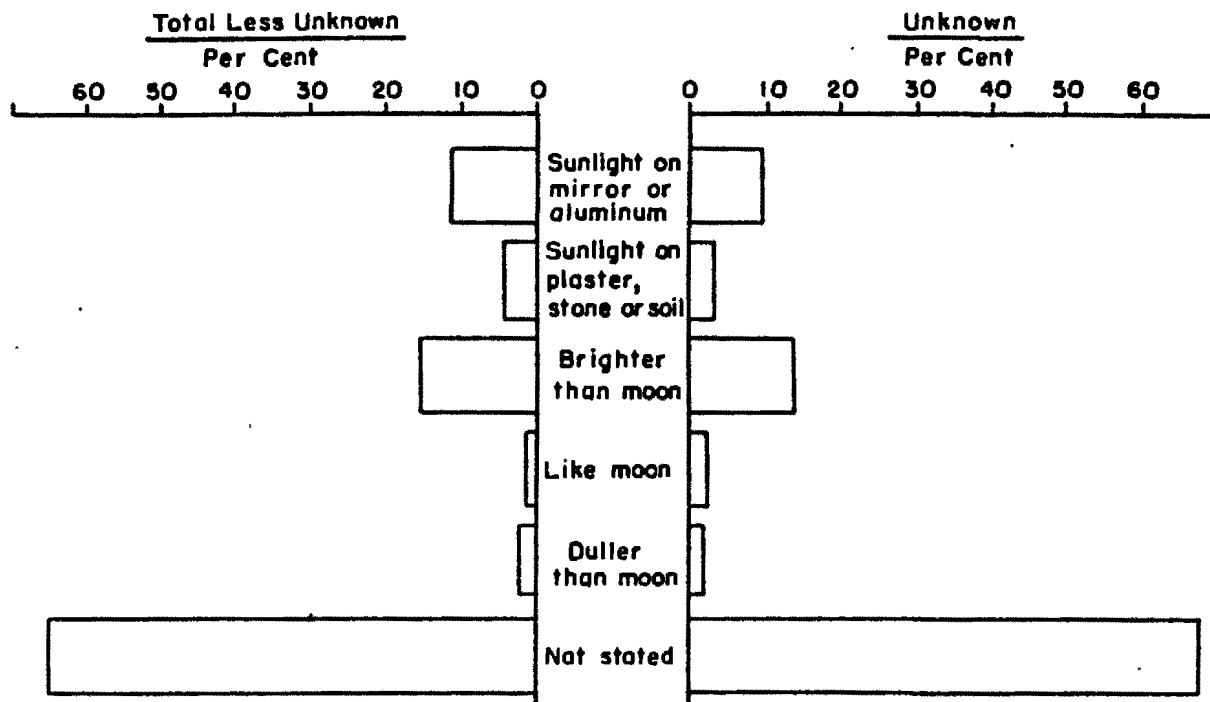


FIGURE 23 COMPARISON OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY LIGHT BRIGHTNESS, 1947-1952

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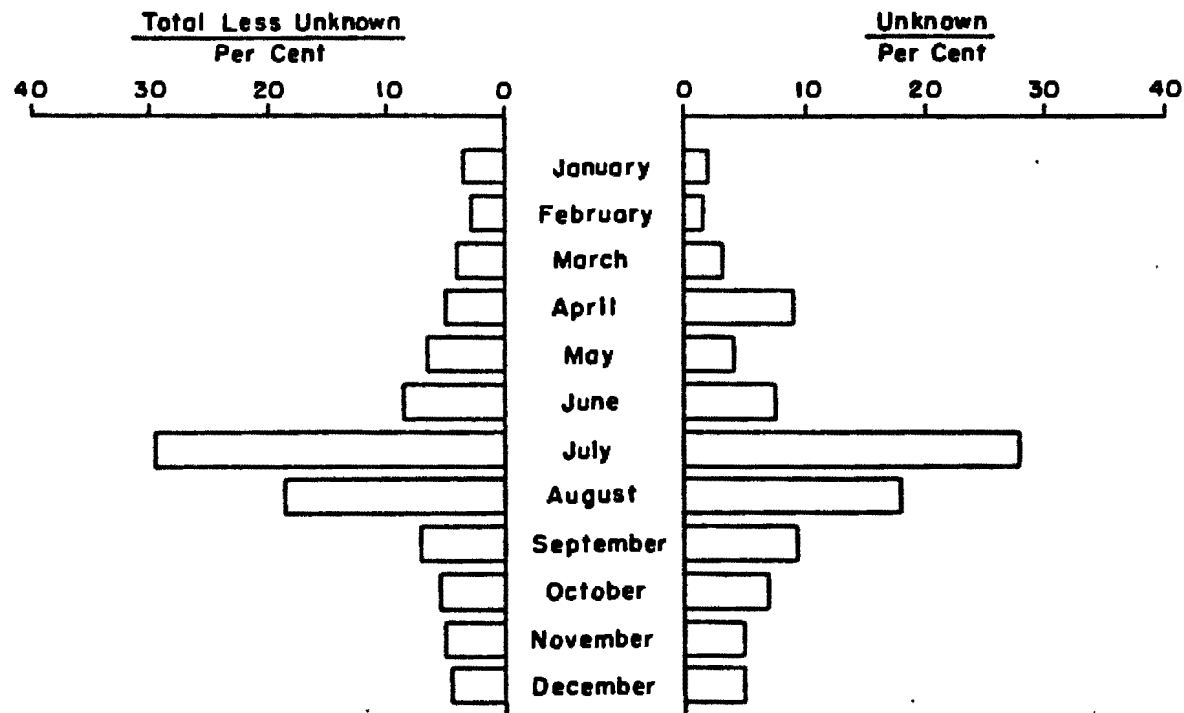


FIGURE 29 COMPARISON OF MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF OBJECT SIGHTINGS EVALUATED AS UNKNOWN VERSUS TOTAL OBJECT SIGHTINGS LESS UNKNOWN

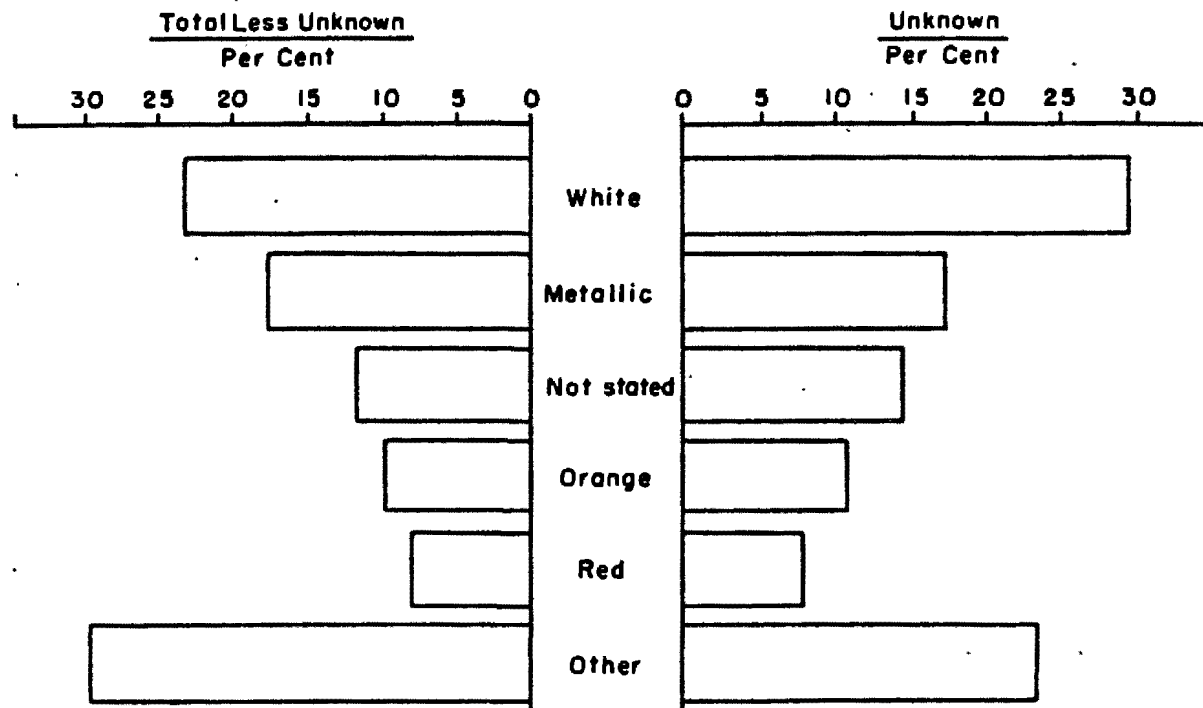


FIGURE 1B COMPARISON OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY COLOR, 1947-1952

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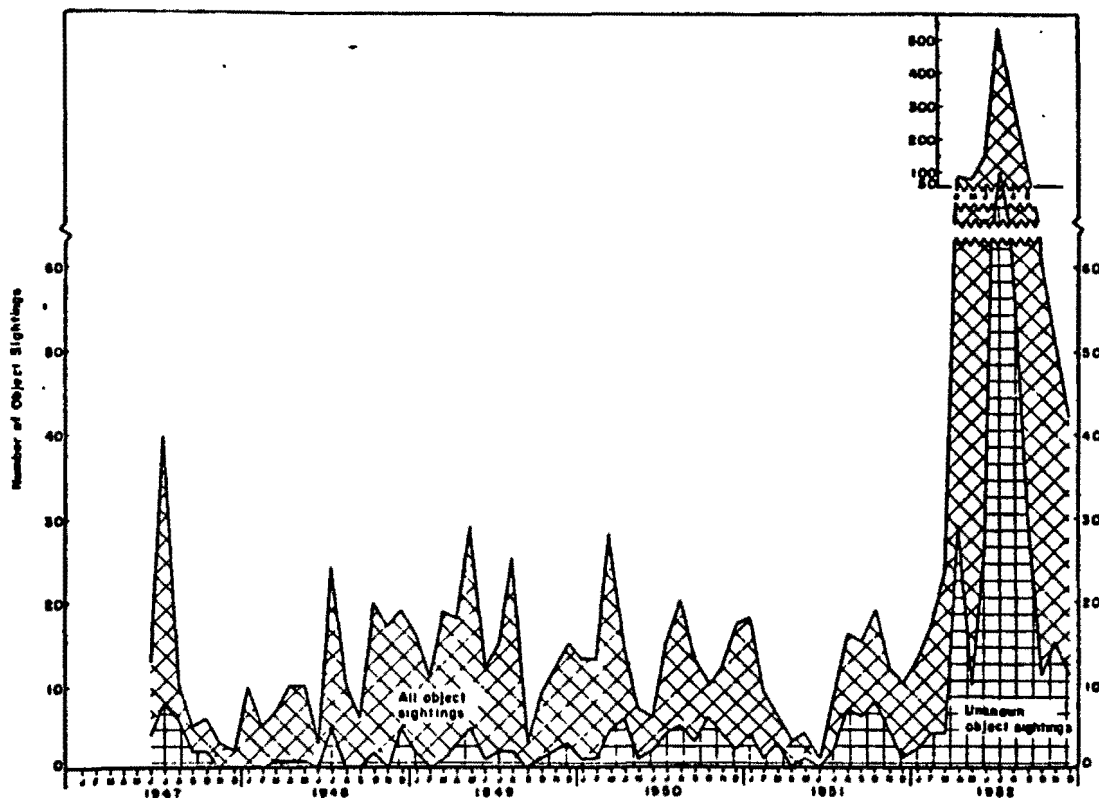


FIGURE 7 FREQUENCY OF OBJECT SIGHTINGS AND UNKNOWN OBJECT EVALUATIONS BY MONTHS, 1947-1952

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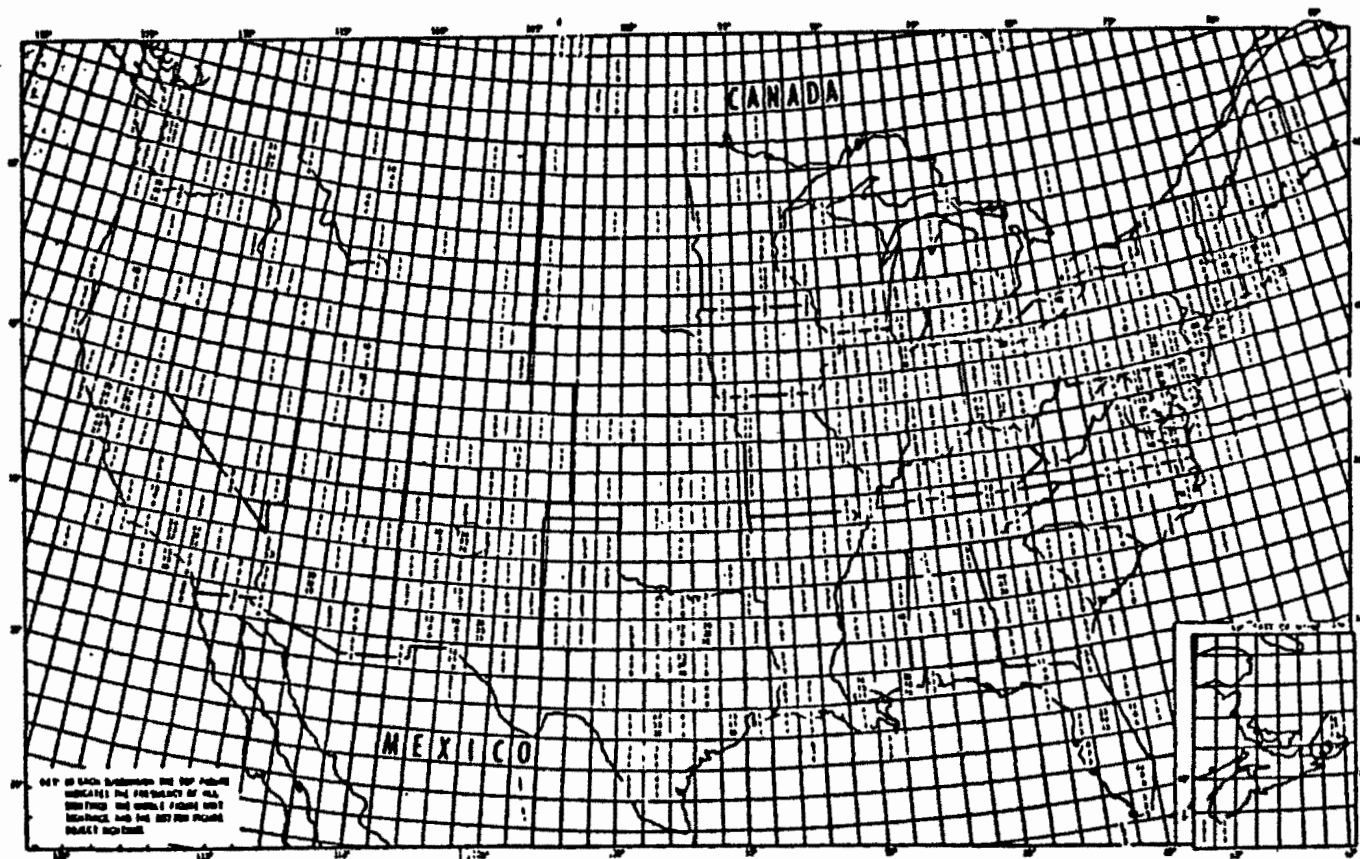


FIGURE 31 FREQUENCY OF OBJECT, UNIT, AND ALL SIGHTINGS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1947-1952, BY SUBDIVISIONS OF ONE DEGREE OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

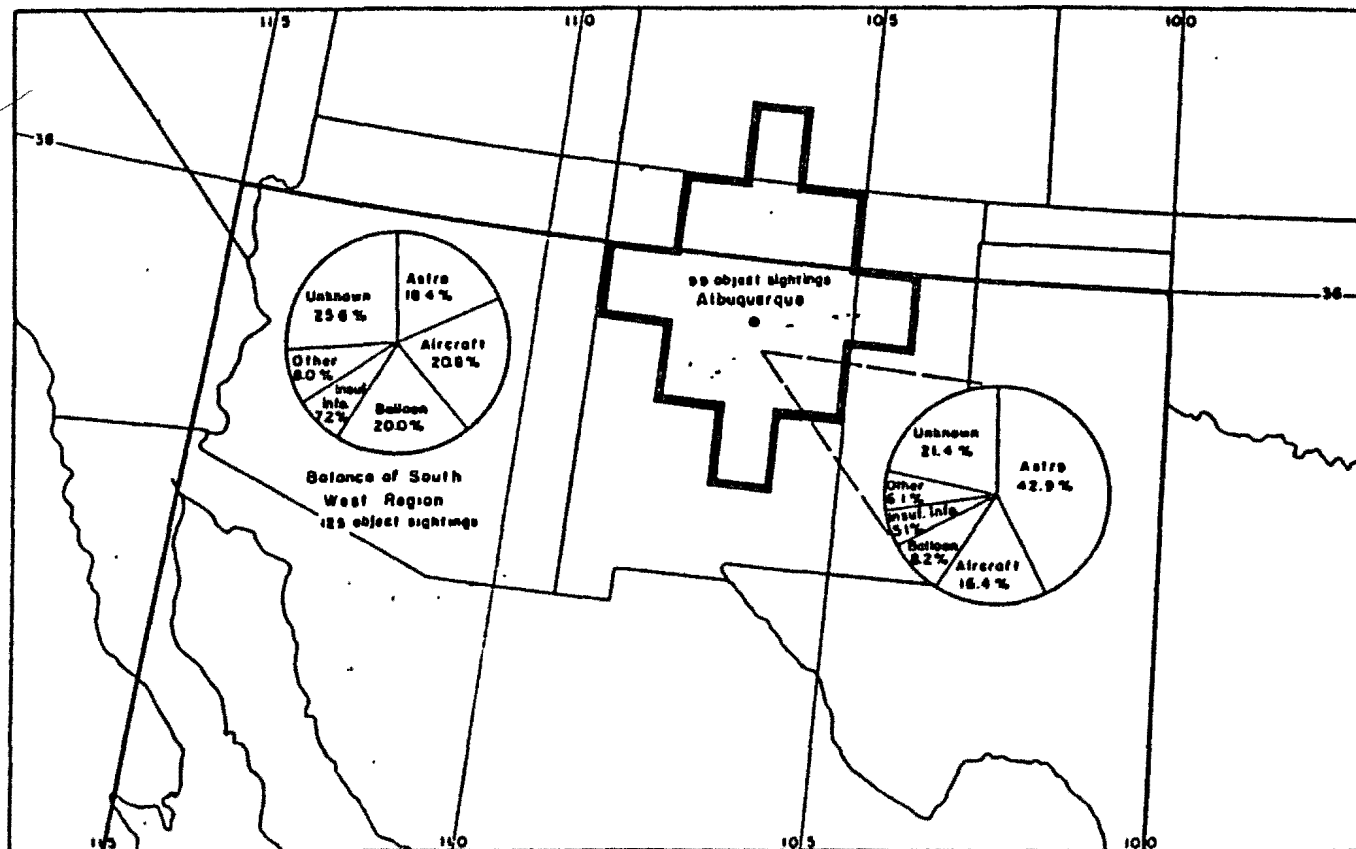


FIGURE 37 COMPARISON OF EVALUATION OF OBJECT SIGHTINGS IN THE STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE SOUTH WEST REGION

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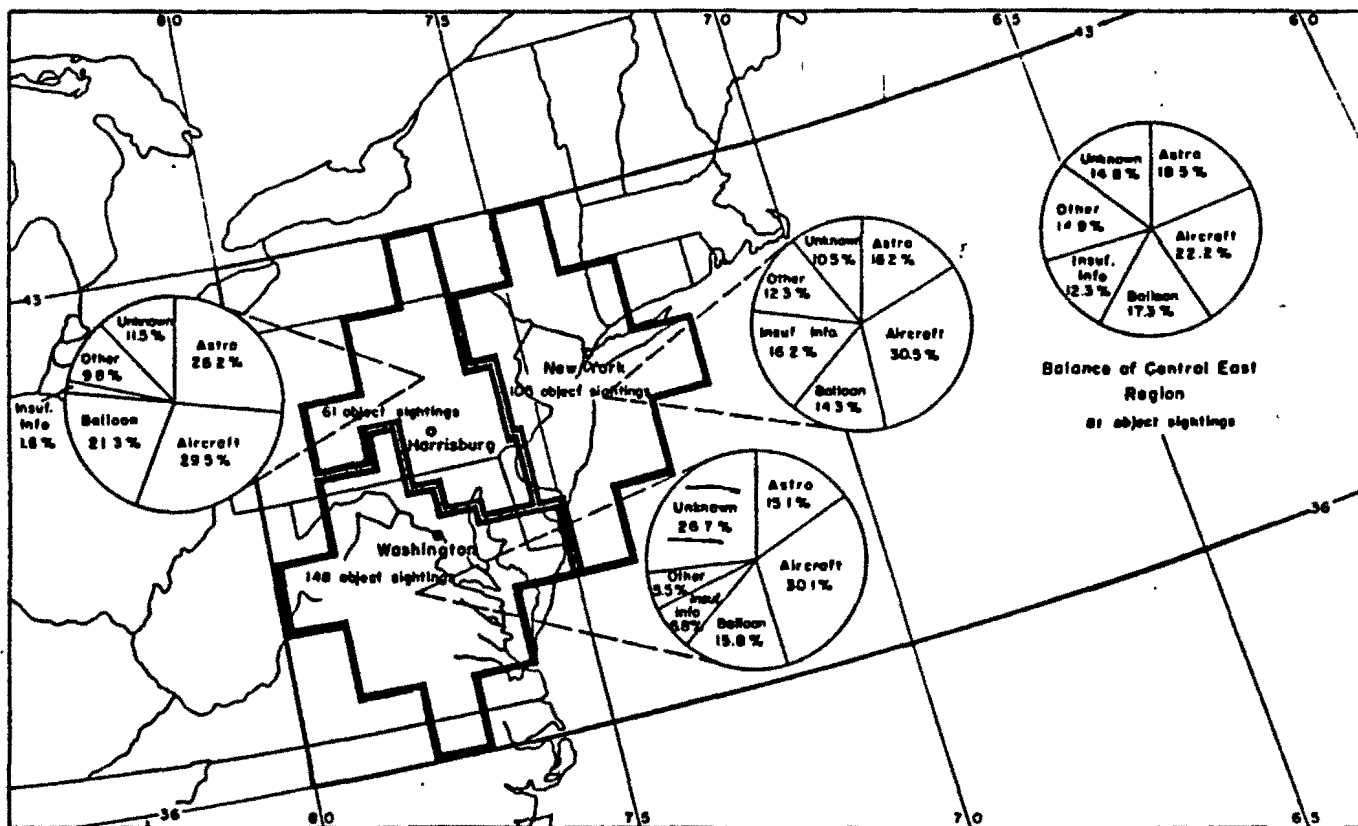


FIGURE 33 COMPARISON OF EVALUATION OF OBJECT SIGHTINGS IN THE STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE CENTRAL EAST REGION

