

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1955 September 16th - December

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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Notes on sources:

In this supplement the European, Australian, New Zealand, and Asian, items were contributed by Murray Bott of Auckland, New Zealand.

The Robert Gribble and George Fawcett collections supplied many of the American news clippings which are original and reproduce well.

The CUFOS archives provided news clippings and other material which Jan Aldrich photocopied while he was in Chicago. The APRO and NICAP data comes from microfilm which Jan Aldrich also made available (CSI New York files are part of the NICAP collection and is on the same roll of microfilm).

Autumm 1955. near Napa, California. (mid-afternoon)

Eminent Engineer views strange objects.

In a letter to APRO, a Mr. V.A. Endersby, a civil consulting engineer listed in *Leaders in American Science*, told of his experience of seeing strange flying objects in the Autumm of 1955. At the time of the sighting he was on the grounds of the Christian Brothers winery and school which is located nine miles west of the city of Napa, California.

Mr. Endersby was outdoors working on a drainage problem when he spotted two objects in the vicinity of Mont La Salle. Visibility was unlimited with no clouds or wind. The two objects were in file, moving north to south at a steady, slow (estimated 30 mph) pace. He figured the objects passed by about ½ miles away and close to the trees on the mountain top. In sight for about two minutes, the objects had the appearance of large aluminum buttons with rims. No other features were visible. Mr. Endersby wrote in his report on the incident that there:

“May have been top structures as the objects were seen at an angle from below. Air Force planes circled several thousand feet above. No report made [at the time because I] assumed that objects were Air Force experimental [craft and] nobody reports UFOs from a Napa address. Napa being of one of the best known State Asylums.” *
(xx.)

(xx.) APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

*As a kid growing up in the city of Richmond, which is in a nearby county, the name “Napa” meant “nut house.” I was a bit surprised when I got out of grade school to learn that Napa was a sizeable town and the mental hospital just a small part of it—
L.E. Gross.

“Flying cigar?” Untranslated news clipping dated: 19 September 55. (See page 2)

19 September. Ubatuba, Brazil. (10:15 p.m. GMT)

Pilots see “luminous object.”

According to our source:

“On September 19th, 1955, at 22:15 GMT, Captain Elson Van Der Linden from Cruzeiro do Sul Airliner saw what he thus reported: ‘When I was over Ubatuba coming from Sao Paulo to Rio at 2,400 meters (8,000 feet) together with my co-pilot Alberto and the steward Amaury, a luminous object seemed to be hovering about 50 kilometers (about 30 miles) to the right at an estimated altitude of 4,000 meters (12,000 feet). To the west a little parted from the object we noticed a continuous flash the same white color. The observation lasted for three minutes; when the luminosity was interrupted for three or four times, once changed to red and finally started moving East coming to my altitude. When the object passed a small cloud above it, it increased tremendously the speed and disappeared in less than a minute [Also see the date 29 October 1955 for another report by this pilot—L.E. Gross].’ (xx.)

NOS LECTEURS NOUS ECRIVENT

L'ES « CIGARES VOLANTS »

Nous avons reçu la lettre suivante :

Le 19 septembre 1955, à 9 h. 15 du matin, me trouvant à la place Mohamed Ali (Al Fähr) j'ai remarqué que les gens regardaient en l'air. Je regarde moi aussi et je vois ce qu'on appelle depuis quelque temps un «cigare volant». Le corps de cet objet rectiligne, tout blanc, lumineux, était suivi de petits nuages ou flocons également blancs clairs, sans solution de continuité avec l'objet lui-même. Celui-ci avait à l'avant une espèce d'appareil le précédant, fixé au même axe; de la même grosseur que l'appareil principal, il avait l'air d'être un appareil de propulsion: moteur ou hélices.

Le «cigare volant» était à une grande hauteur, impossible à préciser. Il se dirigeait de l'Est vers l'Ouest à une vitesse pas très grande. Au moment où je l'ai vu au début, il semblait avoir fait un virage; car les flocons blancs de la suite étaient contournés. Puis le «cigare» s'est dirigé tout droit vers l'Ouest et il a fini par disparaître. Un très grand nombre de personnes, toutes celles qui étaient sur la grande place, ont vu comme moi ce phénomène.

On prétend l'expliquer, paraît-il, en disant qu'il s'agit d'un avion à réaction. Pour moi, cette explication n'est pas valable. Tout d'abord l'appareil que j'ai vu n'a rien de la forme d'un avion: il est parfaitement rectiligne et ne porte aucune aile, quelque repliées ou effacées que des ailes puissent l'être. On a vu dans les journaux et les revues illustrées l'image d'avions à réaction; cela n'a aucun rapport avec le «cigare volant» que j'ai vu. D'ailleurs cette appellation de «cigare volant» n'est pas exacte, car elle ferait croire que l'objet est plus ou moins enflé, tandis que l'appareil en question a l'apparence d'un long cylindre de grosseur uniforme, une très petite grosseur par rapport à sa longueur. Et puis, comme je l'ai dit plus haut, ce cylindre s'en avant de lui un petit appareil, de la même grosseur fixé au même axe. Or, on n'a jamais dit qu'un avion à réaction est muni à l'avant d'un appareil de ce genre.

Quoi qu'il en soit, si vraiment il s'agit d'un avion à réaction, pourquoi le gouvernement ne publie-t-il pas un communiqué à ce sujet? Le gouvernement doit être au courant des avions qui survolent le territoire égyptien. De quel aéroport viendrait donc cet avion et vers quel aéroport se dirigerait-il? Le «cigare», qu'a photographié M. Petraki et dont l'image a été donnée dans le journal «Al Ahram» du 16 courant, se dirigeait lui aussi de l'Est vers l'Ouest. Or il n'y a pas beaucoup d'aéroports dans la région Est de l'Egypte, ni beaucoup d'aéroports à l'Ouest. On devrait donc bien savoir d'où viennent ces prétendus avions à réaction et où ils vont. Même s'ils viennent de l'étranger, sans toucher aucun aéroport égyptien, on devrait le savoir. Or on ne l'a jamais dit.

Comme on le voit, je ne prétends rien expliquer moi-même, car je ne sais rien; mais j'ai vu quelque chose et de ce que j'ai vu je donne le témoignage qu'on vient de lire.

GABRIEL BOULAD.

28.9.55

(xx.) *The Flying Saucer*. Published by the Flying Disks Research Center – C.P.D.V.-P.O.B. 8449, Sao Paulo, Brazil (In Portuguese Centro De Pesquisa dos Discos Voadores) No.2 October 1956. p.6.

22 September. Cincinnati, Ohio. (7:30 or 7:45 p.m.)

Barking dogs, an "ovate" object, and flattened areas in a cornfield.

According to a typed note:

"Saw large red revolving object come in low, steady red color, southeast of her [Mrs. Kenneth Martin] position, moved over Dr. Stahley's lodge—no one home at the time. Dogs barking. Lights in home were out. Kennel, or bunch of dogs in area, all barking furiously (sic). Flying in curve, stayed in area five minutes, moving up and down, and sideways. Ovate roundish in shape. No protrusions. She watched from her place, even got on top of car to see it when it dropped behind trees. Was pretty big, as large as a 50 cent piece at arm's length (Len doubts if this is accurate—too big.). Also second red object seen moving independently of first one. Moved up and down also. Objects moved slowly, stayed in approximately the same location, above Stahley lodge. Finally after about 45 minutes, dropped down out of sight. Before it dropped out of sight, had moved off in air at 45 degree angle, then back.

"Mrs. Martin became alarmed, called sheriff, who drove around the area. He saw nothing.

"There were four witnesses, Mrs. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. George Robertson (neighbors) and their daughter.

"Several weeks later, while harvesting corn in vicinity, someone (not specified) discovered two flattened areas in cornfield where corn had been mashed down. The corn field was in same area where objects dropped out of sight. There was no trace of burying." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed note. NICAP/CSI microfilm. Most cases from this time period are from CSI files which were incorporated into NICAP's records. Photocopy in author's files.

? October 1955. ?Near Dallas, Texas. (between ?9 and ?10:00 p.m.)

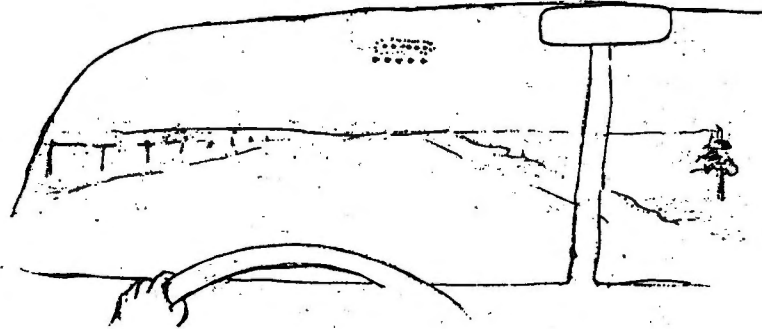
"String of lights in an ellipse."

Dr. W. Oren Swearingen was a dentist with a private pilot license and who counted astronomy as one his many hobbies, yet what he observed one evening in October 1955 has always puzzled him. He wrote in a letter that he and his wife were:

"...returning to Dallas from an outing at Tyler State Park. It was well after dark, probably between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. on an absolutely clear and moonless night. The stars were very clear and bright, we being far removed from illumination of city lights in the rural setting where the sighting occurred. Because of the

lateness of the hour and the motion of the car, my wife was asleep beside me, and we were alone. There was little or no traffic on the road, and then I became aware of some strange lights in the sky over the road ahead of us about ½ mile.

"My first impression was that it looked like a neon sign, or the type of sign in which the lights flash off and on sequentially, from one end of the display to the other, giving the illusion of motion. In this case, moving from my right to the left. In fact, I thought it was probably an aircraft or blimp with an advertisement of some sort. The lights were multi-colored, red, blue, and white. I think in that sequence.



(Drawing by Swearingen)

"As I continued to drive close to it and under it, I was able to calculate, with some precision, its size and elevation, which I judge to have been 150 feet in elevation, and 50 feet in diameter. As my approach began to bring me under it, I could see that it was more than just a straight string of lights moving in one direction. It was a string of lights in an ellipse, with those on the far side moving from left to right!



