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DEDICATION

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

"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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1 May. Senator Byrd receives an answer.

A month after Donald Keyhoe submitted his long letter to Senator Harry F. Byrd, a reply was finally received. Senator Byrd, it seems, had passed the Keyhoe missive on to the Air Force. The Senator, obviously, did not take Keyhoe too seriously. (The inquiry was doomed the minute the responsibility for it was assigned to the military)

Major General Joe W. Kelly, U.S.A.F., Director, Legislative Liaison, drew up a rebuttal on all charges:

"I refer to your expression of interest in behalf of Major Donald E. Keyhoe concerning the Unidentified Flying Object Program.

"Major Keyhoe's letter is typical of many received by the Air Force from well-meaning persons who feel that action should be taken to secure the so-called 'true facts' allegedly withheld by the Air Force in its investigation and analysis of so-called 'flying saucers.' The Air Force strives to analyze and answer each letter of this type regardless of the nature, motives, or objectives of the writer.

"On May 5, 1955, the Air Force declassified its special study, Project Bluebook, Report Number 14, 'Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects.' This study represents the critical analysis made of the sum total of all reports of sightings made from 1947 to May 1955. It includes the painstaking efforts of highly competent scientists, analysts, investigators and specialists. This very detailed, extensive report was prepared by a civilian scientific group. The reports were derived from all sources, ranging from well-known scientists and experienced pilots to the average man in the street. The report is available for examination by the general public.

"The Secretary of the Air Force on 25 October 1955 publicly released the summary of report Number 14 containing the results of the investigation begun by the Air Force in 1947 into this field. This summary stated that through the continued use of the services of well-trained scientists and by constantly improved analytical and investigative methods, the Air Force has reduced the number of 'unknowns' from approximately 10% in 1954 to three percent as of this date. The 'unknowns' are, of course, the prime concern of the Air Force. We shall continue to investigate them regardless of how low the percentage may become. However, the following conclusions of all these studies with regard to the 'unknowns' may be reiterated.

"There is a total lack of evidence that they are interplanetary vehicles.

"There is a total lack of evidence that they represent technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

"There is a total lack of evidence that they constitute any threat to the security of this country.

"The Air Force feels that every question or allegation posed by Major Keyhoe, as well as the many statements made by individuals in or out of the Air Force, will fall in one or more of the four major conclusions.

"You may be assured that the Air Force shall continue to study, analyze, and present to the public the full facts on this subject. We appreciate the opportunity of responding to your request for information in this matter." (1.)

2-7 May. Pueblo, Colorado.

Mystery overflights.

The GOC post at the city of Pueblo notified Air Force authorities that some unusual aerial objects had been seen between 9 p.m. and midnight over successive nights in early May. Capt. Vincent Fintery of the Air Defense Filter Center publicly announced that no jet interceptors had been scrambled to investigate. The lack of action was understandable in light of the information provided by Sgt. Gilbert Nelson of the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron out of Peterson Field. Sgt. Nelson went to the GOC post to catch sight of the UFOs. Sure enough, on six occasions that evening between 9 p.m. and midnight he witnessed multiple objects, dully lit or fluorescent-like, passing overhead at terrific speed, so fast they were only in sight some 5 to 6 seconds. No guesses were made about the altitude but since the objects were faint, its quite possible the objects were very high. It was said by Sgt. Nelson that the glowing bodies were triangular in shape with the exception of one that appeared round and which gave off more light than the rest." (2.)

First word of the Pueblo manifestations is contained in a teletype message on file with BLUE BOOK. The message told of the observations made by two citizens who viewed the UFOs from the courthouse in downtown Pueblo. The UFOs were seen passing overhead from one to five times on three different nights. On May 2th the glowing objects were seen at 0445Z, 0455Z, and 0516Z. On May 3rd the mysterious objects were spotted at 1432Z. Finally, on May 4th something came into view at 0503Z. According to the two witnesses, the UFOs were round-shaped and gave off a white fluorescent light. The apparent size at arm's length varied from that of a baseball to that of a grapefruit:(That's quite big if the witnesses were accurate and the UFOs were only a "moderate" distance away). Sometimes only one object was visible, and at other times two. When the two UFOs appeared, they flew parallel courses. The UFOs moved oddly. At times the objects travelled straight and at times they circled. Occassionally the witnesses felt the object rolled. The objects would wink out abruptly. (3.)

4 May Marinette, Wisconsin.

Like the situation at the city of Pueblo, the sky over Marinette became crowded with "something." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (4.)

As can be seen by BLUE BOOK documents, the Air Force tried to write off the Marinette phenomenon as meteors, however Dr. Hynek disagreed. (See document) The Air Force drew up a list to prove its case. (5.) In turn, Dr. Hynek offered his own list. (6.) Further investigations were recommended. (7.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 May 1956	2. LOCATION WISCONSIN Marinette, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/0230 to 0330Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1-6-2-9	9. COURSE W N.W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objects size of baseball, color reddish orange - in U shaped formation. 1 sighting 6 objects - 1 sighting 2 objects. One sighting 9 objects - on a WNW heading straight line of flight, disappeared over horizon.		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation. No record of reply to request for additional information.	

HEADQUARTERS
4602d AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SQUADRON (ADCI)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

AIRSC

23 MAY 1956

SUBJECT: Marinette, Wisconsin, UFOB Sighting

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOWN-4EM
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference "Marinette Case" and telephone conversation of 15 May 1956 between Captain G.T. Gregory, ATIC, and S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters.

2. Forwarded herewith for action deemed necessary is ATIC Form 164 completed telephonically between UFOB observer, Reverend ~~St. John~~, and Flight 3-A, 4602d AISS.

3. Review of the attached form indicates that this sighting was possibly astronomical in nature. The following items would substantiate a meteoric hypothesis:

a. Unrestricted visibility of the heavens with the exception of a few scattered clouds.

b. One object, although moving behind a cloud, was still visible with a change in color indicating this was ~~not~~ a reflection but a self-illuminated body.

c. The short duration of sighting of each object or group of objects coupled with the distance traveled again indicates meteors.

d. The fact that the observer did not have sufficient time to see the object(s) through binoculars indicates the celerity of the objects.

e. The color of the object(s) is that of meteors.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:

a/s (UFOB questionnaire)
Reviewed and submitted
to D. Hyman for his report

Raymond Jones
RAYMOND JONES
Major, USAF
Adjutant

Meteor
meteoric hypothesis
1. Observed
2. Object
3. Meteor

3. Several groups -
certainly not
of meteors.
John.

when in fact
up to my original
question?
John

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

AFORN-424

SUBJECT: Follow-up on Marinette Case

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
ATTN: 4602d AISS
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. Reference your basic communication 23 May 1956 regarding meteor hypothesis submitted on the sighting observed by Reverend Charles Burmeister of Marinette, Wisconsin, and teletype message, ATIC, dated 14 May 1956, requesting additional information on subject sighting.

2. A review and analysis of this sighting has been completed by a USAF consultant and scientist on astronomical matters. In light of present information, it was disclosed that it is very doubtful that reported objects were meteoric in nature.

3. The following are submitted in support of the above contention:

- a. Meteors do not travel in formation.
- b. "U" shaped formations, definitely not characteristic of meteors.
- c. Observation of three separate groups, also not characteristic of meteors.
- d. Observer, being an amateur astronomer, would recognize or have general knowledge of meteoric phenomena.

4. Request that the same basic questions submitted in teletype message, referenced in paragraph 2 above, be considered as part of your "follow-up" action towards properly resolving this case.

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TO: COMDR, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO				☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
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				☐ YES ☐ NO	
				REFERENCES TO MESSAGE	
				CLASSIFICATION	
FROM: AFOIN-4E4 5-587-E POR: 4602d AISS					
(UNCL) Ref msg ANOPS 05-034 from 676th ACWON, ANTIGO AFS, Wisconsin dtd 8 May 56, UPO report, cy submitted your headquarters. Observer of phenomena Rev. [REDACTED] Marinette, Michigan, who is also amateur astronomer. This case warrants attention. Action to investigate undoubtedly under way by your office. Proper analysis of this case towards some firm conclusion require the following data also be obtained, which not indicated in original msg: a. Msg states duration of objects sighted: 1 hour. Does this mean all three formations? b. What was time duration of each formation? c. What was the time interval between each formation? d. What was the significant difference between the three formations, as to size, shape, color, maneuver, motions, etc., if any? e. Obtain details as to approximate speed, movements or maneuvers of each formation. None given.					
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FROM: (Originator)		
SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY		
DATE-TIME GROUP		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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☐ BOOK MESSAGE	☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPROCAUTION	☐ YES ☐ NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE		
IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION	
TO: INFO: f. How did phenomena differ when viewed visually and through binoculars? g. Was it possible, under the existing circumstances and conditions, to determine whether the object had its own source of light or was light reflected? h. If the latter, would be interesting to know if the light was diffused, specular, etc. Above items are submitted for consideration only in the event your investigation and analysis cannot place sighting into explainable category. In reply or query to this matter, also reference Marinette Case. COORDINATION: AFOIN-4E4 [REDACTED] DATE 14 May 1957 10-32		
DRAFTSMAN'S NAME (and signature, when required)		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
Capt G. P. Gregory		UNCLASSIFIED
RELEASED OFFICER'S SIGNATURE		PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
[Signature]		
SYMBOL	TELEPHONE	OFFICIAL TITLE
AFOIN-4E4	69216	1st Lt, USAF
		Assistant Adjutant

[REDACTED] Case) Am attaching all the correspondence from the **[REDACTED]** file, except the TXI - which was turned over to you during my last visit to Columbus. I thought it would be best if you would review my letter to the 4602d requesting they re-enter the case. As you may see from the correspondence they insist the objects seen by the good reverend are meteors. Perhaps I have phrased the letter in an erroneous manner, or the statements in refutw of their meteor hypothesis may be misconstrued. You may revise it as you see fit. I am attempting to "demand" a re-investigation and get specific answers to your original TXI questions - without being too blunt.

I will follow up on the **[REDACTED]** case. I think the best thing to do is for me to correspond directly with **[REDACTED]**. I can say that I happened to be talking to you at ATIC and got interested in it because of its astronomical implications, and thus I need not disclose my connection with the project. O.K?

If I may digress to the **[REDACTED]** case, may I submit the following suggestion as being of some possible value towards resolving the meteor hypothesis: Is it possible for you to contact and consult with astronomers (not amateurs) in the **[REDACTED]** area and determine whether there was any unusual meteoric activity or astronomical phenomena for the night of the sighting which could have some bearing on the alleged observations? This is definitely not to question your professional integrity or opinion, Dr. **[REDACTED]** (for I consider and will be your stalwart champion in any USAF matters), but for purposes of having some paper on file indicating you have exhausted all sources to approve or disapprove the hypothesis. This is in keeping with our policy of getting all opinions, evaluations, analysis, results of investigations, etc. -- "on paper".

(Above) Fragments of two letters found in Air Force BLUE BOOK files. No date or place of origin given. The letter consisting of the darker type, is apparently directed to BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. Hynek as indicated by the poor job of blacking out the name on the 5th line from the bottom. The clearer text in the middle is apparently from astronomical advisor Dr. Hynek who suggests he should to some undercover investigation. (8.)

May. (Exact date not known)

A young Walter Webb.

A bright college senior named Walter N. Webb, who eventually became a well known astronomer, composed a 100 page report on the UFO mystery of such interest a number of newspapers in northeast Ohio printed news stories on the material.

The young man's uncle happened to be employed as a civilian Intelligence analyst at ATIC Wright Field, the home of project BLUE BOOK. Learning of his nephew's fascination with the UFO problem, the uncle arranged for a visit to BLUE BOOK offices. The visit was scheduled for June 14th and would turn out to be quite an experience for the 21-year-old UFO expert.

CIA report:

"Country: Hungary.

Date: May 56.

Source: (...deleted)

"1. During the early part of May 1956, I was told by several engineers, close associates whom I believe to be reliable, that the Ministry of Defense was alerted concerning the overflight of a formation of unknown flying objects, flying in an easterly direction during that month.

"2. My friends related that what appeared to be aircraft, flying in formation at an extremely high rate of speed at approximately 25,000 meters, were observed by radar units of the (illegible) Air Defense Command. Nothing was done to disturb this flight, the probable reason being that the (illegible) Air Defense Command had no weapon at its disposal to reach these intruders.

"3. During the same period, May and June 1956, many reports originating from all sections of Hungary cited the appearance of 'Flying Saucers.'" (9.)

Bad times for Donald Keyhoe.

Things were just not going Keyhoe's way during this period. His letter to Senator Byrd had failed to produce any tangible result, the movie U.F.O. ignored any contribution he had made to an understanding of the UFO mystery, and E.J. Ruppelt stopped writing him letters. Keyhoe had come to consider Ruppelt as a friend and exchanged letters with the ex-BLUE BOOK chief on a more or less regular basis. Keyhoe said:

"In 1956 no letter was received. Ruppelt later told me he was embarrassed because he had felt it advisable to 'take a few digs' at me in his book, 'Report on Unidentified Flying Objects.' He said that some AF officials suspected (mistakenly) he had tipped me off to hidden UFO cases during 1952-3." (10.)

The failure to write Keyhoe also did not mean Ruppelt had lost interest in the UFO subject, or had become a non-believer. Some remarks by the one time Air Force Captain on May 3, 1956 indicate otherwise. During a talk to the San Diego, California, Chamber of Commerce, Ruppelt remarked: "The Air Force is no closer to a solution than in 1947....Veteran military and airline pilots still report UFOs. They should not be regarded lightly." (11.)

Ruppelt made these remarks at an interesting time. The movie U.F.O. was due to premier in Southern California in less than a week and the event was receiving the full Hollywood treatment. Besides the usual press notices, the studio paid big money for newspaper advertisements and promotional commercials on local television.

6 May. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The star Capella "zig-zags across the sky."

Three witnesses viewed a UFO. Two of them felt they had observed some sort of strange machine. The remaining witness had no idea what the object was and had never seen anything like it before. The Air Force, if

you can believe it, settled on the star Capella as an explanation. One can read the accounts and make up his own mind. (See BLUE BOOK documents) (12.)

6 May. "Silly season."

The CSI Newsletter, May 6th edition, frontpaged an article by Ted Bloecher dealing with the uncooperative attitude of the editor of the New York paper, the Long Island Press. It seems the newspaperman wasn't especially enamored with aerial phenomena reports even though 3-4 a week crossed his desk. Bloecher asked the editor about the fate of such reports if they were never published in the Press. The editor remarked:

"We refer them to Mitchel Field -they're the ones who receive this kind of call," was his candid reply. Besides, he was convinced that the public no longer took this sort of thing seriously.

"He expected that more calls of this type would be coming in now, since 'its the season for flying saucers.' When we remarked that we'd heard that the summer was usually set aside for such frivolities, he retorted that 'it starts along about now and continues on through the end of August.'" (13.)

8-9 May. Pratt, Kansas.

A press report stated:

"Four luminous objects -described as 'resembling two saucers back-to-back' -were observed at 8:30 p.m. by attendants at a drive-in theater as well as 'trained Ground Observer Corps members on duty in the observation post.' At 12:30 a.m. a single UFO was spotted, and at 1:30. Filter Center Commander, Lieut. Ken Schartz, officially confirmed the reports, adding 'they certainly had seen something.' He described the UFOs as 'glowing pink with shadings of orange and green,' and said the objects had disappeared in a north-easterly direction." (14.)

9 May. The premier of the movie U.F.O.

The premier for the film U.F.O. was on the West Coast where it opened on May 9th at the Fox Wilshire in Los Angeles. Local civilian saucer expert Max B. Miller, editor of the L.A.-based "Saucers" news bulletin, was at the head of the line for the first showing at 1:45 in the afternoon. Having already seen the film at an earlier screening, it wasn't the movie itself that prompted Miller's interest. The saucer buff was bursting with curiosity about the impact that the semi-documentary might have on the public.