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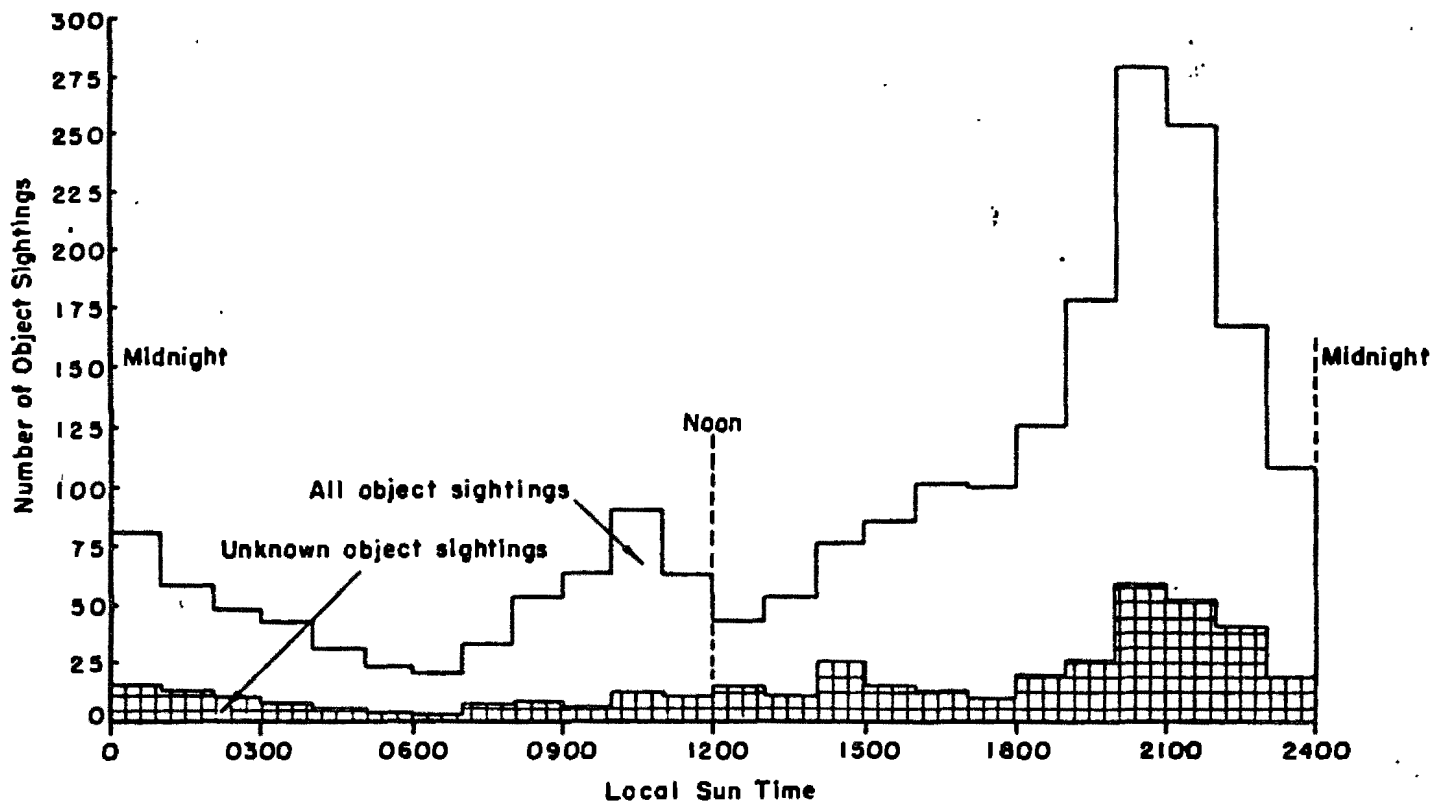


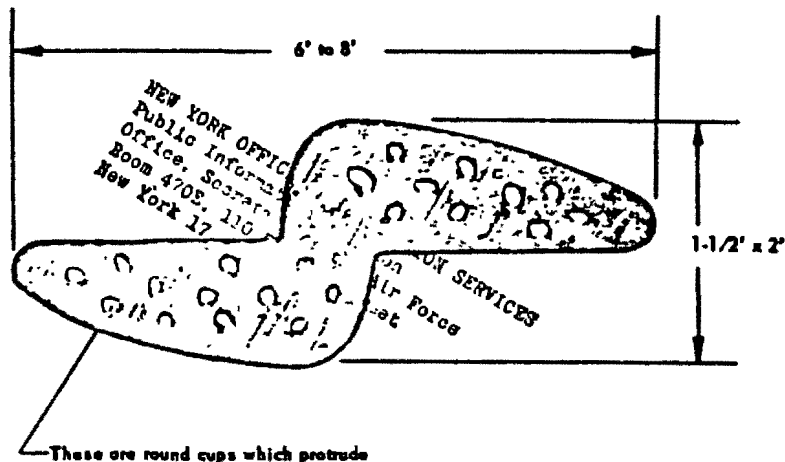
FIGURE 41 FREQUENCY OF OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY LOCAL SUN TIME, INTERVALS OF ONE HOUR

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"Saucer model" drawings:

Case I (Serial 0573.00)

Two men employed by a rug-cleaning firm were driving across a bridge at 0955 hours on July 29, 1948, when they saw an object glide across the road a few hundred feet in front of them. It was shiny and metallic in construction, about 6 to 8 feet long and 2 feet wide. It was in a flat glide path at an altitude of about 30 feet and in a moderate turn to the left. It was seen for only a few seconds and apparently went down in a wooded area, although no trace of it was found.



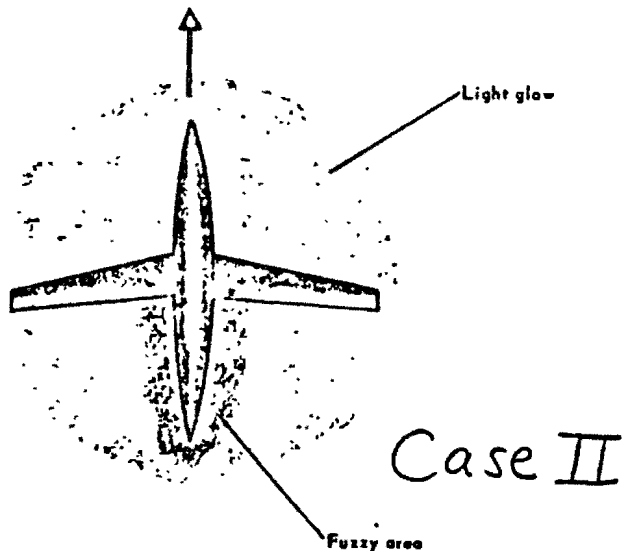
Case I comment:

There's no need to check BLUE BOOK files in this case. Accurate or not the object as shown matches nothing reported before or since. To select this shape to compile a "saucer model" is unbelievable.
--L.E.G.

Case II (Serial 4508.00)

A naval aviation student, his wife, and several others were at a drive-in movie from 2115 to 2240 hours on April 20, 1952, during which time they saw several groups of objects fly over. There were from two to nine objects in a group and there were about 20 groups. The groups of objects flew in a straight line except for some changes in direction accomplished in a manner like any standard aircraft turn.

The objects were shaped like conventional aircraft. The unaccountable feature of the objects was that each had a red glow surrounding it and was glowing itself, although it was a cloudless night.

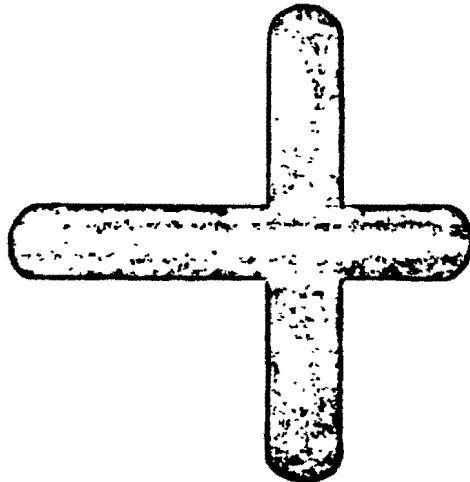


Case II comment:

This Flint, Michigan, case is an accurate drawing and the chances are it shows an aircraft. The problem is that of the thousands of UFO reports on file, perhaps 3 or 4 mention "cross-like," or "aircraft-shaped," objects. One of these is Case III. --L.E.G.

Case III (Serial 2013.00, 2014.00, and 2014.01)

Two tower operators sighted a light over a city airport at 2020 hours on January 20, 1951. Since a commercial plane was taking off at this time, the pilots were asked to investigate this light. They observed it at 2026 hours. According to them, it flew abreast of them at a greater radius as they made their climbing turn, during which time it blinked some lights which looked like running lights. While the observing plane was still in its climbing turn, the object made a turn toward the plane and flew across its nose. As the two men turned their heads to watch it, it instantly appeared on their other side flying in the same direction as they were flying, and then in 2 or 3 seconds it slipped under them, and they did not see it again. Total time of the observation was not stated. In appearance, it was like an airplane with a cigar-shaped body and straight wings, somewhat larger than a B-29. No engine nacelles were observed on the wings.



Case III comment:

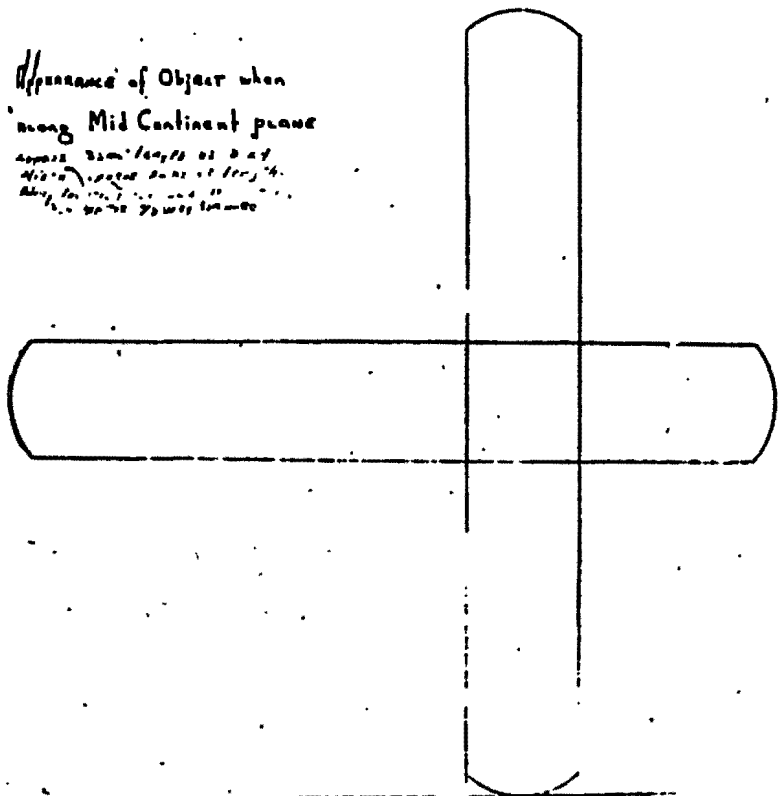
A check of BLUE BOOK records show that the official witness drawing compares well with the illustration in Special Report #14. The witness' drawing, however, does not really do justice the witness' sighting report, as written, which states:

"...equal to one and one-half times the size of a P-29 airplane. Fuselage appeared cigar-shaped and wing was long and slender, well forward and straight across, looking like a flattened cigar. Wing was from middle to high fuselage. No engines nacelles visible and wing appeared as a glider wing. No lights were noted on object at this time and no rudders or stabilizers."

Again the problem of constructing a saucer model is not realistic exercise if "cross-like" shapes are included. Such UFOs are very rare. --L.E.G.

Appearance of Object when
among Mid Continent planes

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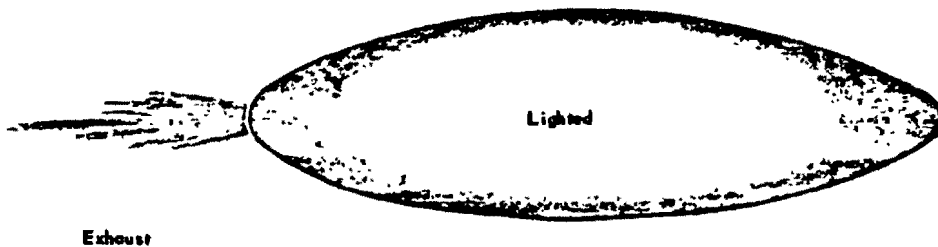


UNCLASSIFIED

DOWNGRADED AT 1 YEAR INTERVAL
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
AND THE GOVT

Case IV (Serial 4599.00)

A part-time farmer and a hired hand were curing tobacco at midnight on July 19, 1952, when they looked up and saw two cigar-shaped objects. One hovered while the other moved to the east and came back, at which time both ascended until out of sight. Duration of observation was 3 to 4 minutes. Both had an exhaust at one end, and neither had projections of any kind. It was stated that they appeared to be transparent and illuminated from the inside.



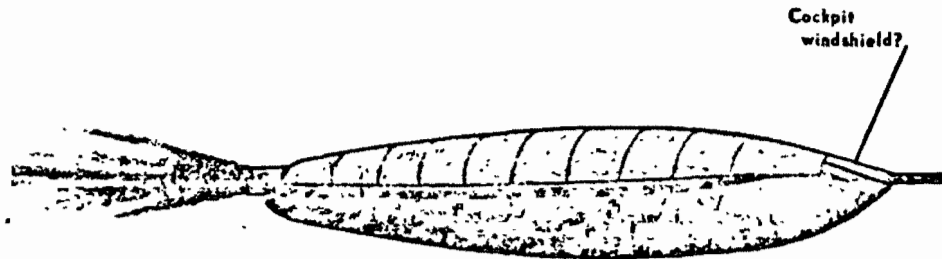
Case IV comment:

A check of BLUE BOOK records show that this case concerned a sighting at Madison, Florida. The official witness drawing in military files matches that of the illustration in Special Report #14. --L.E.G.



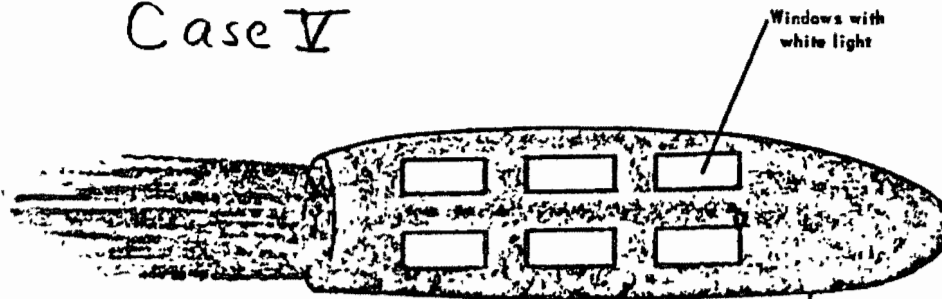
Case V (Serial 0565.00 to 0565.03)

A pilot and copilot were flying a DC-3 at 0340 hours on July 24, 1948, when they saw an object coming toward them. It passed to the right and slightly above them, at which time it went into a steep climb and was lost from sight in some clouds. Duration of the observation was about 10 seconds. One passenger was able to catch a flash of light as the object passed. The object seemed powered by rocket or jet motors shooting a trail of fire some 50 feet to the rear of the object. The object had no wings or other protrusion and had two rows of lighted windows.



Pilot

Case V

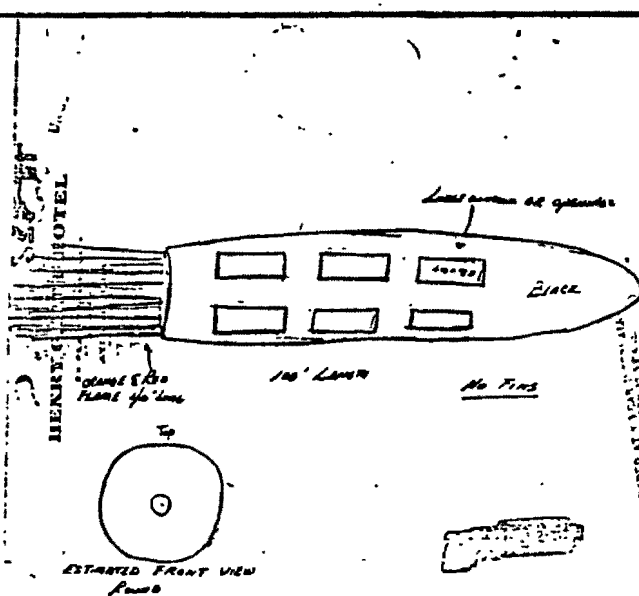
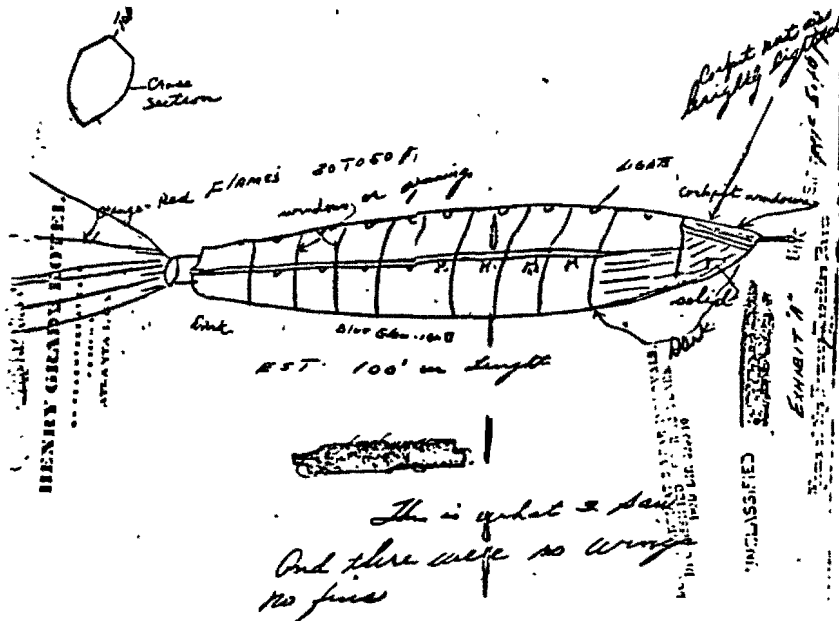


Copilot

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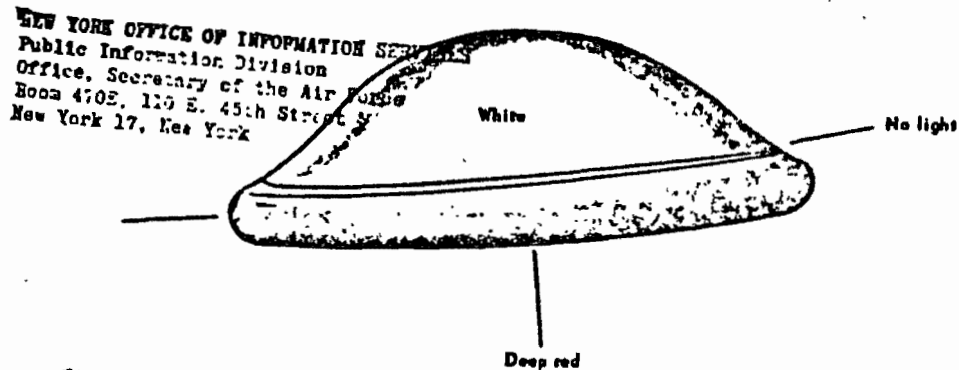
Case V comment:

This is the famous Chiles-Whitted sighting. The Special Report #14 drawing is faithful to the BLUE BOOK record. --L.E.G.



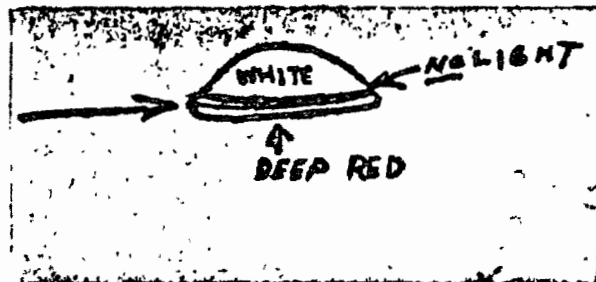
Case VI (Serial 4822.00)

An instrument technician, while driving from a large city toward an Air Force base on December 22, 1952, saw an object from his car at 1930 hours. He stopped his car to watch it. It suddenly moved up toward the zenith in spurts from right to left at an angle of about 45° . It then moved off in level flight at a high rate of speed, during which maneuver it appeared white most of the time, but apparently rolled three times showing a red side. About halfway through its roll it showed no light at all. It finally assumed a position to the south of the planet Jupiter at a high altitude, at which position it darted back and forth, left and right alternately. Total time of the observation was 15 minutes. Apparently, the observer just stopped watching the object.



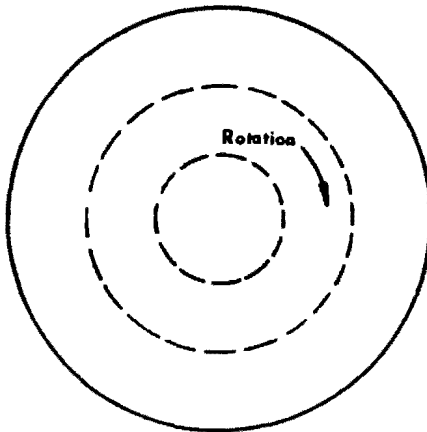
Case VI comment:

A check of BLUE BOOK records contributes little additional information. The location was near Eanning, California.
--L.E.G.



Case VII (Serial 2728.00)

A Flight Sergeant saw an object over an Air Force base in Korea at 0842 hours on June 6, 1952. The object flew in a series of spinning and tumbling actions. It was on an erratic course, first flying level, then stopping momentarily, shooting straight up, flying level and again tumbling, then changing course and disappearing into the sun. It reappeared and was seen flying back and forth across the sun. At one time an F-86 passed between the observer and the object. He pointed it out to another man who saw it as it maneuvered near the sun.



Black lines evenly spaced



Proportion 7 to 1

(Dimensions are as shown in observer's original drawing)

Case VII comment:

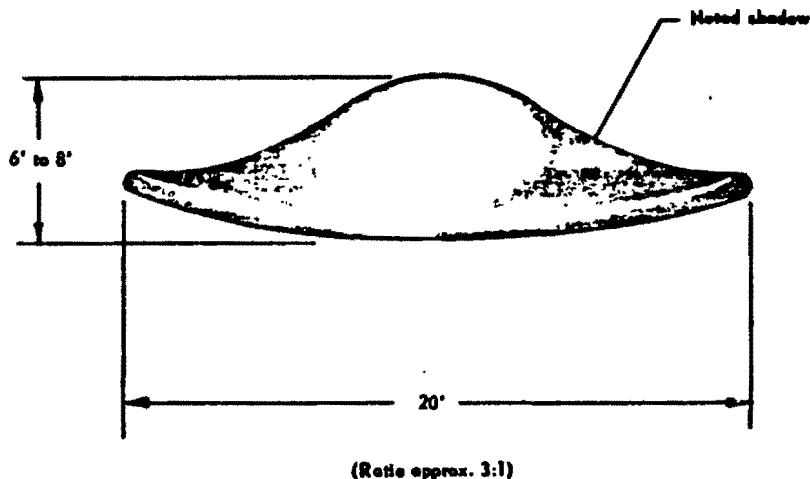
A check of BLUE BOOK records shows that this case took place at K-14 airbase in South Korea. The official account is much longer than the written description in Special Report #14 and has many estimates of time and altitude which indicate an anomalous object. The observer's original drawing, alluded to in the Special Report #14 illustration, cannot be located in BLUE BOOK files. The official account reads:

"...the object was described as having the appearance of a coin, dull silver in color, appeared to be spinning in a clockwise direction, and size was estimated as being seven times as long as it was thick. The edges of this object were dark blue. It was reported for shooting a course at an estimated speed of 300 knots, alternately revolving 360 degrees in seven seconds and then proceeding on a spinning course for approximately 12 seconds. The object approached K-12 from the north, paused momentarily and then rose straight up for 10 seconds, the exact altitude unknown, and then disappeared into the sky. A few seconds later this object was again observed by a second person at the same point of observation. The unidentified object was seen proceeding at a rapid rate of speed from the south to the north at an approximately 45 degree angle, pausing and then returning in the same manner, each time passing in front of the sun and traveling an equal distance to each side of it. The time required to progress in one direction was three seconds. The description of the second unidentified object was generally similar to that of the first with the exception of the color (which was reported as black) and flight performance. The object was observed at 12,000 feet altitude descending rather irregularly at 6,000 feet, flew at that altitude for six or seven seconds, approached the observer within 1500 feet, and then disappeared into the clouds. The size of the object was estimated to be 15 to 20 feet in diameter. The speed was estimated to be approximately 250 mph."

