

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1956 May - July

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

By

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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Notes on sources:

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

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May 1956. San Antonio, Texas. (about 11:30 p.m.)

Directly over the house, almost touching the trees and the house. Mrs. "X."

According to a letter writer who wanted remain unidentified, the following occurred. Mrs. "X" was in her two-story home one evening in May 1956:

"She and her husband were reading while her mother, who was visiting with them, was asleep on the second floor sleeping porch which was a screened in enclosure. Mrs. X heard her mother scream and ran upstairs. Her mother was lying in bed, rigid with fright, and was looking out and up from her position by the screen. Mrs. X's mother told her to look up. At first Mrs. X did not see anything, then as her eyes became accustomed to the dark she saw a large dark object directly over the house and seeming to almost touch the top of the trees and the house itself.

"When questioned about the size of the object, Mrs. X said that she had no idea of how to estimate the size. I asked her if it was as large as a garage (single) a block away. She said no, much, much larger, bigger than the garage across the street.

"Mrs. X said that as she stood on the second floor porch the object filled her range of vision.

"Mr. X said that as she watched the object it began to glow a dark deep red, very faint at first. She could see a pipe extending from the center of the bottom surface. Again Mrs. X could not estimate the size of the pipe but believes it to be at least 3 inches in diameter, probably larger, and at least 12 feet in length, probably longer. Mrs. X said that at this point she and her mother had the definite feeling they were being watched [Sounds like scene from George Pal's hit film *War of the Worlds*, where the aliens spy on the two earth people in the wrecked farmhouse]. She says there seemed to be an unusual feeling in the room that neither had been aware of before.

"The object steadily glowed brighter and began to ascend. There was no sound. Mrs. X ran downstairs and out into the back yard, but by the time she got outside only a faint speck of light was to be seen in the sky.

"Mrs. X describes the object as looking a bit like a child's toy top, upside down. She can not tell how long she and her mother watched the object. She says it must have been only a few seconds but they felt as though it was a much longer time.

"Mrs. X had only felt a mild curiosity about 'flying saucers.' She had done no reading on the subject and says that at no time while she watching this object did the words 'flying saucer' even enter her mind. She and her mother were sure only that they were seeing something totally unearthly. Mrs. X is still of the opinion that she and her mother were being 'watched.'

"Mrs. X says that there were no physical changes to the ground below the object. There was no sound at all.

"Since this sighting Mrs. X has read several of the better books about UFOs and she considers this sighting to be one of a mother ship.

"This report is being submitted by Joan McKee. Mrs. X is the wife of a professional man here in San Antonio. It is because of this that she has asked that we do not divulge her name. Her husband does not want any publicity about this

sighting as he takes a rather dim view of 'flying saucers' no matter what his wife and mother-in-law have seen. We have checked into Mrs. X reputation and find it to be very good." (xx.)

(xx.) "U.S.A. San Antonio, Texas. 56-5-" APRO files.

May 1956. Lima, Peru. (about 7:30 p.m.) (See letter below)

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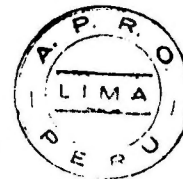
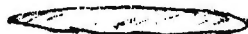
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REPORT ON THE OBSERVATION BY MR. JOAQUIN VARGAS FIGALLO.

Mr. Joaquin Vargas, a chemical engineer who has just joined APRO-PERU, obtained his masters degree in the United States. He has specialized in glass production and has worked in Korea, Viet-Nam, Nigeria and now back in his native country Peru. He is 50 years old but at the time of his observation (1956) he was 38.

The observation took place in May, 1956, although he cannot remember the exact date. It was approximately 7.30 p.m. one day when he was walking through a street in down-town Lima. Suddenly, he heard a loud roar, something like that of a modern DC-8, from above. He looked up and saw an oblong object, cylindrical shaped, cross his line of vision. There were buildings on both sides of the street so he only saw the object as it appeared from the east and at an elevation of about 70°. It flew to the west, reaching 90° elevation and disappeared at an elevation of 70° again (due to the buildings). The sky was absolutely clear and the stars were visible. The observation lasted about 10 seconds. The "roar" was perceivable slightly before the visual observation and slightly after. The object did not leave a trail behind it.

The object was a silvery bright and it flew in a straight line, east to west. Witness observed another person further down the street who did not seem to notice the object. The next day the newspapers carried an article on UFOs being seen in different parts of Lima. Note must be made that in 1956 there were no large jets like the DC-8 or Boeing 707 in service in Peru. Finally, no flames or exhaust was observed at the rear end of the object.



May 1956. Department of Paysandu, Uruguay. (about 3:30 p.m.)

Disc circles, tips up into a vertical position. (See below)

1956 May

Uruguay

CASE No. 14- May 1956 - PAYSANDU PROVINCE
(Statement by the witness to GIOVNI)

His statement is as follows:

"One Saturday during the month of May 1956, around 3:30 in the afternoon, I was driving along the roads of the Departimiento of Paysandu, ~~xxxxxxx~~ with my family. I am a hunter and that is ^{why} ~~what~~ I happened to be in the area.

Coming to a spot called El Mirador, and taking a small road to the north, I noticed at that moment beneath a clear gray cloud a leaden grey circle, darker than the cloud, of course.

I said: 'What's that?' to my wife and son. Immediately I stopped the car and we got out to look. The sky was dotted with many large cumulus clouds, which were moving with the wind from West to East.

In front of us, at a distance of 3500 meters and at an altitude of 4000 meters there was one of these clouds and, as though hanging from it, hovering in the sky, we saw an O-shaped circle, which had an apparent diameter of one meter.

At first I thought it was a whirlwind, but after a minute the disc changed position to the horizontal and made an exploratory trip under the clouds; it moved at great speed in an ellipse. Turning the corner of the ellipse, from left to right, the disc turned to this side, like a plane making a tight turn, and I could see then that on the top part there was a sort of cabin located in the center. Its general shape was that of two saucers joined at the edges.

The apparatus, after making the maneuver I have just described, returned again to its position under the cloud in front of us, hovered there a few seconds, took up a vertical position, as we had first seen it (in an O shape) and then ascended into the cloud. We remained watching the cloud, which was moving with the wind. The object remained hidden because we did not see it again.

(signed); Jose A. Tettamanti
Address: Agraciada No. 723
City of Salto.

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Note: During the investigation of this case, the witness said that the diameter of the disc would be about 50 meters. There was no noise and no details were visible on its surface.

4 May Marinette, Wisconsin. (8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 9:55 p.m.)

"Whence they come, who knows?" U or disk-like formation.

(This account is more detailed than the one given on pages 2-8 in the monograph *UFOs: A 1956 May-July*.)

A press account states:

"Strange unidentified flying objects were sighted in Marinette...(not clear) Friday night.

"The objects, similar to those being observed for several years throughout the country, were seen by the Rev. Charles Burmeister of St. James Lutheran Church, and his son, Jonathan, 13.

"Pastor Burmeister, an amateur astronomer, was at the rear of his parsonage at 1402 Main St., observing planets through a telescope and field glasses when he left his instruments to look up at the zenith.

"At 8:30 p.m. out of a clear sky he saw a minimum of five orange blobs in a shallow U or dish-like formation moving westward at a high rate of speed. They disappeared over the western horizon in about five seconds.

"Familiar with the observation of heavenly phenomena, Pastor Burmeister said the objects' observed velocity was such that they must have been in the earth's atmosphere. He estimated their height at about 30,000 to 40,000 feet and said no noise accompanied their flight.

"About three minutes later, two more flashed across the sky and in another three minutes nine more. All moved westward although paths of various groups varied somewhat.

"At this point Pastor Burmeister summoned his family and a few moments later, with his son, he viewed first one more object and then five or six. Single objects were again viewed at 9:30 and 9:55 p.m. making a minimum total of 24. All were viewed not with telescope or binoculars but with the naked eye.

"Pastor Burmeister, 41, has been an amateur astronomer 20 years and recently spoke to the Marinette Lions Club on his hobby. He has been skeptical of the 'flying saucer' reports yet is certain that what he saw. Friday night cannot be placed in any known astronomical category such as shooting stars or meteors.

"Because the objects were seen several times and because of the clarity of the sky during most of the appearances he believes that the mirage effects of air inversion quirks can be ruled out. With the exception of the last few appearances all objects had a bright glowing character. Later an overcast caused the last few to appear." (xx.)

(xx.) Marinette, Wisconsin. *Eagle Star*. 5 May 56.

7 May. Wilmington, California. (no time)

"Orange Saucers." (See clipping on page 5)

8 May. Vista, California. (between 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.)

3-Hour Sky Show.

According to our source:

"If they weren't before, folks in the neighborhood of Hannalei Drive are now firm believers in flying saucers, especially after a three-hour show they watched Tuesday night.

"The cast of the atmospheric drama included a 'mother' ship which glowed in the northwestern sky like Venus, and five or six 'scout' ships complete with lighted portholes.

"Mrs. Howard H. Prescott said that she, her family and neighbors watched the scout ship cavort around the mother ship between 8 and 11 p.m., after which the entire cast disappeared out over the ocean.

" 'The big ship wasn't Venus or another star,' declared Mrs. Prescott. It was lower toward the horizon than the brightly-shining planet."

"Mrs. Prescott said that the smaller ships revolved, disclosing as many as eight square-shaped portholes with light streaming from them. The craft were noiseless, she added.

"Backing up her statements were W.W. Prescott, Mrs. James Knott and other residents of the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Vista, California. *Vista Press*. 15 May 56.

8 May. Tarrytown, New York. (11:30 p.m. to midnight)

"Pretty good view of a flying saucer."

A local paper published:

"A Tarrytown woman said today that she had a pretty good view of 'a flying saucer' last night, observing it for 45 minutes.

"Mrs. Thomas Taxter of 62 John Street said she first saw the 'saucer' at 11:15 p.m. while driving home from White Plains. She and her husband, when she got home, watched the object from 11:30 to midnight. Through field glasses, they said, it looked like a bright star with a red glow but was triangular in shape. Mr. Taxter said he saw red and green lights.

"At midnight above Nyack the 'saucer' shot upward and disappeared, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Tarrytown, New York. *Port Chester Daily Item*. 9 May 56.

8-9 May. Pratt, Kansas. (8:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m., 1:30 a.m.)

**Orange
Saucers'
Reported**

The annual flying saucer season may have started yesterday in Wilmington.

Manuel Alvarado, 30, 1344 Eu-bank Avenue, a disabled veteran, said today he saw "eight to 10" orange hued discs resembling "flying saucers" in the sky while driving near his home.

And he has a witness. Grocery clerk Hazel Farrington, whom Alvarado called from her store, said she saw them too.

The orange objects moved about erratically, and alternately stood still for about five minutes before an approaching jet plane "made them vanish," Alvarado said.

He was driving east on L Street near Hyatt Avenue, and the objects seemed to be over Long Beach, quite high, Alvarado said.

Press wire services failed to determine whether or not the objects were possibly parachutes used by airmen in training or ditching a plane. Los Alamitos Naval Air Station is eastward of Long Beach.

WILMINGTON, CALIF., PRESS-JOURNAL
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Air Force Confirms Report Of Flying Saucers In Pratt Area

In dead seriousness and with some reluctance, the Air Force has confirmed an eerie tale of flying-saucer sightings over Pratt 2 1/2 weeks ago.

Some two dozen people who saw them have been interviewed by Air Force officers who filled out a long, complicated report for higher headquarters, required in any such instance of spotting of "unidentified flying objects."

The service was frankly shuddering Saturday, as the story came out, at the effect it might have. Officers hoped it won't touch off a wave of imagined objects in the sky.

Observers Report

Among those who saw the luminous objects were trained Ground Observer Corps members on duty in the observation post at Pratt. They reported the phenomenon to

the Filter Center here, it was revealed, with an "aircraft flash" phone call like the ones used when airplanes are spotted—except that most of the spaces for aircraft were marked "unknown."

The objects, described as resembling two saucers back-to-back, were seen three times the night of May 8-9.

Four were flying "in formation" in the first incident, at 8:30 p.m. They were first seen by persons at a drive-in theater, who phoned the GOC observation post. They were visible from there, too, as well as from several other points in the city.

A single saucer was seen at 12:30 a.m., and a pair of them at 1:30 a.m.

The Air Force, while it recognizes it has no right to try to

cancel tales, does not spontaneously make announcements about them for fear of setting off a wave of imaginative sightings, each of which demands a personal interview and completion of a complicated, 80 - question report form.

But the story got around Pratt, and Thursday night when Lt. Ken Schartz, commander of the Filter Center here, made a speech at a Lions Club meeting in Pratt someone asked him about it.

Report Confirmed

Schartz confirmed the tale, and in answer to questions told some of the details.

Schartz and Maj. Eli Fowler, commanding officer of the 793rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron which operates a radar site here visited Pratt to inter-

view persons who had seen the saucers.

Said Schartz at the meeting: they certainly had seen something.

The aerial objects, described as glowing pink with shadings of orange and green, reportedly left Pratt headed northeast.

No other reports, so far as is known, came in that night, although the GOC spotter post in Hutchinson and others in the area were manned.

The report followed a week during which lighted objects in the sky were seen for six successive nights at Pueblo, Colo. The Air Force sent investigators from Colorado Springs, headquarters of the nation's air defense setup, and one of them, too, saw the objects, most of which he said were triangular, with one round and brighter than the rest.

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HUTCHINSON, KANS., NEWS-HERALD
Circ. D. 55,460 S. 55,830

"Air Force confirms an eerie tale." (See clipping below)

9 May. Glen Ellyn, Illinois. (about 9:45 p.m.)

"I stared fascinated."

According to our source:

"Gweneth Willner went to the back porch of her home about 9:45 p.m., shortly after an electrical storm. 'As I stepped out,' she relates, '...there against the sky, way above the tree tops...hung a brilliantly illuminated object, larger than any plane. I stared fascinated, for I had never seen such a thing, just hovering, and making no sound. Then I called my company to come quickly. We watched it for several moments...Then it moved slowly north...and suddenly disappeared. As it did so, two other similar objects, further distant, moved north and disappeared in like fashion...They were definitely intelligently controlled...craft.'" (xx.)

(xx.) 'SAUCERS.' ed.: Max B. Miller. Vol. IV, No. 2. June 1956. p.15.

10 May. Western Millard County, Utah. (7:30 a.m.)

Prospectors see object. (See clipping below)

(This a more detailed account than the one on page 26 in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*)

Mystery Flying Object Sighted By Prospectors

Reports of an unidentified "flying object" were made in Salt Lake City Friday by three uranium prospectors.

The trio reported they saw a large silvery colored object "spinning or floating" in the air in the western part of Millard County Thursday morning.

Harvey Mecham, 50-year-old prospector and insurance salesman, of 356 University St., in company with Wendel Stephensen, 5122 Holladay Blvd., and Bud Merkey, Salt Lake City, reported seeing the "object" from the top of Totum Knob, about 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Spots Object

"We were searching with scintillators near the top when

Wendel spotted the thing," said Mr. Mecham.

"I had a pair of 8x30 binoculars with me and looked at the object through them. It was no light or reflection, absolutely not," he said.

The object looked "like the bottom of a saucer except that it was elliptical rather than entirely round," Mr. Mecham said. "It was the brightest, silvery thing I have ever seen," he added.

Remains Stationary

The object remained stationary below some light fleecy clouds for about four or five minutes and then rose at about a 75 degree angle and disappeared out of sight, the men reported.

A strong wind was blowing

the clouds to the west and the object went out of sight in the opposite direction, Mr. Mecham said.

"This makes us certain that it was not a balloon. There was nothing hanging down from the bottom of it either," he added.

11,000 Feet Up

The men reported that they were about 8,000 feet high and that the object was about 3,000 feet above them.

"I could have hit it with a high-powered rifle," said Mr. Mecham.

The group said they tried to get in touch with the Utah Civil Defense authorities but had been unable to locate either an office or a telephone.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Desert News
Circ. D. 94,401

MAY 12 1956

12 May. Long Beach, California. (about 3:00 a.m.)

Saucer with wire-like "feelers." (See clippings below and on pages 9-10) (Credit: Robert Gribble)



POSITIVE OF WHAT she witnessed last May 12, Mrs. Marion Ager of 5917 Oliva Avenue, was at first hesitant to tell her story of the apparent "Flying Saucer" she saw outside her front window. Now she hopes by telling about it, someone else may have seen it too, and will come forth to verify her claim.—Graphic Photo.

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'Saucer' Witness Needs Some Help

By The Editor

Quite by accident, this particular story turned up last week, and, I must say, at first I was skeptical about it.

It had to do with Flying Saucers.

But, before you cock an eyebrow and let your suspicions run away with, let me continue.

Mrs. Marion Ager of 5917 Oliva Avenue in Lakewood, called the editorial department early last week and poured forth her story. I want to make this clear, too. Mrs. Ager never drinks anything intoxicating, she is in very good health, and has no need to take any kind of medicines or pills. Her eyesight is average, and in her work as a practical nurse, she has become immune to unorthodox happenings.

On the morning of May 12 last, Mrs. Ager was awakened shortly before 3 a.m. by one of the two patients she cares for in her home. After this matter was taken care of, she sat down in her living room for a cup of coffee before returning to bed, and was watching a late television movie in the darkened room.

Suddenly, the entire room was lit up as though some huge searchlight had been quickly turned on outside her front window. For a moment, she was too awed to move. Then, turning around toward the window this is what she saw:

A circular shaped object, the size of which was difficult to determine for lack of something to compare it to, all of it colored bright red, with a smaller bright light in the center of it. Spaced evenly around its outer edge were wire-like "feelers."

It hung suspended in midair, and suddenly the "feelers" began rotating like a pinwheel. After

three or four revolutions, it shot off at almost incredible speed in the direction of Santa Ana. It was out of sight in a matter of seconds. All of this occurred sometime between 3 and 3:30 a.m.