The setting was encouraging because the Fox was a top-rated, first-run, exclusive engagement theater that had just finished hosting the premier of the multi-million dollar hit Alexander The Great starring Richard Burton. Miller counted 400 people at the matinee for U.F.O. and learned from the doorman that such a number was amazing for such an unusual, low budget, production.

Sitting through the film for a second time was for Miller, in his own words, "quite a let down" until the climax when the Utah and Montana UFO footage appeared on the screen. These frames were fascinating, the nearest thing to seeing with one's own eyes something authorities insisted didn't exist.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 MAY 1956	2. LOCATION OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 07/0410Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION NOONAL VISUAL ☐ GROUND BASED STATIONARY ☐ AIRMOUNTED RADAR		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE OFFICER	12. Was Astronomical Capella ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE North	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object concave as a soup bowl, size of dime, 4 miles from eye, had orange lights all around it. A/C in vicinity also tornado in area.		11. COMMENTS First magnitude star Capella. Was at 12 dgr elevation, 320 dgr azimuth at time of initial sighting. Would set about 1 hr later w/an apparent northerly motion. Inversion present. Cause of sighting attributed to star Capella, distorted by atmospheric conditions known to be present.	

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. 2D-UFOB-1-56 AISS-UFOB-115-56		FILE NO. AF 746478	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT					
SUBJECT UFOB					
AREA REPORTED ON OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA		FROM (Agency) Flight 2-D, 4602d AISS		0133939	
DATE OF REPORT 10 May 1956		DATE OF INFORMATION 6 May 1956		EVALUATION	
REPORTED BY LOUIS MONROE, CAPTAIN, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED] and others			
REMARKS (When available, describe previous reports on the subject) Tel msg from AISOP, 7 May 56: TT 33rd ADI DCO 2978, 070215Z May 56: Sqdn Guide 200-					
SUMMARY (When concise summary of report. One paragraph in text and summary paragraph. Last sentence of text left. Begin text of report on 1st Form 117-PART II.)					
I. CONTENTS:					
PART ONE: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED] 2nd Lt., USAF					
PART TWO: Description of Sighting by [REDACTED]					
PART THREE: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED]					
PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts					
PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer					
II. SUMMARY: Investigation concerned a reported sighting on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST of an unidentified object described as oval in shape, translucent, and emitting an intense orange-colored light. Supplementary investigative research seems to indicate that the sighting was a probable optical phenomena.					
III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT LOUIS MONROE AO 1864170 T/SGT R. V. MUZZ AF 38612702					
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. 2D-UFOB-1-36	Part One
Flight 2-D, 4602d AISS	PAGE 2 OF 15 PAGES

I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Terrace, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 24

Occupation: Officer USAF, Special Projects Office, Engineering Branch, Industrial Engineering Division, Directorate of Maintenance Engineering, OCAMA, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Education: BS, Chemical and Industrial Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Qualifications: SOURCE has been on active duty for approximately one year and is a graduate of a highly reputable engineering school.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent and completely sincere. All questions were answered frankly and in those instances where SOURCE could not answer a question, a negative reply was given without attempts to create answers where none existed. SOURCE was cooperative throughout the investigation and expressed the opinion that he realized the importance of turning in reports of this type. No reason was apparent to indicate SOURCE was motivated by any purpose in submitting his information except to be of help in solving the sighting. SOURCE was unable to make estimates of heights and distances involved in the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 between the hours of 2210 and 2305 CST he observed a teacup shaped, translucent, intensely bright, orange-colored object in the northwest sector of the sky, (Incl #1, Sketch of Object). SOURCE indicated the object appeared to be rimmed by individual lights too numerous to count. Object was described as stationary in the sky for a few minutes, then darting rapidly in a northerly direction. This type of movement was repeated forming a zig-zag pattern. Progress of the object appeared to be westerly, except for alternate darts toward the north. Object finally disappeared on the western horizon. (Incl #2, Pattern of Object). Object did not emit exhaust trails and no audible sound was noticed. SOURCE stated the object was brighter than any other object in that portion of the sky where the sighting was noted. SOURCE said he noticed a few stars in the sky but no moonlight. Brightness of the object was comparable to that of automobile headlight approximately two city blocks away. Object did not break into parts, change shape, give off smoke or change brightness. However, SOURCE reported that the object appeared to throb or pulsate. During period of sighting object did not move in front of anything or behind anything. SOURCE viewed object with 6x30 binoculars and indicated the object was sharply outlined. SOURCE could not guess or estimate the real size of object in its longest dimensions, but stated it was approximately the size of a dime held at arms length. SOURCE reported that if the object could be constructed of known materials it would probably be a plastic-like substance. SOURCE indicated he first observed the object from outside his residence for about 10 minutes and then drove his car intermittently for approximately 40 minutes while observing the object. He travelled in a northerly direction at approximately 35 MPH. SOURCE reported he first noticed object in the northwest and saw it for the last time in the northwest. SOURCE estimated object was approximately

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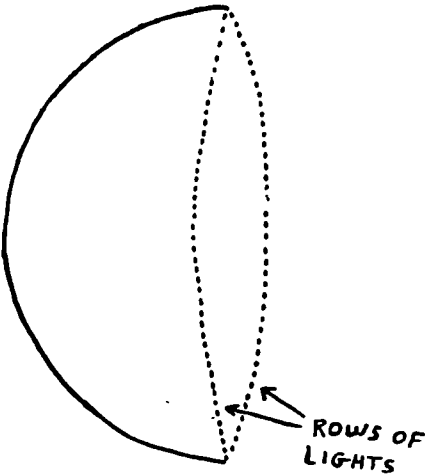
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In: #1, SOURCE's sketch of object



Handwritten signature: Harold B. Champ...

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

(Priority)	REPORT NO. 2D-UFOB-1-56	Part Two
Flight 2-D, 4602d ATSS	PAGE 6	OF 15 PAGES

I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Oklahoma City, Okla.

Age: 45

Occupation: Physician, retired

Education: graduate of College and Medical School

Qualifications: Four years service in USAF, Aircraft Recognition Training.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be highly intelligent, and showed an eagerness to give correct information. All questions were answered convincingly or a negative answer was given. In view of SOURCE's military and educational background, information may be considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was at his home when his attention was called to the object by 2/Lt [REDACTED], at approximately 2230 CST, 6 May 56. He went outside to view the object and kept it in sight from 8 to 12 minutes. The section of sky involved was overcast with no stars visible and no moonlight. Object was much brighter than background of sky. Its brightness was like an auto headlight 3 blocks away. Object appeared to pulsate when standing still, but did not change shape, or give off smoke or vapor trails. Its brightness did not change while standing still, but did diminish as object disappeared from view at a fairly steady rate of speed. Object did not move in front of or behind anything. It appeared to be solid when viewed by SOURCE through 9X35 power binoculars. There was no sound. Object was yellowish-orange at first, turning more orange as it disappeared over horizon. SOURCE described object as resembling a round saucer suspended in the air. (Incl #1). Object travelled from 340 to 350 degrees laterally and from 20 to 0 degrees vertically (Incl #2). SOURCE unable to estimate real size of object, but stated that it resembled a dime held at arm length. Weather was warm and dry with a slight breeze. There was a tornado alert in effect during time of sighting. SOURCE had no idea what object was, but was sure he had never seen anything like it. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object or its distance from him.

2 Incls:

1. SOURCE's sketch of Object
2. SOURCE's sketch of Object's movement directions

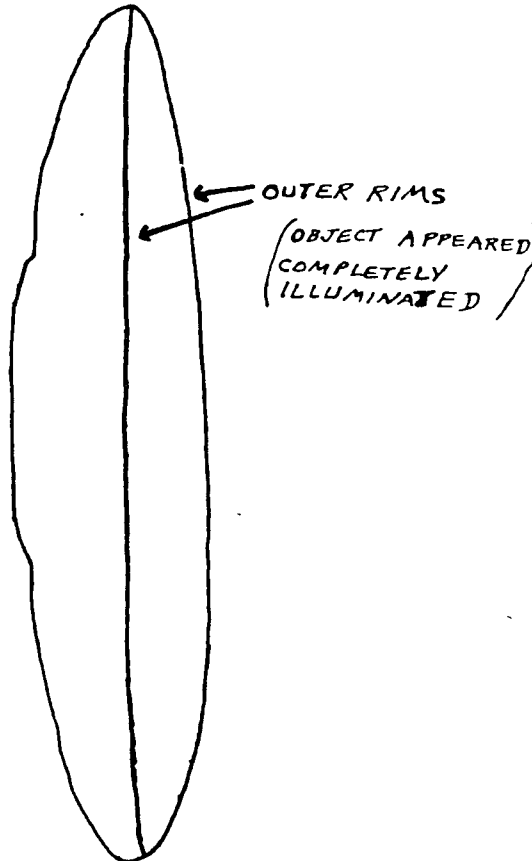
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Incl #1: SOURCE's Sketch of Object



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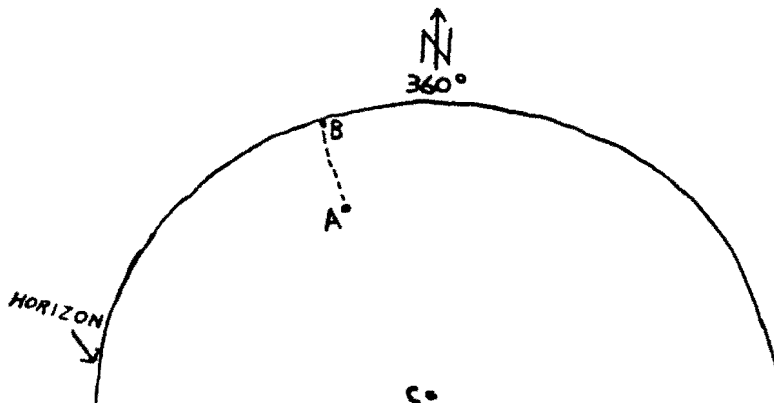
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Incl #2: SOURCE's sketch of Object's pattern

- Pt A - Object's position at first sighting (340°)
- Pt B - Object's position when it disappeared (350°)
- Pt C - SOURCE's position



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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED], Jr. (Father of 2nd Lt. [REDACTED])

Address: [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Age: 52

Occupation: Lumber retailer

Education: 3 years College, Liberal Arts

Qualifications: Educated, reputable businessman

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE appeared to be of average intelligence. Answers to questions were given in a forthright manner with no attempts to procrastinate. SOURCE was very cooperative throughout the investigation and appeared sincerely anxious to help find a solution for the sighting.

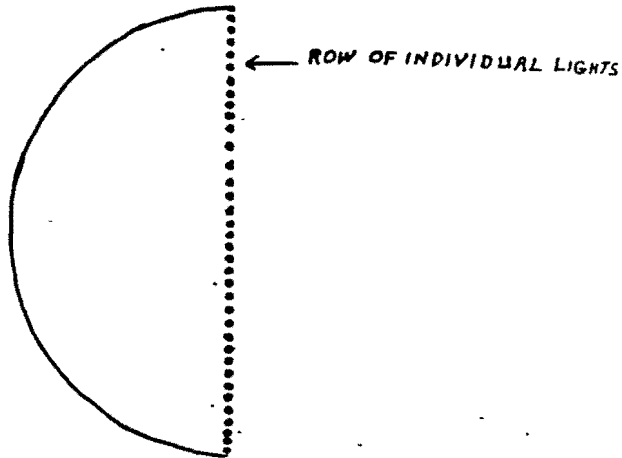
III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated that on 6 May 1956 at approximately 2205 CST while checking the sky for weather conditions he noted a bright object in the western sky below the clouds. SOURCE's attention was attracted to the object because of its exceptional brightness. SOURCE stated he viewed the object for approximately 50 minutes using 6X30 power binoculars. SOURCE reported the object was sharply outlined, shaped like bowl, and rimmed with lights. Lights appeared to be individual but were too numerous to count. (Incl #1, Sketch of object). For the first 30 minutes of the sighting object appeared to hover in a small portion of sky and appeared to move in a somewhat erratic manner similar to an aircraft in rough air. After about 30 minutes object appeared to be moving in a westerly direction and slowly passed out of sight over the western horizon. SOURCE indicated he saw a few stars but no moonlight was apparent. Object appeared brighter than the background of the sky and was comparable to the brightness of an automobile headlight a city block away. Object did not break into parts, give off smoke or change shape. However, it did change brightness from time to time and seemed to pulsate or throb. SOURCE stated he noted an aircraft above and in front of the object in a northwesterly direction from point of observation. SOURCE could not identify or describe the type of aircraft other than that it was not a jet. Object did not move in front of anything at any time during the sighting. SOURCE said he thought the object was solid. There was no audible sound during the sighting. SOURCE indicated he saw only one object and estimated that the real size of the object at its longest dimension was approximately 100 feet. SOURCE was certain object appeared to be the size of a nickel held at arms length when viewed through binoculars. SOURCE said that if the object were to be constructed of known materials it would probably be of a silvery metallic substance shaped like a bowl. SOURCE reported that he was looking northwest when he first saw the object and also was looking northwest when the object disappeared. SOURCE indicated that when object was first noticed it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. When object disappeared it was approximately 300 degrees from true north and 0 degrees above horizon. SOURCE reported thick clouds, dry weather, warm temperature and no wind during period of sighting. He stated this was the first time he had ever seen an object of this type. SOURCE unable to estimate speed of object but thought it was approximately 15 miles per hour. SOURCE's residence is 4 miles NW of [REDACTED] residence, (SOURCE, Part One). SOURCE is of the opinion that the object was an aircraft or mechanical device of some kind.

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Incl 21: SOURCE's sketch of Object



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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check was made with the following Air Bases for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting, and reports of unusual occurrences with negative results.

- a. Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- b. Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- c. Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- d. Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

2. A check was made with the Carswell Flight Service Center, Fort Worth, Texas for aircraft in the air at the time of sighting and reports of unusual occurrences, with negative results.

3. The following Civil Airports were contacted for aircraft in the air at time of sighting and for reports of any unusual occurrences with negative results.

- a. Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- b. Woodring Airport, Enid, Oklahoma
- c. Municipal Airport, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- d. Municipal Airport, Ardmore, Oklahoma

4. The 746th ACGW Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma was contacted and indicated that the area where the sighting was made was tracked for approximately five minutes during the sighting period with negative results. However, a slow moving aircraft flying in a south westerly direction was noted on the radar scopes.

5. The CAA Radar Approach Control Unit located at Tinker AFB was contacted for possible radar tracks or sightings, with negative results.

6. The astronomer in charge of the observatory, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

7. A number of individuals operating private telescopes in the Oklahoma City area were contacted with negative results.

8. The astronomer, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

9. The University of Tulsa Science Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma was contacted with negative results.

10. The Oklahoma State Weather Service was contacted and indicated that one weather balloon was released on 6 May 1956 at 2100 CST.

11. The Tinker Air Force Base Weather Service was contacted and indicated that no balloons were released during the sighting period. The Tinker AFB Weather Service reported that from 2127 CST to 2227 CST lightning and thunder heads were visible in the western sky. At 2200 CST radar reports indicated a 28 mile wide area of thunder storms with its center approximately 188 miles north west of Tinker Air Force Base. An unconfirmed tornado report was received during the sighting period from a point approximately 30 miles west of Tinker Air Force Base. Two temperature inversions were reported during the

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the preparing officer the sighting was probably an optical phenomena for the following reasons:

a. Any celestial body that could have been mistaken for an unidentified object was not visible in that portion of the sky where the sighting occurred. In addition, the characteristic movement of a celestial body does not conform to the movement of the object described by SOURCES, and its pattern of travel through the sky to its point of ultimate disappearance. The area travelled by object in the period of time specified by SOURCES would not be characteristic of a celestial body. Any celestial body with the exception of planets and the moon will move approximately 15° per hour. According to description furnished by SOURCES, object travelled a larger area than 15° in the 55 minutes it was observed. Following figures are given for reference purposes:

Moon	14° 31' in one hour
Saturn	15° 3' in one hour
Jupiter	15° in one hour
Venus	15° in one hour
Mars	15° in one hour

b. Weather balloons were not present in the area during the sighting period. In addition, no celestial body or other source of light was apparent that might possibly create a reflection of light on a balloon with the resultant effects noted by SOURCES. The apparent size of object would further preclude the possibility of a balloon.

c. Research of possible aircraft in the area of sighting resulted in negative findings, with the exception of the single track reported by the 746th AG & I Squadron, Tinker AFB. The movement, moreover, of the object as described by SOURCES does not fit the normal pattern of aircraft movement in flight. SOURCES, however, reported seeing an aircraft in flight at the same time he saw the unidentified object.

d. The characteristics of the object as described by SOURCES precludes the possibility that this sighting was a meteor.

e. Characteristics of the object as reported by three SOURCES generally confirms the optical phenomena hypothesis. The possibility exists that meteorological conditions prevailing during the sighting, such as two temperature inversions, may have been contributing factors to the occurrence of this sighting.