As the reader can determine from the written report given above, the the "black lines" and the rectangular profile as shown in the Special Report #14 illustration cannot be confirmed. That fact, and the fact that the witnesses' original drawing is missing, leads one to doubt the Battelle artwork. --L.E.G.

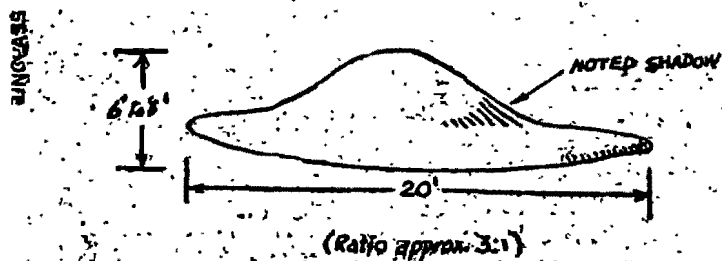
Case VIII (Serial 0576.00)

An electrician was standing by the bathroom window of his home, facing west, at 0825 hours on July 31, 1948, when he first sighted an object. He ran to his kitchen where he pointed out the object to his wife. Total time in sight was approximately 10 seconds, during which the object flew on a straight and level course from horizon to horizon, west to east.



Case VIII comment:

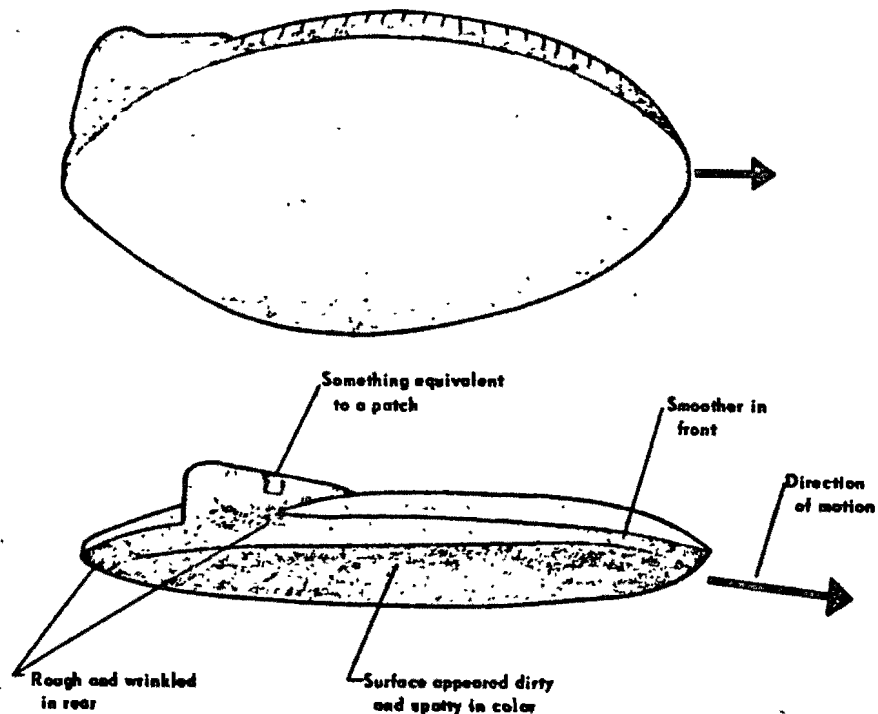
A check of BLUE BOOK records show a slight difference with witness' official drawing. This object is another good candidate for a "saucer model." The object was reported at Indianapolis, Indiana. --L.E.G.



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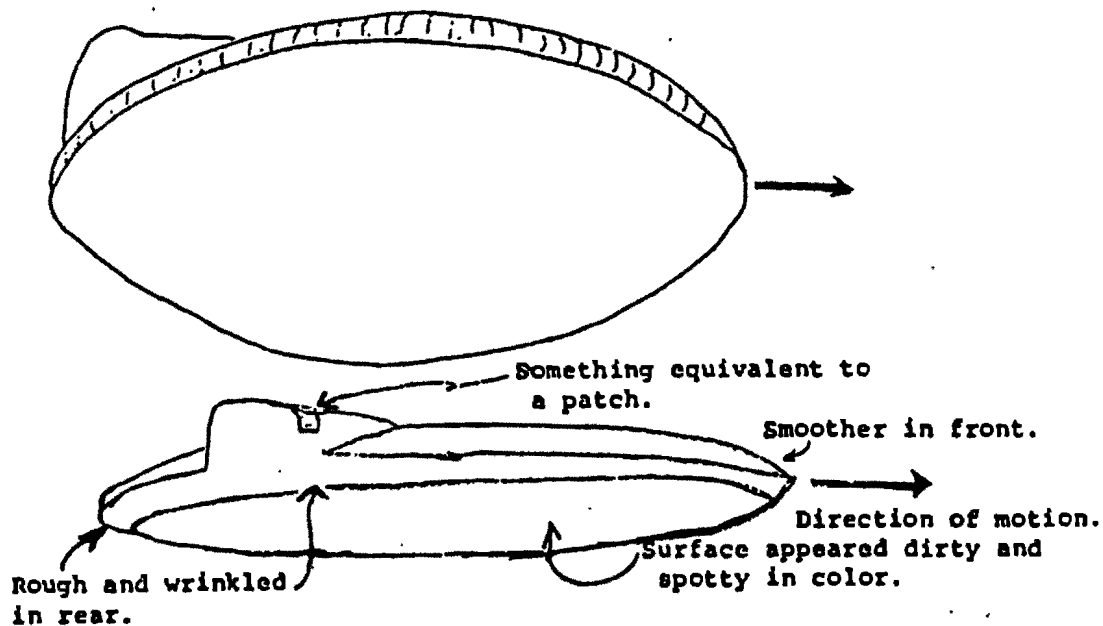
Case X (Serial 1119.00)

An employee in the supersonic laboratory of an aeronautical laboratory and some other employees of this lab, were by a river, 2-1/2 miles from its mouth, when they saw an object. The time was about 1700 hours on May 24, 1949. The object was reflecting sunlight when observed by naked eye. However, he then looked at it with 8-power binoculars, at which time there was no glare. (Did glasses have filter?) It was of metallic construction and was seen with good enough resolution to show that the skin was dirty. It moved off in horizontal flight at a gradually increasing rate of speed, until it seemed to approach the speed of a jet before it disappeared. No propulsion was apparent. Time of observation was 2-1/2 to 3 minutes.



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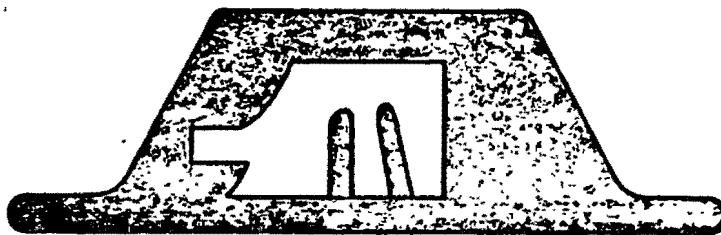
This drawing of an object seen at Rogue River, Oregon, is a faithful copy of the official drawing on file with BLUE BOOK. With the exception of the "fin" the general appearance compares well with the other cases that show a "saucer" shape.
--L.E.G.



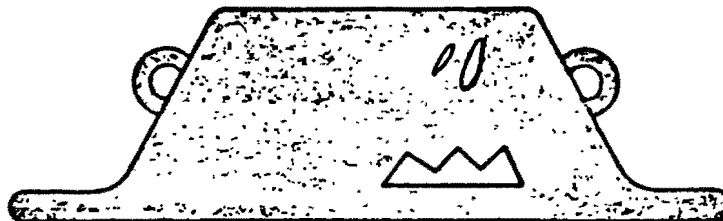
Official sketch of the Rogue River object.

Case IX (Serial 0066.00)

A farmer and his two sons, aged 8 and 10, were at his fishing camp on August 13, 1947. At about 1300 hours, he went to look for the boys, having sent them to the river for some tape from his boat. He noticed an object some 300 feet away, 75 feet above the ground. He saw it against the background of the canyon wall which was 400 feet high at this point. It was hedge hopping, following the contour of the ground, was sky blue, about 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick, and had pods on the side from which flames were shooting out. It made a swishing sound. The observer stated that the trees were highly agitated by the craft as it passed over. His two sons also observed the object. No one saw the object for more than a few seconds.



Side view



End view

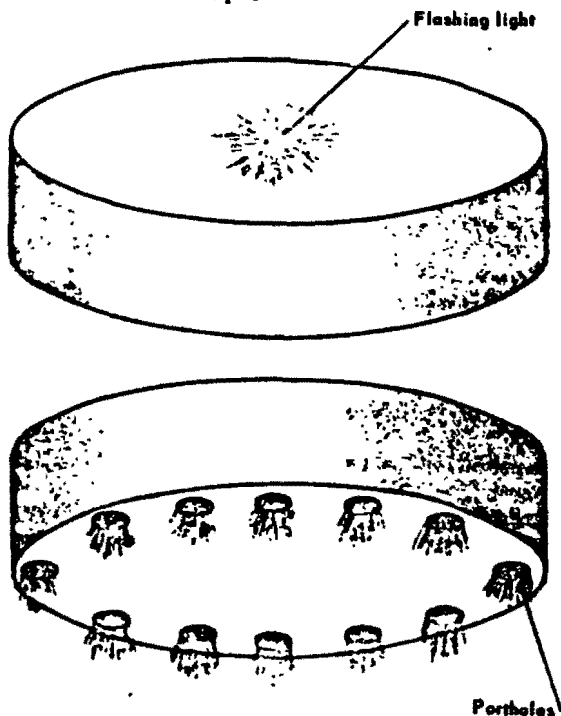
Case IX comment:

A check of BLUE BOOK records show that the original sketches by the witnesses are not in official files. The "ears" on the craft were a pair of supposed "jets" emitting flame, the detail added by the two boys, ages 8 and 10. There is no explanation in the BLUE BOOK account for the strange details on the dome of the object. Generally, the object matches Cases VI and VIII. The incident took place in Snake River canyon near Twin Falls, Idaho.
--L.E.G.

Case XI (Serial 1550.00)

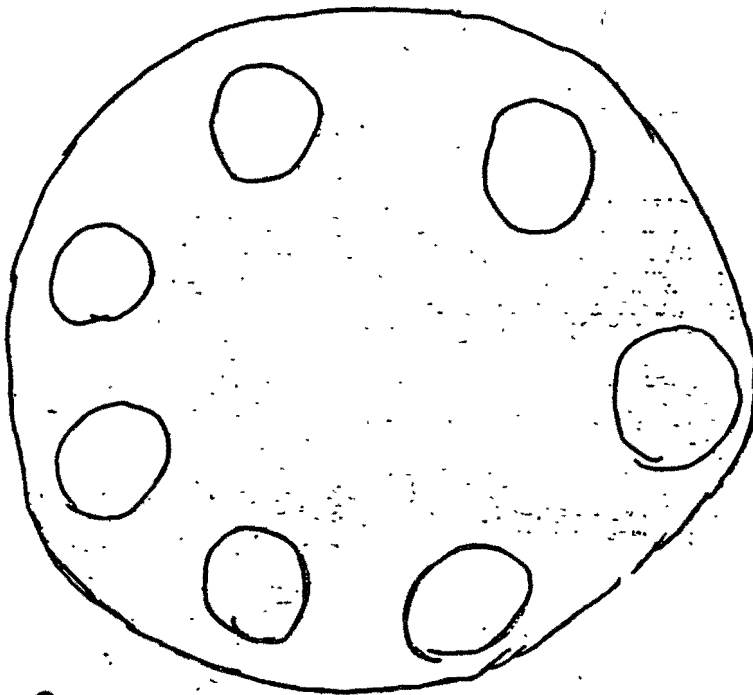
On March 20, 1950, a Reserve Air Force Captain and an airlines Captain were flying a commercial airlines flight. At 21:26, the airline Captain directed the attention of the Reserve Air Force Captain to an object which apparently was flying at high speed, approaching the airliner from the south on a north heading. The Reserve Air Force Captain focused his attention on the object. Both crew members watched it as it passed in front of them and went out of sight to the right. The observation, which lasted about 25 to 35 seconds, occurred about 15 miles north of a medium-sized city. When the object passed in front of the airliner, it was not more than 1/2 mile distant and at an altitude of about 1000 feet higher than the airliner.

The object appeared to be circular, with a diameter of approximately 100 feet and with a vertical height considerably less than the diameter, giving the object a disc-like shape. In the top center was a light which was blinking at an estimated 3 flashes per second. This light was so brilliant that it would have been impossible to look at it continuously had it not been blinking. This light could be seen only when the object was approaching and after it had passed the airliner. When the object passed in front of the observers, the bottom side was visible. The bottom side appeared to have 9 to 12 symmetrical oval or circular portholes located in a circle approximately 3/4 of the distance from the center to the outer edge. Through these portholes came a soft purple light about the shade of aircraft fluorescent lights. The object was traveling in a straight line without spinning. Considering the visibility, the length of time the object was in sight, and the distance from the object, the Reserve Air Force Captain estimates the speed to be in excess of 1000 mph.



Case XI comment:

A drawing by the two witnesses in this case: Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G.W. Anderson, appeared in the press. The drawing shows only the bottom of the UFO. The written testimony of the witnesses mentions a light on the top, located at the center, but provides no information as to the object's profile. The rectangular profile as depicted in the Special Report #14 illustration has to be due to the imagination of the Report's author(s). --L.E.G.



Jack Adams
G. W. Anderson

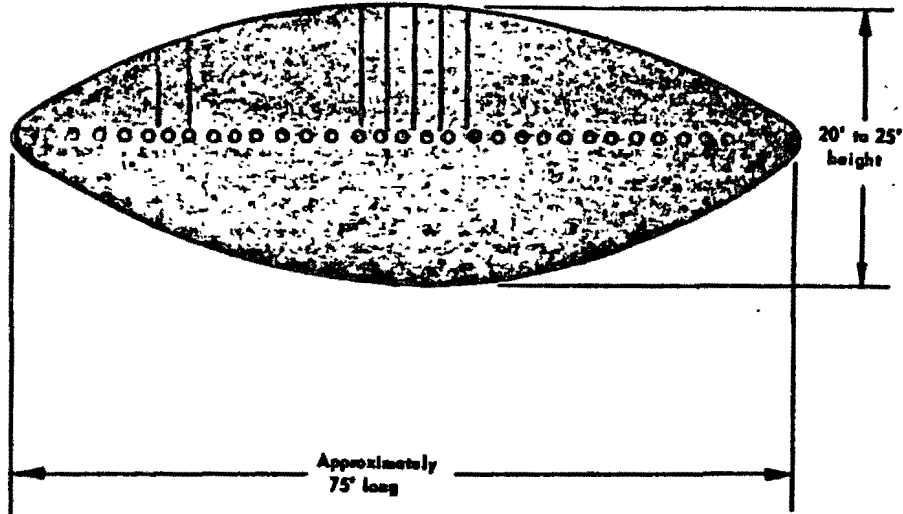
Case XII (Serial 3601.00)

At 0535 on the morning of August 25, 1952, a musician for a radio station was driving to work from his home when he noticed an object hovering about 10 feet above a field near the road along which he was driving. As he came abreast of the object, he stopped his car and got out to watch. Having an artificial leg, he could not leave the road, since the surrounding terrain was rough. However, he was within about 100 yards of it at the point he was standing on the road. The object was not absolutely still, but seemed to rock slightly as it hovered. When he turned off the motor of his car, he could hear a deep throbbing sound coming from the object. As he got out of the car, the object began a vertical ascent with a sound similar to "a large covey of quail starting to fly at one time". The object ascended vertically through broken clouds until out of sight. His view was not obscured by clouds. The observer states that the vegetation was blown about by the object when it was near the ground.

Description of the object is as follows:

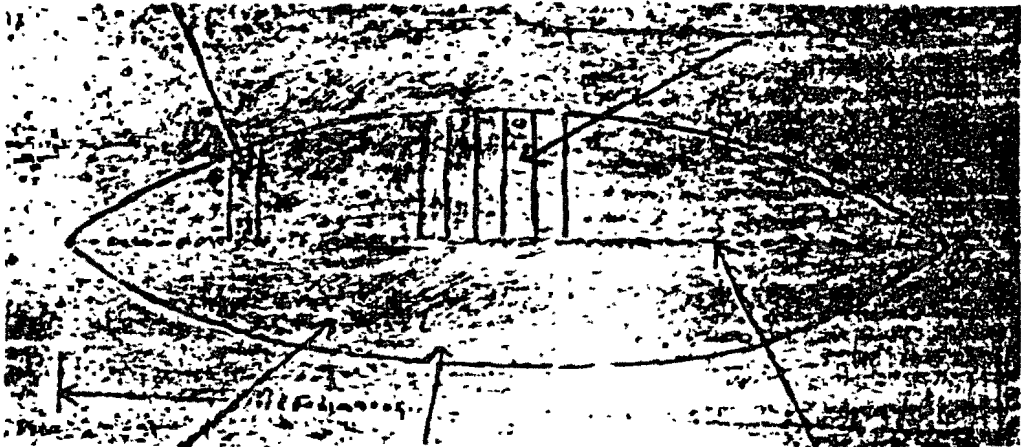
It was about 75 feet long, 45 feet wide, and 15 feet thick, shaped like two oval meat platters placed together. It was a dull aluminum color, and had a smooth surface. A medium-blue continuous light shone through the one window in the front section. The head and shoulders of one man, sitting motionless, facing the forward edge of the object, were visible. In the midsection of the object were several windows extending from the top to the rear edge of the object; the midsection of the ship had a blue light which gradually changed to different shades. There was a large amount of activity and movement in the midsection that could not be identified as either human or mechanical, although it did not have a regular pattern of movement. There were no windows, doors or portholes, vents, seams, etc., visible to the observer in the rear section of the object or under the object (viewed at time of ascent). Another identifiable feature was a series of propellers . 6 to 12 inches in diameter spaced closely together along the outer edge of the object. These propellers were mounted on a bracket so that they revolved in a horizontal plane along the edge of the object. The propellers were revolving at a high rate of speed.

Investigation of the area soon afterward showed some evidence of vegetation being blown around. An examination of grass and soil samples taken indicated nothing unusual. Reliability of the observer was considered good.



Case XII comment:

The drawing above omits the "head and shoulders of a man" in the forward window but the figure was not that clear in the original picture. The most important fact about this case is the "row of propellers" that were suppose to have been located on the rim of the craft. This feature has never been reported before, or since, which indicates the story is a hoax and therefore should be tossed out as a sample even though pro-UFO people would favor its inclusion since a cigar-shape is considered a true characteristic of many objects mentioned in good UFO reports. --L.E.G.



Special Report #14 tables showing sightings from 1947 through 1952. These figures prove that "unknowns" were not a fraction of the total as claimed in the Air Force press release.

Evaluation	ALL YEARS					
	Number			Per Cent		
	Certain	Doubtful	Total	Certain	Doubtful	Total
1-Ballons	270	180	450	8.9	5.6	14.0
2-Astronomical	476	241	717	14.9	7.6	25.5
3-Aircraft	350	288	638	11.1	9.0	20.1
4-Light Phenom.	32	24	56	1.0	0.8	1.8
5-Skies	19	10	29	0.6	0.3	0.9
6-Clouds, Mist, etc.	12	13	25	0.4	0.4	0.8
7-Mercuric. Inf.	228	0	228	9.8	0.0	9.8
8-Psychological	38	10	48	1.2	0.3	1.5
9-Unknown	689	0	689	21.5	0.0	21.5
0-Other	112	25	137	3.5	1.1	4.6
Total	2300	901	3201	71.9	28.1	100

Top table summarizes all sightings.

Evaluation	ALL YEARS					
	Number			Per Cent		
	Certain	Doubtful	Total	Certain	Doubtful	Total
1-Ballons	228	151	379	8.9	5.9	14.8
2-Astronomical	353	256	609	15.0	10.0	25.0
3-Aircraft	292	235	527	11.4	9.2	20.6
4-Light Phenom.	32	21	53	1.3	0.8	2.1
5-Skies	19	10	29	0.5	0.4	0.9
6-Clouds, Mist, etc.	8	7	15	0.1	0.3	0.4
7-Mercuric. Inf.	261	0	261	10.2	0.0	10.2
8-Psychological	56	9	65	1.4	0.4	1.8
9-Unknown	497	0	497	18.5	0.0	18.5
0-Other	92	28	120	2.6	1.1	4.7
Total	1837	717	2554	71.9	28.1	100

Middle table summarizes "Unit Sightings."

Evaluation	ALL YEARS					
	Number			Per Cent		
	Certain	Doubtful	Total	Certain	Doubtful	Total
1-Ballons	207	152	359	9.4	6.0	15.4
2-Astronomical	274	206	479	12.5	9.3	21.8
3-Aircraft	265	209	474	12.0	9.5	21.5
4-Light Phenom.	30	18	48	1.4	0.5	1.9
5-Skies	12	10	22	0.5	0.6	1.0
6-Clouds, Mist, etc.	8	7	15	0.1	0.3	0.4
7-Mercuric. Inf.	240	0	240	10.9	0.0	10.9
8-Psychological	35	9	44	1.6	0.4	2.0
9-Unknown	434	0	434	19.7	0.0	19.7
0-Other	86	24	109	3.9	1.1	5.0
Total	1585	614	2199	92.1	7.9	100

Bottom table summarizes "Object Sightings."

A last minute change in identification codes also raised questions and undermined confidence in the study's outcome.

CODE 79-80 FINAL IDENTIFICATION

- X Probably**
- Y**
- 0 Balloon**
- 1 Astronomical**
- 2 Aircraft**
- 3 Light Phenomenon**
- 4 Birds**
- 5 Clouds, dust, etc.**
- 6 Rocket-or-missile Insufficient information**
- 7 Psychological manifestations**
- 8 Electromagnetic phenomenon Unknown**
- 9 Other**

Dr. Leon Davidson, a major UFO researcher who managed to obtain a full copy of Special Report #14 after a protracted effort, points out:

"The full text of the report was essentially unavailable to the public, as shown in the Record of Hearings of the House Subcommittee on Government Information (Rep. John E. Moss, Chairman) for November 15, 1956. One might wonder whether the Air Force had actually wanted to keep the full report from the public, and if so, why?" 45.