Dumbfounded at what she had just witnessed, she finally gained her composure and attempted to stand and go to the telephone. The light had been so bright she was temporarily blinded, and fell to the floor. One of her two patients heard the fall and came to her assistance.

After thinking over what she had experienced, she decided to tell no one about it for fear they would not believe her and think she was in need of a psychiatrist. She did, however, make a note of the date and time, with the idea perhaps it would return.

Last Thursday, it was reported in daily newspapers that two Kansas City police patrolmen witnessed a similar event and their description was remarkably close to Mrs. Ager's.

What is the point in telling this story now?

Mrs. Ager, as well as myself, is anxious to know if anyone happened to witness the same thing last May 12 and, like her, has been dubious about revealing their story.

We would like to hear from them . . .

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MORE THAN ONE WITNESS REPORTS SEEING 'FLYING SAUCERS', TOO

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mrs Ager's Story Verified

By The Editor

We have some good news for Mrs. Marion Ager, . . .

We have verbal proof that she was not the only one who claims to have seen that Flying Saucer last May 12 as reported exclusively in our newspapers.

The others included Mrs. Dorothy Brake, 5632 Pearce Avenue, and Mrs. Rowena Lochridge, 5642 Pearce Avenue.

Although they did not actually see the object Mrs. Ager had, their story was this:

Mrs. Brake was watching the same television program as Mrs. Ager, the name of which was not mentioned in last week's story. Her whole front room was also illuminated by an extremely bright light, which, after a few seconds, turned bright red. She looked out her front window and saw everything lit up brighter than daylight. At first, she thought it was an atomic bomb, and braced herself for the impending explosion. But before she could do anything the light went off.

Mrs. Lochridge was asleep in her front bedroom, and was awakened by some intense bright light illuminating the entire room. Before she was fully awakened, the light had changed to a reddish color, and went off quickly. She had managed to reach a window and noticed the lengthy shadows the bright red light was making.

Neither of them saw anything, nor did they hear any sound.

They both discussed it with their husbands, after reading last week's story, and decided to assist Mrs. Ager by reviewing for us what they had seen.

Whenever any happening has only one eyewitness, most people are somewhat skeptical about believing it. Two witnesses to such an event makes one wonder if everything said is true. When you have at least four people who tell pretty much the same story, it begins to ring with some authenticity.

But, the question still remains . . . What are Flying Saucers?



MRS. DOROTHY BRAKE
Surprised As She Watched TV



MRS. ROWENA LOCHRIDGE
So Bright It Woke Her Up

16 May. Southern California (No mention of where radio transmitting site was located) (2:15 p.m.)

1,200 miles per hour? (See letter on this page and page 12)

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May 17, 1956

Major Donald Keyhoe
Alexandria, Va.

Dear Sir:

This is a report on the sighting of an "Unidentified Flying Object". However, you will not find the details nearly as fantastic as many of the descriptions with which you are familiar. We are not going to say anything about this sighting that we do not believe to be absolutely true. We are not allowing imagination to enter into it. In other words, we are attempting to be objective and conservative.

As it happened, we were verifying to ourselves that the planet "Venus" could be sighted in broad daylight under favorable conditions. We had just sighted the planet when this "thing" crossed our field of view.

Date and Time: May 16, 1956 at 2:15PM PDT

Location: On the premises of the transmitting site of this radio station. (There is a U.S. Air Force Base approximately one mile south of this spot).

Occurrence: UFO crossed zenith and disappeared above and beyond (not behind) mountainous ridge due north. It travelled smoothly and in an undeviating straight line. It cleared the "mile-high-point" on state highway #18 by at least 1,000 feet. The minimum distance traversed by the UFO while in sight could not have been less than five miles and was probably well in excess of ten miles. The maximum elapsed time could not have been more than 15 seconds.

Description: Definitely a solid object and appeared to be elliptical in shape. It was whitish in color, but not highly reflective as aluminum or stainless steel would be. It made no sound that we could detect, it

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left no visible trail. Size unknown but definitely larger than the average Air Force Fighter, since, there were two "jets" in the field of view as the UFO cleared the mountains and these jets appeared smaller than the UFO though they were definitely closer to us than was the UFO.

Weather Conditions: Bright sunshine, calm (no winds), clear, (no clouds), temperature in the high nineties, humidity nil.

If we use the conservative estimates of 5 miles in 15 seconds, we arrive at a minimum velocity figure of 1200 miles per hour.

We hope the above will be of some use to you.

Very truly yours,

Richard Klitzing
Richard Klitzing
Chief Engineer

Robert Van Roy
Robert Van Roy
Traffic Manager

BK:RVR/vrm

17 May. Ada, Oklahoma.
(10:22 a.m.)

V-formation. (See clipping)

This account has more detail than the one on page 28 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*.

Ada Boys Specific on What They Saw that Might Be 'Saucers'

Flying saucers may be a myth to almost everyone but they are a stark reality for two Ada youngsters.

Kent Myer, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Meyer, 917 South Johnston, and Clayton Campbell, son of Mrs. Anne Campbell, 701 West Twenty-fifth, are the two Ada boys who say they spotted the moving discs.

The sighting was made Thursday 10:22 a. m. from the playground at Washington School. Students were out for recess and a baseball game was in progress.

"I just happened to look up and there they were," Kent said. "I yelled at everybody but the game was going on and I guess Clayton was the only one that heard me."

Young Meyer said he saw 20 disc-shaped objects relatively low in the western sky. They were moving from south to north and

didn't appear to be traveling at high speed.

"They were flying in a real tight formation," Kent added. "They were in V's with four in each group."

Clayton confirmed his friend's report. "I didn't see all of them, just the last bunch of four as they went behind the smoke from the cement plant. But I saw them all right," he said, "and it made me feel kinda' funny."

Both boys agreed that the objects did not reappear, at least not all of them, after they vanished behind the smoke. "We thought we saw a couple of them come out on the other side of the smoke," they said, "but we're not sure."

Kent says when he first saw the saucers they were not too far away. "They were silver grey," he said. "They looked like they were flying at a slight angle and they looked like each one had a dark spot in the middle. They were in plain sight for 30 or 40 seconds."

According to the boys, the objects made no sound nor was any exhaust or "con" trail visible.

Young Meyer had previously read several books on flying saucers. He meticulously noted all possible details about the sighting and has prepared an unusually complete report.

He has only one problem. He's not exactly sure where to submit it.

ADA, OKLA., NEWS
Circ. D. 8,902 S. 9,050

MAY 20 1956

20 May. Parker, Arizona. (8:45 a.m.)

"Bob" and "Bounce" along.

A note in APRO files states:

"Sighted two 'silvery' disc-shaped objects traveling a North-Northwest to South-Southeast trajectory at an altitude of approximately 5,000 to 10,000 feet. When first sighted, from a distance of approximately 10 miles, it appeared as though they would pass directly overhead. However, after an estimated 60 seconds, their course changed to a South-Southwest direction and they were lost from sight over the California desert. The entire sighting lasted approximately three minutes, during the first half of which Their maneuvers were clearly visible from the ground. Both objects seemed to 'bob' or 'bounce' along at a leisurely rate of speed, flying a 'side-by-side' formation at all times. At no time was there any sound evident and at that hour of the morning, ground noises were at a minimum." (xx.)

(xx.) Name of person making report: Dale Nance Brown. No address given. "56-20-5" APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

20 May. Kingston, Rhode Island. (about 10:30 p.m.)

"I have never witnessed a more magnificent sight."

A letter to Coral Lorenzen of APRO from a fireman in Kingston, Rhode Island, says:

"On Sunday night May 20th, about 10:30 p.m. after returning from a fire, I noticed the Aurora Borealis rippling across the sky. Being a beautifully clear night with the moon at its fullest, I decided to sit out awhile and enjoy the northern lights. I had been sitting only some fifteen minutes when for some reason I glanced over my shoulder at the moon. Here I was struck with awe, for to the right of the moon, or in the south-west, I saw two saucers floating along at a seemingly medial speed. The direction was into the northeast. I had presence of mind to whip from my wallet a GOC-range-finder. I zeroed in on the lead saucer and found it to be about 10,000 feet. The circle into which the saucer fell (denoting 10,000 feet) is about ¼ inch in diameter and this was held at arm's length. The saucer completely filled the circle which, according to the range-finder is about the size of a Boeing B-29. Both saucers were brilliant white sending out the usual glow from their entire surfaces. The lead saucer had some type of beam projecting from the bow and as it skimmed along the beam was moved from about a 70 degree angle forward to about a 45 degree angle downward. The beam seemed to be of a bluish color and even at that distance it was visible. Up to the time of this spotting, I have seen three craft, but never have I been able to study them at length as I did with these. As I have already mentioned, their speed was such that I could watch with ease, and I don't think that I have ever witnessed a more magnificent sight than two noiseless, glowing craft skimming through space with the utmost of ease." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Director (of APRO). From: Donald R. Todd. (Kingston, Rhode Island) Date letter written: 4 June 56. APRO files. Photocopy in author's Files.

20 May. Columbia, Tennessee. (4:00 p.m.) GOC spots mystery. (See clipping)

Flying Objects Spotted By GOC Still Mystery

The mystery of four unidentified objects spotted near here recently by members of the Columbia Ground Observer Corps post, is no nearer a solution today. The Air Force Filter Center in Nashville said it had no information on what the objects could have been.

Four local observers spotted the objects at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 20, while they were on duty at the new tower atop Reservoir Hill. They were about five miles northeast of Columbia, high in the sky, and were observed for about four minutes.

The objects were reported to the Filter Center, it was confirmed today, but there is no

record of any identification having been made.

Major Cecil Gullett, who heads the local post, said the filter center reported back to him that a radar check had been made of this area and the only thing that showed up on the radar screen was a jet that the Air Force had in this area "looking around."

A jet plane, flying low over the city, was heard shortly after 4 p.m. by a large number of local residents.

The observers on duty were Mrs. Henry Lyles and her son, Nelson Lyles, 13, both of Mooresville Pike; Bryom Dickens, 13, West End; and Dee Lineberger, 15, Riverside. All said they saw the strange objects and watched them through binoculars part of the time. They could easily be seen without the binoculars, however, they reported.

They described the objects as oval shaped and resembling two plates turned upside down and put together. They were bright on top and dark underneath and seemed to flash on and off, the

observers said. They were located between two large clouds when spotted and remained in approximately the same location the entire time, although they did move up and down and sideways a little. After four minutes, they disappeared.

When the first was spotted, the observers thought it was an airplane, but when others were seen, and they all failed to change location, the observers were led to believe it was some other type of aircraft.

The Nashville filter center explained the report was recorded in its log, but no information on identification of the objects was ever received. They also had no information on whether the jet plane was sent here to investigate the unidentified objects or here for some other reason.

The local observation post is now being manned only on Saturdays and Sundays because of lack of enough observers.

COLUMBIA, TENN., HERALD
Circ. D. 7,030
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17 May. South Bay. New York. (about 6:30 a.m.)

Encircled by a rim-like affair. (See clipping)

25 May. Otago, New Zealand. (morning)

Flat object with portholes. (See clipping)

29 May. Near Stafford, Kansas. (shortly after 8:00 p.m.)

Two separate green balls left the big red ball. (See clipping)

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Stafford Man Tells Of Watching Flying Saucer

STAFFORD — Another "flying saucer" phenomenon similar to those recently experienced in the Pratt area has been reported from a farm near here.

Robert Slade, 44, saw the unusual sky activity shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Slade had been making hills for his watermelons about a half-mile from home and was enroute home on a tractor when he noticed what he thought was a star at the edge of a cloud bank in the north.

"It appeared to me it was moving and I watched it for just a minute or two. It got a little closer and all of a sudden a great red ball, very brilliant, came out of the little white dot. This large ball lasted about five to ten seconds and two separate green balls left the big red ball going opposite directions. . . .

"By the time I got to the house and got dad. . . . Just as we got back outside this happened again. We watched this happen over and over again."

Slade added, "I've never believed in flying saucers so I didn't imagine anything. I saw everything like settling in a front row seat because just before I got to the house this all happened directly over me."

He said what he saw matched perfectly with what was observed near Pratt recently and was described in last Sunday's News-Herald.

on May 29

GLENS FALLS, N. Y. POST-STAR

Circ. D. 14,507

MAY 18 1956

Report Flying Saucers

Several residents of South Bay hamlet, about eight miles north of Fort Ann in Washington County, reported yesterday witnessing what appeared to be a "flying saucer," hovering above nearby East Mt. The saucer-shaped airborne object, metal-colored and apparently encircled by a rim-like affair, was first noticed by George Winchell of South Bay, who brought it to his wife's attention.

The object was also observed by at least two neighbors of the Winchell family, Charles Green and Jesse Harris.

Mrs. Winchell said the object was first noticed about 6:30 a.m. and was clearly visible for some time before suddenly, and silently, disappearing.

Flying Saucer Season Opens

Special to the Daily Times.

BALCLUTHA, May 25.

The first report for several months of a flying saucer having been seen in Otago comes from the Balclutha district.

This morning, while standing on the roadside at Kakapuaka, awaiting transport, two employees of the South Otago Freezing Company, Limited, Messrs J. Richmond and E. Phillips, saw what they described as a flat object with port-holes along the side, travelling at great speed above and beyond the hills between Kaitangata and the coast.

It left no trail and disappeared in a matter of seconds, they told a Daily Times representative.

From

OTAGO DAILY TIMES

25/5/56

About the end of May. Near Kwekwe, Zimbabwe. (night)

Blue disc paces car?

UFO researcher Cynthia Hind recorded this story:

“Report from Dick and Joan Godfrey of Harare, Zimbabwe.

“ ‘In 1956 we were farming in the Marondera area of Zimbabwe. About the end of May we decided to drive down to Durban, on the South African coast, for a month’s holiday. We were late departing and had to overnight at KweKwe.

“ ‘At the time, the old roads were still tarred strips and our small car wasn’t going fast. The moon had come up on our right, because the shadows of the trees were falling across the road from right to left.

“ ‘It was very cold but a clear, beautiful night. We were chatting as we drove and were nearing a notorious railway crossing where many people have been killed, when of a sudden, everything started to change as a light approached from behind.

“ ‘There was a railway line parallel to the road and I told Joan to see if a train was coming. She looked back but saw neither train nor car behind us.

“ ‘The light grew sharper and became a very beautiful blue. Eventually it overshadowed our car’s headlamps, still travelling behind and to one side of the road. It actually came from quite a distance behind and caught up with us. I could see how the shadows of the trees and the car came forward, then shortened, as it got nearer.

“ ‘This light was very bright but a really beautiful soft blue color, not blinding, and lit up the trees and the road in front of us. Now I’m an ex-Air Force man and I have a very good idea of altitude and distance, being also a shottist; in those days my hearing and sight were phenomenal. The object must have been about 50 meters above the car and about 15 meters off the roadside. It definitely paced us because I changed speed and it followed, keeping pace with us.’

“Joan Godfrey concurred with what her husband had to say, adding: ‘There was no sound, so we looked around to find out where this terribly bright light was coming from.’

“Dick continues: ‘I could see it was a blue disc; I could see its outline, although it could have been a sphere. It wasn’t flat, not like a saucer sitting on its bottom. If it was a disc of some sort, then it was upright. It stood sideways, completely circular, so it could just as easily have been a sphere. There was no etched outline, no black rim, just that lovely blue light, reminding me of the artificial moonlight we used to make during the Second World War; only that was of a yellowish color.

“ ‘Eventually I said to Joan: “That thing is pacing us!” I put on speed, then slowed down and the thing stayed with us. Then I stopped and said, “I’m going to get out and have a look at it.”

“ ‘The light then overshot us little. Now this was the first of the remarkable things, in that it didn’t reverse; it just changed positions. It was there, in front of us, then it was here, beside the car, in one move!

“ ‘I got out and leaned against the car, watching this strange object as it disappeared and immediately reappeared in another place, and I puzzled over this because of the way it changed direction and altitude.

“ ‘Now I had no night-blindness from the light, such as would happen from a

normal blinding light. Yet it lit up acres and acres of land all around.

“ ‘When it was beside the car, the object appeared to be about two meters, perhaps a little less, in diameter. After watching it for a while, I lifted up my arms and waved and shouted at it: “Take me to your Leader!” And I have an idea I scared the thing off, because as I said those words, it moved. My word, it MOVED!

“ ‘Now, we knew the farmhouse about a mile in front of us on the left-hand side. Within two seconds after the object left us, it lit up that whole farm: I could see the homestead, water tank, milking shed, corrugated iron roofs, the lot—all lit up by this blue radiance.

“ ‘Then suddenly it was gone! As before, it disappeared from one place and immediately reappeared elsewhere. It was as if the captain said to his navigator, “I want you to go from this latitude to that latitude, so just push a button.” Well, the movement of that object was like a transference of matter from one place to another. As it passed the farm it gained altitude but it shot up, from being very low to very high, and you didn’t see it go up. It would leave here and be there, then continue its flight. It went straight up and made those erratic sideways and upwards movements, going very fast.

“ ‘Then it accelerated still more, and maybe it was the visual effect of something going very fast, but it elongated and became a teardrop. There were no sparks flying, but it took on an orange glow at the tail end and seemed to have an orange rim as well. That could have been the effect on my eyesight from the speed of the thing, because after it left the farm it really accelerated; I could see the horizon when it lit up the hills, about 80 km away, in not more than three to four seconds. It literally streaked off like a comet! When it went over the horizon it didn’t gradually vanish from our view. By that time it had got a good deal smaller and I had lost sight of the blue, but could still see the orange color. It just dived straight down as if it had settled somewhere over the hills.

“ ‘Now, I want to say two things: there was completely no smell or change in the temperature, and completely no sound. Absolute silence. We could hear crickets chirping and the other background noises of the open country. I had left the engine running, just in case, but it was a very quiet car. There was no interference with the engine or headlamps.

“ ‘But this “thing” came back to look at us, because there was a gap in the trees where I stopped and it definitely came back to where we were and just hovered there, looking at us. But when I waved and shouted, that’s when it left.