(Drawing by Swearingen)

"From below, it looked like they were revolving in a counter-clockwise direction. At about this point I woke my wife and directed her attention to it, because I realized that this was no ordinary aircraft. I began to slow the car down as we came more nearly beneath it and it was necessary to lean forward to see it through the windshield.

"When it appeared to be directly overhead I stopped the car. As I recall, there had been no published reports, as of 1955 [Many in Europe in 1954—L.E. Gross], about electro-magnetic effects associated with close approaches and we observed none.

"When I stopped the car, I turned off the ignition, but I cannot remember whether I also turned off the headlights. Being on the road, I probably left them on in case of traffic. We both got out of the car and stood by our respective doors, staring with craned necks, like country hicks in the big city for the first time!

"I cannot recall any feelings of fear or apprehension—only wonderment. Perhaps we were too naïve at the time—today we might react somewhat differently!

A dark, deserted country road, no other traffic in sight, empty, rolling fields on both sides, no houses visible and very few trees, no moon, no wind, and millions of sparkling bright stars overhead, except where they were blotted out by the blackness of the immense dark body of the object hanging motionless overhead without a sound. Its shape and its apparent size was as if holding a dinner plate overhead at arm's length. The only indication of its presence being the rotational effect of the two dozen or so, evenly spaced vari-colored lights on its periphery. It remained there for fully five minutes, as if oblivious of us, or unconcerned. We felt no pressure, no exhaust blast, no heat, nothing to indicate by what means it sustained itself completely motionless in the air.

"And then, still in total silence, it began to move off to our right (north), at right angles to the road and about 20 mph. After about eight or nine minutes it passed from our view over the horizon composed of the gently rolling terrain, and always maintained the same elevation." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Center For UFO Studies. From: W. Oren Swearingen, Jr., D.D.S. Medical—Dental Park, 1316 Yarbrough Drive, Suite B, El Paso, Texas. Date: 7 December 77. CUFOs files. Photocopy in author's files.

1 October. Melbourne, Australia. (Between 10:30-11:10 p.m.)

Saucer causes big scare. (See clippings on page 6)

2 October. Uhrichsville, Ohio. (about 1:00 p.m.)

Flying saucers and "silver cobwebs."

According to a newspaper account:

"Flying saucers!

"That's what two local women say they spotted above rural Uhrichsville last Sunday.

"Mrs. Albert Fanty of 314 Packer St., Uhrichsville, said yesterday that she and her mother, Mrs. Della Burroway of RD 2, Uhrichsville observed the fast-flying objects on two different occasions from the vantage point of the latter's home.

"According to Mrs. Fanty, the day's happenings began early in the morning when her mother spotted seven of the disc-shaped aircraft bunched at a high altitude.

"Mrs. Burroway later described the phenomenon to her daughter who had arrived for a visit at about 1:00 p.m. As the two women and Mrs. Fanty's 8-year-old son, Kenneth, searched the sky 'three or four' of the flying saucers reappeared and then vanished several seconds later.

"The 'saucers' were described as seeming to have a silver coating as they whirled through the air. Mrs. Fanty said they followed each other in an irregular line and traveled at a high rate of speed—'as if they had been shot from something.' They were visible for only a few seconds, she added.

"Almost immediately after the 'saucers' disappeared, the air became filled with 'fine silken-like silver cobwebs,' Mrs. Fanty said.

From

"ARGUS."

Big Sky Saucer. **"SAUCER" CAUSES BIG SCARE IN CITY**

HUNDREDS of people reported seeing a "flying saucer" over Melbourne late last night.

Home-going theatre crowds stopped and gaped as the "saucer" drifted slowly down and across busy Collins st., towards Victoria Dock.

Switchboards of The Argus office, the police, airlines, and the Weather Bureau were jammed as inquiries came in about "a huge object" in the sky.

Later a startled motorist told of a "huge black saucer, 30ft. across, with lights from underneath." It rose up from a paddock on the Geelong rd., and soared over some trees towards Laverton.

"I was just passing new bridge works, 16 miles from Melbourne, on my way from Geelong, when I saw it," he said.

He said that the weird, low-flying object was almost an exact replica of overseas "saucer" pictures.

Late last night T.A.A. and A.N.A. issued a special alert to all inbound and outbound planes to keep a close watch for the "saucer" in a bid to track it down.

Many observers said the saucer was surmounted by a cabin with lighted portholes, and had four "landing knobs" underneath.

Experts puzzled

Harassed Weather Bureau, Civil Aviation, and R.A.A.F. officers could give no explanation for the "saucer."

A bureau expert said: "I have no idea what it could have been. None of our balloons are up."

"Without seeing it, I would have associated it with the electrical storm earlier tonight, but the storm came from the north-west towards the south-east — the opposite direction — and cleared so rapidly that I don't think it could have been the cause of a mass delusion."

"You never know, we may have a report of men from Mars in the morning."

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"ARGUS"

Melbourne, Vic.

"NEWS"

Perth, W.A.

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Victorians Are Seeing Things

MELBOURNE, Sat: "Flying saucers" are back in Melbourne.

Many people last night reported having seen mysterious objects over many suburbs between 10.30 and 11.10.

Reports described them as conical and slow-moving.

Mr. K. J. Adney, of Middle Brighton, an official of the Flying Saucer Research Society, said today that he viewed the number of reports as one of the most tangible sightings Victoria had had.

A cone-shaped object was sighted travelling slowly above Mt. Dandenong at 10.30 p.m. by Mr. J. Napper, of Kalorama.

Mr. I. Crawford, of Kew, said that at 10.40 p.m. an object flying from the east passed over his head. Four bulges protruded from the object and there was a greenish-white light in a cabin on the top.

Mr. J. Nairn, of Heyington, said that as he walked from his garage at 10.45 p.m. he saw a dark shape hovering in the sky four miles away, towards Kew.

Mr. R. N. Sutherland, of Box Hill, said: "At 11.10 p.m. I was in the city when I saw a round object coming towards me."

A Weather Bureau official said today that it was a typical night for illusions in the sky.

"A spokesman at the Aerial Phenomenon section at the United States Air Force base at Wright field, Dayton, said he was unauthorized to comment on specific situations. However, he did concede that reports of the 'silver cobwebs' had been received from elsewhere along with reports of 'flying saucers.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Uhrichsville, Ohio. *Chronicle*. 6 October 55.

4 October. Keyhoe suggests Court Martial. (See clipping below)

7 October. Lancaster, Kentucky. (6:30 a.m.)

"The most fascinating sight I have ever seen." (See clippings below)

8 October. "Interplanetary war?" (See clipping)

18 Flying Saucers Sighted By Deputy Sheriff In Garrard

LANCASTER, Ky., Oct. 7 (Special)—Approximately 18 "flying saucers" were reported spotted in the Scott's Fork section of Garrard County at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Oakie Montgomery, who lives in that section of the county, said his wife was the first to see the formation and called his attention to it. He said the saucers first appeared about 6:30 a.m. and were visible until around 7:15 a.m. At times the formations seemed to be oval in shape and about six feet in diameter and at other times they were a perfect circle about two feet in diameter, he said.

When flying, which they did at a tremendous rate of speed, the oval shaped saucers were "snow white" without smoke or sound, he said. He added that the round shaped saucers took on a look of a "huge ball of fire."

Deputy Montgomery said he watched the "most fascinating sight I have ever seen" until they went out of sight. He said at one time a large star—perfect in shape—was formed by the saucers, while at another time they stood absolutely still, in an up and down row—one on top of the other. At that time he counted 18 of the saucers, he said.

According to Deputy Montgomery, the sight was "definitely not airplanes, not balloons, nor was it a sky reflection." He said they disappeared in the direction of Nicholasville, north of Garrard County.

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MacArthur Predicts

Interplanetary War

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—Mayor Achille Lauro of Naples, Italy, came away from a 45-minute chat with Gen. Douglas MacArthur quoting a prediction that future wars will be interplanetary rather than between nations on earth.

Lauro said the general "thinks that another war would be double suicide and that there is enough sense on both sides of the Iron Curtain to avoid it."

However, Lauro added, MacArthur foresees trouble from outer space. "He believes that because of the development of science all the countries on earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other planets," the Italian mayor reported.

'Flying Saucer' Formation Seen Over Lancaster

LANCASTER, Ky., Oct. 8 (AP)—For reasons not yet explained, all kinds of unidentified objects in the sky seem to crop up over Kentucky.

For instance, about a month ago, a farmer at Hopkinsville, Ky., claimed an alien spaceship landed on his farm and let out a crew of little green men.

Then, Friday, another report of mysterious objects came from Lancaster.

Deputy Sheriff Oakie Montgomery and his wife reported spotting a flying formation of 18 unidentified objects.

The sheriff said the objects were visible for more than an hour. He described them as oval shaped, with a diameter of about six feet, and said they definitely were not balloons, airplanes or reflections in the sky.

The sheriff described some of the objects as round like a "huge ball of fire."

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'Saucer' Court Martial Asked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (UP)—Donald E. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major, yesterday asked defense officials to court-martial him if his statements regarding motion pictures taken of "flying saucers" are untrue.

Keyhoe has been carrying on a running feud with the Air Force over the value of the films, taken in Utah by a Navy warrant officer.

The Air Force has returned the films to the warrant officer as "of no value." Keyhoe insists intelligence officers reported they showed

a "saucer" formation that "could not be explained as any known aircraft or other conventional objects," such as balloons.

In a telegram to Maj Gen Sory Smith, director of Air Force public information, Keyhoe said "your office publicly implied that I misrepresented the Air Force analysis of the Utah flying saucer pictures in my (forthcoming) book 'Flying Saucers From Outer Space.' If this is true, then as a retired Marine Corps officer I should be subjected to disciplinary action."

9 October. Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio. (night)

A typed note in CUFOs files (author's name not given) states the following information was taken from Leonard Stringfield's UFO publication (*Orbit* dated 12/55):

"Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio, October 9, 1955.