UFO lecturer and investigator Stan T. Friedman states:

"If there was nothing to the UFO phenomena and no coverup of data, the USAF would have widely published and distributed BBSR14 and would have focussed on the data in its publicity. Neither the USAF nor the US Government printing office have ever published BBSR14. The 3 page widely distributed summary contained not one item of data from the report." 46.

Stan Friedman wrote further on the study, its manner and content:

"There was a grossly misleading press release issued on October 25, 1955. It received very wide distribution. It gave no information about who did the work, where the work was done, or even the correct title for the document. No newsmen asked any of these relevant questions." 47.

BLUE BOOK scientific advisor J. Allen Hynek, writing his memoirs, said:

"Perhaps it is no wonder that Battelle did its very best to keep project a secret. Although Blue Book was, according to Pentagon press releases, completely unclassified, the Battelle project was considered top secret. On many occasions I was reminded by Project Blue Book officers that under no circumstances must the name of the research organization be mentioned. The report was not published until 1955 (I was never given a copy) and only about one hundred were distributed on a 'for official use only' basis.

"The Pentagon press releases which subsequently appeared were not only ambiguous, they were untrue. And this UFO report becomes the one blight on the record of an otherwise flawless scientific research organization." 48.

Another quote, however, defends the Battelle people. Hynek: "...little blame can be laid on the Battelle group, which went about its business in a very rigorous, scientific, fashion...the procedure used in dealing with these cases was as rigorous as the anecdotal nature of the original reports would allow..." 49. If that is so, what's the problem?

Ex-BLUE BOOK chief E.J. Ruppelt. "Worthless?"

Donald Keyhoe wanted E.J. Ruppelt's reaction. Contacting the ex-BLUE BOOK chief, Keyhoe asked: "The Air Force insists that its Special Blue Book Report #14 is proof that UFOs don't exist. What do you think of this?" 50. Ruppelt replied that the:

"...report was a shock to me. I was the one that had the IFM system tried out. It didn't prove a thing, and I had written it off as worth-

less before I left the project...also this report was drawn up in 1953, yet the Air Force released it as the latest hot dope in October, 1955." 51.

While Ruppelt either sidestepped, or overlooked, the pro-UFO statistics in the study, he did take issue with the military's claim that only a few reports on file eluded explanation, condemning the Air Force's practice of "weasel wording." 52.

Dr. Pruce Maccabee put it plainly, writing: "Although nowhere is there a positive statement that UFOs don't exist, there are plenty of weak 'probability arguments' that are worded in such a way as to lead the careless reader to believe that they are conclusive against the reality of UFOs." 53. Moreover, Dr. Maccabee recognized the tactic of a "conglomeration explanation" to avoid dealing with individual cases by carefully selecting diverse sampling under the cover of picking the "most detailed cases." 54.

Although Dr. Hynek was inclined to give Fattelle a clean bill of health, statistical professor David R. Saunders discovered errors:

"...not even the formula used for the calculating chi-square was correct. And with remarkable regularity, whoever did these statistics combined the categories so as to minimize his chances of finding anything significant. Small wonder the company remained unnamed." 55.

The damage to the Air Force's anti-UFO position was long-term. Every UFO lecture Stan Friedman gives (at last count at well over 600 colleges and universities) he makes a reference to the Fattelle study to boost his assertion "UFOs are real." Friedman, in 1981, made the following observation as to how deadly a mistake the study was to the Air Force and other self-appointed UFO skeptics:

"The report (SR#14) isn't even mentioned in the 965 page Condon report or in any of the six anti-UFO books that have been published (2 by Klass, 3 by the late Dr. Donald Menzel, and one by USAF Colonel Lawrence Tacker). Sheaffer has also told me that it also isn't mentioned in his soon-to-be published debunking book either." 56.

Friedman points out that the well known Condon Report only covered 117 UFO cases in contrast to the 2,199 cases examined in the Special Report #14. He adds:

"It should be noted that this independent analysis represents the largest and most comprehensive scientific and official study on flying saucers ever made. While the data is old, it has never been superseded." 57.

Dr. Leon Davidson, who was instrumental in obtaining the release of the entire study, went over the BLUE BOOK document with a fine tooth comb and determined that the principle finding of the study was that: "Fig. 8 shows that the Unknown sightings constitute 33.3% of all the object sightings for which the reliability is considered 'Excellent.'" 58. This fact was not mentioned in the widely publicized summary, instead the summary emphasized the figure of 9% Unknown cases for the years 1953-1954, and 3% Unknown cases for 1955 up to the month of May. A glance at these numbers gives the im-

pression the Unknowns were an insignificant minority. Dr. Davidson, however, discovered that the summary avoided mentioning the per cent of Unknowns for the 1947-1952 time period which pushes the grand total for 1947-May 1955 up to the 30% range! 59.

"Flying saucer model."

The declared inability of the study's author(s) to develop a "flying saucer model," Dr. Davidson considered laughable. The use of only 12 examples was absurd since there were a great number that merited consideration. Those picked included a few "freaks," one-of-a-kind objects. Even so, the objects illustrated displayed considerable similarity in some cases, agreeing with the saucer and cigar-shapes familiar to collectors of UFO stories. Moreover, the art work depicting the 12 cases was suspicious to Dr. Davidson, the rendering technique having a "studied awkwardness" which seemed to be an attempt to discourage comparisons. Likewise, the placing of the sketches in a certain sequence, and the inclusion of some cosmetic touches unrelated to the information on file, seem deliberately done to effect the reader's judgement. 60.

Identity of the 12 examples.

In another try to throw off the study's critics, the location of the 12 examples used to develop a "flying saucer model" is not given, only the date. This hindered the assessing of the accuracy of the case information presented. Did the drawings shown in the Special Report #14 really reflect the testimony of the witnesses?

Dr. Davidson was able to identify four: "Case I" is an Indianapolis incident; "Case II" was reported at Flint, Michigan; "Case III" was the Sioux City, Iowa, report; and "Case V" is without a doubt the Chiles-Whitted, Montgomery, Alabama, encounter.

The remaining cases not identified by Dr. Davidson were: "Case VI" Banning, California; "Case VII" K-14 airbase, Korea; "Case VIII" Indianapolis, Indiana; "Case X" Rogue River, Oregon; "Case XI" the Adams-Anderson airliner encounter; and finally "Case XII" the William Squyers encounter near Pittsburg, Kansas.

Special Report #14 and the "maneuverability factor."

There was a big hole in Special Report #14 and it was the absence of the "maneuverability factor" in the UFO characteristic list. That it was omitted seems astonishing. On the other hand, perhaps it was left out intentionally. The "maneuverability factor" has a history. Briefly, the story goes like this. Orders came from the Air Force Directorate of Intelligence during the Summer of 1952 to do a study of reported UFO maneuvers. This study was carried out under the direction of the UFO program Monitor for Air Force HQ, the Pentagon. The man's name was Maj. Dewey J. Fournet, Jr. According to Maj. Fournet, the study was requested to use as a weapon against UFO doubters in "certain quarters." That fact alone underscores the acknowledged value of the characteristic.

The results of the study were leaked to newspaperman Robert S. Allen in the Fall of 1952. Allen, whose column "Inside Washington" treated the information in a rather sensational manner, termed the study results "breath-taking" and claimed that study's author's were convinced by the

data that UFOs were real objects from "sources outside this planet." Allen asserted the Air Force was inhibited from making the findings public since they would cause wide spread alarm.

When the January 1953 Robertson UFO panel was convened, Maj. Fournet tried his best to introduce the material into the discussions but was largely ignored. Since the panel was an exercise in debunking, the reception given Fournet was no surprise and showed that the men on the panel feared the data. In fact a transcript of the proceedings makes no mention of the study and substituted language that indicated Fournet's address to the panel consisted of "personal conclusions" and talk about "individual case histories."

Aside from the attempt to hide the fact that the better a UFO report is, the more qualified the witness; Dr. Davidson felt the greatest failing of Special Report #14 was: "...the need for the definition of a new factor relating to the maneuvers of the object or objects." 61.

The author(s) of the Battelle study escaped with a rather lame excuse: "...at the time that the maneuver factor was determined to be critical, it was physically impractical to...re-evaluate the original data. Therefore, no code for maneuverability has been included..." 62. Dr. Davidson suggested the inclusion of codes for: wobbly flight, pendulum motion, hovering, extreme speeds and speed changes. (Keyhoe, no doubt, would have suggested: 90 degree and 180 degree turns)

A falling from scientific grace.

J. Allen Hynek remarked:

"A further falling from scientific grace can be noted. The report states: 'All records and working papers of this study have been carefully preserved in an orderly fashion suitable for ready reference.' A few years ago I personally visited Battelle Memorial Institute and asked to see those 'carefully preserved' records. I was told they had been destroyed. It is hardly good scientific practice to destroy original data, which can easily be preserved on microfilm." 63.

"Sidessteps the question."

Hynek attacked the wording in that section of the study which recognized that "Unidentifieds" are indeed different from the "Identifieds" but that such data does not indicate a "technological development." Hynek challenged that position, saying the wording "sidessteps the question." Suppose, he says, that the data represents something "outside the realm of technological devices?" 64.

Confused conclusion.

So eager was the study's author(s) to conclude with the Air Force's favorite conclusion: if enough data is collected every UFO sighting is explicable, some confusion was produced that was spotlighted by Dr. Hynek:

"The following quotation, from the final section of the report, summarizes its general tone and its conclusions:

"A critical examination of the distributions of the important characteristics of sightings, plus an intensive study of the

sightings evaluated as UNKNOWN, led to the conclusion that a combination of factors, principally the reported maneuvers of the objects and the unavailability of supplemental data such as aircraft flight plans and balloon launching records, records, resulted in the failure to identify as KNOWN most of the reports of the objects classified as UNKNOWNs."

"This conclusion is utterly incredible in view of the results of the chi-square tests---all six criteria tested showed that it was irrelevant whether aircraft flight plans or balloon launching records were available." 65.

Senator Russell's inexplicable interview.

Besides the "strange conclusion" to Special Report #14, the Russell case also had a "strange conclusion."

Within two days of the release of Special Report #14, there was a follow up to the recommendation made at the October 18th IAC meeting that other members of the Russell party be interviewed to clarify what was seen in Russia, the initial report on the incident based solely on the testimony of Air Attache Hathaway. On October 27th Senator Russell granted an interview to Herbert Scoville, Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence. Guess what? The senator said he didn't see anything more exciting than some odd blobs of light!

The following is the record of the interview as written by Scoville:

"1. On 27 October, (---deleted) O/SI consultant, and I interviewed (---deleted) relative to an observation of unconventional or saucer-like aircraft during his visit to Russia,. The following is a statement of his observation with my comments. (---deleted) will submit separately his views on (---deleted) statements but I believe he is in general agreement with the views stated herein.

"2. The party was travelling between Baku and Tiflis on a train at the specific request of (---deleted) who made every attempt to journey by train when possible. (This tends to refute the theory that the trip was arranged in order to stage the operation for (---deleted) benefit. About an hour and one-half out of Baku the subject, who was not feeling well, was resting in his compartment with the lights turned out while the remainder of the party was in the next compartment with the lights on. He suddenly noticed a greenish-yellow ball rising rapidly. He rushed into the next compartment stating that he had seen what he thought was a flying saucer. They turned out the lights and looked out the window but saw nothing and the rest of the party was initially skeptical. However, suddenly a second ball was noticed rising rapidly and then the other members of the party were convinced. The second object was initially seen at a minimum altitude of 700 to 800 feet, while the first object was initially viewed at an even higher altitude. Nothing was seen on the ground with the exception of a searchlight which was about one-half to one mile away and appeared to be aimed at a very low trajectory almost at the train. The subject did not on either occasion see the form of the object, only this glowing ball. No firm estimate could be made of the size or distance of the ball because there were no reference objects. However, the subject had the impression that the object could have been as small as a rocket although no trail was left as it rose. The object gave the

impression of whirling and appeared to follow a single trajectory with no break in its flight pattern. The subject did not see any lights, only the yellowish glow (this is contrary to statements of other observers). The searchlight did not appear to be following the object. About five to ten minutes after the sightings and after the subject had returned to his own compartment, the guard came in and pulled down the shades. No unusual attitude on the part of the guard was noted but it was dark. (This is in direct contradiction with the original dispatch and the statement of (---deleted).was(---deleted) was not present(---deleted) and as a consequence did not have a chance to verify the contents.

"3. (This section deals with a trip to Borodino which does not have a bearing on the UFO sighting)

"4. The testimony of (...deleted) does not in my opinion support the theory that the Russians have developed saucer-like or unconventional aircraft. It is quite possible that the objects seen were the exhausts of normal jet aircraft in a steep climb. The fact that none were seen on the ground might indicate that the aircraft were in a dive followed by a sharp pull-up in such a way that nothing was seen until the exhausts were visible to the observers on the train. However, it is possible that the aircraft were indeed of the short or almost vertical take-off variety.

Signed: Herbert Scoville, Jr.
Assistant Director
Scientific Intelligence." 66.

A copy of this interview was distributed to all IAC members. If we are to believe this version of the event, there was no cause to be concerned. No "flying saucers" had been seen! No disks from Mars or Russian super planes! This was what Senator Russell felt he could not discuss with civilian Tom Towers!

What goes on here?

Discrepancies.

If the reader has paid attention while perusing the different versions of the "Russell" case, he would have noticed numerous discrepancies which we will now examine, as well as making certain comments.

The "Russell" case and Special Report #14.

Its easy to see where the "Russell" case was a hot potato for what Donald Keyhoe liked to call the "silence group," the "powers-that-be" that kept the lid on the UFO mystery. With the debunking Special Report #14 making headlines, the observation by the Russell party would put any negative conclusions about UFOs in doubt. Note what Army staff officer Hathaway said when first approached by U.S. Air Force Attache Lt. Col. Thomas S. Ryan. Hathaway declared he had definitely seen something:"... that we've been told by your people USAF doesn't exist." 67. Col. Ryan was compelled to agree:"The significance of this report re the USAF project 'Unidentified Flying Objects' is remarkable and lends credence to many 'saucer' reports." 68.

Remarks about the IAC meeting.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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 However, the subject had the impression that the object could have
 been as small as a rocket although no trail was left as it rose.
 The object gave the impression of whirling and appeared to follow
 a single trajectory with no break in its flight pattern. The
 subject did not see any lights, only the yellowish glow (this is
 contrary to statements of other observers). The search light
 did not appear to be following the object. About five to ten
 minutes after the sightings and after the subject had returned
 to his own compartment, the guard came in and pulled down the

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SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] **b6**

b3 **b6** shades. No unusual attitude on the part of the guard was noted but it was dark. (This is in direct contradiction with the original dispatch and the statement of [REDACTED] was not present [REDACTED], and as a consequence did not have a chance to verify the contents.

b6 3. During his trip, the [REDACTED] also made a motor trip between Moscow and Kirovino. During this ride, he observed six or eight casarms with military personnel. At one point, only 150 yards from the road he noted a radar on top of a mound with a big egg beater object about 20 feet away. He thought he saw a similar installation further from the road on another occasion. One of the casarms was about a mile away on the other side of the road. There was considerable evidence of construction although none that was obviously new. He believed that the radar that was positively identified was about 40 miles from Moscow (if a map had been available, this perhaps could have been pinned down more closely). The Russians were extremely reluctant to allow [REDACTED] to make this trip and at one point, it was actually cancelled when Colonel Taylor of the Embassy requested permission to go along. However, [REDACTED] stated that he would publicly denounce the Russian program of free travel as being a farce unless he was allowed to make this trip. The permission was then granted. Colonel Pathway and [REDACTED] were also along with the [REDACTED] on this trip.

b6 4. The testimony of [REDACTED] does not in my opinion support the theory that the Russians have developed saucer-like or unconventional aircraft. It is quite possible that the objects seen were the exhausts of normal jet aircraft in a steep climb. The fact that none were seen on the ground might indicate that the aircraft were in a dive followed by a sharp pull-up in such a way that nothing was seen until the exhausts were visible to the observers on the train. However, it is possible that the aircraft were indeed of the short or almost vertical take-off variety.

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Something is known about the IAC meeting in question because, as previously stated, the FBI representative, a Mr. Belmont, kept notes. Here things get interesting. First of all, if Mr. Belmont's notes are correct, Mr. Dulles used an old Intelligence trick and "summerized" the case, simplifying the account so much a few key words can smoothly change one's opinion of the information. Mr. Dulles, according to Mr. Belmont, said the "details are not clear" (Col. Ryan's report has many impressive details). Secondly, that the witnesses "did not state it was a flying saucer, but could not recognize the type of plane it might have been" (Col. Ryan's report repeatedly states that the witnesses said the objects were "round, disc-shaped craft.") Apparently skipping quickly to a consensus that the phenomenon "could have been a number of things, including a helicopter," it was agreed that the meeting move on to other business and that further questioning of the witnesses be recommended. (This might have been the sum total of consideration the "Russell" case ever received in an IAC meeting)

Remarks about the Senator's testimony.

When questioned, the Senator tells a story that avoids any indication the phenomenon observed could have been an unconventional aircraft. Like Mr. Dulles, Senator Russell kept the discussion brief, saying only that he had only seen a "greenish-yellow ball," a blob that rose rapidly, and had viewed it initially at a high altitude. He also said "nothing was seen on the ground" with the exception of a "searchlight aimed at a very low trajectory." (Thus indicating no connection with the blob in the sky). Moreover, the "glowing ball followed a single trajectory with no break in its flight path." (Col. Ryan's report clearly states, repeatedly, that both UFOs rose vertically and then sped away horizontally) "A Russian trainman pulled down the window shade five to ten minutes later and displayed no reaction, doing so because the sun was setting," was another interesting comment by the Senator. That statement also undermined the secret plane idea. (The Ryan report says that "after we saw the two discs, the Soviet trainmen became excited, closing curtains and telling us that we were not allowed to look out of the windows.")

The reader of these lines may chose to believe that there could well have been some confusion about what was seen outside in the dark sky (strange shapes and lights some distance away), but why such major discrepancies about what took place in the train car?

Note that Mr. Scoville summed up his questioning of Senator Russell by stating the testimony: "...does not in my opinion support the theory that the Russians have developed saucer-like or unconventional aircraft." 69.

Remarks about the CIA version.

The declassified CIA version of the case differs from both the Col. Ryan report and the Senator's testimony. By a process of elimination the source must have been either the unnamed businessman or the interpreter, Ruben Efron, although, considering the content, the account may be fictional and written by a CIA official!

According to (Mr. Efron?) the "launch point" of the craft seen was a "large air field" (Col. Ryan's report mentions nothing of the sort and certainly would not have been left out) The phenomenon in this (Mr. Efron?) version was supposed to have been visible initially "on the ground," and was a "triangular-shaped object" with "three lights." These lights were "one on each point of the triangle, presumably two wing lights and a tail light" (Col. Ryan's report says there were just two lights and includes a

drawing that shows the location without a doubt and does not match the CIA description. Furthermore, the CIA version says the craft was ejected from the launching site at an extremely fast speed at a 45 degree angle. (Col. Ryan's report states the object rose slowly in a "slight arc just off the vertical.") Also, in the CIA version there is no mention of a sharp horizontal move after the object reached the top of its climb. About the only thing that agrees with Col. Ryan's report in the CIA document is the reaction of the trainmen, with the steward pulling the blinds in spite of protests by the Russell party, which apparently suited the CIA people since it favored the "secret aircraft" idea. 70.

It is highly suspicious that discrepancies in all three versions fully support a particular theory. Hathaway (Ryan): a mysterious disk-shaped craft (flying saucer). CIA: A high performance aircraft of Russian origin. Senator Russell: Odd lights, possibly of conventional origin.

27 October.

"The number of sightings next year will be tremendous."

When the Chicago Daily News editorialized about the Air Force's recent release of the study results that "exploded the saucer myth," the paper's readers challenged the paper's hasty embrace of a negative view of the saucer mystery. One reader was Mr. Frank Reid of Chicago who was an ardent student of the UFO puzzle. He admitted that the leading proponent (Keyhoe ?) of the "flying saucers are real" school of thought had a tendency to over-dramatize" UFO cases, yet one could not deny that the writer's data did reflect what was in official files, information that was hard to refute.

Pringing up the subject of apparent cycles of UFO activity, Mr. Reid wrote that 1951, 1953, and 1955 were "lulls;" while 1950, 1952, and 1954 were years of UFO waves, adding: "It is obvious that the Air Force is trying to foster a belief that UFOs are hoaxes or secret planes in preparation for the expected increase in sightings next year, an increase that may be tremendous." 71. (Mr. Reid would not be far wrong)

27 October. Whitsett, North Carolina. (2:45 and 3:10 p.m.)

"Angel hair?"

A press report says:

"Civil Defense officials investigated today reports from an elementary school principal that he and over a hundred pupils watched objects 'like steel balls' dart through the sky yesterday for twenty-five minutes, while 'angel hair' fell among them.

"H.D. Lambeth, Jr., who flew 46 combat missions as an aerial observer in World War II, said he watched the objects through a pair of binoculars while his students scattered around the school yard collecting the falling 'angel hair.'

"He described the material as a light colored wispy stuff, similar to Christmas decoration or cotton candy. Most of it, he said,

36 years later, memories of Whitsett UFO

Residents remember 'wispy angel hair' falling

By JIM WICKER
Times-News

More than 36 years have passed, but the memory of a startling UFO sighting in Whitsett remains as clear as the October afternoon that the incident occurred.

"Everybody was scared and excited," recalls Jenny Ingle, a life-long resident of the community.

She said she was among the scores of people, including most of the student body at Whitsett Elementary School, who witnessed the unusual event.

"I'm convinced we're being visited by extraterrestrial beings; I'm sure something is happening," says Dr. H.D. Lambeth of Elon College, who was principal of the Whitsett school in 1955 and an eyewitness to the still-unexplained incident.

Lambeth, who later became a psychologist at East Carolina University, said he saw eight UFOs that "looked like shiny steel balls" high in the air above the school that afternoon.

"I was a navigator (with the Air Force) during World War II," Lambeth said. In his military role, he was also an observer. "I had a pair of binoculars in my car, and I got them and looked at the UFOs," he said.

At the same time the UFOs were

passing over Whitsett, according to both Ingle and Lambeth, a large amount of "wispy angel hair" matter fell around the school area.

"Before I knew it, one of the children tasted some of the stuff," Lambeth said, recalling the child said it tasted salty. He added that samples of the fine matter, which some people thought was a synthetic textile fiber, were sent to a Burlington Industries lab and examined.

"The lab people said the samples were a protein matter and were not any kind of synthetic substance known to man," Lambeth said.

He is convinced there was a connection between the falling angel hair and the simultaneous passing of the UFOs.

But there something else, Lambeth says, that was never explained. As the UFOs passed, several students and teachers saw a small, gold-bronze colored object fall into a nearby wooded area. Despite a search, he said, the object was never found.

The UFO incident, which occurred Oct. 27, 1955, resulted in the school's 120 students being dismissed early that afternoon, and in worldwide publicity that brought a few inquiries from foreign countries, Lambeth said. One of

sightings vivid



the letters he received was from the Italian Navy.