“ ‘It was about 19:30 hours when we got into KweKwe. We were in time for dinner at the hotel and as far as we’re aware, that is the time we expected to reach KweKwe, so there was no delay/

“ ‘My thoughts were of the impossibility of anything of that size and nature to remain in the air, soundlessly and without any smell, because we burn fuel. But there was no noise, smell or heat of any sort; just this beautiful blue incandescence, leaving no momentary night-blindness.

“ ‘The whole episode must have taken about five minutes at the most: it followed us, caught up with us and paced us. It stopped when I stopped, it returned and we faced each other. We were not afraid at any time, just totally puzzled over what such a bright object could possibly be; and then it was gone so fast, we just couldn’t get over that!

“ ‘I said to Joan I’d get on to the Met Department on our return, but I didn’t, after

all. I've spoken about it to a few people over the years but they look at one another as if to say we're off beam.

"I did first think it was the full moon, but it was not; the shadows were moving, while the trees and scenery were lit up with this blue radiance. Definitely not electrical, incredibly bright but not blinding, as electric light would be."

"Dick's wife Joan commented that during the event she saw the light as silvery, while her husband saw it as blue." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Afrinews*. Ed.: Cynthia Hind. February 1996. No.13. pp. 22-25.

Late May. La Porte, Indiana. (midnight)

EM case?

About midnight, a Mr. Gary Hanna was driving on Division Road approximately 6 1/2 miles east of La Porte, Indiana. It was late in the month of May 1956. The sky was clear with a crescent moon. Emerging from some woods in his new 1956 Ford, Mr. Hanna noticed some lights in the sky about 1,000 feet up and about two city blocks away. At the same time he began to have trouble with his car. The investigator that wrote up the report on the case commented:

"This UFO knocked off the radio and headlights and also possibly the ignition of the car he was driving, but this is only an assumption due to the fact that the car was of the automatic transmission type. However, the car did slow.

"Apparently there were three component parts of this UFO, a large moon colored body, and two smaller parts or lights of red and green with the red light closes to the ground. Both beams of light were directed toward the ground as the UFO hovered over a certain area without moving. The continual movement of these lights in a horizontal plane with beams directed downward indicate that there was some directed intelligence behind the operation of these lights. According to the sighter's description, the ground within the directed ray of red light gave a burnt-brown appearance, which makes me believe that particular light was infra-red. Infra-red is used for voice communication, but I doubt that this was the application of it in this case, because the rays of light were directed downward. This, in my mind excludes the possibility of their being running lights. My theory is in this particular case this beam of light was used for photography or possibly the mapping of this particular area for some reason. Although I cannot possibly conceive how this would be possible; but this ray or beam of light may have been a medium for energy transfer of some sort.

"By the interruption of the electrical system of the auto, tells me that a large magnetic field was present, inducing an EMF into the auto's ignition and electrical system; which gives rise to the idea that the UFO was electro-magnetically, electro-statically, or electro-thermally propelled or at least magnetic energy was dissipated in hovering." (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO report. Investigator: O.R. Hartle. Witness: Gary Hanna, 3105 Oakdale Ave., La Porte, Indiana. Date form filled out: 19 April 61. Photocopy in author's files.

Late May or early June. Near Northville, New York. (about 3:00 p.m.)

UFO follows jets.

A chiropractor named T.E. Murch was relaxing on the shore of Sacandaga Reservoir about three in the afternoon when he heard the roar of some jets. He turned around and searched the clear blue sky. Out of the north came three F-86 fighters in an in-line formation. Following about 100 feet behind the last jet, and about 100 feet off to the right, was a round, alabaster-colored, object that appeared to be half the size of the jets. The planes maintained a steady north-south course until over the southern horizon, the strange snow-white "thing" tagging along. (xx.)

(xx.) NICA0 UFO report form. Investigator: Mrs. Frances Homes. Witness: Dr. T.E. Murch, 2504 Albany St., Schenectady, New York. Date form filled out: 6 November 57. Photocopy in author's files.

? June. Near? Liberty, Mississippi. (about 7:40 p.m.)

She screamed and trembled with fear.

A NICAP report states:

"Returning home to McComb, Mississippi, from my father's home in Amite County located seven miles east of Liberty, Mississippi, we were traveling on a gravel road ½ mile from State Highway 24 where it crosses the east prong of the Amite River, when we saw what appeared to be a very large and bright star. It looked very much like the planet Venus through many times larger and seemed to be only a few hundred feet above the ground seeming to be about three quarters of a mile away.

"In about ten seconds we lost sight of the object due to hills and timber we were passing. About two minutes lapsed and we turned on to highway 24 eastward. In so doing we came in full view of the highway ahead of us and there it was...a very bright light circular in shape with no defined edges but growing almost like the sun at noon on a summer day though not as bright but about the intensity of a 150 watt incandescent light bulb. Several acres around it was illuminated very brightly, not like daylight, but like a well lighted ball park. It appeared to be 20 or 30 feet in diameter hovering over the highway about 1,000 feet ahead.

"The interior of our car was also lit up brightly by this object, startling and frightening us to the point that my recent bride of a few months screamed. She was trembling with fear and flung her body on the seat with her head toward me and grabbing hold of me at the same time trying to escape the light that was shining so brightly.

"Not wanting my wife to think me afraid and at the same time wanting to see it better I decided to disguise my very real fear by forcing myself my self to accelerate toward it as rapidly as my car would go." (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Witness: Lloyd Newman, Route 4, Liberty,

Mississippi. Date form filled out: 28 February 66. Photocopy in author's files.

The UFO did not stay around. Mr. Newman states: "I was roughly 500 feet away traveling Towards it when it began to rise and move out over a river bottom. It gained altitude and speed, gradually going out of sight in the Northern sky among the stars." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

? June. Between Church Hill and Roberts, Maryland. (about 9:00 p.m.)

"Lighted mass in the skies." "Raised umbrella without the stick."

Columnist Dan Tabler told his readers:

"Young Billy Robinson, who lives between Church Hill and Roberts, was in the office the other day and tells me that his father, his mother, sister and he witnessed some kind of lighted mass in the skies in the northwest one evening three weeks ago [June?].

"His father, who was the porch about 9 p.m. saw it first and called to the family. The mass of red and white lights hung over the trees in the distance for about 15 minutes and then disappeared behind them. He said the lights were in the shape of a raised umbrella without the stick.

"The unusual coincidence is that several years ago the family saw the same type of lights or object in the skies to the northwest of their home, which like this one has not been fully explained." (xx.)

(xx.) Tabler, Dan. "Lookin' Around." Centerville, Maryland. *Record Observer*. 21 June 56.

1 June. Atlantic City?, New Jersey. (11:00 p.m.)

"It looked like a lighted hotel."

In a letter to Coral Lorenzen's APRO organization it states:

"On the night of June 1st my brother and his wife had gone to bed. Their bed was in a position in the room so Tom could lay on his side and look out a wide open window (screened it). The night was sometimes rather foggy or hazy and clouded over—sometimes clear with the stars shinning. At exactly eleven o'clock, looking out to the south-southeast, he saw a lighted object in the sky. He went to the window and got on his hands and knees to better observe it. He called his wife, Marty, urgently and she joined him.

"Coming across open fields was a thing they described as three times as big as an airplane at the same height would look. It looked like a lighted hotel would off at a distance. There were many lighted portholes (like windows on separate floors). The color of all lights was definitely amber (like traffic lights). The object must have been rotating for the lights seemed to flash and revolve or turn. They watched it come

rather slowly until it was within, say 200 feet—directly over a house across the intersection. Then suddenly the thing changed course and headed towards what would be Atlantic City or the coast at such speed it was out of sight before you could snap your fingers. There was at on time one bit of sound. My brother and his wife were dumb founded. Then they heard the faint drone of an airplane and in about a minute or two a jet went over in the same direction the UFO had just vanished—coming in from the opposite direction. Apparently the UFO heard or sighted the plane before my brother and his wife.

“As they watched it, Tom said, ‘My God, it’s a saucer!’ And Mary said, ‘It can’t be!’ Tom said, ‘It has to be. You don’t hear any sound, do you?’ And Mary said, ‘Tom, if that’s a saucer, I’m afraid!’ The two judged the whole encounter may not have taken more than a half minute, or maybe a minute.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: APRO. From: (name and address missing) Date report submitted to APRO: (No date given) APRO files. Photocopy in author’s files.

1 June. “A single world organization for civilian investigation into flying saucers.”

In a small booklet published by Alejandro de la Jara on June 1, 1956, a world effort to investigate UFOs was proposed. The suggestion illustrated the growing realization that the UFO problem was too big for a single person or even national groups. (See this page and page 22)



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FLYING SAUCERS : The Official Attitude

(An article published in the important newspaper EL
COMERCIO, of Lima, Peru, on June 1, 1956)

BY

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TO WHICH IS ADDED

A PROJECT

addressed to Heads of Civilian Flying Saucer Investi-
gation Groups, Editors of F.S. reviews & Others

public ought to have been informed from the beginning of the TRUE results that the investigators were obtaining. Then today we should all know much more than we do & we should be prepared for any eventuality, in the same way that we can now estimate the dangers likely to arise from an atomic war.

In view of what I have said — which is little enough, since this aspect of the problem merits a very detailed study — I am of the opinion that the investigation into the mystery of the Flying Saucers should be taken out of military hands & entrusted to an international commission of top-ranking scientists, to which all governments would lend their aid, making available without reservation all the data and information at present kept absolutely secret. A commission of this nature could give us, if not perhaps a definite solution, then at least a REASONABLE and SCIENTIFIC theory in place of the negative crudities which no one believes in any case. This business of the Saucers is not a joke. It may be something very serious. If it were not so, the official commissions would have abandoned their study by now & strict orders would not have been given to military pilots to say nothing publicly about what they came across in the sky. If the matter

were not serious, it would be hard to explain that hiding of facts from newspapers and news agencies which is so notorious. After pointing this out in *El Comercio* some time ago, I have seen it quoted & repeated in other publications all over the world. The official attitude may have its reasons and its apologists; but for those of us who have not a military mind and are accustomed to thinking for ourselves instead of in accordance with superior orders, this attitude is mistaken and can end by being immensely dangerous.



A PROJECT submitted by the undersigned for the consideration of the various civilian investigation organisations which throughout the world are concerned with the enigma of the Flying Saucers.

CONSIDERING

1. That with a view to ensuring positive results from the efforts to reach a solution to the problem of the Flying Saucers that are being made independently by various civil organisations, it would be desirable to unite all these laudable efforts under a common management;
2. That the manner in which official investigations are

conducted, with centres in the principal countries of the world, suffers from the defects and obstacles enumerated in the foregoing article, *The Official Attitude*,
IT IS PROPOSED

1. To recommend to the heads of all the civilian investigation organisations of the world that they should pool ideas with a view to creating a single World Organisation for Civilian Investigation into the F.S., the headquarters of this to be established in whichever country offers the maximum material and technical possibilities for the success of the investigation. The other national groups at present in existence would remain as organisations subsidiary to the central headquarters and be under the obligation to work on the lines laid down by the said Central Organisation.
2. To consider the possibility of presenting to U.N.O. a petition signed by all the heads or presidents of the present civilian enquiry groups, as well as by any individual who is actively concerned in the matter and who might wish to participate. The petition would urge that the official investigation of the problem, which at present is in the hands of military groups working in each country, should be taken over by an INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION comprised of the leading scientists

in each of the specialised fields with a bearing on the question, a Commission to which each government would hand over the whole of the data, studies and conclusions which it had accumulated to date, and which would be financed either from the economic resources of which the various governments are making use today to maintain their own military enquiry commissions or from U.N.O.'s own funds.

3. The World Organisation for Civilian Investigation, mentioned in the first proposition, would also offer its full support and collaboration to the International Scientific Commission cited in the second proposition. Or it might cease to exist altogether once the Int. Scientific Comm had been founded and begun to function, since the primary reason for founding the various civil investigation groups throughout the world was the discontent and lack of confidence evoked by the way in which the investigations were being conducted by the various official military commissions.

—Alejandro de la Jara.

Parque Yungay 295,
SAN MIGUEL,
LIMA, PERU.

June 1, 1956

4 June. Near Hempstead, New York. (12:15 a.m.)

"Forget about it—you've probably had a drink." "I felt as if I couldn't move closer—like a wire was holding me."

Personal UFO report phoned to a (CIS New York?) civilian UFO investigator. Document found in CUFOS files. The witness to the UFO event, whose name is omitted from the report, claims he was a member of the GOC unit based at Hempstead and that he had spent four years in the Air Force as a control tower operator. After his experience he remarked: "I don't believe in these things [UFOs] but after last night I don't know what to think." Here is the UFO witnesses' story as jotted down by the civilian UFO investigator:

"Time: 12:15 a.m. Place: Driving along Northern State Parkway from Hempstead toward Hickville.

"Saw bright bluish-white light about 1-2 degrees above horizon. At first thought it was Venus. Then when object began rapid descent, decided it could not be Venus.

"Light was brilliant bluish-white, brighter and dimmer; more bluish when brighter. Also oscillated—but not like pendulum, a straight back-and-forth motion.

"Light was 'fuzzy' but brilliant.

"Saw it descend into wooded area. No homes near the area.

"Stopped his car on the parkway, went toward light. Frence said 'No Trespassing,' but observer was too curious to stop at fence, and went over it toward the object. Light could be seen, at all times, through the trees.

"At what he estimates was 700-750 yards away from the object, he became conscious of an intense heat. Couldn't go closer. Also (this detail came out at the last, after he decided I wasn't going to make fun of him), 'I felt as if I couldn't move closer—like a wire was holding me.'

"Insists that diameter of the light was 200-250 feet.

"He heard a loud noise—at first compared to thunder—then to 'crashing, like trees.' Immediately the light went out.

"At once he went back to his car for a flashlight—'I guess I was kind of running'—and took it back to the wooded area, where he found a circular area about 250 feet in diameter, where the grass was flattened. NO burning of grass observed; NO indentation in the ground. 'Like it didn't have any weight.'

"Time to leave spot, return to car, get flashlight, about five minutes. Total time, from moment when object began to descend, to end of episode, estimated to be 15 minutes. No sign of any object otherwise.

"Observer tried to use telephone at the nearest house, but was refused. Man told him he was trespassing. 'I tried to explain I was, like, with the GOC, but he said it didn't matter who I was, I should get off the property.'

"Called Mitchel Field. First spoke to Major [...name deleted], who said 'Forget about it—you've probably had a drink.'

"'But then I decided they ought to know about it so I called again and asked to speak to someone in authority, so they gave Captain S.H. Doyal, Public Information—'he takes in the sightings' and he said he had a couple of reports (I think about the object but couldn't be sure from observer's statements)—'We know what all this is about; forget it. You'd just get a lot of publicity. We have our reasons.'" (xx.)

Untranslated news clipping dated: 6 June 56. (Credit APRO files) (See below)

10 June. Auckland, New Zealand. (about 9:30 p.m.)

"I had the feeling I was being sized up."

A sighting report published in CSI New Zealand's official quarterly UFO journal (with an introductory remark by the editor) states;

"On the 12th June your Editor learned of a very interesting Auckland observation. First learned from another who knew the witness, subsequent inquiries brought the following to light. Let's read the airman's description of his experience:

"Dear Sir,—I have the honor to report in reply to your telephone call to me this day. I have compiled the accompanying description of my first impression of a 'Flying Saucer' which I have seen.

"Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Brian Lovelock

"On the evening of the 10th of June, 1956, at approximately 9:30 p.m., I was walking on the right hand side of St. Leonard's Road (near Waikumete) on the footpath towards Archibald Road. It was a cold and wet night and the wind was blowing very strongly towards me from what I judge to be approximately N.E. The first thing that attracted my attention to the object was that something bright was moving slowly in the corner of my eye, as it were, against the wind.

"I immediately looked up and to my great shock and fear, I saw above and behind the houses on my half-right, about 40 degrees angle and 200 feet from the ground, an object which had these characteristics: The object appeared to be hovering and moving slowly eastward; it was like an upside down saucer with bell-shaped top. The 'saucer' glowed or should I say emanated a blue-white light (like sodium light). It also grew dim and bright alternately, as if it were a light fixed on a dimmer with a slide moved up and down. The light did not seem to be reflected to any great extent as would the lights of a car. I'm afraid I was so shocked and scared I did not notice any mechanical protuberances or windows, if any.

entre Falcon y Yaracuy

VIERON VOLAR OBJETO LUMINOSO

Coro, junio 6. — (Corresponsal Especial).

El lunes pasado —a las 7.15 de la mañana— varias personas vieron un objeto luminoso sobre la población de San Luis, en la Tierra de Coro, el cual fue avistado desde esta población y que se supone sea el mismo objeto que cayó poco después en las montañas de Arapuey.

Así se atestigua en una carta recibida aquí y firmada por el hacendado Luis Jimenes, quien en compañía de otras personas, entre ellas se menciona al actual Secretario de la Prefectura del Distrito Bolívar, Juan Morales, vieron desde "La Quinta" un objeto, en forma de cohete, desplazarse a regular velocidad en dirección Este-Oeste, con una luz "brillantísima" y de un metro de largo por 30 centímetros de ancho.

La carta en referencia viene fechada el 4 del mes en curso, el mismo día que este diario publicó la información relacionada con el fenómeno presenciado en esta capital y en Valera, la cual aún no había sido leída por Luis Jimenes.

La gente está pendiente del informe que rindan las comisiones destacadas a Arapuey respecto al hecho ocurrido una explosión.

San Felipe, junio 6. — (Exclusivo).

Un objeto luminoso de grandes dimensiones y en forma ovalada fue visto en la tarde de ayer en el caserío Las Flores, a pocos kilómetros del aeropuerto de esta ciudad.