Louis Monroe
 LOUIS MONROE
 Captain, USAF
 Officer in Charge

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After seeing the film for the second time Miller realized: "...advertisements for the Green-house picture promised to satisfy curiosity but the actual film failed to deliver the excitement people expected." (16.)

By the end of the first week's run the high attendance records being set by the film U.F.O. had shrunk to average totals. The movie did not have "legs" as they say in Hollywood.

9 May. Jacksonville, Florida. The real show on May 9th.

"I sure had a fear of being kidnapped."

The real show on May 9th had to be the adventure of Joan Frost of Jacksonville, Florida. Joan was a serious, well behaved, honor student with no interest in the subject of flying saucers, yet, on the night of May 9, 1956, she was the central figure in an episode so strange she hesitated to contact the police even though she experienced a bad scare. Eventually she wrote a letter to her father(who was out of town) knowing that he had complete confidence in her aversion to pranks or lies. The letter refers to some additional witnesses, one of which was her best friend Gertie Wynn.

Joan wrote that she and her friend Gertie had left a dance at 10:15 p.m. and walked to a bus stop close by. It was a neighborhood of few houses and little traffic, in fact at 11:00, at the onset of the UFO incident, no cars or pedestrians were in sight.

At 11:00 p.m. Joan and Gertie noticed two "star-light bodies" pass overhead at a high altitude. Pulsating with light and following one behind the other, the pair of brilliant dots streaked out of sight. A quarter of hour later(the bus still hadn't arrived), according to Joan, the two UFOs:

"...came back and one went up into the other. It came over towards us and dropped lower and lower until it got just over us. It was round and red and had three lights on it. I started to run down the street and Gertie just stood there with her mouth wide open. The thing didn't make a sound, no engine or motor or anything. Just then the bus came and the object rose again. The door(on the bottom) opened up and the other object came out.[The apparent fact that the second object was smaller was confirmed by Joan in a subsequent interview]. The two objects started moving slowly away. There were only a few people on the bus and they and the driver got out. We all watched the objects go for about ten minutes. The bus driver said they couldn't be jet planes because being so low we surely would have heard the jet engines. We knew they weren't jets. Gertie and I skook all night long. We thought we were gonners for sure. Whatever they were they saw us standing there. After our experience, we bought two books on flying saucers and are going to study them." (17.)

A co-worker of Joan's father, Richard Scocchera, learned of the letter and knew the girl wasn't the type of youngster to imagine things. Mr. Scocchera obtained the information and forwarded it to UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield. The CRIFO chief was impressed with the story and contacted the school girl for more details. Joan wrote back, telling Stringfield the area of the sighting was exceptionally dark because there was no street lights. The

object's size, therefore, was difficult to determine although it was fairly low in the sky, perhaps as low as 3½ telephone poles placed end to end. She didn't know the names of the passengers or the driver of the bus but she still urged Stringfield to investigate, informing him the vehicle was the "22" bus of the Jacksonville Coach Company that operated on the Lake Shore run at 11:00 p.m. on May 9, 1956.

She penned:

"The door on the bottom appeared to be like a bomb bay, shaped in a long square with only three cracks visible. As it came down toward us, and while in the sky, it appeared to have three white lights which were pulsating. However, as it tipped downward and hovered above us it seemed to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light." (18.)

The Jacksonville case was so sensational it called for efforts to confirm its reality. There were many obvious questions. What did Gertie have to say? Did the bus exist, or the driver and passengers?

Mr. C.W. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio, volunteered to carry out a follow-up investigation of the Jacksonville case, eventually identifying the bus driver and obtaining his confirmation of the incident. The driver, Wallace L. Marlowe, had no trouble recalling the event which he said had given him an eerie feeling. He told Mr. Fitch he saw a couple of strange objects in the air above the two girls as he drove up to the bus stop. The girls, he remembered, quickly boarded the bus and seemed badly frightened. The two, he said, exclaimed that they feared a kidnapping was imminent. Amazed, Mr. Marlowe stared skyward at the mysterious objects. One of the UFOs was much larger than its companion. Its not clear from the driver's testimony but it is assumed both UFOs had the same general appearance in spite of the size difference: round-shaped and glowing red on bottom and white on top. After hovering for awhile, the UFOs zoomed soundlessly out of sight upward.

Gertie told investigator Fitch she had a strong impression someone or something was about to carry her off, adding: "It was also an exciting feeling of something different." (19.)

Joan also contributed additional details to Fitch, stating that the "door" in the bottom of the big UFO seemed sizeable and was very visible because a bright red light, flame-like in color, was shining through the crack that outlined the opening.

Neither girl stared very long at the UFOs because the "kidnapping feeling" enveloped them causing them to panic. The bus evidently had made a timely arrival.

Locating the two passengers on the bus seemed an impossible task but Fitch had some luck and found both persons. One was a Mr. W.T. Hill and the other as a C.R. Lewis. Unfortunately neither man wanted to be quoted in print but they did talk freely to Fitch off the record. Hill and Lewis confirmed the stories told by the girls and the bus driver. (20.)

Are abduction stories true?

Incidents like the Jacksonville case provide evidence that the abduction stories often reported in the 1980s and 90s might well be real events. That's a fantastic thought!

9 May. "Citizen of Mars." "Your tax dollars at work."

And what was the U.S. Air Force doing the day Joan and Gertie were being frightened out of their wits?

The records show that some Air Force OSI agents of the Los Angeles office were busy investigating a small private UFO organization, the "Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Group," which had as a member a fellow who claimed he was "receiving messages from the planet Mars" by "placing a blank recording tape on an empty table and waiting for a few minutes." The Air Force agents, Fred T. Ragsdale and William M. Movers, arranged to hear the so-called "transmission from Mars" which, conveniently, was in English. The agents filed a formal military report that said:

"This message was supposedly from Mars and was transmitted by (... deleted) who is a 'citizen of Mars.' This recording concerned a multitude of subjects including (1) a description of the geographical layout of Mars, (2) a summary of the people, social life and economic conditions on Mars, (3) an explanation of the government on Mars, and (4) a request that Earth cease their experiments with atomic and hydrogen materials. This entire message was given with a background of an unidentified classical type music, apparently by a symphony orchestra." (21.)

It's nice to know our tax dollars were being well spent. By the way, no authorities ever, as far as we know, contacted Joan Frost.

10 May. Millard County, Utah.

Lending some credibility to the reported UFO activity at Pueblo, Colorado, was a report from Millard County, Utah, on May 10th. Some uranium prospectors atop the 8,000 foot high Totum Knob spotted a brilliant elliptical body hovering in the sky. The UFO remained stationary in spite of the fact some fast moving fleecy clouds nearby showed strong winds were present. After about four minutes the silvery object took off, rising upward at a 75 degree angle until it was no longer visible. (22.)

10 May. Tokyo. Japan.

"The Cosmic Men Came?"

Something skimmed the rooftops of Tokyo early in the morning of May 10th. Residents affected called the thing a flying saucer but specific details given in newspaper reports did not agree; but one witness living in the Tokyo suburb of Chiba City swore the object resembled a flying saucer craft he saw in the Japanese science fiction film "The Cosmic Men Came." (23.)

12 May. Lakewood, California. (3:30 a.m.)

A saucer with "feelers."

A Long Beach paper printed:

"Mrs. Marion Ager and Mrs. Dorothy Brake were watching a late-hour television movie in their respective living rooms about 3:30 a.m. - when suddenly the rooms 'lit up brighter than daylight.' A neighbor

of Mrs. Brake, Mrs. Rowena Lochridge, was awakened in her front bedroom about the same time, and by a virtually identical occurrence. All reported the brilliant light changed from white to a reddish color after a few seconds. Mrs. Brake said she 'at first...thought it was an atomic bomb' detonation. Mrs. Ager, a practical nurse, was apparently the only one to see the actual light source, describing it as 'a circular shaped object, the size of which was difficult to determine...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 hovered in midair, when '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.' Mrs. Ager had been temporarily blinded by the intense light from the object. No noise was reported." (24.)

15 May. Johore Bahru, Malaya. (9:15 p.m.)

Police Lieutenant's detailed sighting.

The Tokyo report may have indicated something was happening in the Far East. Another report from Malaya indicated that may have been the case.

It was a cloudless night and the lunar orb was in a quarter phase. A Johore Bahru police lieutenant assigned to local headquarters happened to notice a strange object in the night sky while gazing at the moon with his eight-year-old son. Lt. P. Robinson grabbed a pair of 20x60 binoculars to get a better look. Since the underside of the object in question was in shadow, Lt. Robinson figured he was peering at a three-dimensional body. The image was so big in the field of vision of his binoculars, Lt. Robinson estimated that he was observing something perhaps 500 feet or more long by 60 feet wide. That would be its size if it was at a distance of 3 miles which was just a guess on his part.

While the police officer was watching, the object suddenly seemed to "break up" into parts. These "parts" were four saucer-shaped objects that gave off a bluish-green-white color and seemed to be 100 feet across. As these "saucers" formed into a Vee-formation, Lt. Robinson believes he could still see a "cigar-shaped shadow"(which makes one question if the smaller objects emerged from the larger one). The shift into formation took only about 4 seconds, and in a similar period of time the UFOs sped out of sight to the south. (25.)

16 May. Woodstown, New Jersey. (10:15 p.m.)

'Moved in jerky, zig-zag manner.'

A news story said:

"A glowing, rapidly-moving object was seen by a Woodstown, New Jersey building contractor, Charles L. Locuson, at about 10:15 p.m. Returning to Woodstown from a visit with a relative, he first noticed an orange-red light streak across the sky in a northerly direction; then it veered westward toward the Delaware River, and then southward toward Delaware Bay. He stopped his car and got out to watch. He described the glow of the object as similar to 'an electric arc' such as would be created by the spark plugs of an automobile. It moved 'like lightning,' he said,

23 May (approximately) The White Sea off the Russian coast.

"There is a hole in the sky!"

The following information was forwarded to BLUE BOOK from the U.S. Air Force's military attache stationed at Oslo, Norway. (See BLUE BOOK documents)

28 May. Southern Ohio, Kentucky, and western Pennsylvania.

Death ray? Paralyzing ray? Disintegrating ray? Anti-gravity ray?

All of the above expressions were used by various witnesses when a "UFO" visited Kentucky and adjacent regions. People reported a "swooping blue object" that projected mysterious beams of energy. However, the mini-flap had a simple explanation. (See clippings) One wonders if the military had triggered other UFO waves in such a manner, either by accident or by design?

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Not Martians, King-Size Bulbs

If you see bright lights moving through the skies between now and June 15, don't start looking for Martians.

Chances are the lights are caused by an earth-type RF-84F jet plane on a photography mission for the Wright-Air Development center's aerial reconnaissance laboratory.

The flights will be made nightly in the southern Ohio, Kentucky and western Pennsylvania area if the weather is clear. The light is from high intensity mercury arc lamps mounted on the plane and used like king-size photofloods.

IT'S A PLANE, EXPERTS SAY OF 'SAUCER'

MIDDLETOWN, May 28.—It wasn't a flying saucer. So say experts at the Wright Air Development center at Dayton, about a "saucer" some Middle-tonians saw in the sky here last Monday night.

The blueish object was an RF-84F test plane, experimenting with night aerial photography, WADC spokesmen said. The plane, carried two wing pods with many high-intensity mercury arc lamps.

Officials said tests by the plane probably would continue through mid-June.

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1. Following is press release from Norwegian newspaper VERDENS GANG dated May 26, 1956:

FLYING SAUCER OBSERVED

The following is reported from Troms by private cable on May 26, 1956:

The crew on board a Troms ship was related to the newspaper "Nordlys" of a fantastic phenomenon which they witnessed off the Russian coast between Murmansk and Teriberka in the White Sea a few days ago. The men relate that for about one quarter of an hour they observed a so-called flying saucer performing various maneuvers over the ship. The saucer whirled through the air, remained stationary for a while and then disappeared behind a ness on shore. The object was right down to one thousand meters and all binoculars on board were in use.

"There is a hole in the sky," shouted the 1st officer when he spotted the curious object. The saucer was then completely stationary and the crew rushed up on deck to see the phenomenon. All of a sudden the saucer worked up speed, shot like a

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streak of lightning across the sky and vanished. A moment later, however, it reappeared, ascended in a straight line so that the men were able to see clearly the round disc, just like a discus. The saucer remained still for a while, high up in the air, but then descended once more, and remained at an altitude of about one thousand meters. Finally it worked up speed once more and disappeared across the shore line.

There is no doubt whatsoever among the ship's crew that it was a flying saucer they saw. The object for a time stayed as close to the ship as to allow photographs to be taken if that bright thought had only dawned upon them. The crew had cameras on board but in the heat of the excitement no one thought of using them until it was too late.

"To us it was a real aircraft we saw," said the newspaper's informant, "but of an entirely unknown type. We estimate it to be about twice the size of an average commercial airliner. It moved at a speed so great that it actually shot like a streak of lightning through the air."

"A whole fleet of foreign trawlers were fishing in this area where the object was in training. The weather was fine with bright sunshine and almost no wind, with clear atmosphere up to an altitude of 3000 meters, so it is beyond all doubt that the men on the trawlers have seen the same thing as we did."

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: The Norwegian Intelligence Service has been approached concerning this observation, and has no additional information to indicate

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the authenticity of this report. However, they have assured the preparing officer that they will conduct an investigation, the results of which if significant will be forwarded.

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traveling in a zig-zag, or jerky, manner. He watched the light's maneuvers for six minutes before it finally disappeared from view." (26.)

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

During recess at Washington School, Ada, Oklahoma, a couple of young boys out on the playground spotted what they said were 20 flying discs sailing overhead at a low altitude and in close formation. No description of the formation was provided in the account available. The kids said the objects made no noise and gave off no vapor trail. The kids were named Kent Meyer and Clayton Campbell. "They were silver-grey," said one boy. (27.)

17 May. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The next UFO report to come from Florida after the "attempted kidnapping" at Jacksonville originated from Ft. Lauderdale on the 17th.

It seems a strange, orange-colored, ball of light came out of the north, floated along at a low altitude, and eventually came to the attention of a man and his son. The man obtained a high-powered spotlight and directed its beam at the UFO (Apparently this was a nighttime sighting although our source does not mention the time of day). The mysterious thing "flared brilliantly" in response. Immediately thereafter the ball of light zoomed out of sight. (27.)

17 May. South Bay, New York. (6:30 a.m.)

"Encircled by a rim-like affair."

A New York paper informed its readers:

"At 6:30 a.m. several persons living in South Bay, New York (on the east shore of Lake George) saw a saucer-shaped metallic-appearing object 'apparently encircled by a rim-like affair' hovering over nearby East Mountain. Mr. & Mrs. George Minchell, Charles Green, and Jesse Harris watched it 'for sometime,' until it suddenly disappeared." (28.)