Lambeth said he took a lot of kidding for a while from friendly skeptics he met at his barber shop and at local service stations, but he knew he'd seen something unusual over Whitsett. Ingle said she, too, saw the UFOs, as did her son Tony, who was then a student at the school, and two of her grandchildren.

"There was something mysterious that occurred later," Lambeth said.

A sample of the angel hair he had carefully wrapped and placed in his wallet for safe-keeping disappeared without explanation.

Ingle, a senior citizen, said the UFO sighting was the only one to occur in the community, to her knowledge, and the objects have not returned.

But Kathy York of Burlington is not so sure.

She said she and a friend, Jackie Chambers, saw a strange object in the sky between Burlington and Whitsett "one Sunday evening about 15 years ago."

While she says "some people might think I'm crazy, I know what I saw, and my friend saw it, too. We were going on I-85 toward Burlington when we

saw it. I kept changing shape and I tried to get Jackie to see it so I could get a closer look at it, but she wouldn't and said not to look at it and maybe it would go away."

Although there have been numerous reports of UFO sightings in the Piedmont over the years, not all have been as mysterious as they first appear to be, says former newspaper woman Pat Bailey of Snow Camp.

"On an election night in the early 1970s, a lot of people coming out of the courthouse Graham thought they were seeing a UFO when something passed in the sky overhead.

But it turned out it was on a plane that had been rigged with lights for some kind of promotion," she recalls.

Both Bailey and Alamance County Sheriff Richard Frye say there have also been a few incidents in the past in which weather balloons and garbage bags launched by pranksters have been mistaken for UFOs.

Back in the late 1960s and early '70s, Bailey said, some people would fill light colored plastic garbage bags with hot air, place a candle in them and send them into the sky at night "as jokes to try to fool people into thinking they'd seen UFOs."

was in two and three inch strips.

"Recently reports of similar 'angel hair' came from nearby Burlington. It was described by some as spider web.

"Lambeth said he was in the school when some children called to him. He said he caught sight of one of the 'steel balls' and followed it with glasses. 'I called to one of the teachers and she timed one of them from directly overhead until it reached the horizon. It took a minute and a half.'" 72.

Another press account adds more detail. A woman living near the school, Mrs. W.T. Newton, said the fibrous stuff resembled:"...a long roll of cotton candy." 73. The substance fell on the school and several surrounding acres. The schoolchildren had fun collecting what they could, picking up small wisps here and there. One kid put some in his mouth and announced it had a salty taste. A fibrous smell was given off when a lighted match was applied.

Burlington Industries tested samples and determined what it was not. It was not cotton or cellulose, a commercial synthetic, so it was suggested a biologist check for a spider origin. A biologist then examined the substance with a microscope and he found the fibers too even to be bug stuff and it bothered him when no spiders were discovered in the strands.

Word of the phenomenon reached Capt. Murray Thornton, Executive Director of Civil Defense for Greensboro and Guilford Counties. He paid a visit to the town of Whitsett and questioned the witnesses. The Captain declared:"I'm inclined to think that the 'silver balls' were reflections of the sun on whatever the stuff was at higher altitudes." 74.

Mr. Lambeth was unimpressed by the CD chief's remarks. The school principal expressed this opinion:"It would ease a person's mind to believe that, but I'm not convinced it fits all the facts." 75. Furthermore:"...the silver things we saw were moving in all directions and there was hardly any wind or turbulence that would have moved wispy stuff like that. Besides, the teachers and children said the objects looked too solid to be just reflections." 76. He confirmed what one of the kids claimed, saying salt may be present in the samples because they burned with a yellow flame. Measuring one of the strands, he determined its diameter at 1/10,000 of an inch which was much thinner than anything commercially made.

"Everybody was scared and excited."

Many years later the local newspaper did a follow up. (See article)

28 October.

The champion of the UFOs being spaceships, Donald Keyhoe, had a strong and predictable reaction to the press release. None other than the New York Times gave Keyhoe a hearing:

"Donald Keyhoe, former Marine Corps officer who has written several books on flying saucers, accused the Air Force tonight of a 'deliberate attempt to conceal facts from the public.'

"Mr. Keyhoe criticizes a report issued Tuesday by Secretary of the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles, which said flying saucers were imaginary and that only three per cent of this year's sightings were unexplainable.

'Mr. Keyhoe called the report 'an insult to the hundreds of experienced pilots in the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and airlines who have been secretly reporting saucer encounters at the Air Force's own request.'

'The author said the Air Force 'still cannot explain hundreds of the most dramatic reports that took place from 1947 to 1955.'

'He challenged the Air Force to deny that armed jets still 'scrambled' to pursue every 'saucer' that can be tracked by radar.'

77.

'Wish Secretary Quarles had seen it!'

A brilliant, round, yellow-orange spot of light turned out to be a UFO of high strangeness, a rating confirmed by a series of impressive maneuvers. Frinking rapidly, the UFO made high-speed square turns, quick accelerations, abrupt stops, and instantaneous reverses of direction. The principle witness to this sky show was a Mr. C.H. Marck, who was quoted as saying: "I wish Secretary Quarles could have seen this UFO; his eyes would have popped!" 78.

28 October.

CSI meeting.

When the group of UFO buffs convened at New York's Steinway Hall on October 28, 1955 Alexander Mebane reported to the membership and guests that the organization's Research Section, monitoring the news media, had noticed that the New York newspapers were now giving UFOs very little coverage in spite of the fact there was no "lull" in UFO sightings in the country.

M.K. Jessup, author of The Case For The UFO, was the invited speaker for the evening. Jessup announced that he had two other works in progress: The Expanded Case For The UFO and The UFO Annual, 1955. The topic of Jessup's talk, however, dealt with "Possible Origins of the UFO in Space," which was preceded by a some remarks by Jessup's friend, Mr. Courtland Hastings, who had a background in astronomy.

The Jessup speech mirrored what he wrote about at greater length in his previous writing although during the question and answer period he seems to have offered a new theory about the "visitors." He told the audience: "As to their reasons for coming, they may take 'vacations' in the earth's atmosphere, perhaps enjoying the unaccustomed sensation of our gravitational field." 79.

"Captured saucer occupants?"

Comments made that evening by Jessup faithfully reflected what was written in his books, including his unique suggestion that the saucer pilots were using a "space ark" anchored in space quite close to the earth, a gravitational neutral point in space where the pull of the earth, moon, and sun canceled each other out.

When Mr. Jessup was asked his opinion on the a possible government cover-up, he said: "We are not getting information from the government, the wire services, or the press. Under these conditions, it is possible that there is truth even in such rumors as that of captured saucer occupants kept alive in oxygen tanks." 80.

Saucer divorce.

Coral Lorenzen had some fun with some news from southern California. Reporting in the November 1955 issue of the APRO Bulletin she wrote:

"In los Angeles, one of the most fabulous 'I Rode A Flying Saucer' authors was being sued for divorce by his wife, and guess who was named as correspondent? But of course ---the beauteous red-haired captain of a saucer with whom he claims to have been keeping company since their earth-shaking meeting a couple of years ago. What we'd like to know is this: who will serve the papers on the saucer girl, and how will he do it? Will he ride a weather balloon or a light inversion reflection?" 81.

Hello spacemen.

Making a radio-TV-personal engagement tour of the far west, John Otto, the self-styled "interplanetary visitor communicator," ended up in Los Angeles where he paid a visit to UFO buff Max E. Miller who published the little saucerzine "Saucers." Miller encouraged Otto to attempt another "message to outer space" like that aired a year before over WGN Chicago. Otto agreed when he learned a couple of broadcasters at KFI radio, Los Angeles; Ben Hunter and Gordon Sturgill, had tried some "space communications" and were willing to have someone help them. Otto was scheduled for an appearance on the Ben Hunter show, Friday, October 28th in the 1 to 5:30 a.m. time slot.

Since the scheme required participation by the radio audience, Otto wondered if the headlines made by Air Force Secretary Quarles would ruin the experiment.

After exchanging views on the saucer subject with Otto, the show's host, Ben Hunter announced:

"MR. OTTO, AS YOU MAY KNOW AND AS MANY OF YOU LISTENING OUT THERE DO ASSUREDLY KNOW, I HAVE MANY TIMES SAID THAT IF THERE WERE ANY 'VISITORS' TRAVELLING AROUND OUT IN SPACE IN 'SAUCERS' AND COULD HEAR MY PLEA, TO COME ON IN AND TALK OVER THE TRANSMITTER TO ME AND THE LISTENING AUDIENCE. TO DATE, THOUGH, OUR FRIENDS HAVEN'T OBLIGED." 82.

In response, Otto told the listening audience that at exactly 2:00 a.m. he would read a special message to "any spacecraft monitoring the program," and at 2:15 sharp there will be a 15 second period of silence for the saucer pilots to reply. Everyone else in KFI's regional coverage was asked to hook a recorder to their radio to catch any possible transmission by spacemen.

As the second hand hit 2:00 Otto began to speak:

"OUTER SPACE INHABITANTS--THIS IS JHON OTTO, BEN HUNTER AND GORDON STURGILL IN THE STUDIOS OF KFI, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WE INVITE YOU AND THOSE IN FLYING DISKS, LISTENING TO THIS PROGRAM--AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU UNDERSTAND ENGLISH--TO STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF EARTH. WE DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU IF THIS IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF YOUR CURRENT OPERATIONAL PLANS. OUR SINCERITY, COUPLED WITH YOUR COOPERATION, WE FEEL SURE WILL OP-

EN THE DOOR TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR WE, THE PEOPLE OF EARTH.

"WE EARNESTLY DESIRE TO JOIN HANDS, NOW, TO SUCH A RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL BENEFIT MANKIND THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE PLANET. THEREFORE, AT EXACTLY 2:15 A.M. CALIFORNIA EARTH TIME, WE WILL HOLD A 15 SECOND PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR YOU TO CUT IN AND SPEAK TO US THROUGH THE KFI TRANSMITTER...GIVING LANDING INSTRUCTIONS IF POSSIBLE. NOW EARTH LISTENERS PLEASE, IF POSSIBLE, MAINTAIN COMPLETE SILENCE AND REPORT ANYTHING YOU SEE OR HEAR DURING THIS LISTENING PERIOD. CALL OR WRITE US HERE AT KFI, HOLLYWOOD--'THE BEN HUNTER SHOW'" 83.

Immediately after the 15 second period of silence the switchboard at KFI was jammed with calls from all over the western United States! An amazing number of people imagined some sort of signal!

Nothing came of the broadcast, although Otto was inclined to judge it some kind of success.

These were the innocent days of UFO history. The radio stunt was astonishingly naïve if reality is actually represented by the dark psychological drama of Whitley Strieber's Communion.

29 October. Santa Ana, California. (5:00 p.m.)

"Funny pipe."

According to the Register:

"A mysterious flying object over Orange County was reported to Orange police early yesterday evening by two Orange men, police said today.

"Reported by Tim Peterson, 25, of 533 Harwood Street, and Ted Peterson, 18, of 288 N. Olive, the object was seen about 5:00 p.m.

"It was described as 'long, a large bar or pipe shape; with a ball underneath, flying at about 5,000 feet in an easterly direction,' according to the report." 84.

Martian Colonel Blimps?

The Flying Saucer Review reported on the American Leonard Stringfield's startling "interplanetary war" editorial in the UFO bulletin Orbit, a claim which gave the English UFO magazine the perfect excuse to comment on the odd "alien attack" remarks made by General Douglas McArthur. The Review was hesitant to indorse Stringfield's view although the magazine editors did concede there had been some "curious incidents." The English UFO experts favored some amusing remarks by Desmond Leslie who lamented the Cincinnati UFO buff's conversion to the Wilkins-Keyhoe war-cry crowd. It seems inconceivable to Leslie that the saucers had done so little damage if they were truly foes of mankind. He suggested that results so far were a "very poor bag" which proved the General Staff of the Space-nation was inept beyond belief:

"Could it be that the present lull in UFO activity points to the fact that all the present crews have been sent home in disgrace and are now awaiting Court Martian? Imagine the scene at Stellar G.H.Q. when the Blimps of the Void go though their combat reports." 85.

Avro "saucer" project gets a big play in Aviation Week. (See article)

30 October. Florida flap. "Saucer tingles cop."

Sightings in Florida drew the interest of the U.S. Air Force which sent investigators to the scene. The public learned this when the military's visit was announced by the Deputy Civil Defense Director of Florida's Marion County, a Mr. Reginald Giles. According to Giles, Air Force officers questioned both a Mr. C.F. Bell and a Mr. Sam Verones. Pell's story is the most interesting since he was a policeman and also because he got the best look at the strange object. He, moreover, "felt" something. Bell was a member of the Williston, Florida, police force and was on patrol 10:15 p. m. the night of October 30th when a half-dozen glowing bodies passed over town south to north. When one of the objects occasionally lagged behind, it put on some speed to catch up with the rest. As officer Pell watched, one of the UFOs peeled away from the formation and went into a dive. Officer Pell chased after it in his patrolcar. The UFO was moving so slowly Officer Bell managed to caught up with it and see its shape and estimate its size. To his reckoning the strange body was washtub-shaped and about three feet in diameter. No detail could be seen from a distance of 150 yards (a guess of the distance) but at that range the UFO still was able to effect him, apparently projecting an invisible ray or some kind of energy that caused a stinging sensation. At least that was Officer Pell's impression. His uniform became hot and his flesh began to tingle like that feeling one gets when there is a loss of blood circulation.

Could this incident be an example of microwave radiation from UFOs as theorized by scientist Jim McCampbell? In any case, it was a unique experience for Bell who had a background in aviation, working as the chief of an aircraft crash crew for many years.

The following night Officer Bell saw a trio of similar objects (at a much greater distance.) The best sightings that night were made by others.

Sam Verones, the evening of October 31st, viewed something from his front porch at 9:30 p.m. A blinding glare lit up Verones' front yard, and when he went outside to determine the cause, he was able to see that some sort of object was directing a spot light at his resident. Whatever it was, it was screened by a big oak tree but shortly it moved away to illuminate a neighbor's house about 80 yards to the west.

Unknown to Mr. Verones there was another witness in the vicinity at the time, a black gentleman who just happened to driving by at that moment. This fellow stopped his car and fled the scene in fright.

Three other people in town came forward to claim the sighting of a strange powerful light in the night sky high in the air. One of these three was Levy County Sheriff H.A. Perkins. At least 15 phone calls were made to the Alachua County Sheriff's office. 86.

The Bruening investigation.

It seems UFO witnesses can get so fired up after seeing something which deeply puzzles them they find it impossible to sit back and do nothing.

Writing Leonard Stringfield, A Mr. J.H. Bruening of Gainesville, Florida, told of UFO activity in his area the last day of October:

USAF Confirms Avro Saucer Project

AVIATION WEEK, October 31, 1953

Washington—The U. S. Air Force last week denied that flying saucers exist, but said they soon will.

USAF Secretary Donald A. Quarles confirmed that the previously-announced development contract with Avro Aircraft Ltd., of Canada (AW Aug. 29, p. 13) "could result in a disc-shaped aircraft somewhat similar to the popular concept of a flying saucer."

The Avro project was taken over by USAF's Air Research and Development Command after the Canadian government had spent \$397,000 on the design. It was estimated by Canadians that about \$100 million would be needed to build a prototype.

Avro Aircraft's flying saucer project is based on model studies of a true disc configuration. Initial investigations established that flight control of the disc could be achieved through directional control of the jet exhaust issuing from a gap between the upper and lower disc surfaces, inward of the saucer perimeter.

This exhaust directed up, down or laterally from the perimeter by control of the exhaust gap dimensions would produce the Coanda effect—bending of the jet stream.

With one fixed gap dimension, the flow would be straight out to produce lateral (horizontal) thrust for translational flight. With the gap precisely altered to another dimensional value, the exhaust stream bends down or up for vertical thrust effect.

For vertical takeoff, the top portion of the gap would be closed and alteration of the gap opening accomplished for downward direction of exhaust flow to lift the saucer vertically.

For translational flight, the gap, altered for straight-out jet flow and closed on a perimeter portion of the saucer, applies jet thrust on the opposite side of the perimeter.

The powerplant for this saucer configuration might be a substantial refinement of an elementary engine scheme associated with an edge-on (almost vertical) takeoff plane design which AVRO had under consideration before it turned to true saucer studies.

This plane design, of which only a wooden mockup was built, was in effect a D-shaped disc resembling a delta configuration with rounded sides. It measured approximately 27 ft. in length and 21 ft. across and would have accommodated a prone pilot.

For edge-on takeoff, the plane was supported by tricycle gear with a very long nose strut to give the disc body an approximately 70-deg angle of inclination.

A maximum-size turbojet engine of "pancake" configuration was to be contained within the D-shaped body. The rotor for the engine would have been in the form of a disc with blades mounted on either side for radial compression of the periphery of the rotor discs.

The inboard end of the rotor disc was to be supported by conventional bearings, whereas the outboard section was to be supported by an "air bearing" which also acted as a cooling air film between the rotor and the combustion chambers positioned on either side of it, outboard of the compressor portion. The turbine wheel was to be located at the extreme periphery of the rotor disc.

Exhaust gases passing through the wheel would be guided rearward by turning vanes located in front of openings along the side of the D-shaped body. A substantial portion of the exhaust gas might be diverted through hollow control surfaces—eleons—at the rear for controllability as well as for additional thrust.

Secretary Quarles indicated that his announcement of the project was made to offset public concern if a disc-shaped aircraft should be spotted. He said:

"Vertical-rising aircraft capable of transition to supersonic horizontal flight will be a new phenomenon in our skies and under certain conditions could give the illusion of the so-called flying saucer. The Department of Defense will make every effort within bounds of security to keep the public informed of these developments so they can be recognized for what they are."

The Secretary said the Ryan jet vertical takeoff fighter soon will make its first flight at Edwards AFB, Calif. This is a delta wing aircraft (AW Aug. 29, p. 17). He added:

"We expect to develop airplanes that will fly faster, higher and perhaps farther than present designs, but they will still obey natural laws and if manned, they will still be manned by normal terrestrial men."

"Other than reducing runway requirements we do not expect vertical-rising aircraft to have more outstanding military characteristics than conventional types."

The Quarles announcement was geared to USAF release of its investigation of reported sightings of flying saucers. The study, under way since 1947, disposed of hundreds of reported flying saucers with the conclusion that

they usually are natural objects—balloons, aircraft or astronomical phenomena.

USAF's evaluation, the report said, indicates it is "highly improbable that reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside of the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

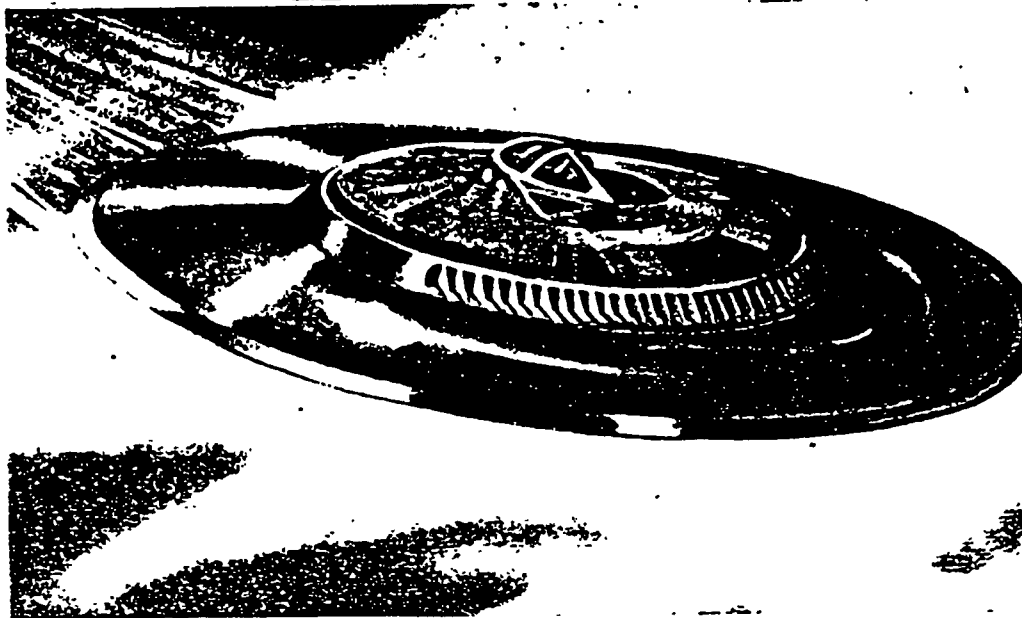
Coanda Effect

If a jet of gas is discharged adjacent to a surface, the flow tends to follow the wall contour even where the surface curves away from the original jet axis. This is particularly true of a flat, two-dimensional jet. By properly curving the surface away from the jet discharge axis, the jet can be induced to turn through angles up to 160 degrees.

One example is the flow through the slot of a slotted flap. This jet of air discharges along the upper surface of the movable flap portion, and is deflected downward, away from the flow axis of the slot. The airflow through the slot sticks to the flap and contributes to the high lift coefficient obtained.

An example with a detrimental effect is the case of bell-mounted jet engines which discharge near the fuselage skin. The exhaust tends to follow the fuselage contour, and causes flow problems at the tail.

This "sticking" tendency is known generally as the Coanda effect, although some sources credit its discovery to British aerodynamicist H. B. Squire.



DEFENSE DEPARTMENT artist's drawing of a flying saucer such as one that could evolve from the USAF's Canadian project.

AVIATION WEEK, October 31, 1955

"Several months ago there was quite a rash of sightings in this area...I decided to do a survey of the people who saw the saucers. The results were interesting both for what we discovered and for what was not...To begin, here is what we saw: My wife and I had just returned home, the time about 10 p.m.:...and turned on the radio. There was a disc jockey show on and the announcer broke in and said there were flying saucers flying over the station...and we ran into the yard to see them. With us were people from next door. We stood in the front yard and saw four ovoid objects flying north directly overhead...then turned and flew south until they were out of sight." 87.

The sighting mentioned above took place on October 31, 1955, at 10:00. The UFOs were a half dozen red-orange bodies slowly and silently crossing the sky in an inline formation. Before they flew out of sight the formation changed to a vee.

Mr. Bruening added this:

"The radio station was deluged by calls as was the police station. The official explanation was that it was a flight of B-35 bombers refueling at 32,000 feet and there were eight in formation. The facts warrant some speculation on this however. The objects were silent, thus if they were planes they would have been at a high altitude, yet in appearance they seemed very close and large compared to aircraft I have seen that were flying high enough to produce no sound." 88.

Determined to discover more about the incident, Mr. Bruening went to a great deal of trouble:

"The survey was handled like this: I mailed over a dozen questionnaires with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Also included was a personal letter explaining the survey. Results: not one returned. I then had a four inch article in the Sunday local paper explaining the survey and asking for information. Results: Two phone calls, neither person cooperative. I then had a spot announcement over each of the three local radio stations over two days. Results: none. I contacted the police, forest service, local National Guard. Result: 15 questionnaires filled out. The other questionnaires were filled out by people I contacted in person, total 26. One man was converted from non-belief as result of sightings, several said the objects were from another planet--as a rule no one changed opinion.

"There was a great deal of criticism of the people who saw the saucers. One police officer almost quit the force due to the ridicule. This social pressure I feel sure caused many people to deny that they had seen anything and caused the survey to be unsatisfactory." 89.

Here is what the the Gainesville Sun printed:

"That Air Force bugaboo--the flying saucers--appeared in Alachua County again last night.