Ló afirmaron así al corresponsal el hacendado Ramón Córdido Salom, quien en compañía de su madre Mercedes Salom Liraranga de Córdido, vio el objeto en una parte de su finca "La Fundación". Explicó Córdido Salom, que se desplazaba a gran velocidad al sur de la Serranía de la Fila Santa María y luego de inclinarse sobre la tierra ascendió perdiéndose entre las nubes. En compañía de los Córdido Salom estaban los agricultores: Plácido Daniel Castillo, Indro Abarcá, Juvenal Camacho, Octavio Gómez, José Sevilla, Fernando Martínez, Alberto Tursalba y León Guevara. El fenómeno —como ellos recalcan— se visto por primera vez en esa zona del Yaracuy.

Yaracuy, junio 6. — (Exclusivo).

Un objeto luminoso atravesó el cielo de esta ciudad, de Norte a Sur, y fue divisado por numerosas personas, especialmente por las que residen en los barrios El Maladero, La Plazuela y aún en el mismo centro de la población.

Según la versión recogida por este corresponsal, el aparato, era redondo, bastante luminoso y semejante a un gigantesco disco. Muchos de los informantes se mostraron asombrados por la aparición de este fenómeno, al que denominaron "platillo volador".

Agregaron nuestros informantes, que el disco luminoso se perdió en el espacio con una rapidez sorprendente y que dejaba una especie de estela de humo.

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"During this whole business I had a most uncanny feeling as if someone or something was 'sizing me up.' This passed when the object suddenly took off at a terrific speed straight up. After it had disappeared I raced for the nearest street light and stood under its light. It took me some time to 'cool down' and sort things out.

"L.A.C. Lovelock, Marine Section, Hobsonville, gave added details and a sketch of the object; its outline is remarkably similar to Adamski's scout-ship photos [No sketch is shown. A key element of a hoax would be a three-ball landing gear arrangement. Other than that, an outline similar to an "Adamski craft" would not necessarily disqualify the story from consideration. One might also add that the "uncanny feeling" remark is not something Adamski or his followers would include]. Your Editor has interviewed L.A.C. Lovelock a number of times. The airman also made an appearance (on strong request) before members at C.S.I. June general meeting. This interview was tape recorded. L.A.C. Lovelock, a bright, intelligent person of 21 years, left a good impression with C.S.I. He is an active member of a city youth movement. We have no reason to doubt his story." (xx.)

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

12 June. Gloucester, England. (about 11:30 p.m.)

Like the Queen Mary with extremely large windows.

Here is a case investigated by the British Flying Saucer Bureau:

"No explanation has yet been found for a brilliant object which passed over Gloucester on Tuesday night. It was also seen over Cleeve hill and Deerhurst. At Gloucester, its light was said to be strong enough to be seen through drawn curtains.

"From Cheltenham comes the statement by Mr. H. Vaillencourt, of Bishops Cleeve, an engineer inspector in the aircraft industry, that it was not an aircraft [I guess he should know!—L.E. Gross] as this world knows them. 'It was ten times the size of anything we have got, and was like looking at the Queen Mary at a distance of two to three miles at the most. The object was blazing with light which came from the inside and showed through extremely large windows.'

"A resident of Gloucester says she saw the object from her bedroom window at about 11:30 p.m. It was extremely bright, passed across the city roughly from East to West, and paused for perhaps thirty seconds over the city. She did not see any shape, size, or height, but the light was far brighter than any star or planet. It was far brighter too than navigation lights of an aeroplane, and could be seen through drawn curtains.

"The R.A.F. at Eastern Avenue, Gloucester, have no knowledge of the object. They recommended *The Citizen* to try the meteorological station. That also yielded a blank. And the Police and Gloucester City Fire Brigade have had no celestial phenomena reported to them.

"A suggestion is that it may have been a large American bomber equipped with special lighting or a rocket motor attachment. But at Fairford Air Base *The Citizen* was told 'We have no idea what the object could have been. We had no aircraft in the air at that time.'

"Altogether seven independent eye-witness reports have been received from Brookthorpe, Gloucester, Bishops Cleeve, Churchdown and Upton-St. Leonards.

"Mrs. M.D. Whiteley of Brookthorpe described her first impression as that of a great airliner. She had an idea, but could not be sure, that she heard the noise of engines. She says that it was an immensely bright object, which twinkled and the lights were so intense that she could not detect an outline. The object came from the direction of Quedgeley and passed over very slowly before midnight. In comparison the navigation lights of an aeroplane which passed over shortly afterwards were like pin points.

"Mr. Fred Tekell of Gloucester, who was walking between Denmark Road and Eastcourt Road, just before 11 p.m. says the light was a warm orange colour and nothing like the lights of a plane—rather more like a ball of light.

"Mr. Brian K. Wooland who watched the object from his bedroom window at Upton-St.-Leonards as it passed over Gloucester in a northerly direction at about 11:45 p.m. put the size of the light at twenty times that of a normal aircraft. Mr. Wooland says that he has seen a similar light coming from a German V-1 flying bomb at night time." (xx.)

(xx.) Gloucester, England. *The Citizen*. (no date available) Also: *Flying Saucer News Bulletin*. Published by the British Flying Saucer Bureau, 30 Melbourne Terrace, Newtown, Bristol 2. pp.7-8.

12?, 13?, 14? June (Witness unsure) Shady Cove, Oregon. (just after dark)

"20 feet above the river." "500 feet above the house."

A report was filed with APRO concerning a UFO experience involving the Schauble family. The Schaubles lived in the Edgewater subdivision of the city of Shady Cove, Oregon. The sky was clear the evening of the sighting and no sound was heard during the period of observation. The witness Dick Schauble flew his own private plane and claimed to be aware of natural phenomena. The objects seen, however, were unexplainable to him. The witnesses likened the UFO's color to that of a wood fire. The report provided the following details:

"Dick [Schauble] was working in his father's shop just after dark on this summer evening and as he glanced out the window he saw a bright reddish 'saucer'-shaped object hanging motionless about 500 feet above the Schauble home on the edge of the Rogue River. He then ran to the house to alert his parents and younger sister. The distance from the shop to the house is about 250-300 feet and before his parents and sister came outside, two more similar objects came in from the northwest and joined the first one at a low altitude—estimated to be 20 feet—above the river. Here, and very close together, they moved up and down and around in slow motion. They then moved a short distance down the river, came back again to the same previous spot, and resumed their original performance.

"The father, Jack Schauble, stated that at one time he and his family got behind one of his smaller buildings because of uncertainty as to the intentions of the UFOs. At this spot they continued viewing the objects.

"After a short time the three UFOs raised up about 100-150 feet and moved over to an area apparently above the Ray Briggs home across the river from them—situated on a hill. Here the previous performance was repeated. Altogether, the sighting lasted a good 30 minutes before the UFOs disappeared towards the south, southwest (Sam's Valley and Gold Hill)." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed report. "U.S.A. Shady Cove, Oregon. 56/6/12,13 or14." APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

13 June. Hinsdale, Illinois. (1:30 a.m.?, 1:40? A.m.)

Craft with a dome?

Observing what is considered a "true UFO" is a rare event, so rare that individuals claiming more than one sighting have to be considered suspect. Does that apply to a Mr. Matulnik? Unfortunately, of the four sightings he claims, we do not have much detail on three. Here is the one experience Mr. Matulnik describes:

"Professor Hynek. When I saw this first Flying Saucer in 1956 and mentioned it to somebody, they laughed at me. So I quit talking about it to anyone.

"Remembering you once asked me to send you drawings and information of any flying saucer I have seen, no matter how long ago it was, I believe I can honestly tell you that from 1956 to 1979 I have seen flying saucers four times. Twice close, and twice further away. I sent you drawings of the fourth one I saw with the lights rotating counter clock wise around its outside diameter edge. That one was bigger than the first one. I finally found the drawing and information I had made on June 13, 1956 of the first flying saucer I had seen.

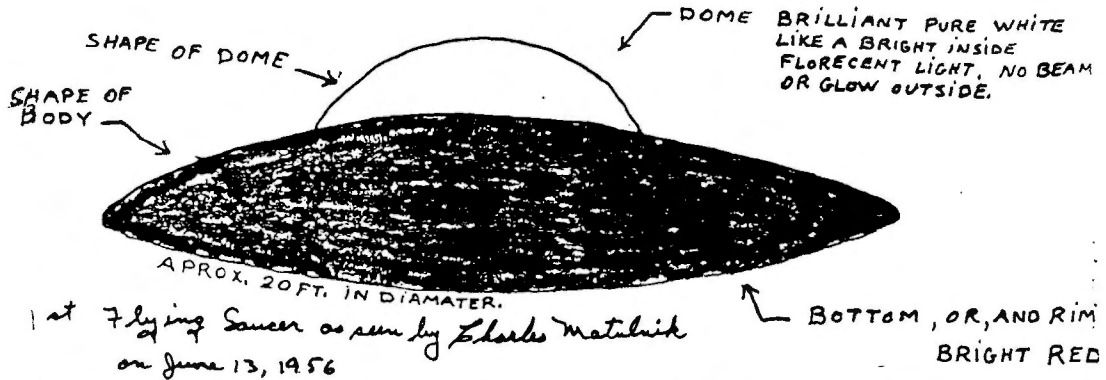
"I was coming home from work as I worked the 2nd shift as I do now. I saw this first flying saucer just as I reached the gravel road leading to my home. My car was the only one on the road at the time. I still remember it clearly to this day. It was flying so low, tree top height, and so slow, about 5 or 10 miles per hour, I couldn't miss seeing such a big bright object. I stopped before turning onto my gravel street, or road, as it was flying right over my gravel road. It was bigger in diameter than my gravel road was wide, which I measured at 12 feet, so I estimate its diameter, the flying saucer to be approximately 20 feet in diameter, or maybe more. Flying so low and so slow I think it could have been observing the land below it. My eyes don't lie to me. I know what I see, and I tell the truth." (See drawings on page 28) (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. J. Allen Hynek (CUFOS?). From: Charles Matulnik, (no street number) Hinsdale, Illinois. Date letter written: 26 July? 79. Photocopy in author's files.

19 June. Hynek maintains contact with the CSI New York group. (See pages 29-30)

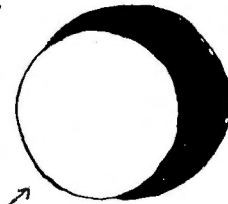
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1ST FLYING SAUCER SEEN JUNE 13, 1956

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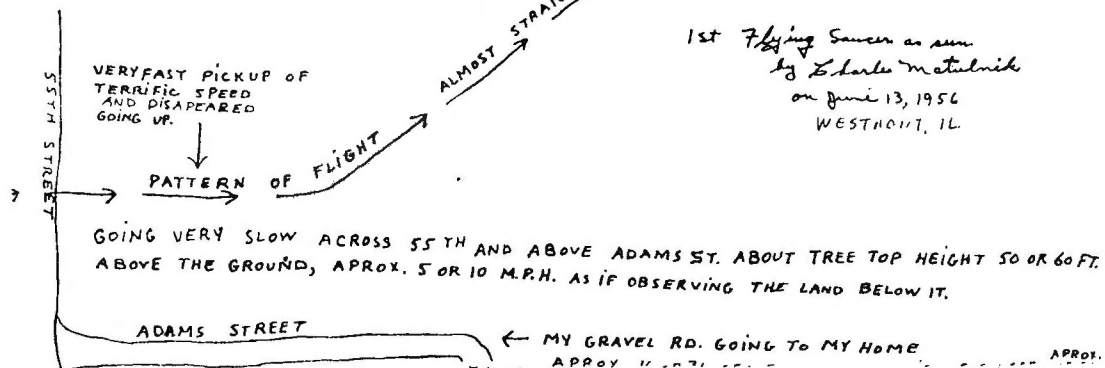
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June 19, 1956

Mr. Alexander D. Mebane
138 West 92nd Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Mebane:

Since receiving your letter of May 31, 1956, I have not only been travelling around a bit but have transferred my offices once again from McMillin Observatory to Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, where I shall now be for over a year. But anything less than a month's delay in answering a letter is good for me, so here goes.

I have some rather interesting things to report to you or perhaps we had better not use the word report ----- let's say to talk with you about and since letters are generally a poor medium for talking over a number of things, I look forward to the opportunity of chatting with you in New York one of these days. I feel that this can be before very long because on my return from my next immediate travels which take me to California and Miami, I shall have to spend some time in Washington and since New York is conveniently located between here and there, I should like very much to arrange to spend an evening with you and your associates.

Activity at ATIC has picked up considerably recently, what with the UFO film, which I had an opportunity of previewing before it hit the public theaters, and with Jessup's UFO Annual and your fine editing of the French book ----- well, all of these things are having their repercussions. Besides, ATIC Saucer Division has a new head, one Captain Gregory, who is as fair and realistic a person as one could ask for, and I enjoy working with him. We just made a trip to Colorado Springs together to ----- well, I can tell you about this when I see you. No, I don't mean to be coy, just sensible.

The Air Force still believes that my services are of some value to them, even though lately I have been quite critical of a number of things. There are a few things in the French book that I should like to discuss with you. First of

Mr. Alexander D. Mebane

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June 19, 1956

12/30/49 all, I will contest that the position of Venus did not coincide with the Mantell sighting. Mind you, I do not say the sighting was this, although it still seems very probable to me that at the very end, and from that altitude, it may have been Venus that Mantell was chasing, but the altitude and azimuth of Venus at that time of the afternoon I looked into rather carefully and it did agree. One must remember that in those days I did not know of the sky hook balloons but I did say in my original report that it was unlikely that people from such a large area would all be able to see Venus, which is a difficult object to see at best. But it occurred as probable to me that a balloon might have been the primary stimulus that set the wheels in motion, and that Mantell might have picked up Venus after he was aloft, where the seeing conditions would have been considerably better than on the ground. However, we can discuss that more later also.

I enjoyed the UFO film immensely even though it was over-dramatized and terribly slanted. I suppose it is some sort of a commentary that I found the most dramatic part of the picture to be the bringing in of a plane through fog by radar. This part at least was factual:

Well, I shall let you know when I next intend to be in New York. It will probably be about July 11, but this is very tentative. What are the chances of an ordinary human being, and not a space visitor, of getting a ticket to "My Lady Fair"? How far in advance are these sold out? I would appreciate it if you might let me know about this. Perhaps a single ticket would not be too difficult to obtain. If I did succeed in getting a ticket for that, this would certainly freeze my arrival in New York!

Thanks again for your long letter. Oh yes. I think it is still best for me to say "no" to a public appearance. I find that not only in this field but in others, I am a much better power for the good by staying in the background. Indeed, it seems to be my lot in life to occupy this position, frequently acting as a catalyst. Well, catalysts are necessary, too.

Sincerely,



J. Allen Hynek

JAH:md
enc.

21 June. Homestead, Pennsylvania. (about 8:35 p.m.)

Scouts see saucers. (See clipping. This account has more detail than the one given in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*, p.52)

Untranslated clipping dated 30 June 56. (Credit: Barry Greenwood)
(See below)

1 July. Nelson, New Zealand.
(8:05 p.m.)

Lights over "Blind Channel."
(See below)

LIGHTS OVER "BLIND CHANNEL" (TASMAN BAY)

Report by Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bethwaite of Nelson,
1st July.

At 8.5 p.m. on leaving a hangar at Nelson Airport the Bethwaites stopped to observe the following peculiar phenomena:—

Suddenly a bright yellow light appeared in the sky apparently high above the Blind Channel which skirts the north-western boundary of the 'drome, somewhat less than a mile distant from the hangar. This light travelled downward in a curve to apparently hover just above the water. Then two other lights appeared, one on either side of the hovering light. These two side lights were quite a distance from the centre light and remained perfectly motionless just above the water. The two side lights kept blinking off and on, but not rhythmically or in unison. The central light was continually on the move jerking up and down and from side to side, but generally higher above the water than the two side lights. All lights looked about the size, colour and brilliance one would expect street lights to appear at this distance. Under observation for 10 minutes, during which time the Bethwaites considered climbing to the platform of the "met" control tower nearby (but it was all in darkness) or walking to the edge of the 'drome (but again it was dark and so far). In trying to rationalize the episode in their own minds, they tried to imagine the central light attached to the mast of a boat pitching violently in the sea, but the horizontal movement in particular was far too great for such an explanation. Also the channel is sheltered and it was a windless night. Neither could they account for the curved descent of the central light out of the sky in the first place.

Conditions at the time were very dark and still. No stars were showing. The performance was still continuing when they left for home. They admitted it was exceedingly difficult to judge just how far distance the display was, and they guessed the position to be just above the water of the Blind Channel.

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(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal. Civilian Saucer Investigations (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No. 2.
September-December 1956. p.6.

La Prensa
Buenos Aires, Argen.
June 30 1956

Un Objeto Extraño Fue Observado Ayer Sobre Esta Ciudad

En las últimas horas de la tarde de ayer se observó en el cielo de esta ciudad un objeto de forma alargada, en posición vertical, que atrajo la atención del público reunido para observarlo.

Algunos de los que presenciaron el hecho afirmaron que tenía la forma de un palo y se confundía con las nubes. Otros que lo observaron desde el barrio de San Telmo señalaron que se vio alrededor de las 18 y que parecía estar situado a la altura del edificio del Ministerio de Obras Públicas.

Por su parte otro observador que presenció el hecho desde Bolívar y Rivadavia lo situó sobre las avenidas 9 de Julio y Roque Sáenz Peña en dirección al obelisco. Como solamente se vio durante unos minutos y con poca claridad, circularon diferentes versiones acerca de la forma, dimensión y carácter del objeto observado.

'Flying Saucers' Seen By Scouts Over This Area

A dozen district Boy Scouts and several bystanders last night reported the first "flying saucers" sighted in the Homestead district. Members of Scout Troop 5 and their scoutmaster, Edward R. Ferchak, said that during their meeting at the Homestead Park School playground, the disc-shaped objects shot out of the clouds, maneuvered for about 40 seconds and disappeared from view.

Traveling at "terrific speed," the saucers appeared in the southeast quarter of the sky, said the scouts, who used compasses to determine position of the objects.