"Same night (as Lancaster, Pa., account, Oct. 9), a soundless red object crossed from Northern Kentucky into Western Cincinnati, making a sudden right angle turn. Following day, strands and sheets of the mysterious angel hair were found strewn over the flight area of the UFO. The fiery object seen by (Henry) Howell (Lancaster, Pa.) may have been the same object, for it is significant that Howell saw it coming from the west.

"Added details by Stringfield in letter 12/17/55:

"Re; Angel hair, the case referred to in Dec. *Orbit* (Case 112) was not in newspapers. It was seen to fall all over the western strip of Cincy. In one case, it came from down in huge sheets, causing one lady to raise hell because it fell over her freshly hung wash-day clothes. As far as Mt. Healthy (NW Cincy) it draped over parked cars, fences, trees, etc. Biggest dose, however, occurred over Ludlow and Bromley, Kentucky. A pilot friend of mine, managed to get a specimen and gave it to me. I now have it in air-tight test tube. Hope to have it analyzed soon in private lab. Will let you know as this may prove important. I also told AF Filter Center about it. They were concerned and asked me what I intended to do with it. I told them my plans. And the C.O. told me he'd be interested in results. SURE HE WOULD AND WHY NOT? [Stringfield's emphasis]." (xx.)

(xx.) "1955 Oct. 9 Ohio, Ky." CUFOs archives. Photocopy in author's files.

12 October. North East, Pennsylvania. (9:30 p.m.)

Blue lights or misty pulsating waves. (See clipping on page 9)

12 October. The situation in Cincinnati at this time as described by Leonard Stringfield in a letter to Harold (Fulton?):

"I'm literally swamped again with mail and phone calls since Sept *Orbit*. The green men stories caused quite a stir and in many sections of conservative Cincinnati, the people were scared stiff and some were up in arms. After a brief lull, UFOs became active again. Past three nites the city's perimeter areas were visited by low-flying UFOs, and in one case a bright white object sallied low in one of our many vallies [sic], almost hugging the ground. Making no sound, it startled one person and he almost left the road upon which he was driving. On Oct. 8, UFOs were over again, after 18 objects were sighted by sheriff, etc., in Frankfort, Kentucky, about 100 miles south. Amid the excitement, down came carloads of angel hair, it streamed all over western Cincinnati. It draped over rooftops, fences, trees and all over one lady's laundry outdoors to dry. A pilot friend of mine managed to secure a specimen of the 'stuff' and brought into my office today. It looks like the real McCoy so often seen in photographs. It's tough, strand-like and fibrous, but in the hand it curls and melts or evapor-

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NORTH EAST, ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1955

Today's Issue — 26 Pages

Was Flying Saucer Spotted Over North East?

STRANGE OBJECT IS VIEWED BY HUNDREDS IN SKY LAST NIGHT

A strange object in the sky circling over North East for a period of more than an hour startled scores of citizens last evening.

The object described as a misty blue could be seen distinctly to the south west of North East. First call reached the Breeze office at about 9:30 and came from Carl Rizzo at Mill and Lincoln.

The Breeze immediately called Father Robert Boelcke at St. Mary's College who attempted to focus the powerful college telescope on the object. He said that in all of his experience in studying the skies this was the most unusual phenomenon that he had ever observed.

The object was plainly visible to the naked eye. Robert Thurbon, of North East High School faculty and the editor of the Breeze, Forest Hopkins and Mrs. Hopkins,

clearly viewed the "flying saucer" as did Sam Concilia, Carl Rizzo and many others.

At St. Mary's College the object was seen by Father Andrew Skebeck, Father Robert Boelcke, Robert Thurbon and John C. McAlinsh of Detroit. It was nearly impossible to get the huge lens focused clearly on the misty substance because of its speed. However, the observers including Father Boelcke clearly observed a de-

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Flying Saucer

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finite impression.

This was described as a solid center, with blue lights or misty waves pulsating from the central portion. It moved in a circular manner and maintained approximately the same orbit. However, at one time the object appeared to "give an evasive maneuver and was temporarily lost from sight."

An airplane passed nearby and for a few minutes the object could not be seen. However, it returned later and continued the circling maneuver.

The discovery of the strange phenomenon in the sky brings to mind the many "flying saucers" that have been reported throughout the nation.

Last year a so-called "flying saucer" appeared hovering over the lake and was reported by reputable citizens. Tonight's "saucer" did not have the "fire" that was reported previously.

Robert Thurbon, who viewed the object when it was first reported and also at the observatory, feels that "saucers" are a reality and his first experience in viewing the phenomenon tonight bears out this belief.

For a time it was felt that the object might be a spotlight from a circus playing in Erie. This was ruled out, however, when no lead was found to the object.

ates. I have some on the end of a broom straw and examined it under a powerful microscope in lab today. It appears as nothing I've seen before. I hope to take it to a physics lab soon for spectroscopic study. I phoned the Air Force of occurrence and they said they would be interested in results—as if they didn't know already. They did ask, however, if I intended to mention my find in my paper [*Orbit?*].

“Being that affairs here in Cincinnati have been ultra-active, I've hardly had a chance to get away from the telephone in evenings—thus I'm way late in my correspondence. Clippings in US are practically nil—indicating that the papers are carrying nothing on saucers—unless its nonsense. Green men stories stopped like a brake in the rain. [After some remarks about another UFOlogist's recent book and Harold's “saucerzine,” Stringfield returns to making comments about the Cincinnati scene]

“As I write this letter, things are still happening over Cincinnati. Phone calls never stop. Learned of huge, 100 foot diameter saucer hovering over house in Rushville, Indiana, making high shrill penetrating sound. Owner of house got shotgun out and fired on object—nothing happened. Later it moved away. Learned of another case today occurring in Kentucky (?) where object as ‘large as a barn’ hovered over house, scaring everybody. Tonite, just 10 minutes ago, I learned of another tremendous object moving slowly over house, emanating three different colors. The Air Force is concerned. I talked with them today by phone.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: “Harold.” (May be Harold Fulton of New Zealand.) From: “Len” Leonard? Stringfield? Date of letter: 12 October 55. Archive not known. Probably Murray Bott's collection. Photocopy in author's files.

13 October. Eau Galle, Florida. Saucers exist? (See clipping)

13 October. Phuket, Thailand. (about 9:00 a.m.)

Mystery torpedo?

For what's it worth, here is J.N. Crockett's contribution for October 13th:

“Our reporter sent in information that on the 13th of October at about 9 a.m. a strange object similar to a torpedo in shape, flew at a very great height over Phuket. It flew at a great speed from the North-west to the South-east. People in many villages saw it fly over.

“Though the strange object flew from horizon to horizon the long trail of smoke, which it left behind, did not disappear but remained as though stationary. It showed that the object's speed was very high. Those who saw it were of the opinion that it was similar to a rocket in shape.” (xx.)

(xx.) (Bangkok, Thailand?) *Pim Thai*. 20 October 55. Also: *Asian Saucer Report*. Ed.: J.N. Crockett. Published by Asian Flying Saucer Research. October, 1955. Vol. I, No.3. pp.5-6.

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Flying Saucers Seen Existing By Scientist

EAU GALLIE — A Patrick Air Force Base scientist said last night he believes flying saucers “actually exist” but the air force won't admit it for fear of inciting another Orson Welles-type panic.

F. Courtney Stone, a Pan American Airways scientist at Patrick AFB, told the Indian River Astronomical Society the air force has information on flying saucers but is “loath to say what it has for fear of creating a worse panic than Welles’.”

Although he admits he's never seen one, Stone believes they exist after numerous conversations with airline pilots who claim to have seen them.

Crockett, in the same issue of *Asian Saucer Report*, complained of insufficient UFO news from Far East sources:

"Some months back A.F.S.R. (Asian Flying Saucer Research) prepared and sent out over fifty letters to leading newspapers, magazines, and shipping and air lines seeking their co-operation in reporting any UFO incidents and experiences which they meet with. Two replies were received, and a rumor that one newspaper published the letter. These letters were sent to all countries in the East from Pakistan to Japan, and behind the 'Bamboo Curtain.'

"We hope that, in spite of the silence, they will not forget A.F.S.R. when UFO incidents do occur in their countries." (xx.)

(xx.) *Asian Saucer Report*. October 1955. Vol. I, No.3. p.4.

Australian Air Force and UFOs.

Dealing with the problem—the question of co-operating with civilian groups—following the American lead—should they believe Keyhoe or the Pentagon? (See pages 12-19) (Documents from the files of Murray Bott, Auckland, New Zealand)

19 October. Wrexham, England. (about 5:15 p.m.)

Flying cigar.

According to our source:

"Going home from work at about 5:15 on Wednesday evening an 18-year-old shop assistant, Miss Gaynor Jones, Cae Coch, Top of Cefn, Cefn Mawr, saw what she describes as a 'cigar-shaped' object travelling in the sky at a fast speed from a north easterly direction.

"The object had a silvery glow and it was this which attracted her attention, although it was light but sunless at the time. It was travelling at a high altitude, faster than any jet plane Miss Jones had ever seen and it turned sharply almost at right angles and disappeared towards the north west.

"Miss Jones was accompanied at the time by Bryn Parry, a schoolboy also of Cae Coch and he too, saw the unusual object. He confirms Miss Jones' description, but adds that there was a trail of black smoke behind the object." (xx.)

(xx.) Wrexham, England. *Wrexham Leader*. 21 October 55.
(Murray Bott files)

20 October. Norfolk, Virginia. (4:00 p.m.)

"Straight up at high speed just like a bullet." (See clipping)

**Two Men Report
'Flying Saucer'**

Flying saucer time again.

The latest appearance of the speedy disk in this area was reported by James Rice, dispatcher for the National Maritime Union, and James Saunders, an NMU seaman.

Rice said he and Saunders were standing in front of the NMU hall of York Street shortly before 4 p.m. Thursday when he spotted the saucer at a height of about 30,000 feet "half way to Deep Creek."

"It was round and it shone and was metallic looking," Rice said. "It came to a complete standstill, then swooped, disappeared, came back and disappeared again."

Rice said he and Saunders saw the saucer for about two minutes and that when it moved it flew at terrific speed. When he lost sight of it, Rice said, it was going straight up at high speed "just like a bullet."