"City police and the sheriff's office reported several telephone calls seeking an explanation on some low-flying aircraft 'that were different and made no noise.'

"Odd 'lighted objects in the sky' were reported over the southern section of Gainesville--and were seen by deputies in Williston, Ocala, High Springs, and Gainesville.

"A Florida Highway Patrolman also reported spotting the object around Baldwin. All the calls were around 10:00 o'clock.

"Air bases in Orlando and Jacksonville reported none of their aircraft were in this area." 90.

31 October. Melbourne, Australia.

"Oomigosh a saucer!"

Meanwhile, downunder, far away from Florida, the Australians were having their own mini-flap. A mysterious object passed over downtown Melbourne in full view of hundreds of people in the theater district, Collins Street and Victoria Dock. Belief that the object was a "real UFO" was made creditable when a report came in of a close-up observation by a motorist in the countryside who was startled by a craft right out of a science fiction comic book, a "flying saucer," something huge and black with rays of light coming from its underside. The thing suddenly rose from a meadow near the Geelong highway. The motorist was quoted as saying: "I was just passing the new bridge works, 16 miles from Melbourne, on my way from Geelong, when I saw it. It shot up from behind some trees in the roadside paddock site of the new Western Suburbs cemetery with a hissing whine." 91.

"Special Alert."

A "special alert" was announced by the Australian National Airlines and the Trans-Australian Airlines to maintain a "close watch" for UFOs. 92. The issuing of this alert was prompted by an encounter on October 31st.

The Air Commodore slept on.

Stringfield enjoyed writing up the Australian story for an issue of Orbit:

'Wellington to Auckland, New Zealand, October 31, 1955 --A bright 'flying light' traveling alongside a National Airways DC-3 completely ignored the recent U.S. Air Force statement blacklisting saucers. The object was seen by the pilot, co-pilot and several of the passengers. The New Zealand Herald reported the incident as follows, 'The plane was piloted by Capt. W.T. Rainbow: his co-pilot, S.G. Trounce. Rainbow described it as an 'eerie experience' and, 'definitely not a comet or meteor...we see them often on night flights.' The mysterious light was first seen well behind the aircraft. It was flying along the coast on a parallel course and gradually overtook the aircraft, flew alongside it but 15 miles distant for a short period and then disappeared ahead. In the five minutes it was in view it traveled from Waitara to the Waikato River mouth, a distance of about 72 air miles. 'It was just above a layer of cloud and we could see it traveling against the white mass,' said Rainbow. 'The night was clear and visibility ex-

cellent.' The light was fluctuating in intensity and changing from red to yellow and orange. A call to flight control in Wellington confirmed that there were no aircraft in the area, but the speed of the object, estimated at 850 mph, ruled out aircraft.

"During the investigation, it turned out that the air traffic control officer at Hobsonville was also on the N.A.C. plane, and he too, had observed the object. The officer, Mr. A.R. Tuckett, a pilot with 2,500 hours in his flying log, said the object appeared 'orange-red at first, then it turned steel blue.' It moved away quickly and disappeared in a moment. 'In all my flying I've never seen anything like it,' he said." 93.

The sleeping Commodore. The story continues:

"It turned out that Air Commodore R.J. Cohen was aboard the N.A.C. airliner--fast asleep! Concerned, the Royal New Zealand Air Force called on the Commodore as a star witness in a top-level inquiry. Said he, 'I was asleep when the pilot, Capt. Rainbow shook me awake. He told me he had seen something strange. I looked out...and told him it was a planet--and promptly went back to sleep.' The Air Commodore slept on. When he landed he checked with references and decided positively that what he saw was Venus low down on the horizon. In the meantime, however, the Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, Mr. Shand, had ordered an inquiry, while the acting-Minister of Defense, Mr. Halstead, instructed that the Air Force cooperate.

"The Herald, November 7th reported: '...the Air Force intelligence officers have spent hours probing reports and their only conclusion so far is that the object was not the planet Venus. Not only had Venus retired for the night at the time of the sighting--even taking into account the height of the plane(8,000 ft.)--but low cloud on the horizon would also have obscured her for minutes before that.'" 94.

Stringfield was able to add this to the New Zealand story:

"Harold H. Fulton of C.S.I.(Civilian Saucer Intelligence), New Zealand..(wrote a letter)following a phone interview with Capt. Rainbow that said when the Commodore was informed of the fast-moving light he took one quick look and said, 'probably a planet,' then sat down and refused to look further--even when told of the light's progress!" 95.

Two days later the New Zealand Herald revealed:

"Two men fishing on the upper reaches of the Raglan Harbor late Monday night claimed to have sighted a mysterious light hovering close to an aircraft that passed over them...Immediately, they noticed a bright white light waving from side to side around the aircraft and keeping pace with it." 96.

31 October. "End of the saucers?"

The big UFO flap evidently meant nothing to the Springfield, Ohio, newspaper The Sun. In an editorial on October 31st, "End of the Saucers," the Air Force study results, which declared that thousands of eyewitness reports can be brushed aside as unsubstantiated, was the last word on the UFO mystery. That was surely an insult to many people in Ohio.

For people like Dan Fry, George Adamski, and Truman Bethurum; the study had almost no effect since they drew strength from "civilian UFO experts" like Donald Keyhoe and his latest book, The Flying Saucer Conspiracy. Observed magazine writer Lyman Gaylord: "To the saucerites, such stamps of objectivity are manna from heaven. Lecturers and writers on flying saucers lend an air of respectability to their words with quotes from the recognized authorities." 97.

Gaylord was especially shocked to learn that James Rigberg's little saucerzine issued from the man's Flying Saucer News Store on New York's Third Avenue, which printed a lot of the contactee nonsense, had a citywide circulation of 2,000! 98.

1 November. Ocala, Florida.

The flap in Florida spilled over into the month of November:

"Dozens of flying saucers have been seen in this area for the past two nights. Closest-look was by A.H. Perkins, Levy County Deputy Sheriff, who said:

"You couldn't tell what it was --just a bright light. It was awful bright. But there wasn't any sound.

"First I thought it was stars falling, but then it went down and up, levelled off, picked up speed and slowed down. No star does that. A couple stopped where I had got out of my car to watch and they said they saw the objects all the way from Perry." 99.

"Now we can explain them?"

On November 2nd the New York Herald-Tribune showed it had more smarts than its cross town rival, the Times, by not being fooled by all the "saucer-plane" talk. It cut through all the smoke and asked how the Avro craft was suppose to explain all the UFO reports before 1955?

The nationally syndicated columnist David Lawrence (based in Washington) had an answer for the Herald-Tribune. Lawrence pushed hard for the conventional saucer-plane idea, as he did back in April 1950. (See newsclipping) Was he doing this at the urging of the Pentagon as part of a propaganda war with the Kremlin?

DAVID LAWRENCE:

'Flying Saucers' Linked With Military Craft Projects

WASHINGTON—The mystery of the flying saucers — it really never was a mystery except in an official sense — has been solved officially at last.

It turns out that some Americans had the truth all the time. They did see flying objects in the air shaped like saucers. But for official reasons, mostly related

craft were described and pictures printed of models which show a close similarity to the Air Force "convertiplanes" of 1955. The 1950 magazine article stated:

"The first U.S. model designed by Charles H. Zimmerman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, was elliptical in shape, powered by two piston engines and driven by twin pro-

to security, it was apparently decided never to admit that there were objects of such shape — planes or missiles — which could rise vertically.

The key to the misunderstanding is in one word, "conventional." From the start of the stories, the Air Force insisted that observers were engaged in a "misinterpretation of various conventional objects."

EVERYTHING that is on the drawing boards or in the test period could be called "conventional."

It is interesting to go back five years and compare what the Air Force and the Defense Department said then with what is being said officially now. There is a significant similarity and the original thesis is maintained.

Here is what the Air Force said a few days ago in an official statement: "We are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear."

"THE AIR FORCE and the other armed services have under development several vertical-rising, high-performance aircraft, and as early as last year, a propeller-driven vertical-rising aircraft was flown. The Air Force will fly the first jet-powered vertical-rising airplane in a matter of days. We have another project under contract with Avro, Ltd. of Canada, which could result in disc-shaped aircraft. . ."

The Air Force now says that its own study of the reports about "flying saucers" shows that "all the unidentified aerial objects could have been explained if more complete observational data had been available" and that aircraft, balloons and shooting stars and missiles of various kinds undoubtedly accounted for the strange things people saw or thought they saw.

An article in U.S. News & World Report, April 7, 1950, gave the first comprehensive explanation of the "flying saucers." In that issue models of "convertiplanes" and combinations of helicopters and conventional air-

peilers. It had a maximum speed between 400 and 500 miles an hour.

"More important, it could rise almost vertically and its minimum speed for landing was only about 35 miles an hour, a great advantage in military and naval aircraft. And it was far more maneuverable than conventional military planes."

This correspondent, on April 8, 1950, published extracts from a memorandum furnished him by members of the staff of U.S. News & World Report who investigated the stories of "flying saucers." It read in part as follows:

"The Air Force has received statements from hundreds of people in more than 300 cases in which flying saucers were believed to have been seen. At least a dozen of these cases involved thoroughly competent witnesses who had a clear view of the saucer aircraft."

"They are Air Force flyers who chased saucers, commercial pilots who had a good look at the circular aircraft, high ranking Army officers who saw one over Fort Knox, air technicians at Wright Field, balloon experts who tracked one near White Sands, N.M. . ."

"THE SAUCERS observed traveled several hundred miles an hour and often against the wind, eliminating the possibility of weather balloons. They maneuvered and even rose vertically, eliminating meteors. They were often seen by dozens or even hundreds of people at once so that hysteria is not a likely answer. . ."

"Evidence clearly points to a project within the United States. It is also obviously an expensive one on which millions probably have been sunk in research. That indicates a government project, one done with great secrecy."

NOW the "secret" is out. At least it is officially admitted that "jet-powered vertical-rising, high-performance" aircraft are here and will be seen in great numbers from now on.

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The FBI continued its unusual interest in the Senator Russell's Russian UFO sighting. (See FBI document) Note how the Bureau's inquiry zeroed in on the question of a "radically new type of aircraft" versus something conventional. Perhaps the best qualified witness, Colonel Hathaway, is credited with saying the: "...object did not resemble any aircraft, rocket, or missile he had ever seen." 100. Of special interest to the student of the UFO problem is that the subsequent investigation re-affirmed that something extraordinary was observed but nothing to prove the witnesses were not witnessing a pair of "scout ships from Mars."

The reader should also note the last portion of the document where it makes clear that the CIA, as the superior agency, was calling the tune and did not want the FBI to believe the Russians had a "saucer-plane" (which might put Hoover's boys back into the UFO investigative business)

November. (Exact day not known)

The "thing" paced the Thai airliner for an hour before it suddenly disappeared. Both the aircrew and passengers watched as the glowing object pulsed and moved along in an odd up and down motion. The airliner pilot radioed ahead to the Thailand Air Traffic control center to check on the possibility of other aircraft being in the area. He received a negative answer. Nothing else was supposed to be flying in that airline. 101.

Karachi, Pakistan.

Early November. A Reuters news dispatch said:

"Bluish, diminutive saucers, about six inches in diameter, were sighted one night recently over Tejgaon Airport in East Pakistan, the Karachi Morning News reported.

"Engineers of the Pakistan International Airlines and airport meteorologists said the tiny saucers were traveling at 'roughly 1,000 miles an hour' at a height of about 1,500 feet.

"Two saucers were seen for a total of 17 minutes, the newspaper said, and lit up the whole airport area.'" 102.

5 November. Cleveland, Ohio. (6:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

The pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Rev. Kenneth R. Hoffman, and his wife, spotted a big elliptical object with brightly lit square-shaped "windows" about sundown on November 5th. The UFO was seen from a moving auto as the Hoffmans were travelling to the Cleveland-Hopkins airport. The UFO was soaring in an arc, and when it reached a position above Lee Road, it halted its forward progress and stood still. The Hoffmans, curious about the object, pulled over to observe the strange phenomenon, parking on the south side of Shaker Boulevard. The pastor and his wife counted eight glowing squares which sent out so much light they nearly obscured the darker oval-shaped body of the craft. It must have been some sort of craft although an oddly designed one. It resembled two huge saucers rim-to-rim and appeared to be made of a pearly-colored aluminum.

This mysterious craft seemed to be about 500 feet above the Van Aken-Lee intersection. Using points on the ground to estimate the object's size, the

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 4, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

Re: Memo to you 10-18-55 advising that at Executive Session of Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) on 10-18-55, Mr. Dulles of CIA discussed report received from party of [redacted] traveling through Russia, that [redacted] had seen a flying saucer. The three other persons in party included Air Attache Hathaway, attached [redacted] and [redacted] American businessman. The details were not clear and it was decided the matter should be kept quiet and all members of party interviewed. Attached memo from CIA received 11-3-55 advise members of party debriefed and following is summary of their observations: Party was traveling by train from Baku to Tiflis and after dark [redacted] noticed a small greenish-yellow glowing ball rising quite rapidly in sky. He informed other members of the party and a few minutes later they observed another object. [redacted] saw only 2 lights resembling eyes. Colonel Hathaway saw a shadowy object with similar light in middle at the top and rotating light or lights similar to exhausts at the base. [redacted] had impression object could have been as small as a rocket, and Colonel Hathaway considered size comparable to U. S. jet fighter, but Hathaway stated object did not resemble any aircraft, rocket or missile he had ever seen. All agree object was rotating during its rise along its initial steep trajectory. Based on interviews so far, CIA advises only testimony which would support existence of flying saucer or radically unconventional aircraft is that of Colonel Hathaway. All other observations can probably be explained as steep-climbing aircraft or missile or exhaust of normal jet aircraft in a dive, followed by a sharp pull-up in such a way nothing could be seen until exhaust visible to observers on train, but possible aircraft was indeed of the short or almost vertical take-off variety. CIA states further discussion will probably be required to completely resolve matter but indicates that evidence does not appear sufficiently firm to warrant conclusion that Soviets have developed a radically new type aircraft.

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For your information.

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UFO was assumed to be approximately 100 feet in diameter. Mrs. Hoffman was quoted as saying:

"The windows were clearly defined as were the dark spaces between them. We estimated that each window must have been at least eight by ten feet in size with a two foot space between them. An intensely white glow or beam of light shone steadily downward from each window at about a 45 degree angle. The light rays were so bright that we could see the air dust in them." 103.

Fascinated, after about ten minutes of watching the hovering object, the Hoffmans started their car and tried to approach closer. They were about a half mile away when they started out, but the UFO immediately began to move away as the Hoffmans' car crossed Fernway Road. The UFO soundlessly and slowly shifted west and soon the tops of the trees screened it from further viewing.

The Lutheran pastor felt it unwise to make public his sighting at the time since to do so would have undesirable repercussions. 104.

6 November. New Zealand again.

"Quite uncanny."

In a clear sky it came roaring at great speed over the New Zealand countryside, from Kumara to Greymouth, before finally plunging into a bank of clouds that hung over the Southern Alps.

Witnesses swore that the thing was definitely not a jet plane, but an odd luminous cylindrical body.

Impressed by the loud roar, one resident of Kumara observed the UFO with binoculars and confirmed the cylindrical shape of the UFO.

This was the second time that day that a strange object was reported in the area. A "long" object with four glowing windows sped over the town of Avondale and then into some clouds. A taxi driver, D.W. Paul, said the UFO was silent and the "windows" very noticeable because they: "...were much bigger than any I have seen on an aircraft." 105. The sight, he told the press, was "quite uncanny."

7 November. Time and Special Report #14. (See article)

Eventually Frank Edwards and other newsmen wised up. Edwards wrote:

"One of the early features of the U.S. censorship and propaganda programs in the UFO field was the hinting that they were 'probably' some secret device with which the U.S. was experimenting. The oft-mentioned 'secret saucer' project at the AVRO plant in Canada was such a maneuver. It worked rather well for several years until it occurred to newsmen that this was probably the most widely advertised 'secret' of the century. Each year the Air Force would drag out its 'artist's conception' of this alleged secret and send it out to be published and discussed.

"It is not surprising that Russia has tried the same stunt; but what is surprising is that they waited so long and did it so badly.

"Our own mythical 1955 'secret saucer' fizzled in 1959 and upon exposure turned out to be nothing more than a huge ducted fan, of high cost and low performance." 106.

Saucer Blue Book

The Air Force has been so bedeviled by reports of flying saucers (the little-men-from-Venus kind) that it is almost afraid to talk about saucer-shaped aircraft. Last week Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles released a few well-guarded words about a vertically rising jet-craft that will soon be tested by Ryan Aeronautical Co. of San Diego. He admitted that it might be mistaken for some sort of flying saucer.

"We are now entering," said Quarles, "a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear." As an example of aircraft-to-come, he told about "another project under contract with A. V. Roe Canada, Ltd., which could result in disk-shaped aircraft somewhat similar to the popular concept of a flying saucer. An available picture, while only an artist's conception, could illustrate such an object" (see cat.).

But Quarles pointed out firmly that such airborne oddities "are direct-line descendants of conventional aircraft . . . They will still obey natural laws and if manned, they will still be manned by normal terrestrial men."

Monstrous Analysis. Quarles is well aware that flying-saucer cultists are not easily discouraged. They might still claim that saucer-shaped aircraft built on earth are proof that extraterrestrial flying saucers, manned by little men from Venus (or Mars) have been infesting the atmosphere. So Quarles released simultaneously a massive analysis of reports of unidentified aerial objects. Called Project Blue Book and bristling with charts, diagrams, data sheets and tables of figures, it is a meticulous study of 4,965 flying-saucer "sightings."



AIR SECRETARY QUARLES
Natural laws will be obeyed.

The Air Force has never believed that flying saucers are spaceships from other planets. But it was forced to take account of the public excitement created by reports of sightings in the daily press and in pop-eyed magazine articles and quickie books. It had, besides, the duty of accounting for everything seen or imagined in the U.S. air space. There was always a chance that some foreign nation had developed secret aircraft of startling performance. Even spaceships from foreign planets are not utterly impossible.

So Air Force statisticians went solemnly to work gathering every detail about all "sightings," including those that were reported from mental institutions. They recorded the date and hour at which the spaceship was allegedly seen, and figured the position of the sun. They noted meteorological conditions, the reliability of the informant, and his training. They recorded the color, brightness, speed, elevation, etc. of each "aerial object." They took account of related events, such as balloon-launchings. They noted whether the object had been seen by eye or radar. They put these details on punch cards and ran them through sorting machines to see how many sightings there were in each category.

Diminishing Unknowns. Last week Project Blue Book was ready to release its conclusions. As might be expected, nearly all the sightings could be explained in nonsensational ways. For 1953 and 1954, they divided

Balloons	16%
Aircraft	20%
Astronomical †	23%
Other †	13%
Insignificant Information	17%
Unknown	9%

As the Air Force grew more skilled and collected more definite data, the number of "unknowns" diminished. For the 131 sightings reported from Jan. 1 to May 3, 1953, they were down to 3%.

Concentrating on the "unknowns" (which might conceivably be novel aircraft from a foreign country or spaceships from Mars), the Air Force scientists tried to derive from them some "flying-saucer model." They failed. All the unknowns that had been described in fair detail proved to be different.

The Air Force's official conclusion:

"On the basis of this evaluation of the information, it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

o Meteors, planets, etc.

† Birds, light phenomena, "psychological manifestations," etc.

8 November. Lexington, N.C.

The chief observer of the Lexington GOC post, Jack Swain, released information regarding eight UFOs sighted by volunteers under his direction. The objects were round, shiny, and were "the size of an orange" (which no doubt meant at arm's length). 107.

8-9 November. At sea near the Azores.

Captain H.G. MacGregor of the steamship S.S. Matheran logged the following:

'November 8th. '55. 2130 Hrs, Pos 35 38'N 14 17'W.

Co. 266(t), Spd 13 Kts.

"Phenomena witnessed by (...deleted by military censors) and (...deleted by military censors).

"(...deleted by military censors) at the wheel:- Bright yellow light in air approx. 150 ft. high, which cast a circular pool of light, on the water. It approached vessel to within 3 cables, from a S'ly direction, and remained stationary for 30 secs. Brg 4 Pts.

"Contact attempted with Aldis lamp. Bright light directed at ship and moved away in a W'ly direction.

NO ENGINE NOISE DETECTED THROUGHOUT.

'November 9th. '55. 2115 Hrs, Pos 35 16'N 20 44'W

Co. 266(t), Spd 13 Kts.

"Again yellow light observed by Third Officer, at approx 10 degrees alt. 2Pts. for'd of star'd beam. Light remained visible and stationary for 15 minutes. In this case, light was seen by Master for 30 secs, before disappearing.

"Weather in both cases was Calm, Fine, and Clear with long moderate WNW'ly swell." 108.

The Air Force gets Ledwith's Hopkinsville notes.

The questioning of the Suttons by Andrew P. Ledwith resulted in the best record of the "little men invasion" of Kentucky back on August 21st. If the military was really interested UFOs, as men like Donald Keyhoe claimed, its obvious they would love to get their hands on the Ledwith notes, yet with Special Report #14 explaining everything as pure nonsense it would mean obtaining the paperwork by some round-a-about way, and that's what happened.

It was BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek who managed the feat and he claims that the occurrence was "purely fortuitous" although the odds of that seem astronomical. Months after the Hopkinsville furor (November?) Dr. Hynek was engaged in a large satellite tracking program which was to go line within a year or so after the planned launch of a small artificial moon. This required sensitive timing mechanisms that called for electronic tech-

nicians. One of those men employed by Hynek was Ledwith, formerly of radio station WHOP Hopkinsville. It wasn't long before Hynek's advisor job with FLUE BOOK became known to Ledwith who was talked out of affidavits and little men drawings, although he must have felt he was doing his patriotic duty. 109.

9 November. Philadelphia, Pa. (6:08 p.m.)

V-formation, A-formation.

While newspaper editors were taking the word of the Air Force in its national UFO smear campaign, there were some newsmen in Philadelphia on the 9th of November that were not so convinced "there was nothing there." Photo journalists on the staff of the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Philadelphia Bulletin were among a group of witnesses as a V-formation of round, silent, silvery-white objects flew overhead. White in sight, the V-formation shifted to an A-formation. 110.

9 November. Messini, Greece. (6:30 a.m.)

A deep humming sound startled two Greek men out hunting in the countryside near Messini. The onset of the noise was followed by a brilliant light with sun-like intensity that lit up the area. The source was a large saucer-like body stationary in the sky overhead. The disc ship had a big window edged with a grille-like structure. Terrorified, the witnesses watched the UFO as it moved to a position above some nearby hills where it hovered in the air for a ½ hour. The thing then went dark and began to display pulsating lights. Eventually it flew away. 111.

11 November. Wilbert B. Smith.

The Canadian in charge of Project MAGNET, telecommunication division, Canadian Department of Transport; Wilbert B. Smith, told the Canadian Press News Service that there was a 95% probability UFOs existed and a 60% probability UFOs came from outer space. The Canadian newspaper Toronto Daily Star remarked:

"...it is generally agreed that the average layman would conclude from the more dramatic sighting reports that flying saucers do indeed exist.

"One of the Canadian sightings, for example, took place over an airport at night. Several persons saw a disc-like object moving at low altitude over the field at about 60 miles an hour. A searchlight caught the object in its beam for a moment at which point it zipped skyward at an incredible speed. Sightings of this kind, it is believed, are by no means rare..." 112.