The discs, which appeared about 8:35 p.m., were "very silvery and shiny" and maneuvered very rapidly during two appearances. Scouts said they maneuvered after coming out of the clouds, disappeared back into them, made one more appearance and then disappeared.

Witnesses to the sight, besides Ferchak, were acting assistant Francis M. Kacsinar; troop members Carl Otto, Jack Joyce, Francis Kacsinar Jr., Robert Toth, Paul Kacsinar, Richard Parkinson, Paul Martin, and Joseph Guy; and a half dozen unidentified youngsters.

Pittsburgh area anti-aircraft installations were unable to supply any information about the objects, and a spokesman for the Pittsburgh Air Defense Filter Center, while he advanced a possible earthly explanation for the sight, appeared interested.

It could, he said, have been caused by afterburners of jet interceptors flying at around 40,000 feet. He noted that when the afterburners are kicked in they sometimes shoot a plume of fire in the wake of the craft that's so deceptive at a high altitude it can be mistaken for "almost anything."

But the witnesses, over a dozen of them, say the objects resembled discs and that they were "silvery and shiny."

HOMESTEAD, PA. MESSENGER
Circ. D. 7,103

JUN 22 1956

? (Air Force Day) July. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. (about 11:00 p.m.)

A letter to Coral Lorenzen from a Mr. Jim Doyle says:

"We [Doyle and his wife] saw them in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in July 1956. The funny part about it, it was on [Canadian] Air Force Day—around 11 o'clock that night. I can't figure out why we never heard of anybody else reporting it, but we didn't because everybody thinks you're a nut if you even talk about flying saucers.

"We were laying down in a park when I saw a formation of something streak across the sky. I would say at least ten times faster than jets. I pointed for my wife to look but they were gone too fast, heading what I figured was north. Then my wife saw them first the second time and we both watched them go straight across the city above us, this time slowly, about 100 miles an hour I would say, from east to west. There was five of them, in formation. All at once they turned a square corner and headed north, the way they were going when I first saw them, and took off at terrific speed on the corner.

"They had a luminous glow to them and were completely silent, no sound whatsoever. It looked like they sort of shimmered. Its hard to explain but they changed shaped like a bowl full of jelly when you shake it.

"We definitely know they were not jets or airplanes, but something more advanced." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen. From: Mr. Jim Doyle, Box 147, Madsen, Ontario, Canada. Date of letter: Not given. APRO Files. Photocopy in author's files.

? 1956. Cleveland, Ohio. (night)

"I threw the basket in the air and ran into the house."

Egg-shaped object shocks witness.

Unfortunately we have no day or month for this case, so we will place it in the middle of the year. (See clipping)

CLEVELAND NEWS

NOV 13 1957

Insists He Saw Flying Egg-Shaped Object Here

To the Editor of The News—Sir: Many of us who have seen a flying object in the skies have been laughed at and have taken a lot of ribbing. The bad break that I have had, like many other observers, is that I have never had a fellow witness with me.

This is the first time since 1936 that I have spoken about what I saw that night. I was told by so many people that no one would ever believe me that I stopped talking about it.

I was so excited the night that I saw the flying object (or saucer) that I immediately called the University Heights police. They came out, but just laughed at my story and told me the late hours must have caused me to see illusions.

Well, at least the people in Texas had witnesses to what they saw.

After the late TV show on this eventful evening I went outside with a basket of trash. What I saw in the air so shocked me that I threw the basket in the air and ran into the house.

What I saw seemed to be a shooting star traveling across the sky from southwest to northeast. This flying object came to a dead stop about one-quarter mile distant from me. Its position in the air was about the height of the Terminal Tower.

A light appeared at the bottom of the object, which gave me a perfect view for 3 or 4 seconds. In the shape of an egg and 200 to 300 feet long, the object glowed with a color close to rust or orange.

HAROLD GREEN,
3874 Bushnell Rd.,
University Heights.

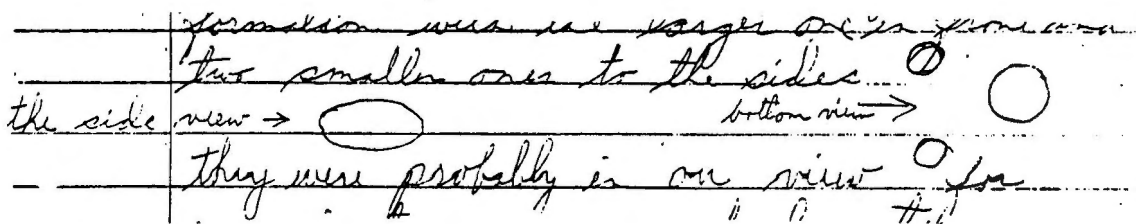
? 1956. Near Grand Junction, Colorado. (afternoon)

A formation of three.

A letter found in CUFOS files states:

"In about 1956 four of us were on a cliff overlooking a canyon in what is called Glade Park just west of Grand Junction, Colorado. We heard a noise that sounded a little like a jet that was close but more like the air going past a car window.

"Although there were four of us, only two of us could see three round, metallic-looking discs. They were going very fast and probably 500 yards above us. All of us heard the noise though. It was in the afternoon and we saw no lights. They were flying in a formation with the larger one in front and two smaller ones to the sides. [See drawing by witness below]



"They were probably in our view for one minute or so, maybe less time.

"I'm 50 years old and I'm a rancher. At the time of the sighting I was probably 26." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: CUFOS? From: Ben R. Wurstmith, Box 21, Burns, Colorado.

Date letter written: 11 February 81. CUFOS files. Photocopy in author's files.

? July. Near Newville, Pennsylvania. (about 12:15 p.m.- 12:30 a.m.)

"It was so low I thought it would crash land on the porch roof."

A letter to NICAP states:

"Last July (1956) about 12:15-12:30 a.m. I saw a bright red star-like object which I thought for the moment was a falling star to the west. In order to see more clearly I went to the window, but it was not a star but a tremendous disc somewhat oval-shaped slowly flying over our barn roof. It proceeded about 100 feet, quivered, staying in one spot, and then came slowly towards our house where I had a clear view of it. By that time I was unable to awaken my household as I was petrified with fear. My thoughts were 'Flying Saucer.' It flew very slow, and so low that I thought it would crash or land on the porch roof.

"What I saw follows:

"A tremendous red illuminated disc (somewhat oval) with what appeared to me a much smaller round disc attached to the main body, this latter portion which [sic] had bright red lights blinking intermittently. Suddenly the window, porch and part of the lawn were bright as day. I backed away from the window for fear of being seen and

went to the window facing east, where I watched until it was lost to view in the horizon. I know too well the hum of our planes and helicopters, but this had a different smooth hum which I am unable to explain." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: NICAP. From: Mrs. Lilly Groothoff, R.D. 3, Newville, Pennsylvania. Date letter written: 21 January 57. NICAP files. CUFOs archives. Photocopy in author's files.

? July. Near Salem, Oregon. (1:30 p.m.)

Three "hopping" objects.

On a bright clear day in July 1956 (exact date not recalled) a school teacher named Ben Branden observed a trio of strange objects while visiting a neighbor. The location of the sighting was near highway 99E some 10 miles south of Salem, Oregon.

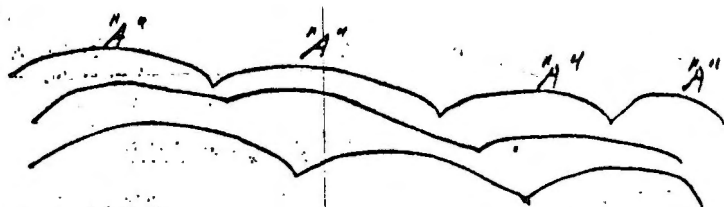
Mr. Branden was lying down on a lawn under a tree when the objects hove into view. The time was 1:30 in the afternoon. Out of the southern sky (altitude of perhaps 20-30,000 feet) and headed north came three objects in triangular formation. The objects were round and reflected light as if they had metallic surfaces.

As the UFOs passed overhead, they maintained a straight course but did so while moving in an odd "hopping" motion (See drawing by Mr. Branden below)

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting? ☒
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *yes*



The objects were lost from sight due to distance. The time the objects were in view was estimated at 100 seconds. (xx.)

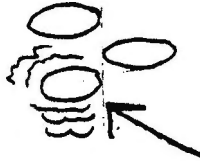
(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Ben Branden, 280 SW 185, Beaverton, Oregon. Date form filled out: 6 November 57. NICAP files. CUFOs archives. Photocopy in author's files.

? July 1956 (approximate) Washington D.C. (6:00 p.m.)

One of them "wobbled."

On an unspecified day in July 1956 a professional artist named William A. Moulton was walking home from work when he spotted a trio of strange oval objects in the bright afternoon sky. Taking a shortcut across the grassy area near the Washington Monument, Moulton happened to look up at an interlacing of vapor trails when he noticed three dull silver-colored objects with a definite outline. The UFOs were in a V-formation which he figured could be covered by a 25 cent coin held at arm's length. He heard no noise and saw no openings in the objects. The three

objects appeared to be about a mile away, flying back and forth in long loops. After about five minutes the objects moved out of sight in the southwest behind some trees. The speed of the objects seemed to be that of piston-driven aircraft. One unusual thing about the sighting was that one of the objects exhibited a pronounced "wobble" as it moved. (See Mr. Moulton's drawing) (xx.)



(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. William A. Moulton, 1726 N.A. Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. Date form filled out: 2 April 60. NICAP files. CUFO archives. Photocopy in author's files.

(early) July. Camden and Lower Penns Neck, New Jersey. (no time)

"The usual fashion."

The editor of the Penns Grove, New Jersey, newspaper happened to tack on a very brief comment at the end of his daily review of the news. Unfortunately no details were provide about what must have been interesting sightings. Quote:

"For the first time in almost a year we've received some flying saucer reports—two in the past week [July 1-5?]. One fellow spotted his up near Camden while the other was down in Lower Penns Neck. They were described in the usual fashion—a large circular disk with lights around the rim." (xx.)

(xx.) Penns Grove, New Jersey. *Record*. 5 July 56.

Spring 1956. Chateauroux, France. (9:00 p.m.)

"I couldn't believe my eyes."

An American woman living on an Air Force base at Chateauroux, France, was returning to her living quarters after an evening class when she noticed an odd light in the sky. It resembled a bright star but it did something stars don't do—it moved. She was startled when the "star" suddenly made a 90-degree turn and came down out of the sky towards her. The "star" dived to a position about a half a block way where it hovered over some trees. Now much closer, the object's true size was discernable. It was as "big as a house." She could make out the port holes, or some kind of apertures, in a dome structure. (See drawing by witness). She wrote in her report on incident:

"I was awed. And contrary to what most people would do, I began to run toward it to see if I could get a better look; I couldn't believe my eyes. I was amazed to say the least when it did not land or crash...I am not, nor have I in the past, been subject to hallucinations of any sort." (xx.)

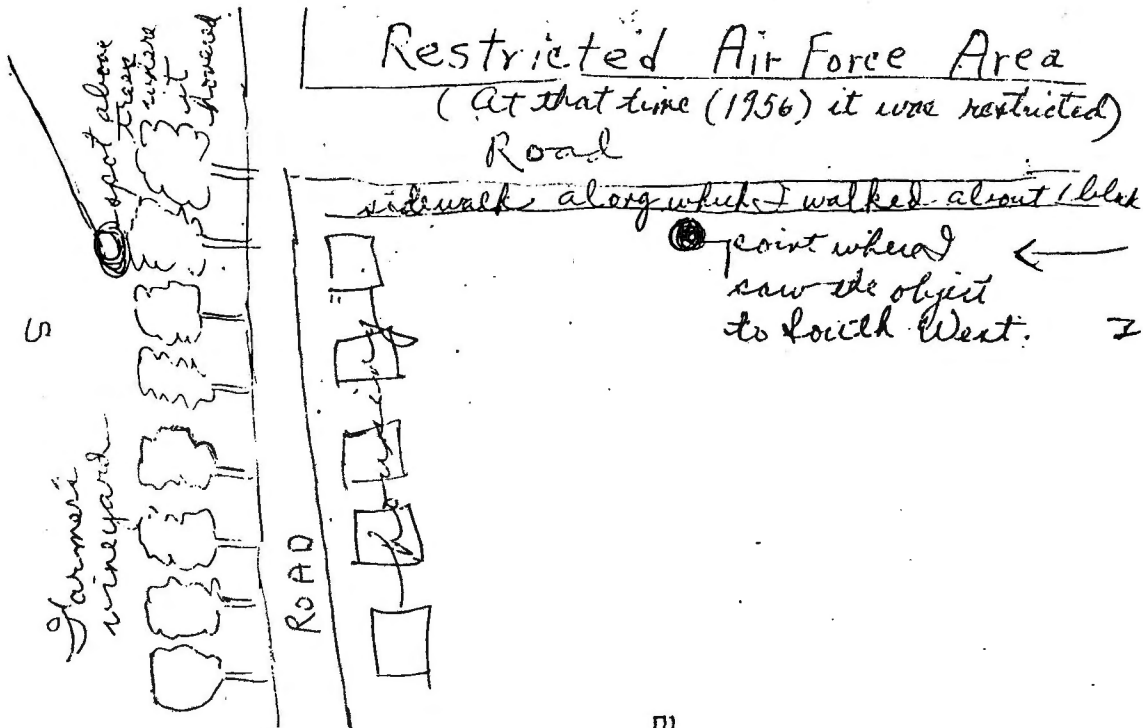
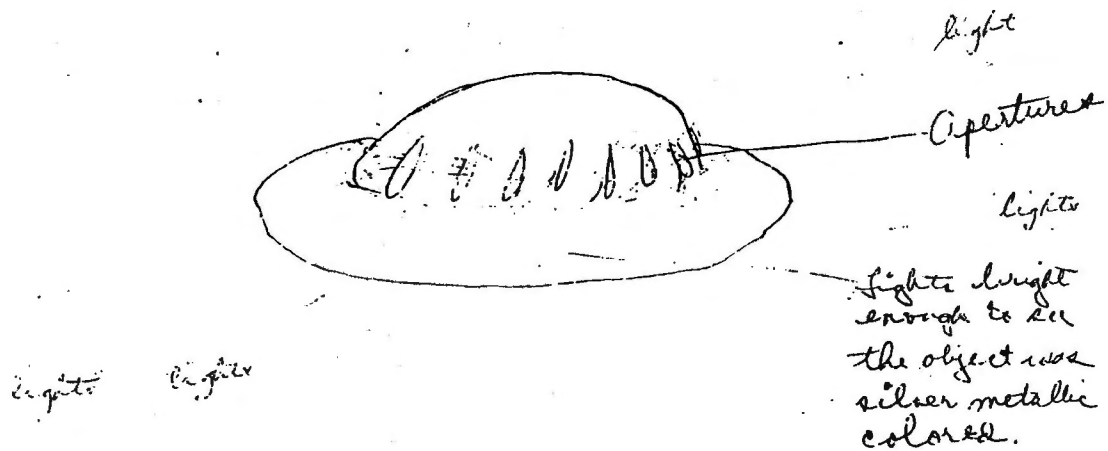
(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Paula Armstrong (A Librarian for the Nevada State

Library when she filled out the report form) P.O. Box 1256, Carson City, Nevada. Date form filled out: 29 January 68. NICAP files. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

The object dipped down behind a row of trees and she never saw it again. (xx.) (See her drawings below)

(xx.) Ibid.

Lighting near Chateauroux, France, (Summer 1956)
Paula Armistead



1 July. Hutchinson, Kansas. (12:30 a.m.)

"Big, flat ball of fire." (See clipping)

2 July. Fitzroy, Australia. (1:15 p.m.)

Mass sighting?

A letter to the RAAF said:

"I would like to report some information to you which may interest the department keeping records of unusual flying objects in the sky.

"At 1:15 p.m. today at the back of my business premises I noticed an object floating in the sky. I called out to my wife and a member of my staff to come out quickly. As they came out and looked up, the object moved off at a very fast rate and then suddenly vanished.

"At the back of my business premises is a large family and they all came trooping out to see what the commotion was all about. There was then eight or nine of us looking up in the sky and in the next 10 minutes or so we saw at least 30 objects appear in the sky and then move off.

"Some of the objects seemed to glide across the sky and then shoot off, either at right angles or straight ahead, or straight up.

"If I had seen these things on my own I would of thought I was seeing things, but I have a number of people to back me up.

"The objects wold be very hard to describe. There was not a cloud in the sky at the time and we had a chance to have a good look, and I could not decide whether the shape the shape was a saucer shape or the bottom view of a complete spherical object. The colour was almost clear, a slight tinge of blue, darker in the center and very light on the edge, with a shimmering effect all over.

"I have described them on paper to the best of my ability." (xx.)

(xx.) S. Findelstein. Fitzroy Dry Cleaners, 267 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy (Australia? I can't find Fitzroy on a map—L. E. Gross) Murray Bott files, Auckland, New Zealand,

2 July. Conway, Massachusetts. (night)

"Object X." (See clipping)

3 July. Anisworth, Nebraska. (about 8:00 p.m.)

A letter to APRO told of a "triangle shape."

Hutchinson Man Sees A Saucer

A flying saucer winged its way over Hutchinson at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, according to Joe King, 1329 East 3rd.

King said he was standing in

the front yard of his home with his wife when a "big, flat ball of fire" appeared out of the west, heading east.

The object was spinning clockwise about 300 to 500 feet high, King said, and was about 35 feet wide. He said the "saucer", which was flying at an "enormous rate of speed," appeared overhead for three to five seconds.

HUTCHINSON, KANS., NEWS-HERALD
Circ. D. 55,460 S. 55,830

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GREENFIELD RECORDER-GAZETTE

FRI., JULY 6, 1956—11

Object X Presents Pre-Fourth Sky Show

CONWAY — A strange object was sighted in Conway skies Monday night by Jack Pease.