"It's the first one I've ever seen," the NMU dispatcher said.

NORFOLK, VA., LEDGER-DISPATCH
Circ. D. 57,536

OCT 21 1955

From:- Squadron Leader A. H. Birch, A.F.C.

(8A)

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

29th March 1955

Dear Mr Turner

Thank you very much for your interesting and informative report on unidentified Flying Objects. Terry and I are most appreciative of your efforts to assist us in this field.

2. My Director has decided to send copies of your report to both Washington and London, together with some of the more probable of the sighting reports, in an endeavour to learn their official views. If red tape will permit, we will advise you of the results.

3. In compliance with your request to Terry, I am attaching a copy of your report.

4. I do hope you are enjoying your work in England.

Kind regards
Peter Birch

Mr. H. Turner, M.Sc.
Australian Scientific Liaison Office
Africa House
Kingsway
LONDON, W.C.2.

From:- Wing Commander A. H. Birch, A.F.C.

114/1/197

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

2A.

10th August 1955

Dear Mr Stone

Thank you for your letter of the 30th July.

2. I have seen the recent article in "People" on flying saucer investigation. As you will understand from reading it, no direct statement was made by me to the Magazine; the article sets out Mr. Jarrold's recollection of some aspects of interest to him that came up in conversation.

3. We discussed only those matters already covered in my last letter to you, and the same facilities would have been extended to you had we met when you were in Melbourne. The interview was in line with R.A.A.F. interest in matters relating to unidentified flying objects, and you may be assured that information given by individuals and organizations to us is carefully treated on an equal basis.

4. On the other hand, information given by the R.A.A.F. is naturally limited, and no access is given to our files. In the same way, Mr. Jarrold did not repeat evaluated comment but rather an incident of conversation, which would not have been the text of a formal statement issued by us. This may settle some of your queries.

5. We hold some prints from a film taken in Port Moresby and will be happy to supply you with copies of five of them which you may or may not find interesting. The cost of the prints is 4/9d each, and you would have to arrange to remit £1. 3. 9. to the Collector of Public Moneys before they could be sent to you. The reference number on this letter should be quoted.

Yours sincerely,
A.H. Birch

Mr. Fred Stone
22 Northcote Street
Kilburn
South Australia

From:- Wing Commander F. W. Dawson

6A

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road
Melbourne
Victoria

21st September 1955

We are being somewhat embarrassed by an Australian Society which is plugging the existence of "flying saucers", and it may become necessary for us to prepare a report of some sort as a basis for an official pronouncement on this matter.

2. Some time ago we instigated a semi-official inquiry into several score of reports on saucer sightings held within the department. A Professor from the Melbourne University carried out this inquiry and attached is an extract from his report.

3. I would be grateful if you could ascertain for us whether any official credence is placed upon Keyhoe's reports. Also whether U.S.A.F. have themselves any reports on this subject which they are prepared to release to us.

Wing Commander W. K. Bolitho, D.F.C.
Room 1434
Temporary "U" Building
12th & Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington 8, D.C. U.S.A.

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19 Oct 55

BY AIR BAG

Director of Air Force Intelligence
Headquarters, RAAF
MELBOURNE S.C. 1 Australia

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FLYING SAUCERS

I refer to Wing Commander Dawsons' DC 1A/1955 of 21 Sep on the above subject.

I have discussed with the USAF the status of Major Keyhoe. I understand that his book is written in such a way as to convey the impression that his statements are based on official documents, and there is some suggestion that he has made improper use of information to which he had access while he was serving with the Marine Corps. He has, however, no official status whatsoever and a dim view is taken officially of both him and his works.

Keyhoe and other writers on this subject have caused the USAF a considerable amount of embarrassment, and I understand that it was largely for the purpose of refuting their arguments and conclusions that the Air Force undertook Project Blue Book, a copy of which you will have received by now. I believe that this publication explains something like 98 percent of the cases reported. The Air Force issued it, not only to counter earlier statements on the subject, but also in the hopes that it would cut the ground from under a new book by Keyhoe which is soon to be published. However, subsequent to its issue the new Secretary of the Air Force refused to agree to its release to the public. This was the subject of my signal DJ650 of 17 Oct 55.

As stated in this signal, I have discussed with the USAF the extent to which the publication can be used by you in replying to the experts who are worrying you. They are quite happy to have you use it as a basis for a statement on the subject, provided you do not directly quote its contents or refer directly to it or its source.

As the Blue Book has been sent to you, I have not made any request for individual reports held by the USAF. However, if you still require them, I shall be pleased to do so. New reports of unidentified flying objects are made available to me on the reading panel, and if you wish to have copies of them, please let me know. I have not bothered to take them in the past as I felt that they would be of no use to you.

W. P. Dawsons
Wing Commander

RAAF Intelligence Representative

Since writing the above I have received the attached Summary which may be of interest to you.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY PROJECT BLUE BOOK
(SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14)

"The attached Special Report No. 14 (Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects) is forwarded as a matter for official use only. AF Regulation 200-2, "Unidentified Flying Object Reporting" dated 12 August 1954, specifies that any release to the public concerning this subject will be made by Hq USAF"

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
(AFR 190-16)

From:- Wing Commander P. W. Dawson (R.A.F.)

114/1/201

Directorate of Air Force Intelligence
Department of Air
Victoria Barracks
St. Kilda Road.
Melbourne
Victoria

25th October 1955

Thank you for your letter dated 10th October. I was the officer who you saw and would be glad if further communications were addressed to me.

2. I am arranging for the R.A.A.F. authorities in your area to nominate someone with whom you can get in contact as necessary. I will inform you of the particulars shortly.

3. We have received no information on untoward occurrences in the Mildura area; guided missiles would not be in this area.

4. We have seen no reports, other than those contained in the Press, of the purported incident in Melbourne on 30th September and would have nothing to add to the information already in the possession of your Society as reported in the "Sun" on 1st October 1955.

5. As I mentioned during our discussion, we are prepared to examine any reports which you, or your district representatives, care to make available to us.

6. Thank you for the copy of your magazine.

Mr. F. Stone
22 Northcote Street
Kilburn
South Australia

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MELBOURNE, S.C.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FLYING SAUCERS

Australian Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Tues.
The United States Air Force wound up an eight-year study of flying saucers today by concluding that they did not exist.
But it warned that radical new planes now being built could give the "illusion" of being saucers.
The Secretary of Air, Mr. Donald Quarles, said an investigation of almost 5000 "saucer" sightings produced no evidence of the existence of the popularly termed flying saucers. He made public a 316-page book summarizing the inquiry.
He said new planes would rise vertically and would zoom away in level, supersonic flight, possibly giving the illusion of the so-called flying saucer.
Mr. Quarles disclosed that the U.S. Air Force had contracted with Avro Limited, of Canada, to produce what had been popularly described as a flying saucer.
The Air Force conceded the Avro vehicle could result in disc-shaped aircraft somewhat similar to the public concept of a flying saucer.
The study showed that the Air Force was now able to identify as balloons, aircraft, astronomical bodies or other objects all but three per cent. of the so-called flying saucers.
Those three per cent. still were listed as "unknown."

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ENCLOSURE 11A

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8 NOV 1955

Mr. H.J. Brown,
Controller,
Weapons Research Establishment,
SALISBURY. S.A.

INVESTIGATIONS OF REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECTS

The President of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" visited this Department recently and requested, inter alia, that his Society be given the name of some person at Woomera, or in the Salisbury or Adelaide area, with whom they could discuss their investigations.

2. The Society is apparently very concerned that none of their investigations into reported sightings of unidentified flying objects should clash with the security of official projects emanating from the Weapons Research Establishment.

3. Since this matter is primarily the concern of your Department, I would be grateful if you would arrange to contact Mr. Stone and make whatever arrangements you may consider desirable to cover his and your requirements.

4. The name and address of the President is:-

Mr. Fred Stone,
22 Northcote Street,
KILBURN. S.A.

[Signature]
(R. W. Hicks)
SECRETARY

21 October. England. Stunt banned. (See clipping)

BBC BANS A 'FLYING SAUCER' STUNT

STAFFORD DAVIS was to have introduced a documentary programme about flying saucers from a Home Service programme next Tuesday evening. But when the B.B.C. chiefs heard the recording they decided it was too realistic. They remembered the "flap" two years ago when fake "news" that flying saucers had landed in England caused a phone call rush at the B.B.C.

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Daily Mirror
House, Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, E.C.4
from issue dated **21 OCT 1955**
Star Edition

22 October. South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. (4:22 p.m.)

"Veiled threat?"

A letter from a Kenneth Pickering:

"I am a Ground Observer, at Echo Mike 03 Black, located in South Dartmouth, and serving both New Bedford and South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

"On October 22, 1955, while serving a two hour tour of duty at the post, I reported in a C-121 and a companion B-25, on a duty sweep, in my area, patrolling the NNE quadrant of my post sector.

"This was at 4:20 p.m.

"At 4:22, while I was looking thru my glasses, I saw a UFO, in the SSW, low and moving very slowly, to the West.

"I reported it in, to the Filter Center, at Manchester, N.H. and while I watched, he [it] took off, straight up, going very fast.

"The B-25 went over to investigate, but found nothing to verify my sighting.

"The Filter Center advised me by letter, the following week, that I had seen a C-121 Radar plane. When I paid a visit to the Filter Center, two weeks later, I got what was to me a veiled threat, to forget what I had seen, but to report any further UFOs I saw." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Maj. Donald Keyhoe, Wellington, Alexandria, Va. From: Kenneth Pickering, 226 Kempton Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Date of letter: (missing). CUFOS archives. NICAP files. Photocopy in author's files.

One might assume the so-called "veiled threat" was the witness' imagination yet there is a possible reason for the South Dartmouth being a sensitive area. In Mr. Pickering letter he adds: "There are other instances, of lights around an old estate, being used as a part of the Lincoln Project, in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

27 October. Lancaster(?), Pennsylvania. (about 2:30 a.m.)

Bright, silent something.