11 November. Miami Shores, Florida.

"The children started screaming."

The flap in Florida continued with a series of events the evening of the 11th:

"Twelve persons in Miami Shores reported seeing a flying saucer hover near Biscayne Bay on NE 94th Street last night.

"First to sight the saucer was Lucien Brown, 1065 NE 94th Street,

'It was a little after midnight and my wife and I heard this siren-like sound,' Brown said. 'It kept getting louder and finally I went outside to see what it was.

'There about 300 yards up, was this saucer, sort of oblong-shaped and with a weird green light coming out of it. It seemed to bob up and down a while and then went out over the bay.'

'Brown called his neighbor, Dr. Lynn Whelchel, 1008 NE 94th Street, to tell him about it and Whelchel thought it was a joke and went back to bed.

'About half an hour later, however, the doctor said, his wife and two children were awakened by the same noise. They rushed out of the house and there was the saucer. The children started screaming Whelchel said, and his wife started crying.

'Asked if the ship might have been an experimental one similar to those revealed by the Air Force recently, Whelchel and Brown said definitely not.

'It wasn't that shape and you could tell from the funny light it must have been something from outer space,' the doctor declared.

'Whelchel said the saucer was also seen by two other neighbors who live on NE 93rd Street. Another Miami Shores resident, Richard Darnell, 1125 NE 93rd Street, said he didn't know the Whelchels or the Browns, but he saw the thing too around the same time. He said he was reading when he heard a whistling sound, went outside and saw a 'green-like saucer.' He said about six of his neighbors also witnessed the sight.

'Edward Mitchell, a calculator machine salesman, 1123 NE 93rd Street, said he and his two children saw the saucer around 12:45 a.m. They gave a description similar to Whelchel's and Brown's.

'The Marine Corps Station said it knew of no saucers or any other type of unusual planes that might have been in that area.' 113.

14 November.

Galloway, Scotland. (7:30 p.m.)

An ex-wartime RAF veteran, Maurice Brazier, joined the English Forest Commission after WWII. In 1955 he was 32 years old and had no idea he would ever have a UFO experience.

The evening of November 14th Brazier was driving alone through the bleak Galloway hill district on a road often called the most desolate stretch of blacktop in all of Scotland. The sun had set and darkness enveloped Brazier's car.

Up ahead a low rise marked the way. Just below its crest was an area of light. "Another car is coming," thought Brazier. But as Brazier closed the distance, he could see that the light was actually coming from an elliptical body about 60 feet in diameter. The "double saucer-shaped" object, as the man described it, displayed a series of blue lights around its midsection, or rim area, that shifted position which showed the ob-

ject was revolving clockwise; but Brazier didn't have much time to think about that since the UFO was only 40 feet high and in a shallow dive heading right at him! Pulling over and quickly leaping out of his car, Brazier saw, to his great relief, that the clam-shaped craft banked at the last second, veering off and speeding away. At the same moment a "clicking" noise could be heard.

People would later scoff at the story, except for Brazier's wife who remembered her husband's fear and pale face when he arrived home after the encounter. Other than the wife, a H. McWilliam, who owned a garage in New Galloway, could have backed up Brazier to some degree since he saw a "speeding red globe" the same night. Better still, another Forestry worker, stationed at Dalnacallum, told the press he saw something that "took off" from a hill in the area, something that was "weird-looking." 114.

A Scots "saucer expert" had an odd theory about the case which he shared with the London Daily Mail. Unfortunately he seems to be another "armchair" chair" authority who didn't do field investigations. (See newsclipping)

"Ray held Scots saucer"

A HOT radar-type ray was responsible for keeping, at a steady altitude, the "flying saucer" seen by forestry worker Maurice Brazier over the South-West of Scotland last week.

This is the opinion of Edinburgh amateur "saucer" expert Mr. D. Stewart Forbes, who has reported on "this unique case" to American authority Professor M. K. Jessup, instructor of astronomy and mathematics at Michigan and Drake University.

"The ground directly underneath the path of the 'saucer' may have been scorched," says Mr. Forbes, "the ray would keep the object at a constant altitude."

Mr. Forbes, who is president of the Institute of Chiropodists, has carefully studied reports on flying saucers in his spare time. "I have not seen one myself but I am convinced that they are controlled by intelligent beings—not necessarily human." *Sunday Mail 20.11.55.*

Sunday Mail

The affair in Scotland may have triggered reports from Scarborough and Cambridge. At the latter location a group of youths said they saw a huge, round-shaped, humming object spinning in the air and giving off a white glow.

In Scarborough, Mr. H.S. Deburgh, out walking his dog, said a golden object immersed in a red-colored halo of light sped across the clear evening sky, veered, and then dwindled to a small spot of light as it raced away. 115.

20 November.

George Adamski's latest book, Inside The Space Ships, was roasted by writer Warren Hall on the third anniversary of the Californian's alledged historic contact. (See article)

An amateur astronomer insists he's met Martians, Venusians and Saturnians He says he went to outer space

By WARREN HALL

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It all started during a shower of meteors on October 9, 1946. An amateur astronomer named George Adamski, attempting to count the number of meteors falling per minute, saw a large cigar-shaped object hovering above a mountain ridge between Mount Palomar and San Diego, California. When it tilted its nose upward and streaked off, leaving a fiery trail behind, he went in and turned on the radio. A news broadcast reported that "hundreds of people" had seen the same thing.

The rest of the world went on spotting unidentified objects in the sky in many places and in great profusion but George did much more than that. Anyone who cares to believe two books he has written will discover that he not only established contact with visitors from other worlds but went riding in "scout ship" flying saucers up to a mother ship, which launches saucers like a fish giving birth to its young.

Furthermore, he has pictures which he says provide definite proof of his claims.

If it is any comfort, Adamski's believers can be assured that the callers from outer space are people just like ourselves, only considerably smarter and better looking. They come from the other planets of our solar system, which have a sort of interplanetary United Nations to direct solar affairs. We have been excluded so far because we are quite backward and have such a stupid way of wanting to fight one another all the time.

These people have been looking us over for centuries, off and on, and they are back again for a specific reason, Adamski says. Seems the Earth has been tilting on its axis rather badly and may, at any moment, do a complete flop. If so, large areas now under water will emerge, and vice versa. The other worlds are concerned about this for our sake, of course, but even more so because the shift might affect magnetic lines between the planets.

When Adamski first observed the sky visitors, he was the leader of a colony occupying a niche on the side of Mount Palomar, atop which the famous 200-inch telescope is located. Born in Poland in



During a trip to the moon, Adamski says was shown a screenless, 3-D, TV view of people, animals, birds and flowers of Venus.

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1891, he had been brought to this country by his parents when he was two and received only a brief formal education. For many years he was a migratory worker, but gradually he accumulated a following to whom he lectured on what he called the universal laws.

He had always thought that the other planets were peopled by superior beings of the earth type, so it was no particular surprise when, about 12:30 p. m. on November 20, 1952, on the California desert "10.2 miles from Desert Center toward Parker, Arizona," he "made personal contact with a man from another world."

Neither did it surprise him that the ship from outer space seemed to trail his party on a picnic trip and waited for him to leave the rest of the group before landing one of the crewmen to confer

Adamaki describes a trip by flying saucer to a mother ship where he was wined and dined by people smarter and better looking than we are. ILLUSTRATED BY ABNER DEAN



with him. This interview, which was conducted in the sign language but appeared quite productive for both parties, was described in *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, a book written by Adamaki and a collaborator. It was published simultaneously in England and the United States in 1953 by the British Book Center, has sold more than 80,000 copies in this country alone, has been translated into Dutch, Spanish and French and is soon to be translated into most of the other European languages.

Adamaki told how his new friend led him to a waiting "scout ship." It was "a beautiful small craft, shaped more like a heavy glass bell than a saucer . . . translucent and of exquisite color." Despite a warning, Adamaki got too close as it was taking off and some of the power swept over him. It numbed him only, but as luck would have it, the negatives of the pictures he had taken were fogged and all he had to substantiate his tale was a rather hazy shot of the saucer and plaster casts of his visitor's footprints.

The second book, *Inside the Space Ships*, was published a few weeks ago by Abelard-Schuman, Inc., a New York firm which expects it to do as well if not better than its predecessor. It takes up where the first one left off and goes a lot further—out to the moon, in fact.

Adamaki's space pals, grateful for all he has done to straighten out world thinking about them, come back time after time to take him on joy rides. In most of these trips he is escorted to some lonely spot where a flying saucer is waiting, and is lofted to a rendezvous with the mother ship, where Martians, Venusians and Saturnians, both male and female, are eager to wine and dine him.

Ordinarily they take him up in the mother ship some 50,000 miles or so and just float around while, through mental telepathy, they tell him about the universe and the deficiencies of his fellow terrans.



Despite a warning, Adamaki got too close to the ship—and its weird power fogged his film.

On the next to the last trip, however, he is flown around the moon so he can observe the busy cities, the wooded mountains, the lakes and rivers that we poor earthbound creatures have been unable to see.

Not only that, but he is given a sort of super-TV travelogue of Venus. "There was no screen. Before my astonished gaze, as the lights dimmed, the scenes hung suspended in the space of the room," and he was assured they were being "beamed directly from Venus to this ship."

He saw cities and closeups of people "going about their business in much the same manner as Earth folk," animals and birds and flowers "little different from ours on Earth." The life span of the people, he was told, was about 1,000 years, due to the fact that the cloudy atmosphere filtered out destructive rays.

For this book, Adamaki was able to take some more pictures but the "magnetic power" in the space ships continued to blur them badly. Maybe his friends in the flying saucers will bring him a magnetic-proof camera soon. Some of that 3-D color TV would be nice, too.

Bright Meteor Gives French Flying Saucer

PARIS (UP)—Pierre Danjon, Paris observatory director, said today the "flying saucer" which swept across French skies Thursday was actually a meteor, but what a meteor.

"It was without doubt the most magnificent aerolite I have ever seen in all my career," the observer said.

Appearance of the meteor started rumors that a flying saucer had sped across the sky.

"It was a wonderful color of emerald green and extremely bright," Danjon said.

Left: "Magnificent green aerolite."

North Jersey UFO Club.

Healthy skepticism of the military's pronouncements spawns another UFO group. A New Jersey newspaper reported:

"The North Jersey UFO Club, an organization assembling material on flying saucers, named a three-man central governing committee today.

"Members elected to the committee were William J. Wilson, Lee R. Mumick, and Edward G. Collen." 116.

The Little Listening Post.

Another organizational effort (of future significance) was the appearance on the saucer scene of a band of people based in Washington D.C. which issued a newsletter called The Little Listening Post mailed every few weeks at four issues for a dollar, a publication that covered a variety of subjects including UFOs.

UFOs and the U.S. Navy.

The Navy's interest in the UFO mystery, as far as we know, dates from April, 1952, when the then Secretary of the Navy, Dan Kimball, saw some UFOs while on a flight to Hawaii. When the Secretary received an unsatisfactory response from the Air Force when he filed a report of the incident, he ordered the establishment of a Navy UFO investigation effort.

Little is known of the Navy's UFO work, aside from its 1952 study of the Tremonton UFO film which produced different results from the Air Force's, the Navy experts backing a pro-UFO conclusion.

It's possible restrictions were placed on the Navy's role after CIA maneuvers in late 1952 since not much about the Navy's activities in the field are known to civilian UFO researchers, in any case, the history of the Navy's involvement, such as it was, has certainly been unusual. There was the 1954 "Affa of Uranus" episode and its follow-up 1959 "trance Communication," finally the incredible allegations 30 years later of Rob Lazar that the Navy actually had UFO hardware and was attempting to back engineer spacecraft.

The strange annotated book.

In keeping with the Navy's bizarre record, during the summer of 1955 an annotated copy of M.K. Jessup's book The Case For The UFO was mailed to Admiral N. Furth, Chief, Office of Naval Research, Washington D.C. The package was postmarked Seminole, Texas.

Apparently the book never reached the Admiral and it ended up in the in-basket of Major Darrell L. Ritter, U.S.M.C., Aeronautical Project Office in ONR. Of those in ONR, apparently only two men took an interest in the book. One was Captain Sidney Sherby and the other was Commander George W. Hoover, Special Projects Officer. These two officers went to the trouble and expense of reproducing 25 copies, plastic bound 8 1/2 x 11 size, editions turned out on a small press at Varo, an electronic manufacturing company in the town of Garland Texas. 117.

This publishing effort was not an official Navy project.

Scattered throughout the pages of Jessup's book were notations and underlinings by "three different persons" who used the code names "Mr. A," "Mr. B," and a "Jemi." The writings have been summarized thusly by Riley Crabb:

"The notes refer to two types of people living in space. Specifically the 'stastis neutral' and the undersea are mentioned as habitats. They seem to live in both interchangeably. The building of undersea cities is mentioned. Many different kinds of ships are used as transportation. These two peoples, races or whatever they may be called, are referred to, over and over again. They are called L-M's and S-M's. The L-M's seem to be peaceful; the S-M's are not. It seems that the annotations are inclined toward the L-M's as they speak more kindly of them than the S-M's.

'Terms such as: mothership, home-ship, Great ark, great bombardment, great return, great war, little-men, force-fields, deep freezes, un-sea building, measure markers, scout ships, magnetic and gravity fields, sheets of diamond, cosmic rays, force cutters, undersea explorers, inlay work, clear-talk, telepathing, burning 'coat,' nodes, vortice, magnetic 'net,' and many others are used quite naturally by these men. They explain how, why, and what happens to people, ships, and planes that have disappeared. They explain the origin of odd storms and clouds, objects falling from the sky, strange marks and footprints, and other things which we have not solved." 118.

The Varo copies circulated within the military and eventually civilian UFOlogists got wind of it. The director of The Little Listening Post, Mrs. Walton Colcord John, may have been the first to do so. She telephoned Gray Barker about the rumored book and assumed it had official sanction. The Varo edition surfaced publicly when Navy authorities simply gave one copy to Jessup one day. Jessup looked it over and came to the conclusion the underscoring and scribbles were utterly ridiculous. Crabb noted:

"Why had they gone to so much trouble, and evidently spent a lot of money, too, on this deal? That was what ran through Morris' mind. I suppose he never did find out." 119.

Jessup's co-operative Navy contact gave no reason for the Varo edition but there were many civilian UFO researchers that read plenty of meaning into the reproduction of the annotated volume. Eventually UFO researcher

Kevin Randle who determined the annotations were nonsense, a hoax by a fellow by the name of Carlos Allende. Mr. Allende was said to have admitted the hoax to Jim Lorenzen of the APRO organization. 120.

One wonders if the fabulous claims of the rumored "Special Report #13," the top secret "missing" report in the series, ever proves to exist, perhaps there was a reason for officers Sherby and Hoover to make the Varo edition widely available. There is some similarity to the information in the supposed Special Report #13.

20 November.

The "Coanda effect."

A letter to the editor of the New York Herald-Tribune stated:

"The recent USAF announcement that Avro Ltd., of Canada, has a contract to build what looks like a 'flying saucer' overlooked one very interesting characteristic of this aircraft, related to the 'Coanda Effect,' on which its operation is based. This was described on pp. 456-465 of the 'Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress for Applied Mechanics' (J.P. den Hartog and H. Peters, editors: John Wiley & Sons, N.Y. 1939). One significant application of the Coanda nozzle was its use as a motorcycle engine muffler or silencer.

"Not only did it silence the exhaust, but the back pressure was less than when the muffler was used.

"This indicates that the Avro saucer will probably be remarkably silent in operation. This feature is a further example of the astounding prescience of the great number of saucer observers who, since 1947, have predicted the shape and performance of the Avro craft, and have also almost invariably remarked on the amazing silence of 'saucer' in flight.

Leon Davidson
White Plains, N.Y." 121.

21 November. Jersey City, New Jersey.

"Orange rectangle."

The newly established New Jersey UFO group had a case to investigate in only a matter of days. According to the newspaper Jersey Journal:

"A new angle to flying saucers is given by Ralph Del Piano, 16, of 66 Waverly Street, Jersey City, a member of the Civil Air Patrol at Carlstadt.

"The flying saucer which Del Piano, five other members of the CAP and a Route 46 service station attendant saw, while a tire on their car was being repaired Monday night, was not round, as the classical flying saucers, but rectangular.

"The flying angle, which glowed orange, was in the southeast sky, about five miles from Journal Square, Del Piano said." 122.

MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE asks:

Can the Air Force explain these UFO's?

DECEMBER 2, 1945: 3 TBM Avengers on a routine daylight flight suddenly report position confusion, break radio communication, disappear without a trace just 200 miles from base.

JANUARY 1, 1947: Captain Thomas Mantell pursues a UFO from Godman Field, notes its description to the tower before his F-51 disintegrates in mid-air.

NOVEMBER 23, 1953: Elmson Field sends an F-59 in pursuit of a radar-tracked UFO over Sault Ste. Marie, 100 miles out over Lake Superior the radar "blips" of UFO and F-59 merge — and the F-59 vanishes.

MARCH 2, 1954: White Sands Proving Grounds admits the existence of a satellite search project attempting to track two bodies steadily orbiting the earth at 400 to 600 miles.

NOVEMBER 21, 1954: Passengers panic on a Brazilian airliner as a formation of 19 flying discs surrounded the ship at 5000 feet.

JUNE 16, 1955: Air Filter Centers from Chicago to Baltimore are swamped with sighting reports as scores of UFO's reconnoiter the area from the Mississippi to the Atlantic.



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23 November. Spirit Lake, Iowa. (5:45 p.m.)

A press account said:

"Two GOC members on duty about a mile west of Spirit Lake reported seeing a brilliant object hovering in the area for about 20 minutes. Earl Rose, a state fisheries biologist, and Gay Orr, superintendent of schools, said they noticed the object about 5:45 p.m. half a mile from their post, after they heard a 'multi-motor sound' over an amplifying pickup system. Rose said the object appeared to be at an elevation of about 750 feet, moving in an erratic southwesterly direction. They followed the 'thing' with binoculars as it moved forward, went up and down, then hovered over Center Lake about 10 minutes. Rose said the two felt certain it wasn't a balloon because its lighting changed from white to bluish-white, green and red and it was moving against the wind." 123.

25 November. La Veta, Colorado. (10:30 a.m.)

The Honorable Sam T. Taylor, Democratic Floor Leader, Colorado State Senate. "Greenish-blue phantom." (See OSI document)

Keyhoe's book published. (See advertisement)

"Fall of the Roman Empire?"

A review of Keyhoe's work by APRO's Coral Lorenzen was extravagant to put it mildly. Mrs. Lorenzen personally endorsed Keyhoe's methods and approach, disclosing she had enjoyed a very interesting and fruitful association with the UFO author. She highly praised The Flying Saucer Conspiracy which cited suppressed UFO reports and bared a theory which "proved beyond doubt" a UFO cover-up by the U.S. Air Force.

In a summation of her review Mrs. Lorenzen pulled out all the stops:

"If all the superlatives known to the artisans of literary review were to be employed in favor of The Flying Saucer Conspiracy I feel they would be insufficient for the portent of this book is beyond mere words. We may well find some day that it has had more profound effect on the lives of the people of the world than the reformation or the fall of the Roman Empire." 124.

Wilber Smith's "mental collapse."

Another comment on Keyhoe's latest book came from Canada's Wilber Smith who had not corresponded with the Major for some time. While working on project MAGNET, Smith had been quite active in UFO research, consulting with his American friend often. Keyhoe thought highly of Smith's opinion and the Canadian's official position in that northern nation's government so this letter was an unpleasant surprise. Out of the blue in December 1955 Keyhoe received this communication from his Canadian friend:

"As you are no doubt aware, I refrained from writing to you during the time that your latest book was under preparation. This black-

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25 JAN 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT sighted by
 Sen F. Taylor near La Veta, Colorado,
 25 November 1955
 SPECIAL INQUIRY

Classification cancelled, changed to _____
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 of Special Investigations, by Capt. T. L. L.
 AFISIC. (Name) (Grade)

TO: Commander
 Air Defense Command
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 Colorado

1. The Honorable Sen F. Taylor, Democratic Floor Leader, Colorado State Senate, in a letter written to the Denver Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 5 December 1955, stated that on or about 25 November 1955 he had seen an unidentified object in the vicinity of La Veta, Colorado.

2. The Denver Office, FBI, referred the matter to this office by letter, dated 9 December 1955. Two attempts were made by this office to contact TAYLOR at his home in Walsenburg, Colorado.

3. On 12 January 1956, Special Agent JAMES A. ROGERS, of this office, interviewed Senator TAYLOR at the Senate Chambers, Colorado State Capital Building. Senator TAYLOR verified the date and location where he had seen the object. He described the object as being shaped like a dirigible, slightly barrel-shaped with a large front end and tapering toward the tail. He compared the object when he observed it in the sky to three-fourths of the diameter of a fifty gallon barrel and approximately twice the length with a tapering tail. He said that the object was greenish-blue in color, appeared luminous, seemed to be of a jelly-like substance and had no distinguishable features. The object did not make any sound nor was any exhaust or trail made. He estimated that the object was approximately 15,000 feet elevation above sea level, traveled about ten miles during his observation and suddenly disappeared from view over Mt. Mastas. He estimated that the object was in his sight for approximately five seconds and he estimated the speed of the object as being about one-half the speed of a meteorite. He stated that the object suddenly appeared from view almost overhead diving at approximately a 45 degree angle, leveled off and ascended at approximately a 30 degree angle until its disappearance. He stated that the flight line of the object would have been from southwest to northeast. He estimated the altitude of the object approximately 7000 to 9000 feet. He said that the time of the sighting was approximately 1030 hours 25 November 1955, that there was an unlimited ceiling, and that there were no clouds or thunderstorms in the area. In conclusion, Senator TAYLOR stated

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that it is his belief that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] owners of the Alpine Cafe, Walsenburg, Colorado, had also observed an unidentified object on the same date and that it could possibly have been the same one that he had observed.

4. On 18 January 1956, S/A EDWARD P. HEDDICH, of this office, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Walsenburg, Colorado. The [REDACTED] stated that on or about 1 December 1955 when driving approximately twenty-nine miles south of Pueblo at 1600 hours they observed an unidentified flying object. [REDACTED] stated that his attention was called to the object by what could be called a vapor trail. He said that the object appeared to be white in color, was shaped roughly like a cigarette with a pure white color, apparently glowing at the top. He said that they observed the object for approximately twenty minutes and that its movement was too slow for a jet. He said that there were no clouds in the sky on that day and there is no normal air travel in that area. He said that the last he saw of the object was when he was approaching Walsenburg when it apparently disappeared over Mt. Baldy.

5. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 3a, AFR 235-4.

RFC
[Signature]
 L. H. CLARK
 Lt Colonel USAF
 District Commander

cc: Mr. OSI



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out was not at the request of the Canadian Government, who no longer have anything to do with the saucer research, but at the request of the saucer people themselves. Certain officials in my government are aware of my contact with these people and are willing to let me play it my way. I am convinced that this will be in the best interests of the human race. I have learned a great deal, but I am as a small child attempting to assimilate a college course. Believe me, I have been shown glimpses of a philosophy and technology almost beyond comprehension. Nor am I alone, as there are quite a few people who have gained the confidence of these beings and are being instructed. I received a copy of your book from the publisher and, after reading it, sent a short review, a copy of which will no doubt reach you in due course. I am surprised how close to the truth you and others have come without actually hitting it." 125.