26 May. "Clinically insane."

The New York group "Civilian Saucer Intelligence" had a memorable meeting on May 26, 1956. Gray Barker was the main speaker. He was pushing his book They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, a sensational and questionable view of the so-called "Men in Black" mystery. The book's publisher supplied a mailing list to CSI with the idea that the UFO organization might get a big turn out to hear Barker. The publisher hoped to sell some books and CSI hoped to make some money by selling some tickets.

The crowd that resulted included many new faces that evening, and when the lecture got underway, it became obvious there were many strange characters in the audience, some of who were outright crackpots.

In the middle of Baker's presentation, one fellow stood up and took over, proclaiming his past and future "contacts with space people." The CSI leadership was stunned by the man's actions because (they said) the guy was "obviously clinically insane." Many of the "publisher's mailing list people" were delighted and insisted on letting the fellow rant until he was finished. This episode embarrassed the serious-minded CSI regulars. (29.)

The CSI meeting fiasco, although amusing, had serious implications. A sharp difference in approach to the UFO problem could disrupt an organization. The fate of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Flying Saucer Club (established in 1951) is a case in point. The group published the newsletter Uforum, and in its heyday attracted as many as 750 people to its meetings, many times the number of people in attendance at CSI of New York functions. Over time the Flying Saucer Club became divided between the scientifically-minded that demanded ongoing investigations, and "believers" that knew UFOs were interplanetary craft piloted by space brothers striving to help mankind. The Michigan group did not survive the split in its ranks.

29 May. "Queer visitors" return to Washington D.C.
(See clipping)

31 May. Another news story on the film U.F.O.
(See clipping)

31 May. Keyhoe gets his answer from General Kelly via Senator Byrd.

When General Kelly's response to Keyhoe's questions finally reached the UFO book author/investigator. Keyhoe was shocked by the General's letter. None of the 11 specific questions were answered by the General. The use of the flawed Special Report #14, errors in fact, and distorted reasoning, convinced Keyhoe that: "...not even a United States Senator can get the true facts from the Air Force, unless there is a nationwide, concerted effort by enough of the public to end this censorship..." (30.)

When the editors of the CSI Newsletter studied Keyhoe's letter and the General's reply, they were also outraged at the evasion to Keyhoe's questions, the evasion: "...a sleazy dismissal of the significance of the eleven queries, coupled with a decided innuendo regarding Keyhoe's motives..." (31.)

1 June.

Apparently the Pentagon expected inquiries about the movie U.F.O. when the film opened in Washington D.C. Mr. M.A. Monts of the Air Force Press Room (Number 2E761), the Pentagon, requested the latest data on the Utah and Montana UFO film clips used in the Green-Rouse picture. Colonel John G. Eriksen, USAF supplied a memo to the office of the Director of Intelligence, detailing the military's position on the matter. (See memo. The document has been re-typed for greater clarity)

One can see that the Air Force was trying to defend its position by using such words as "in all probability," and "strong possibility" without going into detail about how these judgements were made. The statements in the memo were nothing new with the exception of a reference to a "recent" study made by an "aircraft manufacturing firm" which no doubt was the Baker analysis. What the Air Force was saying here, simply put, was that Baker's work supported its own earlier conclusions. Well, maybe that's not exactly accurate since the Air Force used the words "strongly corroborative," and that in any case Baker produced "no compelling reason" to alter its original findings. If there was even the slightest chance of a "conventional explanation, however remote, the Air Force was going to embrace it.

THE EVENING STAR, Washington
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1952

THE PASSING SHOW

Our Queer Visitors Returning on Film

By JAY CARMODY

As an intelligent type, who looks the part, Clarence Green knows how the other nine-tenths live in the field of Hollywood movie production.

He envies the orderly, silk-suited, routinely ulcerous lives of these. They know where they are going, to the studio, home, to the hospital, to their lawyers' offices, the bank (especially the bank), etc. When he meditates on these, Mr. Green sometimes wishes his mind were less wayward and full of traps, the sort that keep newspapermen off balance and poor.

His trouble, if it really is a trouble, is that he has a journalistic type of brain. He can't keep it off the topic of the day. If the topic is the atom bomb as it was a few years ago, Mr. Green and his partner Russell Rouse make "The Thief."

Its setting was Washington, a kind of news factory. He came here to shoot it.

He is back again, not to shoot a picture this time, but to bring one all finished and with every bit as strong a Washington flavor only in a different way.

UFO is the latest off-beat interest of the firm of Green and Rouse.

UFO is the diminutive of unidentified flying objects. It is a movie that brings home to roost a most mysterious, little known, historically hushed two days in our lives.

The days were July 26 and 27, 1952. They were just two more hot summer days as far as most of us were concerned at the time. But they caused quite a dither at National Airport and in other air-minded corners. It was at the former that 14 unidentified flying objects turned up on the airport radar.

Everybody got excited, including the press which thrives on thrills. It was not, and still is not for that matter, the official fashion to believe in unidentified flying objects. So, says Mr. Green, the quick explanation was offered that the mysterious visitors were light reflection objects, not light sources, and were caused by temperature inversion. Temperature in July being Washington's best explanation for everything, that was rather that.

Except for Mr. Green. He did not then believe or disbelieve in flying saucers. He is insatiably curious, however, about mysterious phenomena of all shapes. He spent the next three years—with a few professional aides including a conventional movie to keep him in spending money—on unidentified flying objects, especially the ones over Washington those two days.

Many of the people involved immediately in this incident and others almost as sensational have joined him in exploring the mystery. They are agreed now that UFOs are not the figments of daft imaginations. They are SOMETHING and Mr. Green and the others have had a most exciting time trying to figure out what.

It is a stimulating business, especially for a chap whose major fields of wisdom seeking are philosophy and physics. Mr. Green enjoys it, the more so that

he has managed to avoid the label "crackpot."

Nevertheless, he sometimes thinks how tranquil life could be if a man did not get himself involved with the topic of the day. Which leads to such speculations as to why this small speck of space should be the only one that is inhabited? And with such restless creatures as men who want to go space traveling?

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THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1954

THE PASSING SHOW

Saucers Fly Again D-Day Is Recalled

By JAY CARMODY

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" is a United Artists release, presentation by Clarence Greene-Russell. Roles produced by Greene, directed by Winston Jones, written by Francis Martin, music by Ernest Gold, at the Columbia Theater.

This town apparently is daft about flying saucers.

At least, so it was intimated yesterday at the packed Columbia Theater which observed Memorial Day by opening the latest Clarence Greene-Russell production, "Unidentified Flying Objects."

Regardless of where one stands on flying saucers, which are known in the airplane trade as UFOs or "unknowns," there is no questioning the diligence with which the Columbia film's makers pursue the subject.

Their approach to it is the documentary one. This is to say that they have gathered together as many as possible of those who have had what might be called professional experience with UFOs. Moreover, to the degree possible, they have gathered all available unclassified reports and films from official sources.

By putting these together—persons, papers and film—they have made a curiously absorbing film out of whatever it is, or is not, that seems to regard the earth as a planet worth visiting. The film has a peculiarly local emphasis in that Washington's July, 1952, saucer binge provides the picture's climax.

This will be remembered as the appearance of 14 unidentified objects which turned up on both the National Airport's radar screen and many a naked eye at that time. Everybody, official and unofficial was quite excited about these visitors. Tension ultimately was eased by the explanation that heat inversion caused the strange phenomena. This, the Columbia's film explains now, was incorrect and was injected into the incident to get an already overheated National Capital back to normal.

Next to the Washington episode in interest among the film's documentary sequences are the saucer films taken in Montana and Utah, these in color. The skeptic may not find these definitive but the silvery discs on their fields of blue will surely fire the imaginations of those who remember the Wrights were once told they would not fly.

Could it be that this skepticism is why we are being outflown today by the saucer people? Don't ask us.

The film U.F.O. finally opens in the city that had a starring role in the picture's climax.

The same day Donald Keyhoe received a shocking letter from General Kelly.

1 June 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

Attn: Lt Colonel T. R. Johnson. AFOIN-X

SUBJECT: (Uncld) UFO Movie

1. The following statements concerning two of the UFO sightings described in the recently released movie, are submitted in response to Mr. Monts' request of 29 May 1956.

a. (...deleted) - Montana - 1950. The original Air Force conclusion, based on the interrogation of witnesses and the evaluation of the data, was that the UFOs were, in all probability, two Air Force F-94 fighter aircraft known to be in the vicinity at the time.

Simulated photographs of aircraft at various distances made by an aircraft manufacturing firm in a recent independent and unsolicited analysis of the Mariana film, show striking similarity to the two white blobs in this film.

Based on the degree of credibility accorded this early ATIC evaluation and the strong corroborative evidence supplied by the recent independent analysis, the Air Force has no compelling reason to alter its original conclusion.

b. The (...deleted) Case - Utah - 1952. The original film was analyzed by an Air Force Photo Reconnaissance Laboratory shortly after the sighting. The conclusion reached was that a strong possibility existed that the bright spots of light appearing on the film were caused by seagulls soaring in the thermal air currents. The credibility of the conclusion was undoubtedly supported by the presence of identifiable seagulls in some of the frames.

This conclusion was further strengthened by movies of seagulls, taken at various distances, which showed them as bright spots of light similar to those in the (...deleted) film.

A recent analysis of the Newhouse film, made by Air Force photo specialists totally unaware of the previous history of this case, yielded the opinion that the bright spots of light on the film were bird reflections in the strong sunlight.

The unanimity of opinion present in all evaluations made in this case leaves little reasonable doubt that the UFOs in the (...deleted) film were indeed seagulls.

2. Attached is a copy of this memo to be given to Mr. M.A. Monts in the Air Force Press Room in the Pentagon.

JOHN G. ERIKSEN

Colonel, USAF

Deputy Commander." (33.)

1 June. "Where are the saucers?"

Surveying the saucer scene in his June 1st issue of Orbit, Leonard Stringfield expressed wonder at the lull in UFO sightings. After a strong start at the outset of the year, UFO reports had dipped to an unexpected low. In fact, there is no UFO case worth noting in BLUE BOOK files from May 6th to June 5th. The better cases for this period have been gleaned from civilian sources. With the combination of warm weather and a close Mars opposition, conditions seemed ripe for swarms of saucers if the past was any guide. It was time for the "silly season," as the editor of the Long Island Press liked to call it. With things so quiet, Stringfield planned to take a well earned vacation from his job, and the saucers.

The military was puzzled also. With the movies U.F.O. and The Earth Vs The Flying Saucers playing in theaters around the country, it was reasoned that John Q. Public would be all worked up and producing scores of UFO reports every day. (33.)

5 June. The movie U.F.O. and Stringfield.

Many readers of Orbit wanted the leader of C.R.I.F.O. to comment on the film U.F.O. Stringfield obliged, noting that much of the material in the film was of an old vintage, yet he recognized two key points concerning the Clarence Greene-Russell production: 1) The release into the public domain of the long suppressed Utah and Montana UFO footage, 2) New data on the 1952 Washington D.C. radar case was revealed, specifically the apparent intelligent maneuvers of the targets on the airport scopes. (34.)

A search of UFO literature sheds more light on these two points. It seems that the Air Force had refused to permit the public or the press to see the Montana and Utah films even though the military admitted the films were the personal property of the civilian photographers. Eventually, the two films were returned to their legal owners (although there was some dispute over missing frames). Some people suggested that the use of the two film clips in a Hollywood movie was part of a "plan to educate the public about UFOs." When this suggestion was made, Ruppelt, Chop, and Clarence Green came forward to deny the idea. The three men said they joined forces to talk Newhouse and Mariana into permitting the use of the footage and that the Air Force was not involved. In fact the Air Force went out of its way to say it had never cleared, sponsored, or in any way coordinated the two film clips for any theatrical release. This official denial was made in 1957 when the Ground Observer Corps units tried to recruit volunteers by the use of the movie U.F.O. The Air Defense Command issued orders that required all GOC units to avoid any link to the Greene-Rouse production. (35.)

As for Stringfield's point about the 1952 Washington D.C. radar incidents, he is quite correct to single out the fact new information about the case had been made public. The dramatic incident when Lt. Patterson's jet is surrounded by strange radar blips, which close in on the fighter and then backed off, was something that needed to be brought to the public's attention. Making it an important part of the movie's climax was the perfect way to do it.

5 June. Birmingham, Alabama. The UFO drought is over.

"Balloon" outflays B-25 fighter-bomber. (See BLUE BOOK report) (36.)

UFOB INDEX CARD

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1. DATE 5 June 1956	2. LOCATION Birmingham, Alabama	12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 05/1437Z June 1956	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF 57148	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Thirty (30) Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	9. COURSE Ascending
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) circular and flat object approximately 40 to 50 feet in diameter and 6 to 8 feet thick, silver (or aluminum in color, traveling directly towards the observers' aircraft at 3,000 feet. The object was below and north of the a/c traveling south and ascending.		11. COMMENTS A TT Msg was sent to the originator of the message requesting that all balloon releases in the area of the sighting be checked out and this headquarters informed of results.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
 14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
 LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

140 24-0

SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
 Sighting of Unidentified Flying
 Object over Birmingham, Alabama, 5 Jun 56

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
 Air Defense Command
 Ent AFB
 Colorado Springs Colorado

1. The following is for your information and any action warranted:

"On 5 June 1956, Major Robert L. Celker, AO 829539, and Major Arnold E. Zimmerman, 12385A, both students, Wing 4, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, advised S/A Barnidge that at 1437Z hours, 5 June 1956, they had sighted an unidentified object flying in the air over Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. In this connection, the following information was furnished:

"a. Description

- (1) The object was described as being perfectly circular in shape and flat by Major Celker, and by Major Zimmerman as an ellipse shaped object.
- (2) The size was described by both officers as being similar to a small American type fighter aircraft, roughly approximately 40 to 50 feet in diameter and 6 to 8 feet in thickness.
- (3) The color was indicated as aluminum or silver.
- (4) Only one object was sighted and there were no tails, trails or exhausts noted. There was also no sound noted above the sound of the B-25 aircraft in which the officers were flying.

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b. Course of Object

At the time the object was sighted, Major Zimmerman was flying practice instruments under the hood and Major Oelker was acting as Safety Pilot. The heading of their aircraft was to the north at 6000 feet and the location was directly over Birmingham, Alabama airport. Major Oelker first noted the object coming directly toward his aircraft at an altitude of approximately 3000 feet. He observed the object some 20 to 30 seconds during which time it climbed approximately 2000 feet and when it passed his aircraft it was, in his estimation, approximately 2000 feet west of his position. At this time Major Oelker banked his aircraft very sharply in an attempt to follow the object, at the same time calling the matter to the attention of Major Zimmerman. Major Zimmerman claims to have seen the object for approximately 4 or 5 seconds. The object, according to both officers, continued to climb in a southerly direction and disappeared from sight.

c. Weather Conditions

Both officers described the weather as CAVU with the visibility of approximately 10 miles. Since they were on a local clearance, they had no knowledge of a thunderstorm or other electrical activities in the area.

d. Unusual Characteristics

The object was described as spinning at all times it was under observation and although the officers were in a B-25 aircraft at cruising speed, they did not feel qualified to estimate the speed of the object. However, it is noted the object readily pulled away from their view. ✓

Although Major Oelker claims to have had a camera in his possession at the time of the sighting, he stated that since he first thought the object was an aircraft, no attempt was made by him to take a picture thereof.

Both officers complete their course of instruction at Maxwell AFB on 1 July 56, at which time they will be reassigned as follows:

Major Oelker: James Connally AFB, Waco, Texas.

Major Zimmerman: Headquarters, Air Weather Service, Andrews AFB, Maryland.

2. The above information has been previously furnished to the Commander, 3800th Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB, Alabama by District Office Nr. 8, OSI.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in par 30c(2)(a) AFR 205-1.

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6 June. Banning, California. UFO circles car.

Delivery man has a story to tell. According to BLUE BOOK files:

"Lt. Marvin S. Blair, Asst. Officer-in-charge, Guided Missile Unit Fifty, USN CBC Port Hueneme, California, took sighting report from (...deleted) civilian.