This is a curious case. The witness claims not to have seen a profile but strange "flames," "smoke," and a "window-like opening." What was there in the black sky? In a letter the witness wrote:

"At the risk of plenty of ridicule I will attempt to relate what I saw in 1955, October 27th. I have never found anyone else who will admit that they saw this also. There was no comment in any of the local newspapers. I did mention it after about two months to a man who worked at the same place (R.C.A.). He was a test set electrician and he was very much interested. No one has ridiculed the story as yet but I have mentioned it to a very few and they are preoccupied with watching the ladies.

"I work a second shift and was asleep when the light woke me. It appeared to be about 30 feet above the highest homes across the parking lot. At first I thought it was a prank by the F & M college boys because it was so close to Halloween night. Even so, where was the familiar fire engines? No sirens or bells—just silence. A bright orange-colored flame and what appeared to be smoke curled up and out from an opening about the size of a church glass windows. My bedroom windows were open. No noise. This was about 2:30 a.m.

"I watched this for about 8 or 10 minutes. The fire, or whatever it was, began to die down. Then some blue flame—and the thing began to move straight away from me—still silent—then all blue flame—rapidly diminishing. Then it turned south east toward Newark airport, or in that general direction. It soon seemed to be only the size of an ordinary star—same color. The only way I could pick it out was by the terrific speed it seemed to be moving at. Suddenly a sharp turn up—then in about three seconds, another sharp turn up—at a speed like a streak and out of sight. I never did see any outline of any shape or object—just the blue exhaust flame or what? There was no noise or sound that I could hear. After looking at the local map I decided that it was parked(?) over the Garden Spot airport. Not too far away to hear a motor. It must have been higher than I first thought and probably over no buildings. All of the above may be just more drivel to some people. I know that I saw it. I saw it move away very fast—faster than I ever saw a jet flying—and no sound." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: NICAP. From: H.B. Heiser, 830 Lafayette Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 17603. Date of letter: 3 January 65. CUFOs archives. NICAP files. Photocopy in author's files.

The top brass and UFOs.

Back on August 25th General Carl Spaatz took some time to slap down saucer talk, and on October 27th a cartoon distributed by King Features had fun with General Twining. (See cartoon and clipping on page 22)



Spaatz Says Saucers Are Imaginary

By the United Press

BUFFALO, Aug. 25.—Gen. Carl Spaatz, former chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, said yesterday that flying saucers come from people's imaginations, not distant planets.

Gen. Spaatz, in an interview while visiting here, expressed belief that "flying saucers will start to appear again."

"People's imaginations will make them appear," he grinned.

When asked about eyewitness reports on saucers from Air Force personnel, the general paused, then added: "Well, pilots have imaginations, too."

27? October. Ingleside, Illinois. (9:00 p.m.)

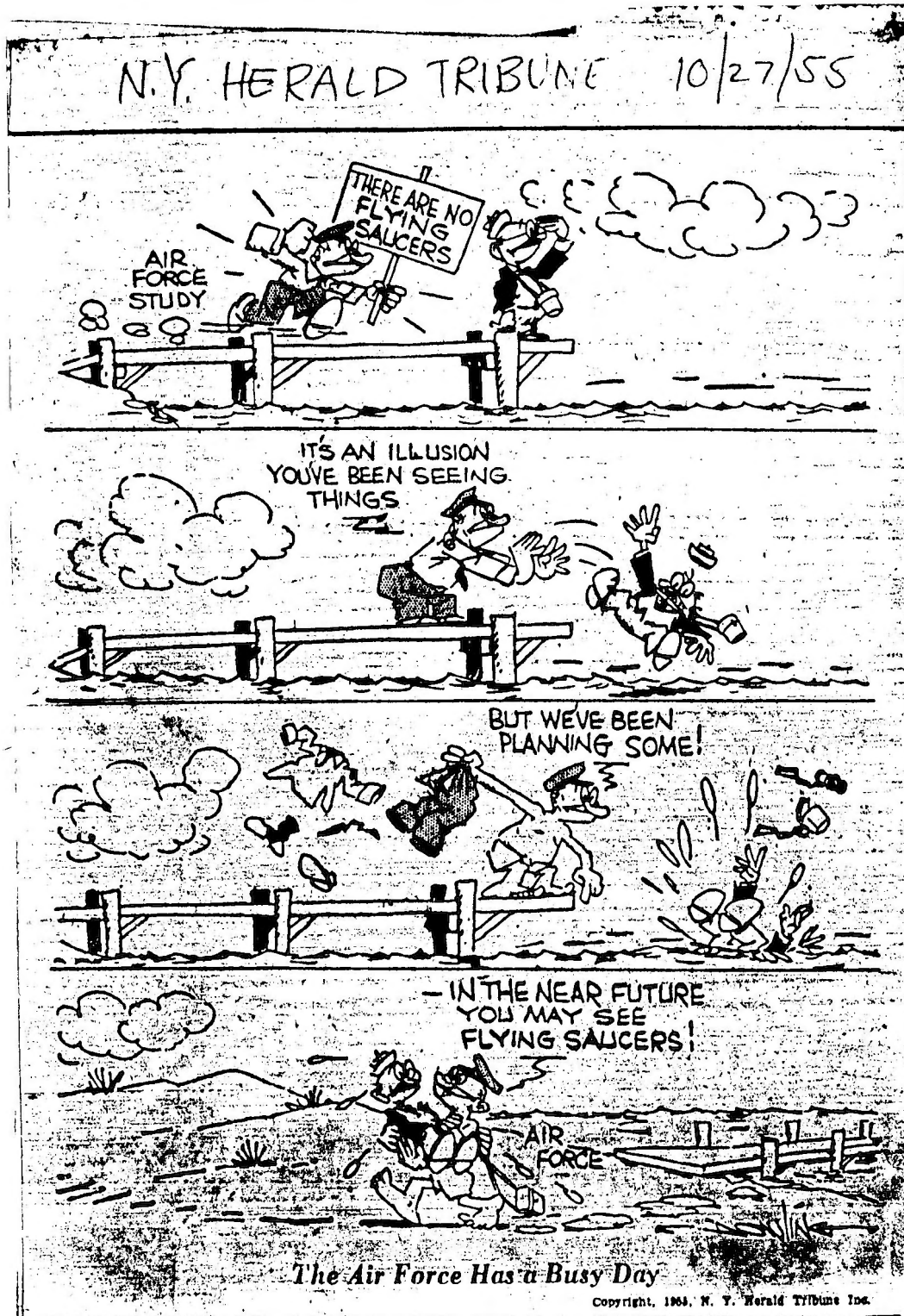
Fuzzy "Alka Seltzer tablet" visits front yard.

It was a clear, starlit night with no moon. Mrs. Barbara Grocke, an IBM machine operator, entered her house and went into the kitchen. Turning on the light she suddenly felt, and then heard, a deep rumble and roar, like that of a passing train. The commotion was outside, to the north, and coming in her direction. She ran outdoors and spotted a glowing thing approaching in the night sky, a silver-white, distinctly oval body. The thing flew to point over the front yard where it hesitated for a second. She figured it was nearly overhead about 180 feet high. As for size, she estimated it appeared to be about six inches in diameter (at arm's length). Although the object appeared to be distinctly oval, she states: "...but the edge looked fuzzy like an Alka Seltzer tablet just dropped into water."

After the hesitation, the object darted off in a southeast direction, beyond a forested hill a half-mile away on the western shore of Wooster lake. The noise died out quickly when the object went behind the tree line. (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Witness: Barbara M Grocke, 138 A Columbia Bay Road, Lake Villa, Illinois. 60046. Date form filled out: 19 July 65. CUFOS archives. NICAP files. Photocopy in author's files.

27 October. Air Force's busy day according to the *Herald Tribune*.



27 October. Whitsett, North Carolina.

Students collect "Angel Hair." (Picture from the Robert Gribble collection)



(Daily News staff photo by David Nicholson.)

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR 'ANGEL HAIR'

Embeth (holding binoculars), principal of Whitsett School, and a group of his students watch wisps of "angel hair" float down around the school yesterday after "flying saucers" were seen.

29 October. Near Ubatuba, Brazil. (01:00 GMT)

Enormous luminous ball. My co-pilot started shouting wildly.

According to a Brazilian source:

"On October 29, 1955, I [Captain Elson Van Der Linden] was flying from Rio to Sao Paulo at 2,700 meters (9,000 feet). My crew was composed of co-pilot Menezes, Radio Souza and steward Luciano. To break the monotony I asked Souza to let me use his post for a few minutes. Before being a Captain I had been a radio operator and was now craving to listen to those familiar Morse signals. It was 01:00 GMT. We were flying over a thick layer of low stratus and everything was quiet. Suddenly my co-pilot started shouting wildly and seemed panic stricken. Well he scared me out

of my shoes. With a jump I reached my place as he pointed to an enormous luminous ball slightly ahead and about 1,000 meters (3,000 feet) higher. At once I saw the body gaining speed, nevertheless I threw in a few more inches (increased the manifold pressure to get more speed) but was out distanced. The characteristics were similar to a body I had seen 40 days before almost exactly on the same geographical point. I was flying a magnetic 270 degrees and the thing was now far ahead when it lowered to some 2,000 meters (about 6,500 feet) and hovered over the cloud layer for five minutes. Then it veered to the southwest and disappeared at tremendous speed, changing from white to a red color. Six minutes later I flew over Ubatuba radio beacon." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Flying Saucer*. Ed.: Jose Escobar Faria. Published by the Flying Disks Research Center - C.P.D.V. P.O.B. 8449. Sao Paulo, Brazil. October 1956. p.6.

More Australian UFO documents.

Its unfortunate pro-UFO evidence was confined early on to primarily Donald Keyhoe's best-selling books, which were done in a narrative style with limited footnotes. Once a negative view is entrenched in official records, a change is very hard to accomplish. Keyhoe wasn't that important—the data was. Another big mistake was that the Australians were too willing to follow the Americans's lead, even it meant brushing off the testimony of its own citizens concerning events taking place on its own territory. (See pages 26-28)

4 November. Elwood, Indiana. (6:45 p.m.)

Saucer seen. (See clipping)

4 November. Auckland, New Zealand. (Morning)

Lighted windows. (See clipping)

Flying Saucer Is Seen Here

Those flying saucers are cropping up again. Two watchers at the Elwood Ground Observer post reported this morning that they saw what appeared to be a flying saucer while on duty at the post about 6:45 p.m. Friday.