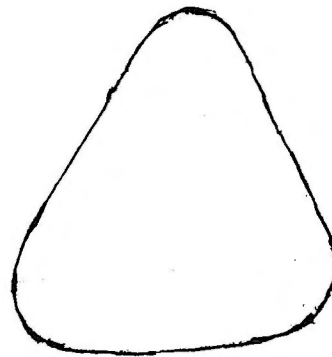
Thought at first to be a shooting star or plane, it was shortly decided that "Object X" was neither. It appeared to be composed of one bright light and, although traveling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, was able to reverse its course completely.

A low-pitched hum, rather than whir as of a motor, was detected. The object crossed and recrossed the sky several times before speeding away.

The letter writer related:

"July 3rd, 1956, at approximately 8 p.m. CST I saw an unidentified object. The sun was reflecting from an object that appeared to me to be of a triangular shape except that the corners were rounded. The smaller end was up. I happened to be facing east while pulling weeds from a flower bed and my eyes caught a red-orange light in the sky. I watched it a few seconds. It was behind a layer of thin cloud. I dashed into the house for the field glasses and was again able to locate the light close to the same position. It remained behind the cloud but was a silver white and seemed to move in a southern direction. The wind had blown hard all day from the Southeast and was now a breeze and from the same direction. The object stayed on a level course, did not bob up and down and moved out of sight behind some trees. I was unable to hear any noise such as a bomber would make and could not see any shape other than the triangle with rounded corners. (See sketch.)

"My folks were in the garden and could not see this as trees shut off their view to the east and the southeast. The 7x50 glasses brought the above described object into sight, otherwise all I could see was a flash of light but not a steady glow. The shape had somewhat the appearance of the center portion of a plane's tail with the lower tail assembly gone and no body or wings. The size was also larger than a plane's tail. The object seemed to show the broadside at all times. Did not change shape or size. I suppose the description 'pear shape' could be applied although the sides seemed more straight to me." (xx.)



(xx.) Typed note. Marilyn A. Caluer, Ainsworth, Nebraska. Date report made: Not given. This lack of a reporting date is unfortunate since one would like to compare the sighting with modern ones. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

3 July. West Kildonan and St. Vidal, Manitoba, Canada. (10:30 p.m.)

"Moving crazily."

A press report states:

"Unidentified flying objects were sighted in local skies Tuesday night by residents in such widely separated areas as West Kildonan and St. Vidal.

"The West Kildonan report said four large white lights were sighted moving crazily through the sky at about 10:30 p.m. A short time later, three white lights were sighted in St. Vidal by Miss. Bettie Mager, 23 Lorraine avenue. She said the lights were coming from the north and passed

almost directly over the junction of St. Mary's roads. They then moved in the direction of Fort Rouge, she said.

"An air force spokesman said Wednesday morning he had not heard of the reports, but added such occurrences were not unusual and could be caused by reflections." (xx.)

(xx.) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. *Winnipeg Free Press*. 10 July 56.

4 July. Durango, Colorado. (9:00 p.m.-midnight)

Bluish-red, football-like craft. (See clipping below)

7/4/56 P.M. 7-5
Denver, Color. 7-5
**Saucer Seen
Hovering in
Durango Area**
An unidentified flying object which changed shape and appearance with the point from which it was seen hovered over the Durango area late Wednesday night.
A Durango weatherman, who watched the mysterious object for nearly an hour through powerful field glasses, described it as a bluish-red, football-like craft which finally left the scene at a phenomenal speed.

A Hesperus woman, who watched it more than three hours, described it as "a white light" which did not resemble a star and which was still visible when she tired and went to bed.
AIR FORCE SCOFFS
A Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman, in Albuquerque, dismissed the object as "an unusually bright light reflected from Mars."
The Air Force man told United Press a fighter plane had been sent to investigate the light-aerial football-Mars reflection. He pointed out that the planet next month will be in its closest position to earth.
But Weatherman Malcolm Dayton of Durango expressed a firm conviction Thursday that "whatever it was—it was nothing of any natural phenomenon."
Dayton said the object—shaped "like a football with one side pushed in"—gave off a constant blue-red radiation and was occasionally obscured by a steam-like haze.

CHANGES POSITION
After changing position several times, to the west of Durango, the mysterious device moved swiftly away, "going completely out of our range in four or five seconds," Dayton told The News.
Mrs. Ethel Dunn, Hesperus postmistress, said the object moved only slowly and higher as long as she watched it—from 9 p.m. to about midnight.
"It had no color—like a star," she said. "But I don't think it was a star. It seemed to be swinging in the air, like a clock pendulum."
"Sometimes it looked like a kite, sometimes like a cross. I don't know what it was."
ALTITUDE HIGH
From Hesperus, nine miles west of Durango, it seemed to be midway between the two towns and "quite high," Mrs. Dunn said. Dayton estimated its height at 15,000 to 20,000 feet.

Denver, Colorado
Rocky Mountain News
5 July 56

7 July. Sydney, Australia. (between noon and 1:00 p.m.)

Saucer hunt. (See clipping below)

Sunday Telegraph, July 8th, 1956
"BRIGHT LIGHTS IN SKY"
R.A.A.F. in 'saucer' hunt over Sydney

An R.A.A.F. plane flew over North Sydney yesterday to investigate a report of two unidentified objects in the air.

The pilot found no explanation for the sighting of the objects. The R.A.A.F. was acting on a report from Mr. Alan Light of Lloyd Avenue, Cremorne.

Mr. Light had earlier told the Sunday Telegraph that he and other Cremorne residents sighted

two unusual objects in the sky. Mr. Light was a radar equipment operator with the R.A.A.F. in World War II. "The objects had a

metallic appearance, and gave off a bright light," he said. "They appeared between noon and 1 p.m. about 2000 feet up."

"They were almost stationary."
"The objects disappeared for about an hour, but one reappeared again about 10 past two."
"They weren't aircraft nor were they weather balloons—I've seen plenty of them."
An R.A.A.F. spokesman said the objects could have been reflected light from the planet Venus, at present close to the earth.

Sydney?, Australia.
Sunday Telegraph.
8 July 56.

9 July. Wickliffe, Victoria, Australia. (11:55 p.m.)

The orange "IT."

A letter to the Australian Department of Civil Aviation stated:

"When driving home from Melbourne last night at five minutes to twelve p.m., about four miles this side of Wickliffe I saw what I thought was a very bright star in front of me towards Hamilton; as it appeared to be moving I stopped the car and got out to watch it. It descended from what appeared to be a very high altitude (almost vertically) at a gradual rate of descent, I would say taking about fifteen to twenty seconds. When IT came down near the horizon, it appeared to be about over Glen Thomson. It shot off in apparently level flight, I would say towards Ararat [?] direction, taking about four or five seconds to disappear. It was a bright orange coloured light, about the size of a football, there being no glow or trail behind it.

"Could you explain - I feel sure it wasn't an aircraft." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Department of Civil Aviation, Henty House, 499 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia. From: G.H. Hillier, Hillier's Albion Garage, Pty. Ltd., Henty Street, Casterton, Australia. Date of letter: 10 July 56. Murray Bott's files. Photocopy in author's files.

10 July. Washington, Indiana. (3:40 - 5:15 a.m.)

Formation of lights. (See clipping on page 41) (Also see the Gary, Indiana, case of July 14th on page 48)

11 July. Oxford, England. (daytime?)

Silver object with a "flange around the middle."
(See clipping below)



FROM two different sources this week have come reports of unidentified flying objects, the name by which "flying saucers" are now known to those who take a scientific interest in the things. In the Kidlington district yesterday a housewife noticed in a clear blue sky a silver object, spherical, with a flange round its middle. It was stationary, and was about the size of a football.

She watched the object for more than a minute.

In the Stonesfield area on Tuesday, a man who was gardening saw a large object about the size of an American B.52, the large aircraft familiar in the Oxford area, but consisting of two spheres, "travelling very fast and very high." The spheres appeared to be joined by a bar-like structure.

He had the object in sight for about three seconds before it vanished.

It was a clear day. There were aircraft in the vicinity.

Monthly UFOB Summary. June 1956. "No unknowns." (See pages 42-46)

U. F. O. Seen Early This Morning Over Washington

(Editors Note: This is an incident that happened locally early this morning. It is related in exact detail although the observers wish that their true identity be withheld because of obvious reasons. We present it to our readers as a true happening but they, naturally are entitled to draw their own conclusions.)

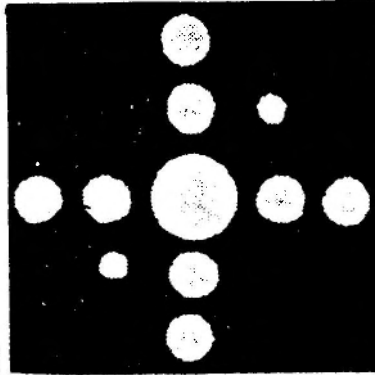
"Today I will have to admit I have been converted to the rapidly growing number of people who have seen U.F.O.'s (Unidentified Flying Objects.) On two other occasions I have seen this same type of "light", resembling a star, moving across the sky at lower altitudes, but early this morning, one stopped and hovered for 1 hour and 35 minutes — long enough to observe it carefully:

"It all started at 3:40 a.m. when I sneezed and awoke myself from deep slumber. As I opened my eyes and looked out of the window I saw this "bright, star-like object" at a great height, moving in a due east direction. It moved much slower than a comet and faster than an airplane. I got out of bed and stood watching it. Then it stopped, dead still. I awakened my wife and she sleepily, peered into the star studded sky. "Where?" she asked, "I don't see anything."

"I pointed it out to her by aligning it directly above a neighbor's chimney. Then she saw it too.

"The U.F.O. looked so much like a bright star that it was quite difficult to make out unless one had seen it moving across the sky before it stopped. It had a bluish cast and appeared to pulsate or twinkle like a true star. The only difference between its appearance and that of a star was that it was brighter than most stars.

"I told my wife to keep watching the object and I searched for my binoculars. They are quite powerful and with them I have often observed the mountains and craters on the moon.



(This is an artist's conception of the way the U.F.O. appeared against dark sky.)

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"I focused my binoculars on the object and was successful in making it out quite clearly. It consisted of eleven lights. One bright light in the hub with two smaller ones on each side of the hub in all four directions of the compass. Then there were two smaller lights, one spaced to the northeast of the hub and one to the southwest of the hub. The center light was brighter than the rest and emitted a pulsating light that would change from red to blue and blue to red. All of the lights would pulsate in unison, causing a twinkling effect although all of the other lights except the hub remained blueish.

"Finally it started moving again toward the east, made a semi-circle and stopped motionless again, changing its relation to the stars where it had been seen previous. All the while I observed the object through the binoculars and wondered who in the world I could telephone, about the U.F.O. My wife finally gave up and went back to bed only after observing it through the binoculars and witnessing its movement.

"I continued to observe the object. The sky was getting lighter and finally all of the stars disappeared — but the bright object remained as clear as before. It was

THE COURIER-MAIL

FRIDAY JULY 13 1956

SKY 'LOOK OUT' GROUP

A GROUP to "sight" flying saucers has been formed in Brisbane.

The group is affiliated with the Australian Flying Objects and Flying Saucer Research Group, which has 200 members in all States.

The group's travelling representative (Mr. G. Deller, of Sydney) said yesterday the Brisbane society would not use any special instruments to "watch" for saucers.

The Brisbane organisation has about 14 members, with Mr. Hugh Middleborough (Redcliffe) as president.

not light enough to make out any sort of outline — only the formation of the lights. At fifteen minutes past five a.m. the object began to climb higher and higher. It was getting light and the birds were chirping. Traffic was moving on a nearby highway and the roar of cars and trucks were quite audible. All the while the object climbed sky and moved off in a southeasterly direction.

"I went back to bed to catch a few winks wondering if anyone else had been watching this same object.

"I personally believe that this is some sort of secret flying object of the U.S.A., so maneuverable that it can fly in any direction or hover in a stationary position and yet be so well camouflaged that to the casual observer, it is only a star.

"Others wonder if it could be a secret flying object from another country or even another planet. Your guess is as good as mine!"

THE WASHINGTON DAILY TIMES, Washington, Indiana

WASHINGTON, INDIANA, TUESDAY, JULY 10, 1956

HEADQUARTERS
4602D AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADC)
United States Air Force
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AISOP

12 July 1956

MONTHLY UFOB SUMMARY

PART I---Month of June 1956

1. During the month of June 1956 this headquarters received a total of thirty-two (32) reports of unidentified flying object sightings within the continental limits of the United States. One report was received by AF Form 112, the remainder by teletype message.

2. The following breakdown is noted for the month of June 1956:

<u>CONCLUSIONS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT OF EVALUATED REPORTS</u>
Was Balloon	2	
Probably Balloon	1	
Possibly Balloon	0	
Total Balloon	3	10.3%
Was Aircraft	2	
Probably Aircraft	5	
Possibly Aircraft	5	
Total Aircraft	12	41.4%
Was Astronomical	4	
Probably Astronomical	2	
Possibly Astronomical	5	
Total Astronomical	11	38.0%
Other (lights, etc)	1	3.4%
Insufficient Data	2	6.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Being Investigated	3	
	32	100.0%

3. Investigative efforts of the 4602d AISS for the month of June 1956 as follows:

a. During the month of June this headquarters authorized two (2) follow-up investigations as follows:

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Investigative Efforts (cont'd)

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION
1. Flight 3-D	Baltimore, Maryland	Was Aircraft
2. Flight 1-C	Banning, California	Not Concluded

b. In addition to the above, five limited investigations were conducted as indicated below:

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION
1. Hq 4602d AISS	Minneapolis, Minn.	Probably Aircraft
2. Hq 4602d AISS	Birmingham, Ala.	Was Balloon
3. Hq 4602d AISS	Winchester, Calif.	Not Concluded
4. Hq 4602d AISS	Des Moines, Iowa	Not Concluded
5. Hq 4602d AISS	Encanto, California	Probably Aircraft

c. Investigations not concluded at the time of the May 56 UFOB Summary have been completed with results as follows:

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION
1. Flight 1-D	Air-visual over Virg.	Was Astronomical
2. Flight 2-D	Air-visual over La.	Was Balloon
3. Flight 3-E	Morrisville, Vermont	Was Balloon

PART II.--Accumulative Record

1. The following is a statistical comparison of the cumulative 1956 evaluations as compared to final 1955 evaluations:

	Cumulative 1956	Final 1955
Balloon	17.7%	26.4%
Aircraft	25.7%	24.8%
Astronomical	40.0%	23.5%
Other (lights, etc)	9.4%	14.5%
Insufficient Data	7.0%	7.7%
Unknown	0.0%	3.1%

2. A comparison of UFOB reports as received by months as follows:

	1956	1955
January	23	23
February	26	19
March	40	30
April	21	22
May	23	41
June	32	33
July		57

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PART III--Current Situation

1. Visit by ATIC UFOB Representatives.

Captain G. T. Gregory, ATIC UFOB Project Officer, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, USAF Consultant Astronomer, visited this headquarters on 7 June 1956. One of the specific problems discussed, that of giving the SOURCE(S) a pictorial manner to represent their sighting(s), is of interest to h602d AISS field units. In the near future a new diagram aptly named a "sky diagram" is to be implemented in all UFOB investigations. A "sky diagram" is the representation of three dimensions on a two dimensional surface and gives the observer a way to illustrate the time, course, speed, and size of a UFOB on a single diagram. Instruction sheets for both the observer and the investigator will accompany the diagrams.

2. Rash of UFOB Reports, Washington State Area.

An unusually large number of UFOB reports were received by military and civilian agencies from Portland, Oregon, to the Canadian border shortly after 2300 hours (local) on 30 June 1956. The majority of these reports was similar--a brilliant flash of light travelling from east to west at a tremendous rate of speed. A loud explosion accompanied the sighting.

Among those who reported the object were two USAF pilots flying in the vicinity of McChord AFB. The pilots described the object as a flash of light brighter than a magnesium flare. The object appeared to have a long tail, predominantly blue in color, with molten pieces appearing to be falling from the tail.

The following is a Tacoma newspaper's account of this definitely astronomical (meteorite) sighting:

"HUGE METEOR FLASHES OVER TACOMA AREA

Hundreds of Tacoma area residents last night witnessed a ball of fire--believed to have been a meteor--flash across the sky and explode.

The premature Fourth of July pyrotechnics were seen by thousands of persons from Portland to Bellingham, the Associated Press reported.

Residents here reported hearing a loud explosion as it passed this way--at about 10. Some said it seemed to fall to earth just south of Tacoma and others reported they heard rocks rattling off their roofs.

But Joe Tarrant, on duty at the Boeing Airfield control tower, said it appeared to disintegrate within 400 feet of him.