"(...deleted) felt that he should tell someone, so when he made his regular stop at the Beauty Shop to make a delivery, he reported his sighting to the Security Force Office on the Construction Battalion Center. The Security Officer referred him to Lt. Blair at Guided Missile Unit Fifty. Lt. Blair tried to ask as many pertinent questions as he could think of that might shed some light on this event. As far as Lt. Blair could tell, the man seemed to be telling the truth. It must be pointed out though, that there were no witnesses to what Mr. (...deleted) saw and no photographs were taken of the phenomena. The witness said he didn't drink, read science-fiction, wasn't tired, never had hallucinations, never read books about flying saucers, had no history of mental illness, the sum total of his awareness of the subject was what he had noticed in the newspapers, claimed to have 20-20 vision, didn't want publicity and asked that his name be kept confidential. He also expressed a willingness to take a lie-detection test.

"Lt. Blair noticed that the man was deeply disturbed by what he had seen. The object appeared absolutely smooth - no breaks in its surfaces like hatches or exhaust ports, etc. No tail or fins. A small bubble-type canopy was visible on top when the object banked but the witness could not tell at a glance if it was transparent. Nothing was seen inside the canopy. No exhaust vapor or flame was seen or any indication as its motive power. No sound heard. There was little or no wind.

"The witness braked his car to a stop and remained that way the entire time the UFO was in view. The witness was by himself. He was on his way to Banning on U.S. Highway(not clear) five miles from Banning, the road curved around a small hill. While driving this turn he first saw the object out of his right front window. The object appeared to be hovering about 100 feet off the ground and was about 100 yards away from him. He seemed to be quite sure of this range to the object and swears that it was never more than about 100 yards from him the entire time. As soon as he saw the object, he was so frightened that he braked his car to a halt and sat there and watched it in fascination.

"He gave no elevation angle on the object; however, he first saw it through his right hand window, so the object must have been very low to the ground.

"The object finally returned to approximately the same position where it was first sighted, then suddenly zoomed upward at a tremendous speed in a west-northwesterly direction to a position angle of about 20 degrees and disappeared from sight. The observer states that the object didn't just slowly fade from view, but disappeared almost immediately[?]. He estimated that the object, from the time it started up until it could no longer be seen, completed this maneuver in less than $\frac{1}{2}$ second. He seemed to be genuinely amazed that it could have disappeared so suddenly.

"The object was either hovering or moving very slowly when he first noticed it. As he braked to a stop, the object slowly moved across the highway in front of him moving in a counter-clockwise direction. After crossing the highway, it banked left (this was when he reported seeing the canopy on top) and moved slowly down his left side. It banked again and crossed the highway in back of him and moved up his right side to approximately the same position in which it was originally seen. He sat in his seat in the car and was able to watch the object during the entire time. He estimated that it took about 8 or 9 seconds for the object to completely circle him and seemed very positive that the range was constant at about 100 yards the entire time." (37.)

It might be important to note that a somewhat similar incident took place about a year before (August 17, 1955) on a road northwest of Las Vegas in the State of Nevada. A terrified school teacher informed authorities a big light bulb-shaped object, glowing a blue color, paced her car for two hours. At various times the UFO flew in front of the car, along side the car, and behind the car. Stranger still the woman reported she received the impression the object wanted to capture her. (See UFOs: A History 1955: July-September, p.51)

It also might be important to note that four days after a man claimed a UFO circled his car near Banning, a sighting of a UFO came in from a place five miles south of March AFB, California, which is in the same general area as Banning. (See teletype report) (38.)

10 June. Waikumete, New Zealand (near Auckland)

"An uncomfortable feeling of being sized up."

Reported heavy rain and high winds at the time of this observation make the sighting suspect since UFO events usually appear in fair weather, but according to a New Zealand Air Force man, B.L. Lovelock, he was walking along a road near the town of Waikumete when a "craft" appeared. A thing that resembled a "domed ship," glowing with a flickering blue-white light, was suddenly noticed near by. Airman Lovelock stared at the object for some time and remembers experiencing an uncomfortable feeling of being "sized up." (39.) Lovelock also said the whole episode caused him to experience extreme fear. (40.)

Other New Zealand UFO reports were to follow in the next few weeks.

13 June. Encanto, California.

Incandescent object over U.S. Navy Destroyer base. (See BLUE BOOK teletype report) (41.)

13 June. The movie U.F.O. opens in New York.

(See reviews clipped from the New York Herald-Tribune and New York Times)

Besides the Tribune and the Times, the other five major newspapers in the Big Apple published similar favorable reviews of the picture.

A. H. Weiler's review in the New York Times was a pleasant surprise since he was odds with the views expressed on the paper's editorial page which were not exactly pro-UFO.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE

JUNE 13, 1956

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

MAFPA THEATRE

A full length documentary on "Flying Saucers" by Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse, produced by Clarence Greene, released through United Artists.

"Unidentified Flying Objects" is a absorbing film account of the Air Force investigation into the phenomena popularly known as flying saucers. Its primary object seems to be the cultivation of open minds on the question of saucers and it goes a long way toward achieving this aim, thanks to a laudable effort to avoid any faking—as a matter of fact the only flying saucers in this film are the actual objects whatever they are photographed in Montana and Utah. These brief sequences have never before been shown to the public and are from Air Force files. After the movie ends the two sequences are shown once more as a kind of appendix, slowed down, stopped dead still magnified, reversed. Any skeptic is apt to find his opinions in a more fluid state after seeing this film.

Semi-documentary in style, it builds up to a dramatic pitch unusual in such a form. Extraneous matter has been kept out. The romancing or domestic plotting that often intrudes on such films has been avoided entirely. The story is simple enough: the conversion of a skeptic to a believer. The skeptic, Albert M. Chop, is a newspaper man who goes to work in the public information section of the Air Material Command at Wright-Patterson Air Base in 1950.

Eventually Mr. Chop was assigned to the saucer investigations both Project Grudge and its successor, Project Bluebook which as a matter of fact, is still under way. Many of the reports of saucers were explained away as frauds, weather balloons, birds or other unfantastic phenomena, but there was a residue of unexplainable reports from highly credible and technically informed witnesses which finally prompted Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force intelligence chief to speak of "credible observers of relatively incredible things."

Mr. Chop winds up accepting the existence of pie-shaped space vehicles directed by some intelligence and asks only "What?" and "Whence?" The high points of this very clean film report on the Air Force investigation are, of course, the two actual movie sequences of the flying objects. The Utah picture was taken by Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse, Navy chief photographer, on July 2, 1952, seven miles outside Salt Lake City. He was on a motoring vacation with his wife and two children and stopped his car, loaded his camera and took the pictures of about a dozen of the disk-shaped objects milling about in a cloudless sky. Air Force investigators concluded no plane could circle and dart about in such a manner nor could balloons, Navy analysts concluded they were intelligently controlled vehicles. It is indeed hard to dismiss such pictorial evidence. It is hard to believe any one will come away from this movie without scratching his head. It is baffling and fascinating.

P. V. B.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, JUNE 13, 1956

Screen: 'Saucer' Story

Quasi-Documentary on 'Flying Objects' Bows

By A. H. WEILER

THE fact that truth can be more engrossing than fiction is quietly and effectively demonstrated in "Unidentified Flying Objects," which landed at the Mayfair yesterday.

Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse, the producers, reportedly assembled their material over a period of two years. They have re-created in black-and-white and in heretofore classified color footage of "flying saucers" the astounding events that have perplexed and/or frightened civilians and the military alike since 1947.

If "Unidentified Flying Objects" is not as startling as an imaginary invasion by tiny, green men with pointed heads, it does, however, leave an impression of restrained documentation that is instructive and sobering.

Messrs. Greene and Rouse are concerned mainly with illustrating reports of unexplained aerial phenomena that have been seen and photographed and showing that these observations have been verified by Air Force, Army and Navy experts. Specifically, their story is based on the experiences of Albert M. Chop, a Los Angeles newspaper man who was chief of the press section of the Air Material Command in Washington. He is played in an unadorned manner by Tom Towers.

Others portrayed in this quasi-documentary are Capt. Edward Ruppelt, who headed "Project Bluebook," the Air Force's designation of its official inquiry into "U F O," and Maj. Dewey Fournet, Pentagon liaison officer. Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse, Navy photographer, and Nicholas Mariana, Utah businessman both of whom photographed "saucers" in flight, and Capt. Willis Sperry, American Airlines pilot who sighted them, "play" themselves.

Naturally, the color clips taken in Utah on July 2, 1952 by Newhouse and those shot by Mariana on Aug. 13, 1950, in Montana are of short duration. But the "objects"—seemingly small, silvery dots against a brilliant blue sky—are attested as genuine in the commentary of the principals.

The film-makers' meticulous depiction of the military's documentation has a tendency to slow matters. But through their obviously sincere effort, to show that a vast majority of the more than 2,000 reports checked were proved erroneous, a viewer also would be inclined to go along with the disclosure that about 15 percent of the reports are still officially designated as inexplicable. That, in effect, unidentified flying objects have been sighted. It must be noted too that the reproduction of the sudden appearance of a flight of fourteen giant saucer-like, fantastically speedy unidentified "objects" over Washington International Airport in July, 1952, is more exciting than the foregoing investigations. But the alleged flight as it is picked up on the radarscope and as it nearly makes contact with jets sent up to intercept, has a theatrical tension and a spurious quality not present in preceding scenes.

"Unidentified Flying Objects" is not a specially imaginative example of movie-making. But in avoiding sensationalism, the producers have given dignity to the "credible observations of relatively incredible things."

The Cast

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
by Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse, produced by Clarence Greene, released through United Artists at the Mayfair.
Albert M. Chop Tom Towers
Capt. Edward Ruppelt Earl Robert Phillips
Maj. Dewey Fournet Lt. Col. Fred Burton
Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse Lt. Col. Fred Burton
Navy photographer, and Nicholas Mariana, Utah businessman both of whom photographed "saucers" in flight, and Capt. Willis Sperry, American Airlines pilot who sighted them, "play" themselves.

14 June. Walter Webb's visit to BLUE BOOK.

"We have some files that would make your eyes pop."

Walter Webb accompanied his Uncle Don to Wright Field, Building 263(ATIC) on June 14th. The visit was primarily intended to explore employment opportunities at the military installation, although young Walter had a burning curiosity about the UFO problem.

After receiving the proper authorization, Walter was escorted to a number of offices until he finally arrived at the Aerial Phenomena Section. He found the room that housed BLUE BOOK "astoundingly unimposing," just two desks, a table, a bookcase, and (here was the only thing that was impressive) many file cabinets. The current officer in charge, Captain Gregory, was expecting Walter since Uncle Don had phoned ahead to inform the UFO project Chief a relative with an interest in the UFO subject would stop by that afternoon.

Captain Gregory, unaware he was about to brief a well grounded student of the mystery, launched into a dry, verbose, rehash of routine Air Force press releases. After that the Captain flashed a "crackpot file," and then he reached for a copy of Special Report #14 which he opened to a page showing a drawing of the July 1948 Chiles-Whitted "monster space ship." The BLUE BOOK chief stated that the UFO the civilian pilots saw was just a B-36 bomber seen under unusual conditions.* This statement surprised Walter since the accepted official explanation of the case was a meteor hypothesis.

Walter began to challenge the Captain, putting the BLUE BOOK chief in a position where he had to reply to some awkward questions. Officer Gregory unexpectedly found himself one on one with an expert of sorts, an informed person who was only interested in unexplained UFO cases, not explainable ones. Capt. Gregory couldn't control the exchange as it usually was done on T.V. shows, radio programs, or press conferences. Walter interrupted the Captain often with remarks that put the BLUE BOOK on the defensive. A number of times Captain Gregory had to say: "You're putting me on the spot." When it became apparent to Captain Gregory the young man was well read, the BLUE BOOK chief denounced all civilian UFO books with one word: "sensationalized." The film U.F.O. was brought into the conversation by Walter but the Captain brushed the movie aside with the same word he used to discredit pro-UFO books. The picture U.F.O. was "sensationalized," the Air Force officer declared. Walter wasn't intimidated. The young man raised questions about the Air Force interpretation of the UFO footage used in the movie, displaying great knowledge of the details of the analysis of the images and the weaknesses of the official conclusions.

Captain Gregory was in a bad way by now, appearing aggravated, but he lucked out. Walter's Uncle entered the room and said the tour of the base was over. It was time to go home.

As Walter rose to greet his Uncle, Captain Gregory directed a comment to elder Webb: "He can't be convinced." (42.) Walter, hearing that, complained about BLUE BOOK's dire need of a realistic budget and staff. Officer

* The only explanation to a UFO case that refers to a B-36 bomber (known to this writer) is on page 55 of the book Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force authored by Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker. --L.E. Gross.

Gregory couldn't let his visitors leave on that note so he insisted that BLUE BOOK had many expert advisors and access to considerable scientific equipment. In fact Captain Gregory extended an invitation to Uncle Don and to the young Webb to return on another day to examine actual BLUE BOOK files. The invitation was quickly accepted. The BLUE BOOK chief then had a change of mind and withdrew the offer, saying that the BLUE BOOK workload would probably not permit it. Being forced to make this retraction evidently engendered another rush of feeling that the briefing had gone badly, because as the Webbs went out the door, Captain Gregory blurted out: "We have some sightings in the files that would make your eyes pop out!" (43.) The outburst puzzled Walter. Was it a slip or what?

15 June.

The following day Captain Gregory apparently had some apprehensions about the experience with Walter and told the young man's Uncle he didn't want anything about the exchange to appear in the press. Uncle Don passed the word to Walter who agreed to keep quiet. Walter was not unaware that his Uncle was a civilian employee at ATIC and there was always the possibility his Uncle could end up, as the British put it, at the "labor exchange." (44.)

As a result of this affair, Walter had a very poor opinion of BLUE BOOK.

14 June. Flying saucers arrive at Washington D.C. soon after the movie U.F.O. opens. (See clipping)

17 June. Congressman Moss gets curious.

Maybe it was Keyhoe's letter to Senator Byrd, or perhaps it was the movie U.F.O., in any case something was set in motion, something that posed a real threat to the Air Force: serious inquiries from Capitol Hill. Congressman Moss wrote to the Secretary of the Air Force on June 17, 1956 concerning the UFO problem and the military's handling of certain information. The Secretary diverted the inquiry to Wright Field where ATIC, home of BLUE BOOK, provided a reply, and in doing so detailed public interest in Special Report #14. (See BLUE BOOK documents)

19 June. News from Brazil.

The "Flying Saucer Research Center" was organized on June 19th at the city of Sao Paulo. The group planned to publish a monthly mimeographed Portuguese-English language UFO bulletin to be titled O Disco Voador.

19 June. Sydney, Australia.

UFO activity began to pick up in the southern hemisphere on June 19th when some bright silvery discs appeared in the sky over Sydney in broad daylight. (45.)

19 June. Yonkers, New York.

A brilliant red-orange globe of light maneuvered over Yonkers, in New York state on the 19th. (46.)

20 June. Washington D.C. "Mrs. Zepp puts in some zip."

(See clipping)

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1956

BULLETIN

Official ground observers manning a tower at radio station WTOP here have seen two "flying saucers" this year, one five days ago, District Civil Defense headquarters told The News today.

On March 5, Mrs. Olivia A. Zepp, stationed in the tower at 40th and Brandywine streets nw, saw "a bright light, spinning as a wheel . . . with alternating colors of red, green and white . . . acting very erratic." This was at 12:15 a. m. Mrs. Zepp phoned the Air Force filter center.

"As Air Force jets approached and circled, it would gyrate like a buoy in the water," she said. "One jet was directly over it. The jet acknowledged the light."

The other sighting last Thursday, was reported by Observers Shirley Mondares and Andrew G. Sullivan.

They saw an "object with flashing lights, coming to a complete stop and hovering in mid-air . . . finally coming to four complete stops before disappearing from view." This was at 2 a. m.

Air Defense Command radar did not pick up anything this time, Civil Defense officials said. They wouldn't say about the first time.