Jean Spies and Patricia Van Blair said the saucer first appeared over the city, then headed southwest. It returned in a few seconds travelling at a terrific speed and then shot straight up and out of sight.

The girls said they could see a amber light in the saucer.

ELWOOD, IND., CALL-LEADER
Circ. D. 4,348

NOV 5 1955

"Lighted Object" In Auckland Sky

A lighted object in the sky, flying silently at great speed, was seen by Mr D. W. Paul, of Hendon Avenue, Avondale, early yesterday morning. With him at the time was an Auckland taxi driver.

"The taxi driver saw the object first," said Mr Paul yesterday. "We were going down Hendon Avenue about 1 a.m. and the object was flying parallel with us and to the south.

"At first there was a swishing noise, rather like a jet. It appeared to be a long object with three or four lighted windows, but the windows were much bigger than usual on aircraft.

"It passed us in uncanny silence. The most remarkable fact was the absence of any noise. It was visible to us for about four minutes before vanishing into a cloud bank."

Mr Paul said he stayed outside for some time in the hope of catching another glimpse of the object. A little while later an aircraft (later identified as an R.N.Z.A.F. Sunderland) flew at right angles to the object's course with its landing lights blinking. He said it was "completely different from the other object."

Nov 5th 1955.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 114/1/2015

Transcription of Minute 12 on 114/1/197 must be Part 1

D.C.A.S. 1573 Noted. I am not prepared to afford a full time investigation

1. You will remember in our discussions concerning flying saucers I mentioned that a Melbourne University professor was doing a scientific appraisal of our reports. The Minister has, I think, been informed of this fact.

2. At enclosure 105A you will find the scientific report which is, I think, worthy of your study. You will see that among his recommendations, Professor Sumner urges "greater official interest in reports of flying saucers and the establishment of at least one full time investigator."

3. I await your instructions

R. A. G. Ellen

by. lds. D/DAC (Ops.)

26 Feb 55
Part 2 opened 16 Sep 55

see table 5-1

D.Obs.

The present position concerning "Flying Saucers" - whether you like to believe in them or not - is

- (a) A Ministerial statement in the House on 19 Nov 53 to the effect that the R.A.A.F. make detailed investigations of every report received, (which in truth we are not yet doing).
- (b) A Press release of April 1954 to the same effect.
- (c) A report completed at our request by a Mr. Turner, then of Melbourne University, in which he analysed the reports received by the R.A.A.F. to date. He recommended:-
 - (i) An increase in official interest.
 - (ii) A full-time investigator. (This was subsequently turned down by D.C.A.S.).
 - (iii) Publicity to encourage submission of reports by the public.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference 114/1/201

2. (cont'd)

- (iv) Establishing liaison with U.S.A.F., R.C.A.F. and R.A.F.
- (v) The formation of a Scientific Advisory Panel.
- (vi) The establishment of more radar stations manned for longer periods (1)
- (d) A visit to this Department (D/D.A.F.I. unfortunately) of the President of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society in which he states -
 - (i) That his Society are convinced of the reality of Saucers.
 - (ii) That they do a considerable amount of investigation of reported sightings throughout the country.
 - (iii) That they are concerned that these investigations do not clash with our security interests - particularly with guided weapons at Woomera.
 - (iv) That his Society would like to have the results of any investigations. the R.A.A.F. do on reported sightings.
 - (v) His Society wishes to know what Defence policy is likely to be regarding dissemination to the general public of the information which they purport to hold.

2. As you will realise some of the above is getting outside the realms of Intelligence. To honour the Minister's statement and the Press release, some effort should be made to investigate any reported "sightings". This could only be done properly by a panel including operations, technical, navigation and meteorological staff. As I suppose that the R.A.A.F. will have to do something about this matter will you let me have your views?

2 Nov
Oct 55

P.W. J. J. J.
Wg.Cdr.
A/D.A.F.I.

3.

D.OPS.

Further to above we have now received a letter, a report and an official press release from the United States on this subject. The general tone of all of them is that the U.S.A.F. consider "Flying Saucers" do not exist - either as machines from outer space, or of a foreign government.

2. To meet our commitment to the Minister I still consider that some form of investigation will have to be made by the R.A.A.F. of any "unidentified flying objects" which may be reported directly to the R.A.A.F.

R.A.A.F. Form A 60
(May, 1956)

Nov 55

P.W. J. J. J.
Wg.Cdr.
A/D.A.F.I.

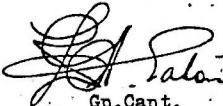
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D.A.F.I.

1. Reference Mins.2 and 3.
2. Professor Turner accepted Keyhoe's book as being authentic and based on official releases. Because Turner placed so much weight on Keyhoe's work he emphasized the need to check Keyhoe's reliability. Encl.12A removes Keyhoe's work as a prop for Turner's work so that the value of the latter's findings and recommendations is very much reduced.
3. A suitable investigating panel would presumably require representatives from at least:-
 - (a) Commonwealth Observatory.
 - (b) Melbourne University Physics Department.
 - (c) Meteorological Bureau.
 - (d) Weapons Research Establishment.
 - (e) R.A.A.F.
 - (f) Army.
 - (g) Navy.
 - (h) D.C.A.
 - (i) Medical world - specialists in both psychology and the function of the eye.
4. Such a panel could not sit as a panel but would have to act as a number of individuals each considering each incident. Only one or two representatives could interview the people making the report and this would seriously lessen the value of the investigation. I don't think it is practicable or justified.
5. I suggest:-
 - (a) We have met our commitment to the Minister up to the date of Turner's report.
 - (b) We should continue on from Turner's work by transcribing recent and future reports onto the U.S.A.F. form at Encl.12C and forwarding them to the U.S.A.F.

15 Feb.56

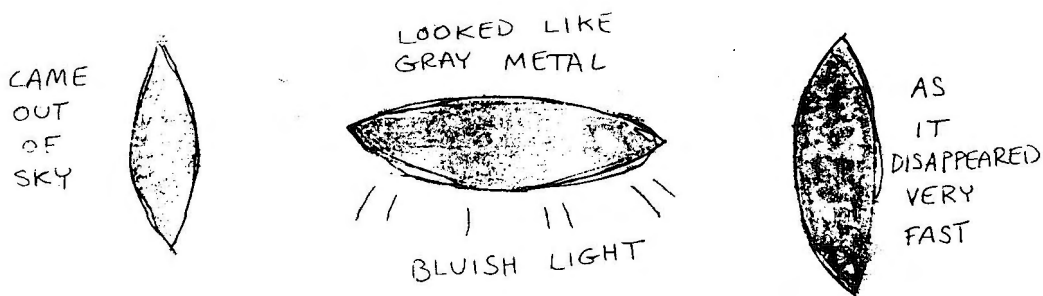

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6 November. Boston, Massachusetts. (5:30 a.m.)

"Stood on edge."

According to our source on November 6th:

"...about 5:30 a.m. a lens-shaped disk came out of the sky on edge, leveled off to a horizontal position, hung motionless over Boston for a minute or two, then 'stood on edge' again and went off into the sky. 'I was amazed at the size of the thing,' says the witness who reported this to Mr. Baller. 'Compared with the Boston skyscrapers, it was as large as a ten-story building.' (See copy of drawing by witness below) (xx.)



(xx.) Carlin (?) H. Richardson. Date report filed: Not given. CSI New York files. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

7 November. Jefferson, Texas. (2100Z)

Project 10073 Record card. No other data available.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 NOV 55	2. LOCATION Jefferson, Texas		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 07/2100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Spherical obj. Metallic then bluish color. Became white as approached observer. Obj stopped in mid-air and made a side to side swaying movement. Disappeared to the NE and at high speed.			11. COMMENTS IN SUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION.

10 November. Sunderland, England. (morning)

Women see saucer.

A press story states:

"Two Sunderland shop assistants claim to have seen a 'flying saucer' travel swiftly over the town this morning. One of them, 24-year-old Mrs. May Duncan, telephoned the *Sunderland Echo* immediately to give this description of the craft: silver or gray in color, shaped like the upper half of a sphere, travelling rapidly and quite low, roughly in the Newcastle direction.

"Mrs. Duncan saw it first from the first floor of the store in which she works. She called her friend, Miss Olive Haymen, to the store window and together they watched it slide silently out of sight.

"Police said later that they had received no reports of anything unusual in the skies." (xx.)

(xx.) Sunderland, England. *Sunderland Echo*. 10 November 55.

10 November. Fort William D. Davis, Canal Zone. (night)

Disk with orange halo.

UFOlogist George D. Fawcett filed this report:

"...several soldiers, one being Sp-2 Pablo Rivera-Rosa, watched a saucer moving across the sky for around 30 minutes. The flying disk appeared to have a bright orange halo on its outside edge, with a violet and multicolored spot in its center. As it moved the object seemed to descend and ascend in the sky with a pulsating light that dimmed and brightened from time to time. It gave off no exhaust as it moved silently across the sky. One of the eyewitnesses claimed to have seen the object, or similar objects, three or four times in previous weeks." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: *The Army Times*. From: Sp-3 George D. Fawcett, Hq & Hq Co.; 3d Bn, 20th Inf Regt, Fort William D. Davis, Canal Zone, Panama. Date of letter: 25 May 56. Sauceriana Collection, Roswell UFO Museum, Roswell, N.M. Photocopy in author's files.

10 November. Near Laconia, New Hampshire. (Between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.)

Single-file formation. (See clipping)

MANCHESTER (N. H.) UNION LEADER

- Saturday, November 12, 1955

Flying Saucers Reported Seen Near Laconia

LACONIA — Flying saucer reports were making the rounds in this area yesterday as at least a half dozen persons reported seeing strange lights in the sky Thursday evening between 6:30 and 7:30.

Attempts to identify the source of the lights with binoculars failed. All observers agreed that they heard no sound such as conventional airplane engines.

The first group of lights was in a single-file formation, going low and relatively slow from across the southwestern horizon from west to south. There were eight lights in this group.