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Current Situation (cont'd)

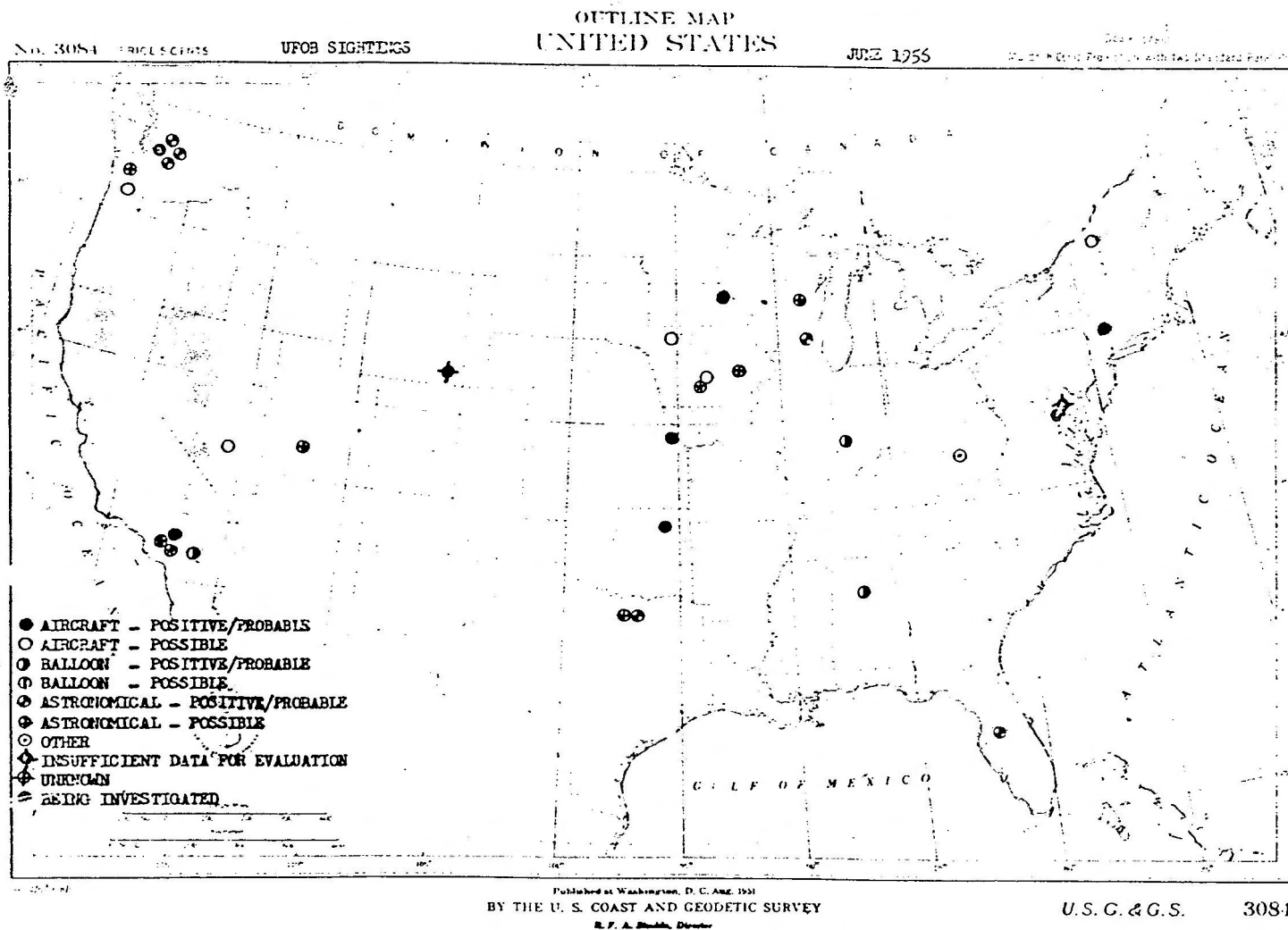
An airline pilot, Ted Miholovich, said he sighted the object in front of his plane as he flew over the Dalles Dam on the Columbia River at 7,000 feet.

He said the object was of "monstrous size" and added: "It was the closest I have ever been or want to be to a falling piece of another planet--or whatever it was."

Astronomers said they call a super-meteor a fireball. The object was described as a very white, very bright light."

3. This summary is published on a monthly basis and distribution will be made to all concerned.

1 Incl
Map of Jun 56 UFOB Sightings



13 July. Near Levuka, Fiji. (about 2:00 a.m.)

"We thought the end of the world was upon us."

(See clipping) (This clipping has more detail than the account given on page 71 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*)

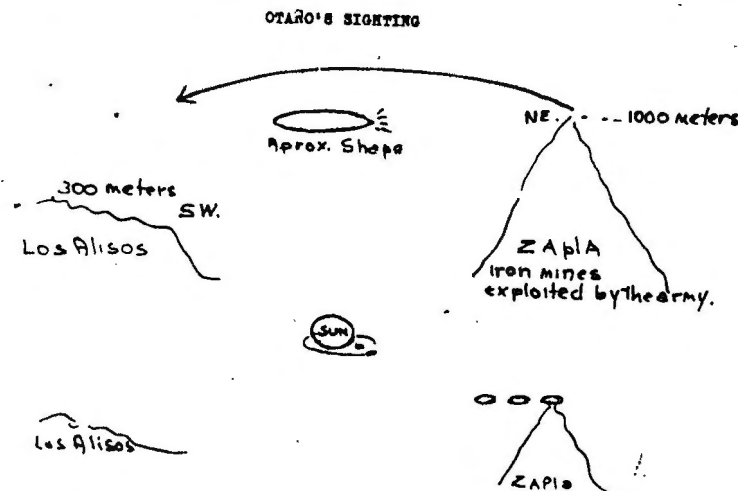
15 July. Alto Comedero, Jujuy, Argentina. (about 12:30 p.m.)

"5,000 kilometers per hour?"

Report found in APRO files:

"Justo Maria Otano, employee of Argentine Aerolines, other personnel of that company and some passengers, were at the air-field waiting for a plane when, at about 12:30 p.m., they saw three objects the size of a dinner-plate. The UFOs showed up one by one from a northeast direction behind the Zapla Hills and went out of sight keeping the same order in a southwest direction. The objects were brighter than the sky, which was completely clear, and appeared to be several blocks away. No sound was heard and they left behind short whitish trails. He estimated their actual size at 35/50 meters and the altitude from 5,000 to 7,000 meters. The speed was calculated at 5,000 kilometers per hour. He also says that they seemed to be made of a colorless plastic material. After the three flying saucers had gone he spotted against the sun's disc two small objects. One appeared to be revolving around the Sun while the other was motionless to one side. After some seconds both crafts shot out at very high speed heading for the same direction the other three had gone. Mr. Otano remarks that he is sure the two objects last seen couldn't have been birds because one was stationary while the other moved. We watched that through sunglasses." (See drawing below) (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO-Critical Bulletin*. Sao Paulo, Brazil. Vol. III, No.1. January-February 1959. p.6.



Fiji Times.

23 July 56

Strange Lights Are Reported In Sky Over Levuka

LEVUKA, July 20: Several residents of Levuka and district claim to have seen strange lights in the sky on two occasions during the past week. The first report (which appeared briefly in the *Fiji Times* last week) came from Mr. A. L. Miller, Mr. Les Williams and eight Fijians who were on a fishing expedition on the night of July 13 between Wakaya and Levuka. They were preparing coffee about 2 a.m. when they saw the object in the sky.

Mr. Miller said it was a large object, shaped like a circle and glowing with light.

It was moving slowly towards them in the sky from the direction of Koro.

He added, "We all saw it at the same time and we thought the end of the world was upon us as it came through the sky towards us."

All ten men said they watched the weird circle of brilliant light approaching them noiselessly through the air.

They said that as it passed over Wakaya they had a clearer view of it. All the men stated that they could see square port holes in the "thing" which was brightly lit from within.

They said that by 4 a.m. the object had disappeared over the island of Ovalau.

Three residents of Levuka also saw a similar object in the sky on the evening of July 18.

14 July. Gary, Indiana. (12:30 a.m.)

"Sky Jewel." (This case is mentioned on page 71 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*. In the monograph it says: "See Clipping." Unfortunately the clipping was omitted by mistake. The missing clipping is shown below:

Saucer or Jewel? Sky Visitor A Mystery

Bright Light Seen On Gary Horizon

By EDDIE SEAY

Gary had a mysterious celestial visitor early Saturday morning and, whether you saw it or not . . . don't argue with those who did.

The brilliant stranger appeared high in the southeastern sky, was visible for more than an hour and then moved into "the infinity" of the south, leaving behind conquered doubts and new converts to the possibilities of flying saucers.

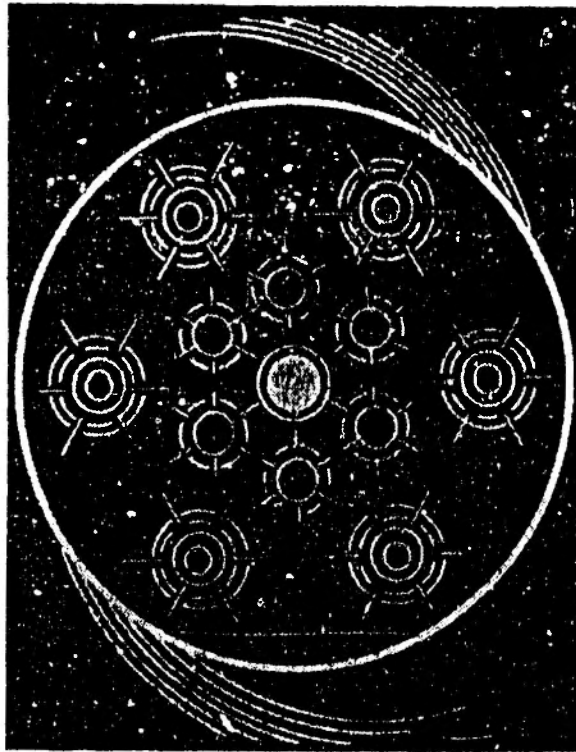
It's passage through Gary's star-filled heavens also proved the old adage that there is no truer believer than a convert . . . whether it be in religion or in visitors from outer space.

Five persons saw it. Five substantial citizens of Gary, and they were, in their own words, "enthralled and amazed."

"It was like a beautiful jewel," according to Aug. J. (Gus) Barnett of 3528 Buchanan St.

"I know now how those other people felt who were kidded about seeing flying saucers. I'll never again laugh at one of them. I watched that thing, whatever it was, for over an hour and it was marvelous," he declared.

"I called Bud Bardowski the civil defense director, that was about 12:45 a.m. Saturday, and told him about it. He saw it too, just ask him," he insisted.



JEWEL IN THE SKY—This is an artist's conception of the celestial visitor reported Saturday morning by residents of Buchanan St. who watched the strange object swing its brightly colored way across the darkened Gary skies. "It had a white light in its center with what seemed like rubies splashed around the edges," according to the witnesses.

So Bardowski was asked. And he had seen it. In fact, he had reported its presence to the Air Division of the Defense Command at Truax Field in Madison, Wis., mak-

ing the call from his home at 425 Maryland St.

They told him they would check and, "If it isn't something of ours, we'll call you back."

Stays for Hour, Moves to South

They didn't call.

"My binoculars weren't as strong as those being used by Mr. Barnett, but I saw it plainly enough," the civil defense chief said.

"It was big as a full moon to me," new convert Barnett said. "It seemed to have a bright white light in its center and the outer edges could have been dotted with rubies, it was so brilliant."

He said he was on his way home at 12:30 a.m. when his attention was called to the phenomenon by Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Jensen of 3540 Buchanan St.

"They were on the porch watching it. I wouldn't have seen it if they hadn't pointed it out to me and asked me to look. They can tell you the same thing if you ask them," Barnett insisted.

But neither Mr. nor Mrs. Jensen was available for comment.

"All right then, ask my son Keith. He came along about 12:45 and watched it with us for over a half hour," the Gary druggist said.

Keith too proved unavailable. He had left home for his job at Miller Beach where he is a lifeguard.

A call to the civil defense filter center in Chicago showed no report of the "jewel"

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and the official observation tower of the weather bureau at Midway Airport in Chicago had no note of it.

"We saw some lightning and it was rather cloudy, but that was all," the weather watcher said.

"It was so bright, you could see it through most of the clouds that it touched," Barnett insisted.

"It came in from the south-east. It was moving fast and seemed to change shape. It was round, then oval, then rectangular and back to round again.

"I don't know what it was. But it was up there and it was a beautiful sight. It even made the stars look pale," Barnett concluded.

So that's the story . . . except for a word of caution.

If you are one of those cynics who don't believe in the mysteries possible in outer space . . . steer clear of believer Barnett.

15 July. Sydney, Australia. (about 11:00 a.m.)

Mystery light over French's Forest. (See clipping)
(This is a more detailed account than the one given on page 71 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*)

17 July. Ontario, Oregon.

Orange-red thing.

According to a typed note in CSI New York files:

"At Ontario, Oregon (on the Oregon-Idaho border), Mrs. Mary Potter observed a slender, cigar-shaped object to the west, just above the buildings on the opposite side of Oregon Street (running north-south). Although the object was silhouetted against the sky of the setting sun, it appeared to be self-luminous, glowing orange-red. Its length was greater than a silver dollar held at arm's length; its width was one-tenth of its length. When Mrs. Potter first noticed the object, she called it to the attention of two girls nearby; they saw it too. The object moved slowly toward the northwest, stopping briefly several times. Moving, its speed was considerably slower than a jet's, although an official explanation later explained the object away as the vapor trail from a jet. The object was in view for several minutes. The witness' sister, CSI member Maureen Chenoweth, obtained these details personally."
(xx.)

(xx.) CSI New York files. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

17 July. Payette, Idaho. (about sunset)

According to the Ontario, Oregon, *Argus-Observer* of July 23rd four people in Payette, Idaho, across the river from Ontario, also viewed a UFO. (See clipping)

Monday July 16th 1956
Daily Telegraph 4

Mystery light reported over Sydney

Sydney people reported having seen a bright light surrounded by a red halo over French's Forest yesterday.

They said the light appeared soon after 11 a.m. and hovered over the forest for half an hour.

People who phoned the Daily Telegraph said the light moved too slowly to have come from an aircraft.

Mr. C. W. Waterman, of Ourimbah Road, Mosman, was sitting on the front verandah of his house when he noticed it.

He said: "It was a brilliant pinpoint like a miniature electric globe, surrounded by a red aura."

"My son, Beresford, brought out a pair of high-powered fieldglasses and we had a closer look."

"Through the glasses the light took on a triangular, lampshade-like shape."

"About 11.25 it disappeared in a cloud haze, but reappeared five minutes later, moving slowly out to sea."

Mr. A. Lennon, of Hornsby, also phoned the Daily Telegraph.

He said the light increased and diminished in intensity for 15 minutes, then disappeared, slowly travelling east.

A spokesman for Mascot Control could not account for the light.

"We did not have any weather balloons up between 11 a.m. and noon," he said.

The R.A.A.F. Home Command Operations Officer said no Air Force plane was over northern Sydney at the time.

Saucers Move From Ontario To Payette

Flying saucers, which were reported seen over the

Ontario airport, were reported in Payette last week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schock and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oster, all of Payette, claim to have seen the saucer in the sky to the north and watched for about half an hour.

The two couples were returning from a ride when it was discovered by one of the party. The other three members of the group said they were able to see it clearly and watched until it had disappeared into the northwest.

The four said the object was round and flat and was orange in color. They said it looked as if it were standing still and then started to move at a rapid pace.

18 July. Whitestone, Long Island, New York. (between 9:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.)

"An interesting comment." (See letter below. Name of writer missing) (CSI New York, CUFOS archives)

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July 23, 1956

Dear Lex:

A juicy tid-bit for your files. My friend, Vera Vent, and her husband Harold, plus a married couple and another man, watched a saucer maneuver for an hour or more on Wednesday night, July 18th. They were positive they saw at least 4 machines. It took place approximately between 9.30PM and 11.00PM.

They were in front of their garden apartment in Whitestone, Long Island, looking at the stars through binoculars. It was a particularly clear night with a bright moon. Vera was looking at (Mars, I think) at the stars when something bright flashed across the sky and she laughingly said - "there goes a flying saucer". However, their neighbors saw it too, and they all five of them with binoculars and without, watched the object fly at an amazing speed South to North - right across the sky. Then a little later three objects - two in front, one lagging behind - going S.E. to N.W. shot across the sky with the third one suddenly picking up speed and joining the other two so that they flew in a straight line together.

There was no sound from them and Vera said that they looked about the size of Venus when she is closest to earth. They could not determine how high they were but she said the speed was like nothing else she had ever watched and both she and her husband have seen shooting stars, meteors, etc. The objects looked round when directly overhead and slightly cigar shaped at an angle. They were silvery and had a sort of chartreuse color which changed to deep pink when the object accelerated. The objects seem to pulsate these colors.

These objects crossed back and forth across the sky for more than an hour and then disappeared. She swears they could not be planes, or weather balloons, or anything else known. They went too fast, had no sound, and definitely had no shape like any kind of plane known. Her husband was an airplane mechanic at LaGuardia for years and is used to sighting planes... he swears it was not type of plane he has ever seen or heard of.

Vera made an interesting comment....she said that the objects looked clearer with the naked eye...through binoculars it gave you the feeling that looking at an infra-ray lamp does - sort of hazy. They reported the sighting to the local newspaper who took it down but I don't think printed it. She called me but I wasn't home. If this report isn't complete enough...call me.

18 July. West Springfield, Massachusetts. (11:25 p.m.)

Flying in tight circles.

Here is the testimony of a Mrs. Ruth Gilbert who viewed some odd aerial activity near her home. She said she saw:

"Three bright lights—low (1,000 feet or lower) in the west—traveling very fast in tight circles—lights changing color from white to orange-red to amber as they turned the circle. Several times one light would pass the others as they were turning—turned very bright as it passed. No sound. Time: 11:25 p.m. It was a clear night. One light left the others and passed some planes that were in the vicinity—very fast—went back to the others then [all of them went?] out of sight. In sight twenty minutes—the *Springfield Daily News*—the *Springfield Union*—about the 19th/20th of July." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report form from George Fawcett's "Flying Saucer" files. Mrs. Ruth Gilbert of West Springfield, Massachusetts (No street number given). Date form filled out: 17 April 60. Roswell UFO Museum, Roswell, New Mexico. It is assumed the newspapers mentioned by Mrs. Gilbert would have a press report on the sighting.



Mrs. added the following comment to her written report:

"All that month of July [1956] over and around Springfield, West Springfield and vicinity were many reports of lights seen with no sound and going fast. If you get those papers I think you would find many reports..." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

19 July. Whenuapai, New Zealand. (4:08 a.m.)

Orange object baffles weather man.