JUN 25 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR
ATTN:

OF INTELLIGENCE
Col T.R. Johnson, AFOIN-X

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply
Letter from
Information
Operations

by the Secretary of the Air Force to the
Honorable John E. Moss, Chairman, Government
Committee of the Committee on Government

1. The following
reply to the subject letter:

the suggested material for Secretary Quarles' letter:

a. Although
flying objects entitled
Special Report Nr. 14
because of prohibitive
Force Summary of Events
Flying Object Program
Reference on Unidentified
Office of Public Information
quantity desired.

"full report" (over 300 pages) on unidentified
United States Air Force Project Blue Book,
which has been widely covered distribution
lists, there is a Summary entitled "U.S. Air
and Information Concerning the Unidentified
and there is also a copy of the Air Force Press
Flying Objects by the Department of Defense,
which are available on request in any

b. In reply to
subject letter, the following information is submitted:

the questions asked in the second paragraph of
subject letter are submitted:

(1) One copy of Project Blue Book Special Report
Nr. 14
Central
Department of Defense,
which
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and copies of Project Blue Book Special Report
Nr. 14 printed by the Air Technical Intelligence
(ATIC) and distributed in accordance with the
Air Force distribution list, including the
Department of Defense, Office of Public Information,
distributed needed copies to its East and West
offices.

(2) The
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Technical Intelligence Center has received
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receiving six asked where to go in order to see it.
Department of Defense, Office of Public Information
received from 1950 to 1955 requests for information
regarding Special Report Nr. 14; most of these inquiries
came from students in elementary schools, high schools
colleges. Very few requests have come from scientists
or conscientious researchers; however, one State
University has requested and been granted permission to
use Special Report Nr. 14 at their own expense.

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forward out with covering letter
re directed. A

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of Red Series
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Mr. to Chm Moss, Submits

The Air Force has no public. In the contrary, make this information available through all possible and reasonable means without undue expense to

Government Information (Cont)

attention of withholding this information from the public. The Air Force has made a very definite effort to make this information available through all possible and reasonable means to government.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Donald A. Quarles

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Press Release

Honorable John E. Moss
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Government Information
Committee on Government
House of Representatives

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Memorandum for D/I, Subject: Proposed Reply by the Secretary of the AF to the Letter from The Honorable John E. Moss

- (3) Between eight and ten individuals went to the Pentagon to read the Report after its release.

c. Replying to the third paragraph of subject letter it may be stated, in partial repetition of the previous statement, that:

- (1) ATIC has printed and distributed 100 copies of the Report.
- (2) The total number of requests for the actual Report or for information thereon is as follows: 350 requests to the PIO, 8 requests to ATIC and 10 visits to the Pentagon to see the Report (the actual percentage in these requests for copies of the full report is extremely small, probably less than 10%).

Because of the technical nature and length of the Report, only the required number of copies for official distribution were printed. The cost of printing enough copies for distribution to the public, through such outlets as public libraries, academic institutions and so forth, would be prohibitive (from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per copy, depending on the quantity). In view of this the AF has counted on the Library and the Press Release, mentioned earlier, to satisfy the demand for information. Requests for information are handled, first, by replying to the specific questions asked; second, by enclosing a copy of the Summary and the Press Release and finally, by referring the writer to the nearest available Report No. 14 for perusal. In rare cases of obvious need, ATIC forwards a copy of the Report, on loan, or makes it available for reproduction.

d. Replying to the last paragraph of subject letter, the AF has released Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 to the public, under the authorization of AF Regs. 200-2 and 100-16. Marked copies of these are inclosed. The AF has no intention of withholding this information from the public. On the contrary, the Air Force has made a definite effort to get this information to the public; at a press conference held in the Pentagon, on 25 April 1955, the Secretary of the Air Force presented a Summary of Special Report No. 14 and a press release. In addition to this, a sufficient number of copies of the Report was made available for study at the meeting.

e. In conclusion it is believed that all possible and reasonable means of keeping the public informed, without undue expense to the Government, are being utilized. The various Press Associations and at

For D/I, Subj: Proposed Reply by the Secretary of the A. to the
from The Honorable John E. Moss

least one prominent national periodical have covered the subject thoroughly;
this fact may account for the relatively small number of inquiries on this
Report received by the Air Force.

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JOHN G. BRIDGEN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your
information concerning the

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port on unidentified flying objects.

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second by enclosing a copy of the summary and pres-
siding the writer to the nearest available report.
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an example, one state university has requested and
produce this report at their own expense.

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HERE'S WHAT SHE SAW, SIR

Mrs. Zepp Puts Zip in the GOC

The Air Force remained silent today on the "Flying Saucer" sightings reported by District Civil Defense ground observers yesterday.

The observers claimed to have seen three fiery, whirly disks in the sky over Washington, always after midnight.

ONE AT A TIME

All of the sightings were this year: one on March 5 and two on June 14. Only one disk was seen each time.

Mrs. Olivia A. Zepp, of 6401 Medwick Drive, Hyattsville, spotted the March 5 "saucer." She was doing her regular stint in the observation post on top of WTOP-TV, at 40th and Brandywine streets nw.

She reported it right away to the Air Force, she said, and the Air Force responded with a sweep of fighter planes.

NOTHING NEW

This little bit of action was no novelty for Mrs. Zepp, she told The News.

"I've been reporting flying saucers to the Air Force since 1952," she said.

She said she can see flying saucers almost any night she goes out to look. Also, she said, she has kept records.

"I was watching the stars one night, when I saw a light shoot one way in the rum of my spectacles," she said. "It didn't look like a shooting star.

"The ordinary person would take it as a star. You have to watch for quite a while to see their actions."

COLONEL CAME

After Mrs. Zepp reported to the Pentagon a "Col. Smith" came and observed with her for an hour one night, she said. He saw what she saw, she said, but wouldn't say so.

"He didn't commit himself, natu-



—News Staff Photo.
 MRS. OLIVIA ZEPP

rally," she said. "But he asked for my records."

Another Civil Defense observer, Andrew G. Sullivan, said he'd never seen a saucer before the night of June 14, when he saw two—the first at 12:20 a. m. At the time he was with still another observer, Shirley Mondares, of 607 Fourth-st nw.

He said he saw the second saucer by himself about 1:45 a. m.

"I guess Shirley was downstairs making coffee," he said.

Mr. Sullivan, 27, does odd jobs for a living. Miss Mondares works for the Signal Corps.

Civil Defense finally decided to take the wraps off the exciting sighting story, one source said, because interest in the Ground Observer Corps is waning, and they thought this might stir some up. They need volunteers.

"It's nice the spotters will get a little recognition this way," another added.

GOC would like 24-hour a-day coverage of the skies in two-hour shifts. That takes at least 84 persons, but officials stress that there is a large turnover in Washington and some spotters "quit because they get discouraged."

20 June. "Fictional UFO kidnapping."

The episode "Flying Objects at 3 O'clock High" was aired on the Kraft Theater hour Wednesday June 20, 1956, at 9:00 p.m. EST. (See clipping)

CSI New York published its own review of Kraft Theater production for the readers of the group's news bulletin:

"Although the play went off the deep end during the last act, showing the pilot returned by the UFO in a dying condition, up to that point it was outstanding in its adherence to reality. The Kinross case and the angel-hair phenomenon were referred to. The Air Force was depicted (following Keyhoe) as knowing all about the extraterrestrial nature of the saucers, but paternalistically keeping it from the public's knowledge. The acting was on a decidedly more convincing level than that in the Greene-Rouse film. Mr. Copp and Kraft deserve our thanks for a well-done job showing knowledge and taste. Probably its qualities were lost on the public at large, if we may judge by Jack O' Brian's review (N.Y. Journal-American): he found it 'an extended Space Cadet caper.'" (47.)

21 June. Homestead, Pennsylvania.

According to a Homestead newspaper:

"...a group of Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster observed an un-stated number of disc-shaped objects in the southeastern sky at 8:35 p.m. The discs were 'very silvery and shiny' and maneuvered at a rapid speed. They were in view about 40 seconds." (48.)

The movie U.F.O. arrives in New England. (See clippings)

21 June. Near Watertown, Iowa.

A military teletype message read:

"A YOUNG COUPLE ADMIRING THE STARS LATE AT NIGHT NEAR WATERLOO, IOWA, SPOTTED A ROUND OBJECT, WHITE WITH 'RED DOT' IN THE MIDDLE, WAS MOVING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE SKY.

"THE COUPLE WATCHED IT FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES WITH SIX POWER BINOCULARS. THERE WAS LITTLE SURFACE WIND. THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED STRAIGHT UP." (49.)

24 June. Lutz, Florida.

"Sweeping up and down."

Another military teletype report says:

"A FACTORY WORKER AND A STUDENT VIEWED A STRANGE OBJECT THE NIGHT OF JUNE 24TH. THE UFO WAS FIRST SPOTTED WITH THE NAKED EYE. A PAIR OF BINOCULARS WAS THEN USED TO OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON. THERE WERE LIGHT CLOUDS IN A MOSTLY CLEAR SKY.

"THE UFO WAS A ROUND BODY ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HALF DOLLAR HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. THE UFO'S COLOR WAS ORANGE WITH A REDDISH BOTTOM.

Video Grows 'Weirder' As Summer Gets Hotter

By JOHN CROSSBY

Summer is upon us and the heat seems to have sent the writer's imaginations soaring. I can't say whether it's a trend or not but there seems to be an awful lot of the fanciful, the fey and the weird going around the drama program. In the last couple of weeks one actor grew wings and threatened to use them, another one flew to the polar star and flying saucers flew all over the place.

This sort of thing requires that the audience suspend, as they say, belief, and in the belief suspension department no one cooperates more readily than I except that I insist I have something to suspend the belief on. Not all these enterprises gave you much. I should say the most successful was Kraft Theater's "Flying Objects at 3 O'clock High." This was about what the Air Force calls a UFO (unknown flying object to you, chum) and was written by a veteran pilot, DeWitt Copp, who once saw and reported a UFO.

Insofar as UFO's can be made plausible at all, this one was. That is, it was imbedded in all that Air Forces gobbledygook in which all language is reduced either to numbers or initials. ("SERVAT to F-812 Ruffles-watch to oversnatch 86 degrees and over.")

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Reverend Gazette
July 6, 1956

The story opened with a couple of radar operatives watching in horror as a UFO swallows up an F-101 on their radar screen. (How far we've come from: "You mean you're going to send that kid up in a crate like that on a night like this" Or, even "You're not a General, you're a butcher — sending those B-17s out without fighter cover.")

Still, the story generated a good deal of excitement in a science fiction sort of way. I don't like to read the stuff but I enjoy looking at it. Jets took off in pursuit of the UFO; the radar saucers swept the skies; the telephones from the Pentagon jangled. The actors, headed by Everett Sloane as a lynx-eyed Intelligence Colonel and Buff MoGuire as a nosy reporter, played the thing straight. Fortunately the writers kept the note of hysteria down to reasonable limits and except for occasional lapses — "If they're hostile, we are at their mercy, and God have pity on us all" — the dialogue was fairly sensible about an essentially fantastic bit of business.

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Boston Globe

—THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1956

SCREEN ARRIVALS

"U. F. O." at Metropolitan

"Unidentified Flying Objects," produced by Clarence Green, and presented by him and Russell Rouse. Directed by Winsean Jones. Written by Francis Marlin.

By CYRUS DURGIN

What were—are—thg. "flying saucers," or, as they are officially and more accurately named, the "unidentified flying objects?" Such U F O have been sighted in many places in the United States. On two nights, a week apart, in July, 1952, visual observation by interceptor jet pilots caught luminous objects in the skies over Washington, D C, and radar screens reflected their presence as "blips." Two men, a Montana baseball club manager, and a veteran Navy chief photographer, took motion pictures of strange objects in the heavens, two years apart.

There films, carefully analyzed by the Pentagon, long kept secret, later declassified, are the only evidence of U F O, apart from the reports of flyers who have seen strange, luminous objects. What are the U F O? No one knows—but there are responsible military and scientific men who believe they could/might be inter-planetary craft controlled by intelligence. The official Air Force report said the film analysis proved the U F O were "not birds, not balloons, not aircraft, and not faked." Conclusion: they are "Unknowns."

"Unidentified Flying Objects," which opened yesterday at the Metropolitan, is not science fiction, but a factual documentary film which is said to represent the sum of all official knowledge to date upon U F O. There are few actors, but many actual persons connected with the investigations. Projects "Sign," "Grundge" and the still-continuing "Bluebook." Capt Edward J Ruppelt, USAF Reserve, who formerly headed "Project Bluebook," and Maj Dewey Fournet Jr., Pentagon liaison officer between Air Technical Intelligence Center and Directorate of Intelligence, acted as technical advisors.

You see, for the first times in public, the actual films of the U F O spotted over Montana and Utah, you hear the spoken re-

ports of flyers who chased (and sometimes were chased by) luminous objects, evidently metallic and of huge size, torpedo or sphere-shaped, traveling at fantastic speeds and executing turns not possible for aircraft of this world. You follow the lines of official investigation, and you see the change of attitude on the part of Albert M. Chop (portrayed by a Los Angeles newspaperman) who was a civilian press man with the Air Force. Chop first thought U F O "complete and unadulterated bunk," then came to think they might be inter-planetary craft. In terms of narrative, the film is partly Chop's own story.

THE HARTFORD TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1950

Meet Clarence Greene, Coproducer Of 'Unidentified Flying Objects'

By ALLEN M. WIDEM
Times Theater Editor

A documentary-type motion picture, based on the Flying Saucer controversy, is slated for a week's showing, beginning Wednesday, at the Allyn Theater.

Coproducer Clarence Greene, in an afternoon interview, asserted that the United Artists release brings out "one indisputable fact, that Flying Saucers are here."

THE 90-MINUTE movie, "Unidentified Flying Objects," is pegged to what are described as official Pentagon film clips of unidentified objects in flight. Greene declined to say how the Pentagon shots were released.

Clip No 1 was taken by Nicholas Mariana, general manager of the Great Falls (Mont.) baseball club, at the ball park Aug. 15, 1950. It shows two white spherical objects moving laterally and at the same distance from each other.

Clip No 2 was photographed by Navy Chief Photographer Jelbert C Newhouse on the Utah Desert July 2, 1952. It shows a dancing formation of 19m 7 to 16 white spots.

The picture says the Pentagon decided these objects were neither aircraft, balloons or jets and classified them officially as "Unknown."

The film centers on the story of Albert M. Chop, who, as a public information specialist, as assigned to the Flying Saucer study by the Pentagon and the Air Materiel Command.

The part of Chop is played by Tom Towers, aviation writer for the Los Angeles Examiner. Chop is now a public relations man at Douglas Aircraft Company.

GREENE SAID he was indifferent to the subject of Flying Saucers until one was pointed out to him. His interest led to an eventual film study.

Anyone can draw his or her conclusions after seeing the Allyn attraction, but in

Greene's opinion it shows that "UFO's" do exist and that there is an intelligence behind the control of these objects.

The team of Greene and Rouse has been responsible in past years for such successful films as "The Thief," which was made completely without dialog, and "The Well" which drew several Academy Award nominations.