For Keyhoe this letter had to be a shock. Wilber Smith, one of Canada's best scientists, seems to have succumbed to a "New Age-type" fantasy. A high profile personality in the public debate over the UFO mystery, Keyhoe was in an uphill battle just to get the subject some respectability and was constantly associating with congressmen, old academy classmates, journalists, and famous experts in many fields of endeavor. Such contacts were very important to Keyhoe's cause so any hint of entertaining Adamski-like thoughts would be the kiss of death to his efforts. In fact, it would only be a matter of time before Keyhoe would break with Coral Lorenzen over the issue of "little men" reports, with the Major maintaining such stories were too sensational to take seriously. (Glowing reviews of Keyhoe's writings would soon become a thing of the past for the APRO editor)

Only Wilber Smith himself could enlighten us as to the reason for his split with mainstream UFOlogy, therefore we can only list some possibilities:

- 1.) Smith, frustrated, trying to come to terms with the implications of his belief in UFOs, intellectually accepted some New Age teachings.
- 2.) Smith was playing it straight. He and others in the Canadian government were in contact with the saucer pilots. (Those who believe in the wild rumors making the rounds of the UFO community in the 1990s will have a field day with suggestion)
- 3.) Smith was losing his mind. Smith died of brain cancer in 1962. Whether his health affected his mind in late 1955 is not known.

The only real clue to Smith's state of mind is that the man's subsequent lectures and writings showed no unity of thought that would indicate a logical basis for his position.

1 December. Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The mysterious object that first puzzled the residents of Spirit Lake back on November 23rd returned to haunt the community. Word from CivilDefense officials was that "something" of exceeding brilliance had made slow-moving overflights of the area four times in one week. The thing was a beautiful light that changed colors in sequence: red, Green, blue, purple and finally to white. 126.

5 December. Life magazine.

The periodical Life, true to its visual tradition (in this case detrimental to the true significance of the story) mentioned the release of the Air Force's Special Report #14, ignoring the faulty statistical basis of the work. Instead it opted for a spread on the military's illustrations that were supposed to "prove UFOs being sighted varied." (See article)

5 December. Ruppelt's book.

While we are on subject of official deception, on December 5, 1955, Edward Ruppelt's book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, was cleared by the Department of Defense Security. Whether the book was truly a "breath of fresh air," which would be Coral Lorenzen's impression when she first read it, is open to debate. An Air Force PIO later said of the volume: "...it was cleared only for security purposes and in fact a disclaimer for factual accuracy was made at that time by the Department of Defense." 127.

5 December. In the air over Iowa.

An United Airlines passenger plane was flying over the state of Iowa on December 5th. According to a passenger, Mr. William L. Bucher, the manager of of Reamtown Products of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, some UFOs in formation flew alongside the aircraft for a number of minutes. 128.

6 December. Ashfield, Massachusetts. (4:15 p.m.)

Stringfield's Orbit quotes a news account that said:

"Several persons in far-flung parts of the city reported seeing a strange aircraft about 4:15 p.m. All seemed agreed on the description. At first thought an airplane on fire, it was a cigar-shaped craft with long rows of brilliant reddish lights, apparently one row on each side. A South Ashfield viewer also reported seeing a single light at each side of the 'fuselage.' Two trails of smoke followed the object. There was no noise accompanying the ship on its southward journey and its progress was extremely slow. One viewer estimated at least five minutes were required for the craft to float on a straight course before disappearing from view. 129.

The Orbit article also adds something from a reader:

"Rev. Baller adds, in his letter, 'This is the second report, in as many weeks, of strange objects not far from Greenfield. The earlier report was from the neighborhood of Bernardston and on the same night two independent sighters reported something strange in the sky from South Deerfield and from Sunderland.'

"In his letter of Dec. 12, Rev. Baller revealed more detail to the Ashfield sighting and we quote: '...I have found a person here in Greenfield who also saw this strange object. The sighter, Mrs.

THE STRANGE SHAPES SEEN IN THE SKY

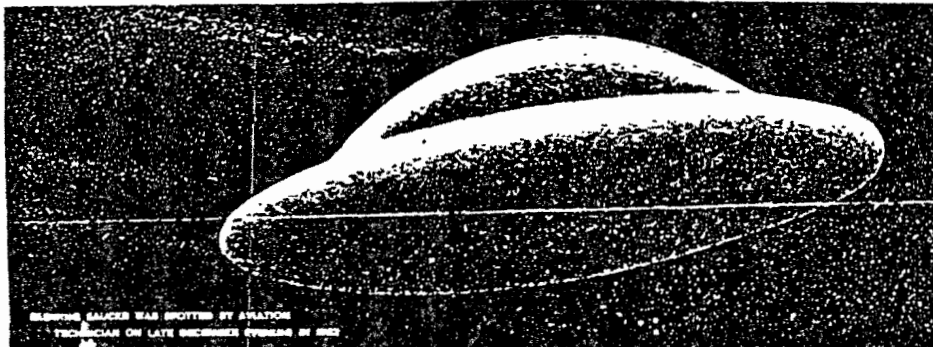
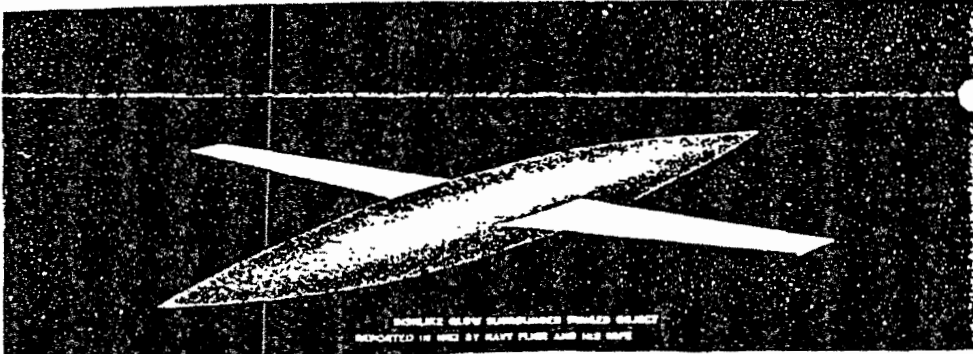
Study explains saucers, not these

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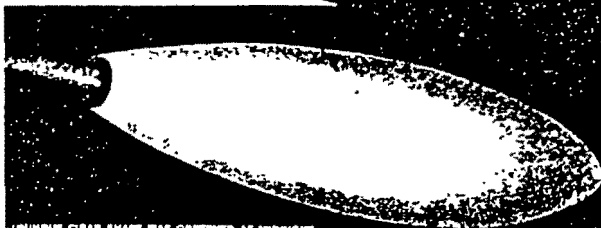
To try to solve the riddle of flying saucers which for years have been reported in all parts of the U.S., the Air Force has been tracking down more than 5,000 supposed sightings. The bizarre objects shown against the sky in these drawings represent sightings which the Air Force, after eight years of meticulous investigation, has not been able either to explain or positively discount.

The findings, revealed coincident with the Air Force announcement that the U.S. is building a vertical rising plane resembling a flying saucer, identify about 60% of the objects as weather balloons, high-flying airplanes, clouds or astronomical phenomena like meteors. Of those that were unexplained only a few were so clearly described that pictures could be drawn. Because they all differed, the Air Force concludes that it is highly unlikely that flying saucers like these do exist but admits this can never be absolutely proved.



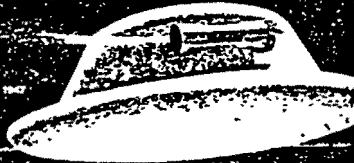
Strange Shapes CONTINUED

SAUCER WITH LIGHTER PORTHOLE WAS OBSERVED
BY TWO AIRLINE PILOTS AFTER 1950 FLIGHT



LUMINOUS CLEAR SHAPE WAS OBSERVED AT MIDNIGHT
IN JULY 1952 BY TOBACCO FARMER, HIRED HAND

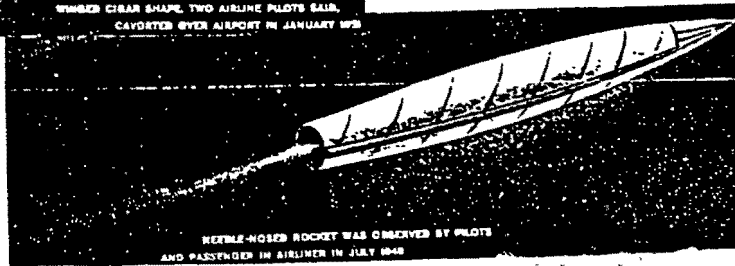
MAT-SHAPED SAUCER WITH JET ENGINES WAS SEEN
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BOMBERS CRAFT BEARING CUPLIKE PROJECTIONS
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THICKER CLEAR SHAPE, TWO AIRLINE PILOTS SAID,
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NEEDLE-NOSED ROCKET WAS OBSERVED BY PILOTS
AND PASSENGER IN AIRLINER IN JULY 1948

Lillian Steiner, told me that...she looked up at the blue sky (and saw the object) moving slowly toward the north and almost directly overhead. She said it may have been noiseless, but thought she heard a distant sound like a 'jet.' She described it as 'silver, cigar-shaped and trailing four short tails,' tails she thought could have been short jets of black exhaust. The tails served to hide the end of the object so that she wasn't sure it tapered or just ended abruptly at the point of the emergence of the tails.'

"From Shutesbury came more substantiation. In a report later filed with the Recorder-Gazette, a man and his wife, reported they saw a 'peculiar cucumber-shaped object' in the south sky, brilliantly lit. The object, they said, floated slowly just above the tree tops and finally disappeared." 130.

9 December. The CSI Keyhoe meeting.

Right after his latest book hit the bookstores, Donald Keyhoe gave a talk to a gathering of the Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York. The setting in the St. Nicholas Arena Ballroom in New York with 400 in attendance was memorable. Covering the walls were special exhibits which:

"Consisted of enlarged copies of many pages from the much publicized Air Force report on flying saucers issued October 25, 1955. This report claimed again that there is no authentic evidence that UFOs are of extra-terrestrial origin. The pages shown in the exhibits carried many annotations by the Research Division of CSI, pointing out the report's numerous discrepancies, omissions, contradictions, and misstatements of fact--defects which cast serious doubt on the reliability of the report and its findings." 131.

CSI's guest speaker was introduced by writer John Du Barry, a long time associate of the Major. Du Barry worked with Keyhoe back in 1949, at the beginning one might say, when both men produced the famous "Flying Saucers Are Real" article for True magazine.

The bulk of Keyhoe's talk consisted of UFO reports and related topics taken from his published works, however here and there in a summary transcript that has survived we can see some material that is fresh or of unusual interest. Early into the talk Keyhoe used something very recent to illustrate the effect of "official secrecy" as he perceived it:

"...November 10, in Philadelphia just a month ago. About 6 p.m. hundreds of people in midtown sighted twelve saucers flying in a sharp V over the city. These objects were caught by radar and were seen by GOC spotters at two or three points. I understand that jets were scrambled, though I cannot confirm this.

"The newspapers next day, following the present Air Force policy of trying to make a fool of anyone who sights or reports a saucer, ridiculed the sighting in the following words: 'Yesterday evening hundreds of Philadelphians were startled to see 12 flying saucers over the intersection of(...deleted). They seemed to be about the size of half dollars. Shortly they changed from a V-formation into a semicircle. But no matter how you change 'em 12 half dollars is still six dollars. The objects seemed to be making about 200 mph, according to an Air Force officer, which is about the speed at which money disappears these days.'

"This current report was released to the press at 5 p.m., just when the Pentagon newsmen were leaving, they either had to read it hastily or they had to let it go over and not make the morning papers. So they just took the press release and asked the Press Desk officer what it was all about. As a result, a lot of garbled stories came out of Washington; some of them, like 'U.S. News and World Report,' said that the Pentagon had explained all but 12 of the sightings. Actually, Table A-1 says that 689 reports are still unexplained, referring to 434 objects.

"So in order to convince the press and people that there was nothing to it, the Air Force said, 'We have taken 12 sightings that are the 'cream of the crop,' and we're going to see if we can evolve a working model of the flying saucer.

"But if you look at these 12 cases, you see that most of them are actually poor cases. There are three or four pilot reports, because of course the Air Force didn't dare use nothing but weak cases; but compare the Blakeslee (a highly regarded Air Force pilot who had held command positions) report, for example, with the first one included by the Air Force, from the two part-time tobacco farmers." 132.

During another part of his talk, the Major aired his current troubled working relationship with the Air Force which initially was one of reasonable cooperation:

"Since 1953 not one unsolved saucer report has been released to the public, except the few that they have put into this report (Special Report #14) as examples to try to convince you that there's nothing to it. Just to test this, about every three months I call Captain Robert White, who is the official Air Force spokesman on flying saucers, and I always say, 'I am asking for the last six month's reports on saucers. I would like to see either the teletypes or the written reports, or go to Wright Field.' He says, 'I'll ask.' The next day he calls back, 'The request, is denied.'

"That happened just the other day, on the afternoon of December 5. I said 'May I see any reports at all? May I see the ones that you released in 1949 -- 244 of them?' 'No, they have been recalled.' 'Well, what about the ones that you released to me in 1952 and 1953?' 'No, you can't see those.' I said, 'But I already have them. I have the clearance sheets you gave me.' 'No one can have any reports of flying saucers.'" 133.

At one point Keyhoe confessed:

"You'll find all kinds of difficulties if you try to investigate flying saucers. You'll find yourself ridiculed. At one time I wished I'd never gotten into it, and I was hoping I could get out.

"But it's such a big thing. If it's true, it's the biggest story that was ever known. To be contacted by beings from another world -- its fascinating, its incredible." 134.

Keyhoe at the National Press Club.

As part of his book promotion for The Flying Saucer Conspiracy published by Henry Holt & Company, Keyhoe made some remarks at the National Press Club in

Washington, repeating what he had told the CSI members, denying that saucers could be secret weapons of the U.S. or Russia and charging that the Pentagon was keeping a tight lid on UFO news to prevent hysteria. 135. This was Keyhoe's fourth try in book form to alert the public and the press to the UFO problem. Results were mixed.

Central UFO agency?

In a year's time Keyhoe would abandon his "lone-wolf" approach to the UFO mystery. The battle was simply too much for one man. UFO author M.K. Jessup realized the difficulties involved. Jessup was sympathetic to Keyhoe's crusade, blasting the government himself as paternalistic and bigoted while noting the Major's nearly solitary war against bureaucratic obstacles. In a fighting mood, Jessup penned: "Again we are mindful of the urgent need for unity --for a Central UFO agency!" 136.

The Mayher photographs analyzed.

9 December.

On July 28, 1952 Ralph Mayher of Miami recorded a speeding UFO on movie film. Although not as well known as other celluloid records of aerial phenomena, it nonetheless is one of the most interesting. The Mayher film comes up at this point in time because on December 9, 1955 the frames were submitted to the University of Florida Physics Department for analysis.

The results of the tests on the frames were fascinating. Although the real altitude of the UFO shown in the film was unknown (Mayher estimated 9,000 feet) there were some definite numbers to work with like the camera angle, speed of the film, and the focal length of the camera lens. Using such figures, the evaluators calculated that the UFO was about 27 feet in diameter. Examining the series of frames gave a measure of the shift of the image which in turn provided some idea of the object's velocity. The figure arrived at was an incredible 7,750 miles per hour!

Another impressive fact was that the UFO underwent an acceleration during the period it was being filmed. From the evidence available, the UFO was moving quite slow at first and then it accelerated to 7,750 miles per hour as it sped out of sight. The image on the film was not "saucer-shaped" therefore the University experts believed it couldn't be a "flying saucer." It was more of a round glowing blob. Did that make it a meteor? Besides the high speed of the object, it had another strange feature. The thing had a "spike" on it!? 137.

Unusual Air Force activities.

Secretly Air Force Intelligence summoned everything it had on various UFO film evidence, particularly concerning the 1950 Montana and the 1952 Utah movies. Fresh interrogations of persons involved in the cases were ordered. This unexpected interest in old cases puzzled the witnesses of these events considered yesterday's news. The best guess is that the Air Force was preparing to defend itself with the publication of the Keyhoe and Puppelt books, plus a soon to be released Hollywood picture produced by Rouse and Greene which was suppose to be an important documentary that was going to incorporate UFO footage.

11 December. Jacksonville, Florida.

When a glowing red flying body entered the airspace over the city of Jacksonville at 9 p.m. on December 11th, it caused quite an uproar. Hundreds of people in the area and along the ocean coast noticed the phenomenon, as did the crew of a passenger plane passing through the air over Florida. Word reached the Control Tower at JAX Naval Air Station and the controllers there happened to be directing a pair of Navy jets in practice intercepts. Since the UFO made a more interesting "enemy," the jets were vectored in the direction of the reported intruder. The UFO took off when the jets approached, vaulting to a altitude of 30,000 feet, and then, as the controllers watched on a radar screen, the UFO turned back to circle and buzz the Navy fighters. 138.

December. (No exact date) Trinidad.

Far to the southeast of Florida, across the Caribbean Sea, some men in Trinidad notified the Sagre Grande police they had witnessed the passage of a circular object while they were enroute to Port-of-Spain. The shape and glowing nature of the object reminded the men of flying stories. 139.

13 December. Walsenburg, Colorado.

A bluish-green, pear-shaped, objects trailing light zipped through the air over the Walsenburg, Colorado, region on Tuesday night, December 13th. The objects made no sound and flashed horizontally across the sky. Witnesses included four members of the faculty of the Colorado State College of Education: William Thach, Mackey Mc Alpine, George Pepper, and Dr. Lloyd Faulkner. The men were in the vicinity of the Pepper ranch in the Gardner district.

A Mr. George Alderman of Colorado Springs reported a similar phenomenon the same night.

Twice before in December similar objects were seen and reported in Colorado. 140.

Has the public lost interest?

One supposes the military's plan was to kill off interest in UFOs with its Special Report #14 which was to de-mystify the subject. On the contrary, in a letter to a San Francisco newspaper on December 13th it was said:

"Editor: In regard to the letter from Mr. Satanave (December 5) stating that newspapers no longer publish sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects because the public has lost interest in the subject.

"As librarian of a public library, I am in a position to know, more or less, what the public wish to read and what they are reading. The books on the subject of UFOs in our library are in constant circulation, the newer ones having waiting lists! Would this seem like lack of interest on the part of the reading public?" 141.

15 December. Greenfield, Massachusetts. (7:40 p.m.)

"Flying frankfurter."

One of Stringfield's better UFO investigators, a Rev. Paller, checked out an incident that was suppose to have occurred at Greenfield, at 7:40 p.m.

Rev. Paller's report appeared in a New England paper:

"Leo Bousquist, Jr., and James Graves, Jr., informed Rev. Baller that they spotted the slow-moving long craft resembling those sighted earlier in the country. Rev. Baller questioned the boys closely and obtained a description of the object which said it was shaped like a cigar or frankfurter, long and rounded on both ends. An extremely bright red light glowed on the front end. A row of white lights, perhaps seven or eight, were seen along the center side and at the rear there was a cluster of white lights. The boys said there was no sign of any wings. The craft made a noise similar to a jet plane, but travelled very slowly." 142.

21 December. Washburn, Maine. (11:00 p.m.)

"Had the feeling the UFO occupants could read her mind."

Our source states:

"When a 'flying fired egg,' a disk with cupola, descended out of the night sky to a position just above the roof of the snow-covered barn, Roberta V. Jacobs was struck by the gold appearance of the object's surface, an appearance 'indescribably beautiful.'"

"She was getting ready to retire when the farmyard lit up causing her to look out the window in time to spot the 'saucer-like' craft revolving at high speed and giving off a brilliant light."

"Strange sensations came over the woman. She felt nauseated and had the feeling the occupants inside the UFO knew she was looking out the window and were able to read her mind. Shortly thereafter the UFO streaked silently away." 143.

The woman felt that the object sped away when the thought crossed her mind to telephone for help. 144. (See drawing of object on the next page)

28 December. Doueika, Greece.

In early 1955 there were a number of UFO reports from Greece, but only late in the month of December was there any reports with detail. On the 28th a mysterious object was supposed to have flown a number of orbits over the town of Doueika. The thing was "cigar-shaped." 145.

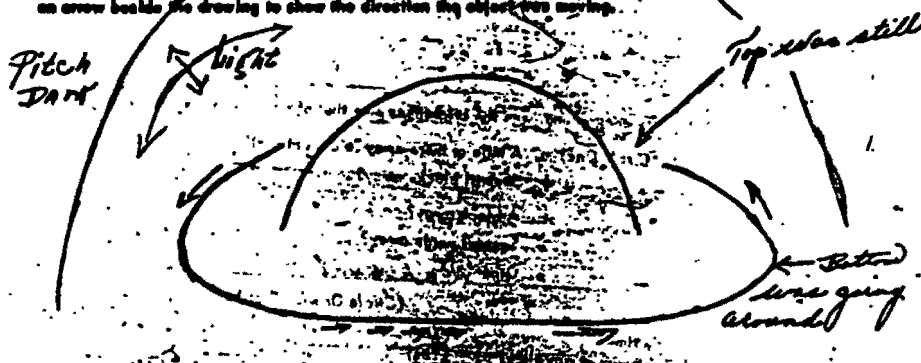
29 December. Birkdale, England.

It wasn't an airplane declared the witnesses. As it flashed over the city of Birkdale witnesses said the thing appeared to be a round, white-colored body that gave off a brilliant light. The people that saw it estimated its size as 16 feet in diameter and its altitude as 2,000 feet, but those numbers rely on no reference points, therefore they may have been a poor guess. The meteor explanation can be discarded since the object changed course when it passed over the village of Fornly. When last seen

it was racing in the direction of Ireland leaving a pale vapor trail in its wake. 146.

The number of UFO reports dropped off rapidly as the year 1955 came to a close. Was the Air Force plan working? Was the "death of the discs" imminent?

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



18. The edges of the object were:

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

a. Other sound - very faint

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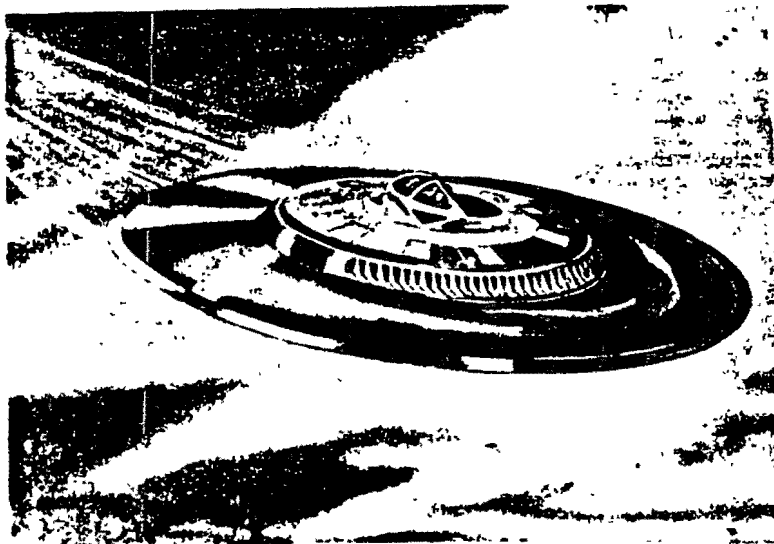
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