Some 20 minutes later two objects, going somewhat faster, were spotted and finally about a half hour after that two more were spotted going low and slow.

It was suggested that the lights may have been caused by helicopters returning from search and rescue operations in the northern part of the state. There was no other explanation advanced.

Among those who saw the lights were James Baer, son of Belknap Area Mgr. Fritzie Baer; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bisson, and their son, William, Emanuel Bardakis and Roger Guay.

14 November. Desert Hot Springs, California. (about 6:00 p.m.)

Globe returns recognition signals.

The local press reported:

"A flying saucer in the form of a globe of white light returned recognition signals with a Piper airplane over Desert Hot Springs one recent night, it was reluctantly reported today by Gene Miller, pilot of the plane and manager of Banning Municipal Airport.

"Miller and a passenger, Dr. Leslie Ward of Redlands, reportedly sighted the unidentified flying object while returning from a chartered flight to Phoenix, Arizona.

"The story of the strange aerial meeting with the phosphorescent globe was related somewhat hesitantly to day by Miller, after the *Enterprise* first heard reports of the saucer encounter through friends of the airport manager.

"Miller said he at first thought the object was an airliner and blinked his lights twice as a recognition signal. The fiery globe flipped its lights out twice in answer....

"Miller said that he was returning with Dr. Ward to Banning at about 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 in a Piper Tri-pacer and had reached what is known as the intersection at the Palm Springs airway.

" 'Off to our right—between us and the Little San Bernardino Mountains—we saw a globe of white light traveling toward us,' he continued.

" 'I thought at first it might be an airliner,' said Miller. 'It was about six or seven miles away in the night sky.'

"Miller, following normal procedure, flipped his landing lights off twice as a recognition signal. The globe of light went dark twice in return.

" 'When the globe blinked out there was total darkness,' said Miller. 'There were no position lights or red and green lights to indicate an aircraft.'

"Miller said the strange object continued traveling toward his plane at what he estimated to be a slow speed of not more than 50 miles an hour. About a mile away from the object, Miller switched his landing lights three times and received a similar return signal.

" 'Both Dr. Ward and I commented that it was definitely not an aircraft,' recalled Miller, 'at that moment the saucer really surprised us.'

"Miller said the mystery object suddenly backed up in mid-air, 'clear over the hills and went up toward the top of Mount San Gorgonio, disappearing from sight.'

"Near Whitewater, Miller was forced to turn back his plane because of heavy turbulence and head for Palm Springs Airport.

"Once more the object appeared over the Little San Bernardino mountain range. Miller said the object appeared to be climbing down the ridges, a white glow suspended about 500 feet above the hills. It then picked up speed, traveling at a low altitude, and cruised off across the desert floor in the direction of Desert Center.

" 'I would have liked to have followed it,' said Miller, 'But it was a rough, windy night.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Lawton, Harry. "Saucer Reported in Desert Sky." Banning(?), California. *Enterprise*. 25(?) November 55.

19 November. Gawler, Australia. (about 3:30 p.m.)

Mother ship and satellites?

According to our source:

"Strange objects in the sky over Gawler were reported today by a party motoring from Adelaide to Gadell. Mrs. C. S. Slade, Matron of Scotch College in Adelaide, with her friends Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Warner, and their two children, was motoring from Adelaide to Cadell when about 3:30 p.m. as the car was leaving Gawler for Greenock, Mr. Warner, driving the car, saw an unusual cloud formation [object?]. They saw two smaller objects detach themselves from the longer object and begin to maneuver about it. At first there were smoke trails behind the smaller objects. The trails later cut out. The objects were moving at great speed on a horizontal plane and had the shape of cigars, Mr. Warner said.

" 'They were making circles, one behind the other,' he said. 'When they moved vertically they took on the well-known saucer shape and appeared to spin. I have an idea this was due to the angle we saw them.' Mr. Warner's son John described the two gleaming objects as 'like pencils.' He said they moved in formation and appeared to come very close to the earth at one time. A woman passerby also saw the phenomena.'

"In a special report to the A.F.S.R.S.[Australian Flying Saucer Research Society] Mr. Warner, who is an ex-RAAF man, said the objects were definitely not aircraft. He said that his party watched them for about 15 minutes. They were white in color, 'shaded underneath giving a spinning effect.'

"At first they traveled on a horizontal plane; next they moved 45 degrees upwards, eventually completing more or less a circle. After this maneuver, 'both objects appeared to come directly towards us, growing rapidly in length. They suddenly stopped, moved slightly to the right, and then dissolved [moved?] into cloud.'

"The weather at the time was fine and sunny, with a few clouds." (xx.)

(xx.) *Australian Saucer Record*. Published by the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society. Vol. 2, No.1. First Quarter 1956. p.14. Source of data: Adelaide, Australia. *Sunday Mail*. 19 November 55.

20 November. Bath, England. (3:15 p.m.)

"Prepared to stake our reputations."

An English newspaper printed:

"Three Ministry of Supply lift maintenance engineers, whose homes are at Bath, Bathampton, and Neston, are prepared to 'stake their reputations' that they watched two 'flying saucers' hovering over Corsham, on Thursday afternoon.

"The three men—Mr. G.W. Simpson, married with four children, of 23 Haycombe Drive, Bath; Mr. John B. Aibl, single, of 20 Down Lane, Bathampton; and Mr. [?] J. Grimley, another married man, of 4 Elly Green, Neston—were walking along a road

near their work site at Spring Quarry, Corsham.

"It was just before 3:15 p.m. and this is what they have told the *Chronicle and Herald* that they saw:

"Mr. Simpson, who saw six years war-time service in France, Germany, Italy and other war theatres:

" 'There were some aircraft about and the sky was fairly clear. Suddenly I spotted two objects completely unlike aircraft or balloons—real flying saucers.

" 'They were shaped like very deep saucers and were hovering at 5,000 to 6,000 feet side by side. They were...[words missing]...suddenly they turned over with their flat side downwards and the curved side up. The flat side was black and the curved side silver.

" 'As they turned they began to shoot skywards at a tremendous speed. I've really never seen anything like it in my life. Our jets have nothing on the speed of climb which these two saucers showed.'

"Mr. Aibl, who is 29, and served in the Army: 'Mr. Simpson drew my attention to these objects. To me they looked like silver balls cut in half. The curved surface was as deep as that. I have never seen things move so fast.

" 'When I first saw them they were on edge. They were side by side and did not appear to be far apart, although it would be difficult to judge as they were fairly high.

" 'When they started to climb, they had their flat surfaces downwards. I am sure they were not balloons, and if they were aircraft I've never seen anything like them before.'

"Mr. Grimley, who is 24, and also saw service in the Army: 'I saw what looked like sort of oblong, silvery shapes which appeared to be climbing up. One seemed to be higher than the other, but they kept together and we watched them for about half a minute until they went so high that they were out of sight. They went practically straight up.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Bath, England. *Bath and Chronicle*. 21 October 55.

20 November. Nampa, Idaho. (about midnight)

Hovered over the Amalgamated Sugar factory.

A press account said:

"A large bright green-colored object was reported seen in the sky about midnight Sunday by Nampa observers.

"Cleda LaFrance of 503 Banner, with three friends, watched the bright oval-shaped object for about 50 seconds, while it hovered in the sky over the Amalgamated Sugar factory plant.

"The object was brighter than the moon, but had no tail, so they didn't believe it was a meteor, she said. It disappeared after about 50 seconds, she added.

"The object had a curious greenish color, she said, and lit up the whole sky for a brief period of time. She said it looked to be much larger than the moon would be.

"Nampa police said they had no reports of any such sightings Sunday night." (xx.)

(xx.) Nampa, Idaho. *Free Press*. 21 November 55.

21? November. Bedford, Pennsylvania. (about 7:00 p.m.)

Lock themselves in?

Two GOC volunteers, William Rook and James Sheaffer, spotted a circular body like a small moon with a bright halo around it. They watched as the thing moved in a big circle and must have appeared close since the two observers first reaction was to "lock themselves inside the GOC lookout hut." The time was shortly after 7:00 p.m.

When first seen, the "little moon" was descending out of the sky. After circling, the thing gained altitude until it diminished to the apparent size of a star. No sound was heard. (xx.)

(xx.) Bedford, Pennsylvania. *Gazette*. 21 November 55.

22 November. Napier, New Zealand. (night)

20 people in cars stopped to watch.

The CSI New Zealand UFO group filed this report:

"Report on a sighting of a UFO at Napier by Mr. D. McDonald on the night of 22nd November 1955. Mr. McDonald was interviewed by Mr. A.B. Wallace, CSI Hawkes Bay Representative.

" 'Once you have seen one you will know that it is the real thing,' said Mr. McDonald of Napier when interviewed about his sighting of a flying object in the sky of 22/11/55. Mr. McDonald and his family of four all saw the UFO from the embankment road between Westshore [and?], Napier. They watched the object for five minutes. After a brief disappearance the object reappeared and by that time some 20 people in cars had stopped and watched the object. Mr. McDonald's description, which was substantiated by his family, was that it was a green ball very much larger than a star. It was apparently stationary in the sky when they first observed it, but it then started to revolve slowly, changing color on the outside to red and moving over to the west, disappearing temporarily behind some clouds. In the meantime several cars had stopped, when the object reappeared moving slowly towards the east. It remained in sight for several minutes and then moved off at terrific speed. Mr. McDonald said that when the object first started to rotate, it appeared to have a shadow above it in the sky. He added that several of the people who had witnessed the sighting had been frightened by the visitation. Mr. McDonald thought the object was flying at about jet plane altitude, but he was positive the object was not a plane, planet, star or any other recognizable phenomenon." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ)*. Vol. 4, No. 2 #14. September-December 1956. p.5.

22 November. Foothills of the Southern Alps, New Zealand. (daytime)

Puffs of pink vapor?