CLARENCE GREENE
Talks of His New Film

THE OBJECT TRAVELLED FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE SOUTH 'SWEEPING UP,
DOWN, AND THEN UP AGAIN '" (50)

24 June "What About Keyhoe?"

The CSI Newsletter front paged a big article on Donald Keyhoe on June 24th expressing the opinion the saucer book author had been slighted in the recently released movie U F O The lack of any reference to Keyhoe in the script was denounced as a "most glaring omission " Besides Keyhoe's many writing credits, especially the historic 1950 True magazine essay "The Flying Saucers Are Real," CSI recognized the Major's many lectures and media interviews, plus his on going research Keyhoe, CSI felt, was a man with the courage of his convictions and not afraid to risk his professional reputation

Acknowledging that Keyhoe did have his faults (who doesn't), CSI proclaimed that no other individual had done so much to advance the study of UFOs since 1947 (51)

27 June Plattsburg, New York

A military teletype message states

"A CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER AT THE PLATTSBURG GROUND OBSERVER POST WAS LOOKING SOUTHEAST AT A MULTI--ENGINE AIRCRAFT WHEN, ROUND YELLOW GLOWING MASS APPROACHED THE PLANE UNDER OBSERVATION THE YELLOW MASS APPEARED TO BE THE SAME SIZE AS THE MULTI ENGINE PLANE THE UFO THEN MOVED AWAY TO THE EAST ON A DESCENDING COURSE, FADING FROM VIEW AFTER TWO MINUTES " (52)

27 June North Dallas, Texas

According to Air Force records two young men, ages 23 and 26, were sweeping the night sky with a 30X telescope and a pair of binoculars The men were seeking the planet Saturn and during their scanning of the heavens sighted a round body which was glowing an orange color The object was moving in a straight flight and at a constant altitude The thing seemed to give off a "pulsating exhaust" that seemed to "encircle the object " It gave the appearance of a "hollow center " The UFO passed out of sight over the horizon in about 15 seconds (53)

27-29 June

The UFO Research Council of Cleveland

Sgt Hill's trek to Cleveland

Sometime in May BLUE BOOK advisor Dr J Allen Hynek reminded Air Force authorities that they had promised to re-contact the Cleveland UFO group about some UFO reports the organization had submitted to ATIC The group, the UFO Research Council of Cleveland, had been granted a special hearing at BLUE BOOK headquarters a few months before, an unprecedented event This occurred, as it turns out, because the Cleveland group had appealed directly to President Eisenhower, whose office sent the paperwork to Presidential aide Sherman Adams, who in turn gave the job to General Kelly of the USAF Legislature Liaison The General asked ATIC to look into the

matter. Apparently it was felt that it would be advisable to be able to report back to the likes of Sherman Adams that some effort had been made, at least for appearance sake. As a result, the Cleveland UFO buffs had been granted a meeting with ATIC's Capt Hardin, Dr Robinson and others on February 3, 1956. When no action had been taken by ATIC concerning a follow-up to the February meeting, later in the year on June 6th the Cleveland UFO buffs notified Air Force authorities and reminded them of its promise to complete its investigation of the UFO cases it had collected. Dr Hynek, who was aware of the situation, advised BLUE BOOK it might be wise to try and please the civilians since he knew from personal encounters with the Ohio saucer group that they were a dedicated lot and would normally press matters to extremes, if necessary " (54) Consequently, a M/Sgt Oliver D Hill of the Air Sciences Division AFOIN-4E4, received travel orders to proceed to Cleveland and conduct interviews in regards to certain incidents of alleged UFO activity.

What Sgt Hill learned

Some of the information obtained was unfavorable. The prime witness to the most sensational case in the Research Council file turned out to have an "odd personality and given to psychological spells ". In another case pictures of a supposed landing site were misrepresented, showing a different location than the one claimed. Another example that troubled Sgt Hill was that a witness changed her story and was now willing to admit that perhaps what she had seen was an ordinary aircraft. Most disturbing, however, was the discovery the Ohio group led people to believe it represented the Air Force by flashing some sort of "official looking identity card" which Sgt Hill guessed was a type of USAF Reserve ID. In his report to his superiors, Sgt Hill wrote

"At the conclusion of interviews, this investigator emphasized to all interviewed that although submission of some UFO cases and reports from private citizen and organizations is appreciated by the Air Force, ATIC and other delegated AF units are the 'official' UFO agencies " (55)

While Sgt Hill considered the members of the Cleveland group 'good American citizens' who felt they were helping the UFO program by their activities, but that they suffered from vivid imaginations.

If BLUE BOOK's feelings toward civilian UFO groups were to be less than warm, there could be reasons.

Sgt Hill's mission was no doubt made more delicate by the fact that the Air Force was in the midst of replying to Congressman Moss.

27 June Jamestown, Ohio (2 25 p m)

"It looked like a "button " (See document) (56)

27 June Trieste, Italy

A brief note on UFO activity in Europe. "Numerous persons near the sea coast [close to Trieste] reported a luminous UFO which hovered about 10 seconds, then shot away at high speed to the NE " (57)

Sanders Case File

Approximately 2 25 p.m. 27 June 1956
 Mr. [redacted] age 46, and sons [redacted] age 17 [redacted] age 10
 all of 115 Clemens Avenue, Jamestown, Ohio

All supposed to report sighting a strange aircraft approximately 2 1/2 miles North of Wilmington, Rt. 314. When first sighted, the craft was below tree-level. The craft appeared to be taking off on the ground however, they did not see it on the ground.

Craft described appeared to be round - the diameter appeared to be the length of an automobile. A bulge in center of the top - looked like a canopy of a plane. It made no noise and there was no smoke or vapor trail. It was silver color. The craft was about 3' or 4' thick.

They stated they were familiar with the shape and outline of a jet plane. They said it was not a jet. They reported the craft moved very swiftly climbing at a steep angle at first, then almost vertically. It was out of sight in three or four seconds.

The youngest boy said it looked like a "button".

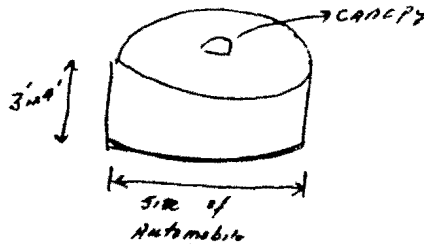
*This is a report from the Ohio
 Highway patrol at Wilmington, Ohio.*

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object

a. Sound NONE

b. Color Not Reported

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



18. The edges of the object were:

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

Not Reported

e. Other _____

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Only 1

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

27 June Hazelton, Pennsylvania Multi sightings

According to the Pennsylvanian press

"A party of Hazelton(Pa) residents were on a picnic in Hickory Run State Park when they saw 'two fast-moving, round objects resembling bright stars ' George Puhak, Jr , of Hazelton, said the objects appeared to be traveling at tremendous speed at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet The first, seen about 10 p m , traveled north to south, 7 or 8 minutes later a second was seen moving east to west One of the group who had recently spent some time at a jet air base said the objects definitely were not jets The sky was unusually clear at the time

"The same evening at about 8 15 p m , a group of Mahoney City residents also spotted two unidentified objects, these appeared to be hovering near each other, glistening brilliantly Ball-shaped, they were 'no higher than an airplane travels normally ' Suddenly both objects shot vertically upwards, leaving a short trail in their wakes They disappeared in several seconds One of the observers is a reporter for the local paper " (58) (59)

28 June Allentown, Pennsylvania

More UFO activity within 24 hours in Pennsylvania

"Bill Leitgep, of Allentown, Pa , was getting out of a car at his home about 11 p m when he noticed two 'tiny yellow-golden globules' high in the air, moving in a southerly direction and staying the same distance from each other They turned, and were fading into the distance, when he called the paper Five minutes later, Leitgep again called to report three more lights overhead " (60)

28 June Seattle, Washington

Aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK file card)

29 June Banning, California

"Rectangular racetrack " Mother ship?

Ground Observer Corps volunteers manning an observer post at Riverside, California, sighted a huge "balloon-like" object high in the sky over the city of Banning, a city about 20 miles southwest of the GOC post Banning, it should be remembered, was the locale of a sighting back on June 6th The GOC observers contacted authorities in Banning The police chief of the city of Banning, Edward Patrick, examined the mystery object with a small telescope, while Banning airport manager Gene Miller flew a light plane to 11,000 feet for a better look Since the UFO was quite high, anywhere from 33-50,000 feet (estimated) neither the police chief or the airport manager could see enough to satisfy them, although the two men were convinced the object was not a balloon They could be correct on that point if estimates of size were anywhere near the true dimensions of the object Skyhooks, the largest in use at the time, reached only 100 feet in diameter when fully inflated Police chief Patrick figured the UFO was 400 feet in diameter and airport manager Gene Miller guessed the UFO's top to bottom measurement to be in the range of about 150 feet

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1 DATE 28 June 1956		2 LOCATION Seattle, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3 DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/2144Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5 PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9 COURSE straight up (?)	
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round shape object, size unknown, color of silver, traveling very fast straight up. Object was sighted through auto window in the north easterly direction for a period of one minute.				11 COMMENTS Concur with reporting officer that this sighting was probably generated by an aircraft probably aircraft.	

The best evidence against the balloon theory, however, was the fact that the object remained in view for eight hours and that, according to the G O C people, the UFO "followed a perfectly rectangular course around Banning, making the circuit at least 3 times " (61)

The Banning case brings to mind some earlier incidents For example, at the New Berlin, New York, G O C post on July 25, 1952, came this report

"The civilian volunteer working for the Air Defense Command spotted something to the northwest of his post at high altitude which the observer described as a yellowish-white cylinder the cylinder constantly changed direction every five seconds, moving in an oval pattern " (62)

Better yet

Frank Edwards learned that on May 13, 1954 special long-range radar picked up a strange object of tremendous size high over Washington D C " it was approximately 250 feet in diameter, about fifteen miles above Washington, moving from point to point around a rectangular pattern for three hours before leaving " (63) Likewise, on June 14, 1954 a great object was seen 15 miles above Wilmington, Delaware The thing was watched by observers on the ground using binoculars The UFO flew a rectangular pattern (64)

29 June Austin, Nevada (3 10 a m)

Suspicious objects moving in sweeping arcs

The Nevada press printed

"Lowell Bonnett, of Las Vegas, Nev , reported that he saw eight dull orange elliptical objects south of Austin at about 3 10 a m He was driving north on Highway 8A, near the junction of Highway 50, when he noticed two objects to the east First seen hovering some distance apart, they suddenly crossed paths Getting out of his car, he trained a pair of 7X50 binoculars on the objects and found there were six more 'moving in sweeping arcs around the two others ' Due east, toward Eureka, they appeared to be about 'twice as high as the Rudy Mountains(100 miles away and 10,000 feet high) ' He watched for about 5 minutes, then drove a mile to an all-night roadstand-motel, where he asked the proprietress to view the objects, they both observed them for another 8-to-12 minutes Then the objects on the rim of the group 'seem to disperse violently' and they were followed by the two in the middle of the pattern ' Bonnett said 'they were traveling at least twice as fast as any jet I have ever seen " (65)

29 June Murphy, Oregon

High flying objects

On June 30, 1956 a UFO report appeared in a Grants Pass, Oregon, newspaper The item was clipped out and later published in Van Tassel's publication Understanding

"Five men working at the Spaulding mill at Murphy yesterday noon reported viewing two sets of what appeared to be high flying saucers streaking across the sky in a northwesterly direction, according to Archie Carlin on SE G street, one of the viewers No evidence of vapor trails, such as made by jet aircraft, was observed, he said There were five to six units in each of two groups which passed about four minutes apart " (66)

30 June "International Flying Saucer Day "

English UFO buffs came up with the idea of having a special "sighting day " They hoped to mobilize UFO enthusiasts around the world to scan the skies for a 24 hour period The effort was spearheaded by England's Flying Saucer Review The day selected was June 30, 1956

The stunt attracted the attention of the English press which was only too happy to promote the idea

The Review was optimistic

"In Britain saucerphiles, ranging from jet pilots to old ladies, will be on the lookout from airfields to mountain-tops and back-gardens with all manner of instruments, Flying Saucer Review's own team will be Hampstead Heath, London, complete with a radiation counters " (67)

June 30th was selected because it was a Saturday and thus more people would be free to maintain a vigil than there would be on a work day thermore, a check of meteorological records showed that the weather, for England at least, would probably be a 24-hour-period of clear skies

American and New Zealand UFO organizations were suppose to have agreed to join the skywatch

If UFO skeptics were right about the UFO phenomenon, there should be plenty of UFO sightings during the 24 hour watch, afterall it was claimed that observers with wild imaginations, publicity seekers, and persons prone to misinterpretations were responsible for a great many UFO reports Certainly such traits would be abundant in those who answered the call to take part in the exercise

On "sighting day," June 30th, the popular English television program Panorama featured a debate on the UFO mystery between George Adamski's co-author Desmond Leslie and astronomer Patrick Moore, England's Menzel-like UFO skeptic All things considered, some people should have been looking up, at least in England (68)

"Sighting day" results

— The big production was a flop Little of significance was reported Maybe the staff of the Flying Saucers Review was embarrassed, but its discomfort had to be exceeded by that experienced by UFO doubters Perhaps nothing much was seen because there was nothing flying around at the time? Could UFOs be real and June 30th a day off for saucer pilots?

The only reported activity on the 30th was far from England

30 June Wellington and Nelson, New Zealand

Harold H. Fulton, President of Civilian Saucer Investigations, Auckland New Zealand, notified America's Leonard Stringfield of recent UFO reports down under. It seems that a trio of glowing cigar-shaped objects was seen speeding over Wellington on the 30th at 4 30 p.m. Later, at 5 54 p.m., some orange-colored discs were seen in the sky over the city of Nelson (69)

June (no exact date)

"Ten times the size of any existing aircraft "

England did contribute a real whopper of a UFO sighting in June 1956. We have no exact date but it wasn't June 30th. The Review, it seems, would have mentioned that fact. Here is the case:

" 'Ten times the size of any existing aircraft' was the description given by Mr. H. Vaillancourt, of Bishop's Cleeve, of a UFO seen over the Cheltenham area one evening in June, 1956. He saw it hovering above Cleeve Hill.

" 'It was like looking at the Queen Mary at a distance of two to three miles at the most '.

" 'The object,' he added, 'was blazing with light which came from inside and showed through extremely large square windows,'

" 'After hovering for about 10 minutes it moved off in the direction of Charlton Kings. It stopped and then restarted, this time going in the direction of Gloucester.

" 'For the whole of this time there was not a sound '.

" Other eye-witness accounts came from Mr. Sidney Hale, of The Green Apperley, who said he was leaving the British Messier Ltd's factory on the Cheltenham - Gloucester road at 11 30 p.m. when he saw in the Gloucester direction an object 'out of this world '.

" At about 11 15 p.m. Mr. H. Hands, of 4 Mead Road, Leckhampton, was looking out his bedroom window when he spotted an object which looked like a star, but was 'eight or nine times bigger '.

" It seemed to be midway between Stroud and Gloucester, and was stationary.

" 'Then I saw it moving toward the horizon,' Mr. Hands said. 'It gradually got lower and eventually went out '.

" Three nights previously another mystery object was reported by Mr. Karlick, of Hester's Way Road, Cheltenham.

" He described seeing a terrific beam of light. The object made no noise, and disappeared in the Gloucester direction.

" 'I am not given to sensationalism,' said Mr. Karlick. 'As far as flying saucers are concerned I am as big a skeptic as most people, but this was something very unusual ' " (70)

1 July Above Winnemucca, Nevada (10 47 p.m.)

Aerial encounter with UFO?