According to our source:

"On the Thursday morning, 4:08 a.m., 19th July, I saw a bright orange, pear-shaped object to the W.S.W. of the Whenuapai Control Tower. It appeared to be approximately 25-30 degrees above the horizon. During the one to two minutes I observed the object it did not appear to be at any great distance. I left the tower and proceeded to the radar

hut (some 400 yards distant). Upon arrival at the hut (I had temporarily lost sight of it behind buildings) the object had disappeared. Approximately five minutes later I noticed a stratocumulus cloud, height 3,500 feet, to be now outlined by an orange light, giving the impression that it was so lighted from above and beyond. About two minutes later the light had gone.

"The light from the object was most intense in the center and somewhat diffused on the outer edges. Fog at the time could have caused this effect. There is an orange light mounted on a telegraph pole at Whenuapai gate, but this gate light was obscured from my original sighting location and more south. The moon was in a northerly direction and more south. The moon was in a northerly direction and higher in the sky.

"I have not previously sighted anything like this before, nor have I been able to find any satisfactory explanation for the object I sighted.

"A.A. Bowers, Met. Officer, Whenuapai." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No.2, September-December 1956. p.7.

18/19 July. Southern Kansas. (11:00 p.m.- 3:57 a.m.)

Reflection, Mars, or just puzzling lights. (See clippings on pages 53-54)

22 July. Bakersfield, California. (5:45 a.m.)

Oil workers spot UFO.

A press report states:

"Have you seen any flying saucers recently? The latest seen were sphere-shaped. Albert Peters, a Richfield Oil employee, and three other oil workers spotted five or six large round objects flying in horizontal formation just south of the Maricopa cutoff on the San Emidio Ranch Sunday at 5:45 a.m.

"According to Peters, who was working on the Richfield Los Lobos oil rigs, the bright objects were flying in a southwesterly direction." (xx.)

(xx.) Bakersfield, California. *Californian*. 24 July 56.

23 July. Invercargill, New Zealand. (night)

Round dome-shaped object.

According to our source:

"A round dome-shaped object, resembling a flying saucer, was reported to have been seen last night by five Invercargill residents. The watchers at first thought that the object was a star but a solid background of clouds made this impossible according to one observer. The phenomena was described as a 'round dome-shaped object

KANSAS CITY STAR, THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1956.

BALL OF FIRE PUZZLES

EDITOR AND PEACE OFFICERS IN
NIGHT OF OBSERVATION.Air Force Pilot Reports It May
Have Been Reflections From
Waste Gas Torches in
an Oil Field.

Arkansas City, Kas., July 19. (AP)—Reflections from flickering "waste gas torches in an oil field" may have been mistaken for unidentified flying objects in pre-dawn South-Central Kansas skies today, authorities said.

Earlier, the Kansas highway patrol reported radar at the Hutchinson, Kas., naval air station had picked up "a ball of fire traveling east at a high rate of speed."

A B-47 was sent into the air by Forbes air force base at Topeka to investigate the reports, centering around Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kas. The pilot said he found only the torches.

"The objects stayed in the sky long after daylight," the patrol said it had been informed, however. "One disappeared around 3:15 o'clock and the other a few minutes later."

Farther east, near Emporia, A. D. Morgan, a Santa Fe railroad tower operator, reported seeing what appeared to be an artificial light in the sky around 3 o'clock.

Merle Hayes, an Emporia policeman, said he observed the same light for about 20 minutes. To Hayes it appeared to "come and go" as if it was being turned off and on.

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He said they "did not appear to move rapidly but did move vertically and horizontally over a wide area of the sky."

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He described the head of the object as being green in color or "bluish green."

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It later was learned the air base had asked the state highway patrol several questions about the objects, including:

"What size is it in comparison to a key or dime?"

"Would it compare in size to a light bulb?"

"Is there any noise coming from the object?"

"What are your weather conditions?"

Coyne answered the questions:

"The objects appear to be about the size of a 200-watt light bulb. There is no noise that can be attributed to the object, and skies over Arkansas City are very clear except for a few light clouds. There are a lot of stars."

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Arkansas City Star Telegram 7/19/56
**RADAR BACKS UP
FIRE BALL REPORT**

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., July 19 (AP)—The Kansas state highway patrol Thursday said "A ball of fire traveling east at high speed has been picked up by radar at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station."

The patrol said it had been asked to try to observe the "phenomenon" near El Dorado in south central Kansas.

It also reported a B-29 bomber was being sent from McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita to investigate "brightly illuminated flying objects" in the skies over Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado, Kan.

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Citizens in Circles Over 'Saucers'

Reports of unidentified flying objects in pre-dawn south central Kansas skies Thursday have caused considerable concern and have Wichita, Wellington, El Dorado and Arkansas City citizens, newspapermen, the Kansas highway patrol, and the Navy and Air Force going around in circles.

The unexplained sightings were first reported by Highway Patrolman Dick Hadsall stationed at Arkansas City, Kan. Hadsall said he received calls from citizens who had seen the strange lights flying north of the city.

Accompanied by a photographer and newsmen from the Arkansas City paper, Hadsall drove his patrol car to the north edge of the city where he also spotted the two "flying objects." Hadsall said the things looked "like two 200 watt light bulbs flying across the sky." He said the objects were moving slowly south, and looked to be about 5,000 feet high. Hadsall and his companions watched the objects until about dawn, when one of the lights appeared to be nearing the ground near Winfield. *to the north*

Brian Coyne, the newsmen who accompanied Hadsall, said he watched the lights thru binoculars, and "both appeared to have lines of fire extending from them both vertically and horizontally at all times."

Following the original sightings by Hadsall and his group, the objects were spotted by citizens in other Kansas towns. Police in Winfield reported seeing the objects, and officers in El Dorado also reported the "flying lights."

In Wichita, Jimmy Walker, dispatcher for the Highway Patrol office at 8420 N. Broadway, reported seeing what he described as a "strange-appearing, orange object flying southeast of Wichita about 3:30 a.m."

"It looked like a big balloon," Walker said, and was a faded orange in color." Walker said he watched the object for a few minutes, then went into the of-

fice to make a report. He said when he returned, "the object had changed color, and looked like a big light. The object disappeared a short time later."

Seen by Deputies

Lt. Ed Riordan and Patrolman Gerald Brown of the Sedgwick County Road Patrol, also reported sighting the strange lights about the same time as Walker reported seeing them. The officers said they had heard the reports from El Dorado, and were looking in a southerly direction when they spotted the lights. Brown said the object appeared to be "bobbin' up and down and was hard to identify."

Maj. Lawrence Tucker of McConnell AFB said the reported sightings were brought to the attention of the base, at which time the Denver Flight Service at Lowery AFB in Colorado was notified. No report was available from Denver.

Aircraft from the Hutchinson Naval Air Station on a scheduled training flight near the reported sightings, were dispatched to investigate the unusual objects. The pilots of these planes reported seeing two strange patches of light on the ground, approximately five miles south and east of Burden, Kan. The lighted areas were later identified by State Troopers as fires from two gas wells.

However, according to Major Tucker, the sightings must have been "something;" they were reported by a lot of people. Tucker did not attempt to explain what "something" was.

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Coyne took issue with a military theory that the sightings were caused from flickering "waste gas torches in an oil

field."

"It was not an optical illusion," Coyne asserted, adding that other observers in Arkansas City agreed.

The Associated Press reported that the Hutchinson Naval Air Station had picked up "a ball of fire traveling east at a high rate of speed" on their radar. The AP did not explain what a ball of fire looks like on a radar screen.

Thursday, July 19, 1956

The Wichita Beacon

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DAILY GAZETTE

Emporians See Puzzling Light

Merle Hayes, an Emporia policeman, said today the light he sighted was at an angle of about 70 degrees, in the southeast and moving west. He said "like a light bulb", would just about describe it and that the theory that it was a reflection from oil well gas fires does not explain the curious light to him. Hayes saw the light after the police radio had carried some reports on the light and said Policeman William F. Thompson also saw it.

Hayes said the light was apparently quite bright and a great distance away.

Also reported by the Associated Press to have seen the light is A. D. Morgan, a Santa Fe railroad employe in one of Emporia's Santa Fe railroad towers. He saw the light at about 3 a. m.

emitting a red haze of light' and its progress was traced across the sky for about 12 minutes before it disappeared. First reported to be hovering in the east the object the object moved slowly in a northerly direction and then picked up speed to vanish quickly in the clouds." (xx.)

(xx.) Invercargill, New Zealand. *Southland Times*. 24 July 56.

24 July. Singapore. (8:20 p.m.).

"The lights moved exactly like a fish in a tank."

The local newspaper printed:

"Were two mysterious lights seen over Singapore on Tuesday night flying saucers from another planet? Whatever they were, they were nothing like anything previously seen by Dr. J.I. Bennet, a S.A.T.A. chest physician.

"Dr. Bennet told the *Straits Times* yesterday of the weird, powder blue lights which he saw spinning for 10 minutes in the northern sky.

"He first noticed the lights at 8:20 p.m. from his house in Kiburn Estate. He called his wife to see them.

" "The lights moved exactly like a fish in a tank. They hovered and then darted. At first they looked like searchlights—but there were no beams.

" "When they moved they went faster than anything I had ever seen—faster than any jet fighter.

" "Then suddenly they came together, hovered like two helicopters and then separated at tremendous speed.

" "Then they disappeared.

" "What were they? I cannot guess.

" "They were not meteors—I have seen meteors both with and without a tail.

" "They were not aircraft—they were silent.

" "They were elliptical in shape. Their light did not vary.

" "Flying saucers? I've no opinion on them." (xx.)

(xx.) Singapore. *Straits Times*. 26 July 56.

Last week in July? Sir Winston Churchill.

In a letter to Harold Fulton, UFOlogist Leonard Stringfield tells of some interesting correspondence:

"Forgot to tell you I got an answer from Sir Winston Churchill several weeks ago. Of course he could not venture an opinion on the subject of saucers, but said that he hoped that I could understand his position. Naturally, I do, for his words would make screaming headlines anytime. I personally respect Churchill very much and was indeed surprised to get an answer." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Harold Fulton. From: Leonard H. Stringfield, 7017 Britton Ave.,

Cincinnati 27, Ohio. Date: 14 August 56. Photocopy in author's files.

28 July. Near Austin, Nevada. (3:30 a.m.)

Strange events in Smoky Valley Canyon. (See clipping. This account is more detailed than the one in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 May-July*, page 62.)

July 28, 1956
Reese R. Reveille
Austin, Nevada
Nevada's Oldest Newspaper

Strange Flying Things Spook Up Valley District

Flying saucers—or flying something—have for a considerable period been making their appearance in Smoky Valley Canyon, until some of the residents of that area, who have seen the objects several times, are becoming spooked up. One thing that seems certain is that the objects, whatever they are, are not figments of the imagination nor can they be toned off casually as "weather balloons."

The most recent report of the mysterious objects is made by Hugh Cameron, who spent eight years flying fighter planes and who knows what he is looking at when he sees it in the air.

Mr. Cameron, with Mrs. Cameron, was returning to Austin from a visit in Los Angeles, driving north through Smoky Valley at about 3:30 o'clock in the morning, when Mrs. Cameron drew his attention to what she thought was an airplane coming up the valley behind them in the same direction they were traveling. Mr. Cameron estimated that the object was about a mile away, only a hundred feet off the ground, and because of its peculiar gyrations, indicated that the pilot might be in trouble. It showed a bright light, but nothing else to give an idea of its size or form.

Mr. Cameron stopped his car, with the lights on, intending to give the pilot a point which might help him to land on the road. Mr. Cameron stepped out of the car, and immediately noted that although the object was maneuvering about a mile away, there was no sound whatever. He switched off his light and immediately the strange object proved to be four, instead of one.

They were flying in formation, Mr. Cameron says, circling one behind the other in what flyers call a retrace. All had white lights, with frequent flashes of red showing, such as can be seen from the port side of any plane flying at night. We kept watching for a flash of green, indicating the starboard side, but none ever showed. It seems obvious that the red light, whatever it was, came from the motive power. At no time was there the slightest sound, although four planes of any kind that I know, flying that close, would have made plenty of noise.

When my lights went off, Mr. Cameron says, one of the things, apparently the leader, broke away and took off slowly in a southerly direction. The others made one more complete circle, then took off after the leader, still flying in formation. As soon as they had caught up with him, the leader turned upward at an angle of about 45 degrees and all four of them disappeared at terrific speed, rising so that in only a few seconds they were against the stars and their lights could not be distinguished.

They were definitely aircraft of some kind, though nothing of which I have any knowledge, Mr. Cameron says. Nor have I any idea

of what sort of engines or motive power they could be using that would enable them to fly without any sound whatever and only a hundred feet or so off the ground in mountainous country such as that around Smoky Valley. Flyers with any kind of planes I know just don't do that.

Numerous reports are being made of strange objects that have been seen flying in Smoky Valley and Kingston Canyon over a period of some two years. One party of hunters, finding one following them in the dark of one early morning, turned out their lights and jumped out of the car with their rifles, ready to open fire, but the object took off at great speed. The reports all seem to agree that the objects, whatever they are, will stay in sight as long as a car's lights are on, but immediately vanish at great speed as soon as the lights are turned off.

All agree that they will not be fobbed off with any explanation that the objects have something to do with weather observation. They don't know what the things are, but whatever they may be, the people in Smoky Valley don't like them. In fact, Smoky Valley, and even a representative part of Tonopah, is getting spooked up.

July/August? At sea, about 200 miles off Baja California.

Performed acute angle turns.

Mrs. Janice Sanford, a secretary, was with her husband aboard their 41-foot fishing boat about 200 miles off the coast of Baja. It was a clear night with the stars visible. Around 1:30 a.m. Mrs. Sanford was on sea traffic watch while her husband was asleep below deck. Looking up she noticed a very brilliant, shimmering, yellow-white spot in the heavens. The light source had a definite shape and appeared brighter on the bottom portion. The thing then began to move in straight lines with no undulations. She said:

“The object performed very violent maneuvers. It would approach the boat, and hover and flicker. It would rise up completely out of sight, descend extremely fast, and perform acute angle turns. The sighting was mentioned to other fishermen in the area—none seemed surprised. The object seemed to be about the same size as our boat. (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Mrs. Janice H. Sanford, 16300 Harwood Road, Los Gatos, California. 95030. Date form filled out: 27 January 67. NICAP files. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

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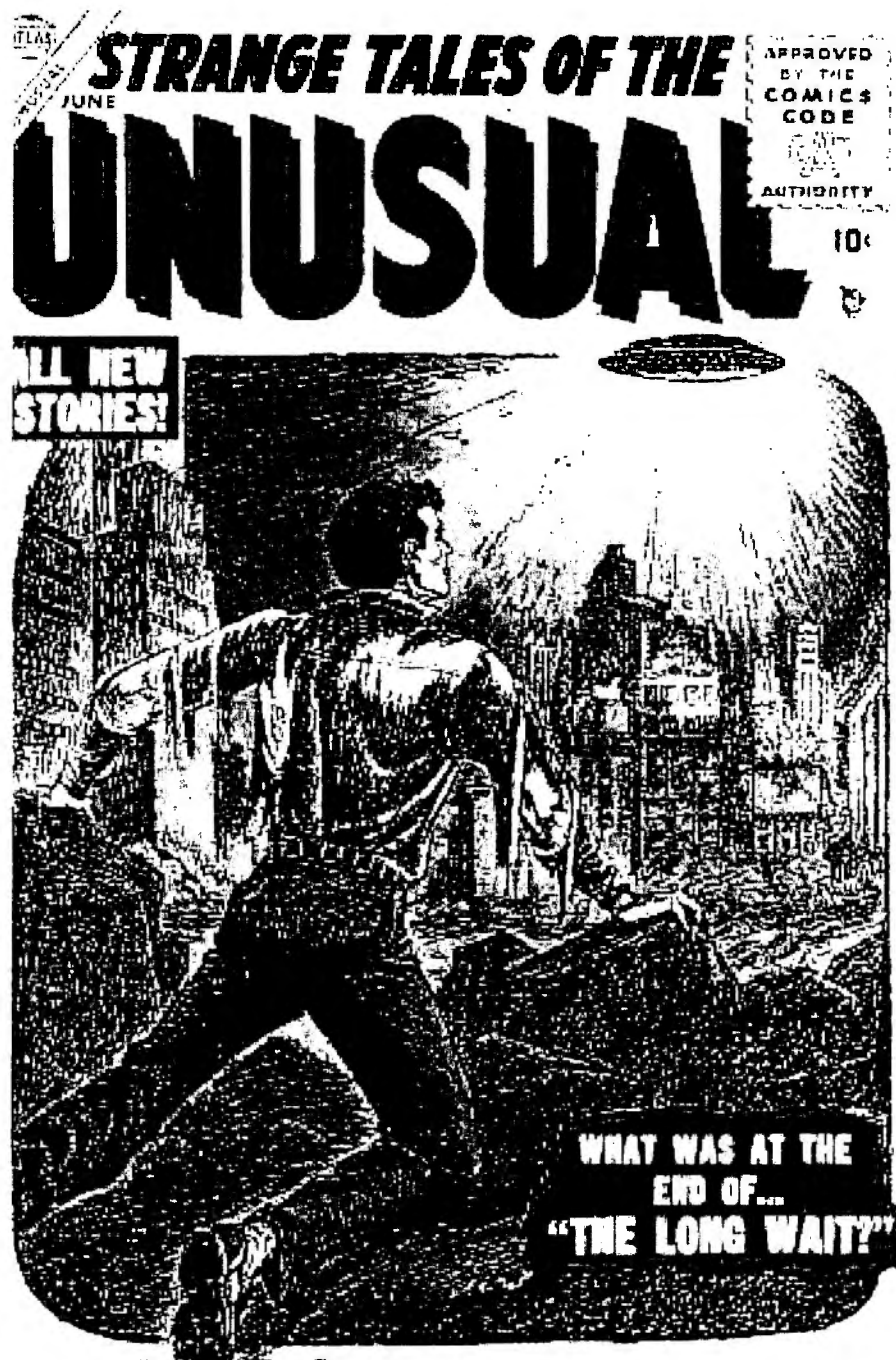
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