An item in Michael Hervey book states:

“A staff reporter for the Christchurch Star reported on November 22nd, 1955, that he and his wife had sighted a UFO hovering over the foothills of the Southern Alps for at least seven minutes:

“ ‘When we first saw it, it was gleaming brightly in the sun, and hanging motionless in the sky, probably at a height of more than 10,000 feet. It was cigar-shaped, and looked as if it might have been chromium-plated, so intense was the light it reflected. At no stage did we hear any noise. It finally moved deliberately into the only cloud in sight, emitting what appeared to be puffs of pink vapour. It emerged again after a moment, circled and then headed north.’ ” (xx.)

(xx.) Hervey, Michael. *UFOs Over the Southern Hemisphere*. Horwitz Publications: London, Melbourne, Sydney, 1969. p.180.

1 December. Ingersall, Ontario, Canada. (8:15 a.m.)

Moved at an angle

A note in NICAP film files, probably from CSI New York records, states:

“Early last Thursday [December 1st], the Clark family saw a flying saucer at 8:15 a.m. ‘It was circular, but moved at an angle, the back end tipped down. It wasn’t all black, but was brighter—sort of transparent—in the center. There was no exhaust or [smoke?] trail. It was below the clouds and moving against the wind. It was as high as an airplane would be if you could see it plainly but not make out details. It traveled fairly slow—we watched it at least three minutes. It looked like a smoke ring.’ [quote not attributed to any one person. Probably comments by George Clark, 19, who was the only person named in the hand written note].

“It traveled from South to North, and made a right angle turn to the East before disappearing.” (xx.)

(xx.) According the note, the information was taken from the Toronto, Ontario, Canada, *Telegram*. 7 December 55. Photocopy in author’s files.

10 December. Balboa, Canal Zone. (7:03 a.m.)

Stopped and hovered.

George Fawcett collected this one:

“...[a] report datelined December 10, 1955 was reported by several observers from Balboa, Canal Zone, at 7:03 a.m. in the morning by several excited sighters. This sighting was of a ring-shaped object, estimated to be around 80 inches in diameter that moved rapidly across the sky, stopped, and hovered about 50 yards from

a nearby hill for a period of about 20 minutes, before leaving the vicinity of the sighting." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: The Army Times. From: Sp-3 George D. Fawcett, Hq & Hq Co., 3d Bn, 20th Inf Regt, Fort William D. Davis, Canal Zone, Panama. Date of letter: 25 May 56. Sauceriana Collection, Roswell UFO Museum, Roswell, N.M. Photocopy in author's files.

15 December. Sanibel, Florida. (1:00 p.m.)

Suspended in the air. "Like two plates put together." (See clipping below)

Coffee-Colored Disc 'Hums Like Bumblebee'

Saucer Said Sighted Off Sanibel

Bradley D. Card, 70, of Sanibel yesterday reported a mysterious round object suspended about 1,500 feet above the bay between Sanibel and Punta Rassa at 1 p.m.

"It looked like two plates put together," he told Jack Cole of Jack's Place on Sanibel. "It hummed like a bumblebee and hung up there in the sky for about five minutes. It was right over marker 9."

Richard Aydelette of the CAA office at Page Field said he had no word of any odd craft in this vicinity. He said there had been a good many jet planes in the section today refueling and on training missions, but he didn't consider them in unusual numbers.

"I was at Punta Rassa about that time myself," said Aydelette, "and I didn't see or hear anything like that."

Card said he was walking to his house about one mile north of Bailey's Store along the bay front when he heard a strange buzzing noise and looked up to see the dingy, coffee-brown disc suspended in the air.

He described it as having a keel-like apparatus on the top and bottom and a circle of portholes around the center.

"I thought they were taking pictures," he told Cole, "because every few minutes it would sort of turn slowly and there's be a flash. It looked like there were moving objects inside but I couldn't tell for sure."

Card said he waved at the saucer but it made no sign that it had seen him. When he stepped aside to change his position, it disappeared in a flash.

About three minutes later he told of seeing two jet planes zooming overhead.

"It would be about like me running to catch a car going 90 miles an hour for those jets to catch that saucer," he told Cole.

Card, who hastened back to spread the word at Bailey's Store and at Jack's Place, said he was sure the object was no helicopter because it had no fans at all. In fact, he said, he'd never seen anything like it in his life before.

"I've always had my doubts about flying saucers before," Cole said Card told him, "but I'm convinced of it now."

Card, who has lived on the island since 1948, boards at Jack's Place.

"I'd consider him as reliable a source as anyone I know," said Cole.

26 December. Cobalt, Canada. (night)

Danced, moved, hovered.

According to our source:

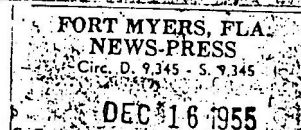
"A light, described by one witness as brighter than daylight and said by others to have danced, moved in a straight line and hovered, was seen in the sky north of here [Cobalt] late last night.

"Eillis St. Jean, employed at a mine, three miles north of here, said he was in the mine yard when the area was illuminated by a cone [of light] brighter than daylight, coming from a giant lighted disc.

"John Hunt, a reporter, William Montgomery 27, of West Cobalt, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Montgomery of Kitchener, said that later in the evening they stood for an hour at the mine and watched a bright light moving in the sky.

"There was no immediate explanation." (xx.)

(xx.) Cobalt, Dec. 27—(CP)



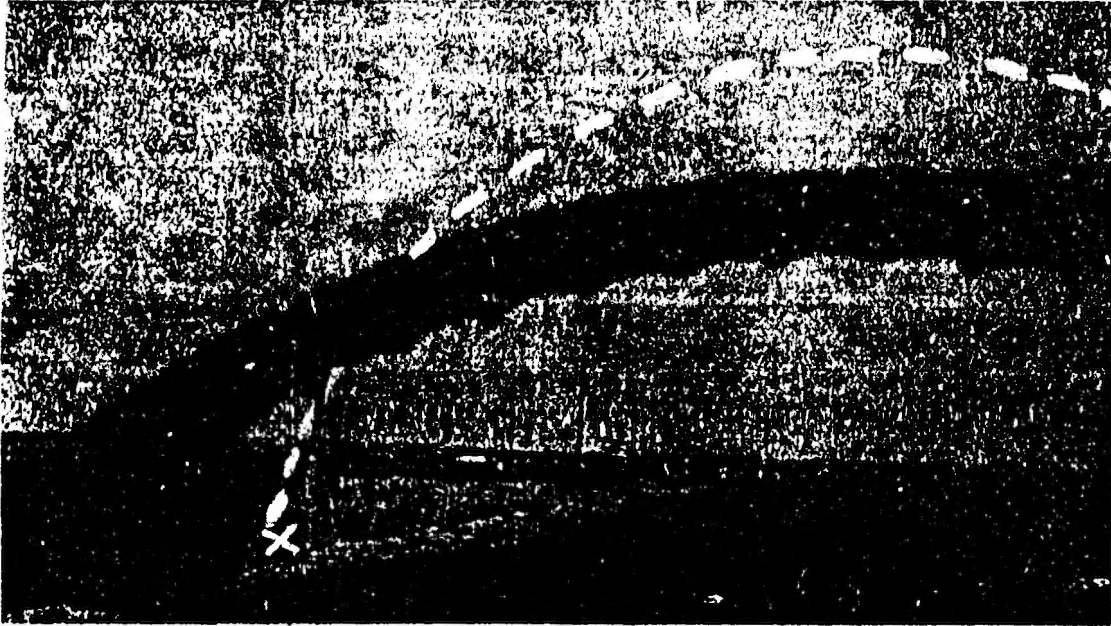
SECTION ONE

Ord Quiz

Big Newspaper

"Read by 3,491 Families Every Week"

Ord, Nebraska Thursday, January 5, 1956



Fireball's path across highway . . . this is the path of the fireball across Highway 11 as seen last Friday night by two Burwell women while riding in a car. The fireball rose from the cornfield near the spot marked X then soared across the road in a "graceful arc." It winked out as it reached the other side of the road, the women reported.

More Mystery in The Sky . . .

Burwell Women Report Molten Orange Fireball Soaring Across Highway 11 Near Ord Airport

A mysterious fireball that soared across Highway 11 near Ord was reported Friday by two well-known Burwell women.

They are Mrs. Gladys Rose, a Taylor, Nebr. school teacher, and Mrs. James Cunningham, a Burwell housewife.

The two women saw the mysterious light about 8:45 p.m. Friday night while returning to Burwell by car.

"We were driving fairly slow, about 35 miles an hour," she said, "and had just passed the Ord cemetery. As the car approached a cornfield on the extreme south limits of the Evelyn Sharp airport, I saw a molten orange ball rise out of the cornfield and soar in a graceful arc across the highway."

"I immediately turned to Mrs. Cunningham," Mrs. Rose continued, "and said, 'What did you see?'"

Mrs. Cunningham answered by saying, "I saw an orange fireball cross the road. Then she and I began comparing observations."

Came From Cornfield

She said the fireball rose out of the cornfield about 75 yards south of the airport fence line. It started up at a point about 20 feet inside the fence.

Mrs. Rose said the object was about as big as a large grapefruit. "It wasn't as big as a basketball," she said, "yet it was larger than a baseball. I would estimate it

was about as large as a good sized grapefruit."

She said the object soared across the highway then went out. "It was visible through the windshield all the time it was in flight," Mrs. Cunningham and I estimated. It was about as high as a telephone pole and a half. We used the poles for comparison because there were three of them along the highway where we could see.

Pair Weren't Frightened Mrs. Rose said she wasn't frightened by the strange object but, she added, "we just couldn't figure it out. We came back to the point later and made an investigation, but found nothing."

Mrs. Rose said the object made no sound. She said the object was about 75 feet from the car while in flight.

Edward Kokes, the Ord GOC post supervisor, phoned a report on the oddity to the Omaha filter center.

The mysterious object seen by Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Cunningham is the second reported strange "light" seen in the area within a year.

Last summer Don Wiberg, an Ord high school senior, reported a mysterious glow in Mira Valley while returning home from Laup City about midnight.

Wiberg said the glowlight preceded his car for eight miles then turned to pursue him when he stopped to watch it after it turned.

30 December. Near Ord, Nebraska.
(8:45 p.m.)

Orange fireball soars over road.

(See clipping) (xx.)

(xx.) Ord, Nebraska. *Ord Quiz*.
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