A. Dustine Anderson wrote a letter to Ray Palmer concerning an event that was supposed to have occurred on July 1, 1956 during a non-stop flight.

from San Francisco to Idlewild Airport, New York The time of the sighting was about 10 47 P M The story

"The plane rolled off the runway at approximately 9 20 P M which places the sighting one hour and ten minutes flight time from San Francisco

"Location Hazarding a guess, speed of plane about 250 to 300 miles per hour, which would roughly locate the incident in an area over Winnemucca, Nevada along highway 170 I'm not sure of this I was seated No 10 on the right side of the plane next to the porthole, observing car lights traveling on highway below

"Weather Clear, no moon

"Incident Observed what appeared to be an unusually bright star upstairs to the right of our plane I thought it was Mars until I realized it was moving at tremendous speed toward us Craft leveled off at our altitude It was difficult to gauge the distance from our plane, about size of man's shirt button I believe it to be a jet, but wondered about the orange tail Craft began to appear larger and less brilliant, it was closing in on us I nudged the girl seated next to me and asked her what she thought it was Before she could answer me it loomed over our right wing and made a left bank, crossing in front of our plane We could see it clearly in the night Our landing lights flicked on The craft was round and appeared to be smooth metal with a double row of lights around her perimeter that cast an eerie blue-green glow over her smooth surface No wings or torque blades, but definitely an exhaust She circled our plane five times, then moved away to our right and leveled out at our altitude She flew along at our speed for a little over fifteen minutes Suddenly she shot almost straight up at an enormous speed It gave me the sensation that our plane was hanging motionless in the sky

"Approximate Size My impression, at least three times larger than our Constellation

"Remarks The girl seated next to me called one of the stewardess' attention to the craft as it moved toward us She immediately said something to the other stewardess Perhaps it was coincidence, as they began pulling down shades and hauling down blankets, and generally talking to the other passengers I wondered was this done intentionally to distract the passengers? The Flight carried sixty-two passengers

"Conclusion While in New York and Philadelphia, I checked the newspapers for news of strange sightings, and the apparent interest of the craft's occupants in our plane No mention of the incident in any of the newspapers Surely, it was newsworthy Later in January this year, I had a visit from a young friend in the Armed Service, and we discussed the sighting Three days later he paid me another hurried visit with his girl friend He told me he was leaving for Japan the next morning, and he wanted me to know that he had read a news story about the same sighting in the San Francisco Chronicle I was greatly surprised because the sighting had taken place eight months ago I asked what the story was about He told me a member of the flight crew had mentioned the sighting Somehow, the Air Force got wind of it and they cracked

down on the United Airlines in San Francisco It shouldn't be difficult to check this news story

(Signed) Dustine Anderson " (71)

2 July Winchester, Massachusetts

Another UFO flies a rectangular course (See BLUE BOOK file card) (72)

2 July Conway, Massachusetts

"A reversible UFO "

According to a local newspaper, a Mr Jack Pease spotted an unidentified bright object over the town of Conway

"It appeared to be composed of one bright light and, although travelling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, was able to reverse its course completely A low-pitched hum, rather than a whirr, was detected The object crossed and recrossed the sky several times before speeding away " (73)

4 July Peshawar, Pakistan

A dispatch from Peshawar mentioned the sighting of a circular object, deep red in color and trailing bursts of brilliant sparks in its wake as it made its way across the midnight sky After some two minutes the thing dropped down behind the Khyber hills (74)

5 July Mainz, Germany (8 10 p m)

A Mr Kleine Langgass was alarmed at the rapid passage of a cigar-shaped object as it crossed the heavens It appeared to change shape as it changed course (75)

9-10 July CRIFO's phone jangles madly

"Lull" over? Sighting at Bloomington, Indiana (See front page of Orbit)

10 July Near Oxford, England

A witness gardening the afternoon of July 10th noticed a huge, "dumbbell-shaped" object that was passing overhead The object consisted of two big spheres connected by a bar The thing moved swiftly at high altitude (76)

10 July Cincinnati and northern Kentucky

As an air transport plane passed over Cincinnati enroute a landing at Boone County Airport in Kentucky, some residents of the Ohio city of Cincinnati noticed a round body 'lit up like a lantern' pacing the plane The transport went into its approach descent, dropping lower and lower As the plane landed, the UFO continued on in a straight course for a time, swerved, and then winked out (77)

11 July Sete-Pont De Virila, Herault, France

Strange story from France

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 July 1958		2. LOCATION Winchester, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/0120Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 1 min & 10 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE overhead to NNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, shape not discernible size head of pin at arms length. Color varied fm off-yellow to white to yellow. When first observed, object was moving in a very tight circle. After completing four 90 dgr turns, object proceeded in a NNW direction where it was obscured by an obstruction at an elevation of 30 dgrs. Speed of object when on straight course estimated at 700 MPH.				11. COMMENTS Sighting was possibly caused by a helicopter. The basis for this explanation is the adent maneuvering of the object combined with possible human error in estimation of time & speed. No Report In File	

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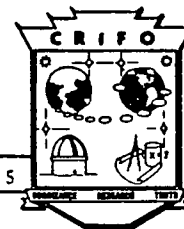
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LULL IS BROKEN . . . SAUCERS ARE BACK

Saucers operating on a pushbutton were released to earth in July. So it seemed to CRIFO whose mail and phone suddenly became alive with reports of strange glowing objects and grotesqueries in the sky. First breaking the phone's quiet was news commentator Frank Edwards calling from Indianapolis July 9. He related a striking incident occurring near Bloomington, Indiana which involved four boys on an early morning fishing venture. According to Edwards the boys were startled by a tremendously bright light which hummed overhead then stopped over a clump of trees near a railroad switch. The boys ran a mile and a half and told their experience to the sheriff. Same date and also early in the morning a Joe Morris of Terre Haute was fishing some miles west of Bloomington. He told Edwards that he saw a bright object which he judged to be about 500 ft high flying from the east. He also heard the humming sound.

Like magic following Edwards call Cincinnati eyes found enchantment in the skies. Starting on July 10 and without let up the CRIFO phone jangled with sightings, scuttlebutt and suppositions. Of the latter some wondered about the nocturnal jets nosing overhead others if Mars in the early morning sky was a saucer. While the local press turned its head the renewed activity over other parts of the nation stirred a few newspapers to sober straight reporting. Any way saucers were back and it seemed that the sky stage was now set and the curtain was drawing alas.

"Two workmen and some divers working near the bridge were surprised by the appearance of a red colored metallic object, trailing flames 20 meters long. The object appeared and disappeared many times on the surface of the water " (78)

11 July Wilmington, Delaware

Is something round and flat an aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK file card)

11 July Keyhoe's GOC speech "Write your political representatives "

The Ground Observer Corps unit located at Pikesville, Maryland, held an "Awards Presentation Night" to honor its dedicated civilian volunteers. Besides relatives and friends, a number of Air Force officers representing the Air Defence Command attended the gathering. The military men provided an unlikely audience for the main speaker of awards night. Donald Keyhoe, notorious UFO book author, had been invited to address the crowd at Pikesville's Enoch Pratt Library. No one seems to have complained and the event proceeded as scheduled. Pikesville resident Charles A. Seibold recalled Keyhoe's speech in a letter to Leonard Stringfield.

"At the meeting Major Keyhoe spoke for forty minutes. He prefaced his remarks by saying that it must be puzzling to many GOC personnel who have sighted UFOs and reported them to later learn that as far as the Air Force was concerned nothing had happened. He cited one instance in a mid-Western city where four UFOs estimated as being 500 feet in diameter were seen circling over the city. The Filter Center was alerted, jets scrambled up to intercept them and the whole thing was pretty obvious to a lot of citizens - yet the Air Force took the attitude 'nothing happened'.

"The Major then went on to explain about the two highly secret reports which were made by scientific groups assigned to investigate UFOs in 1947 and 1948. He mentioned that both of these reports were suppressed. He went further to explain the apparent ambivalence on the part of the Air Force where one high officer laughed off UFOs and the next man claimed they were some seemingly extraterrestrial craft. In a word he touched on the whole fantastic policy of the government in re UFOs during the past nine years. The Major wound up his report by telling about his experience when he submitted 12 questions to his senator (Byrd, Democrat, Va.). These were apparently forwarded to an Air Force colonel who acts as liaison officer between the Senate and the Air Force. This officer, apparently picked for his ability to double-talk, failed to even touch on any one of the questions in his reply. The Major cautioned the GOC not to reveal any sightings of UFOs to unauthorized people. He said that many wrote him but that he never used this material although it was of great interest. The Major said further that many Air Force officers and commercial airline pilots had observed UFOs and did not agree with the current policy of double-talk adopted by Secretary Quarles. Major Keyhoe advised all citizens who had an interest in democratic government to write their political representatives in Congress and insist on release of the two suppressed reports " (79)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 July 1956		2. LOCATION Wilmington, Delaware		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one to three minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South to North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round flat object pink in color, appearing to be fluorescent, the size of a quarter held at arms length. The object flew a steady level course from south to north. The object also flew in a straight line.				11. COMMENTS The duration of the sighting, the level flight of the object, and the steady and straight course of the object indicates the possibility of an aircraft generated sighting.	

ATTC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

The next day Mr. Seibold scanned the pages of the Baltimore Evening Sun for any mention of Keyhoe's address. The only thing he found was a remark in a humor column, Mr. Peep's Diary, with an accompanying cartoon, neither of which indicated that what the Major had to say was anything but light and trivial. Mr. Seibold was incensed with the Sun's "space cadet" treatment. Some time later a woman from the West Coast who claimed "conversations with space people" entertained a small local Baltimore group. The Sun made sure it covered the event, and its news story on the "space show" the newspaper included facetious references and sneering remarks. Seibold's opinion of the Sun sunk to a new low.

12 July Agawam, Massachusetts

"Mystery light " (See clipping)

12 July Monrovia, Indiana

"Possible aircraft goes straight up " (See BLUE BOOK file card) (80)

12 July Fiji Islands

Visible two hours

A UFO report from the South Pacific on July 12th mentioned some natives turtle fishing in the waters near Wakaya in the Fiji Island group. An object was visible in the sky for two hours according to the message that reached Suva. The thing was so close square windows, from which a strong light was emitted, were clearly visible. The UFO finally travelled out of sight in the direction of Levu. (81)

12 July Hamden, Connecticut

The long awaited "UFO hysteria" for 1956 hits Hamden at least. (See clipping)

14 July Arlington, Virginia

A very bright star-like body, was noticed in heavens over Arlington by an amateur astronomer. Visible for four hours, the UFO exhibited an odd wobbling motion. (82)

14 July Greenwood Lake, New York

Two more reports from the northeast

A portrait painter, an oil explorer, and a nurse, all viewed a strange body in the sky on two occasions. (See BLUE BOOK report) (83)

14 July Gary, Indiana

A "brilliant stranger" and an emotional tempest

When a bright light appeared over Gary, Indiana, on the evening of July 14th, the local newspaper referred to the phenomenon as a "brilliant stranger" which was observed by "substantial citizens" that were "enthralled and amazed " (See clipping)

15 July Sydney, Australia

A mysterious red light floated over Sydney for a half hour on July 15th. In like manner, a mysterious red-orange light coasted over Los Angeles on the 16th which is our next story. (84)

Invasion by Mars 1956 Proves No Peril

Hamden Conn. July 12 (AP) — A woman excitedly reported to police yesterday that she had seen an object fall out of the sky.

It looks like something from Mars, she said.

Police found the object. It was a boxed instrument attached to a weather balloon. A label on the box asked: "Please return via post office to U. S. Hydrographic Service Lexington Ky."

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 SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JULY 12, 1956

Mystery Light Seen High in Agawam Sky, Makes Puzzling Motions

Blue and Red Flashes Are Combined With White
 Glare Brighter Than Star, Seen to Move Off
 To East, Become Lost to Sight

A white light many times brighter than the brightest star at times motionless then in seemingly aimless movement and sometimes emitting alternating flashes of red and blue light was seen last night in the sky to the east by a young woman and her parents from their Agawam home.

The occurrence has them more than a little puzzled and a bit more receptive to the arguments of the flying saucer school of thought.

The light was first seen by the young woman (who asked that her name not be used) around 12:30 a. m. She had retired around midnight but couldn't get to sleep. She awoke and her attention was attracted by the light while passing by her bedroom window.

At first she thought that it was a reflection or that her imagination was playing tricks so she went to the far end of the house and looked through an unscreened window. The light was still there. It appeared to be ho-

vering at not too high an altitude. The light was four or five times brighter than Venus at its brightest, she said. Her parents arrived home at 1:05 and they all watched the light. Eventually it began to move erratically. Its movement seemed to be without plan, she said.

Next flashes of blue and red light were seen. It looked like a scanning process, she said, but again there appeared to be no pattern to the flashes of colored light.

At 1:45 the light started to move away in an easterly direction and went higher. By 2:30 it was so high, she said, that it gave no more light than one of the dimmer stars.

The observers were so mystified by the light that they called operations at Westover Air Force Base. Westover had no solution to the phenomenon. The base public information office said this morning that they could add nothing to clear up the mystery.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 July 1956		2. LOCATION Monrovia, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/0400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XR Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION thirty seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ascending & NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object, orange in color, the size of a quarter held at arms length, heading northwest at a high rate of speed. Object then ascended straight up. Seen for a period of thirty seconds. No Report In File				11. COMMENTS Possible aircraft.	

ATTC FORM 379 (REV 36 SEP 52)

2D OSI File 24-515
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Unidentified Fly Obj, Greenwood Lake, NY

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received by the reporting agent from [REDACTED], age 32, a portrait painter, resident at [REDACTED], New York, New York, by telephone on 18 July 1956.

2. [REDACTED] reported that on 14 July 1956, he had twice observed a flying object in the sky. The observations took place for short periods at about 1630 hours and 2200 hours. The periods of observation were brief. [REDACTED] could not tell whether he had seen the same object in both instances of observation. He described the object seen at 1630 hours as the size of a dime, silver colored, disc shape, and motionless; then it tilted, appeared to have a dome on the top, and disappeared.

The object seen at night was also the size of a dime, red in color, of disc shape, and was traveling at high speed; it curved sharply across the sky, and disappeared. Weather conditions were good for observation; no instruments were used. [REDACTED] advised that his wife, [REDACTED], resident at his address, also [REDACTED], an oil explorer, and [REDACTED], a nurse, both of Greenwood Lake, New York, could corroborate his observation, in part. When ask if he could be interviewed, personally, about the matter, [REDACTED] replied that a personal interview would take too much of his time.

3. Detailed answers, as required by Air Force Regulation 200-2, paragraph 7d, are set forth below; numbering is in accordance with that used in the Regulation:

16 July Los Angeles, California

According to the Los Angeles Examiner

"A mysterious light that glowed brilliantly in the sky before it disappeared in a sudden blaze touched off hundreds of calls to police from residents in the southwestern area. Workers at the control tower at the International Airport estimated the altitude of the strange object at about 2,000 feet. They said it emitted a strong reddish glow similar to the red nose light on a Constellation. As seen from the tower, the light moved in a southeasterly direction, about seven or eight degrees above the horizon. The tower couldn't estimate its speed, but said it moved at a blimp-like pace. A check, however, showed there was no blimp or plane in the area at the time. The light was visible for about four minutes from 11 02 p.m., on. Then it suddenly glowed forth in an orange glow and vanished from sight." (85)

"Of the holiest rank"

The origin of the mystery light over Los Angeles was undertermined but a New Age type crackpot wrote Air Force headquarters to explain that the phenomenon was produced by, and we quote, the "auspices of the celestial realms Messianic --holiest rank" (86)

17 July Westover AFB, Massachusetts

Crazy radar blip (See BLUE BOOK file card) (87)

17 July Otis AFB, Massachusetts

Just over an hour later something appeared in the sky above another air base in the state (See BLUE BOOK file card) (88)

Mars races toward the Earth

Even though it seemed to UFO buff Thomas Comella that the Fourth Estate was trying to dodge the fact that the saucers were back by calling UFOs being reported "moving lights," "meteor-like objects," or "glowing balls," it was clear to him the UFO sighting lull was over. For Comella the latest display proved the validity of the theory that UFOs are widely reported when the planet Mars approached the Earth (89)

18 July Kansas

"Strange objects, with lighted, dangling tentacles" (See teletype report)

CHINESE LIGHTS
ARKANSAS CITY, KAN., JULY 19--(INS)--SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED "TEAR
SHAPED" OBJECTS THAT CAST WEIRD LIGHTS IN THE SKY CAUSED A NEW MYSTERY
WHEN THEY WERE REPORTED SEEN FLOATING OVER SEVERAL KANSAS COMMUNITIES
EARLY TODAY.

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0230Z 2125EST		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		
		9. COURSE SW		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Regular target (radar sighting) but larger than ordinary radar target. Fast acceleration of speed. Was able to make 180 dgr turn in less than 6 seconds Increased and decreased speed in a matter of seconds. All other traffic accounted for.			11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for analysis. Altitude not reported.	

ATIC FORM 129 (REV 26 SEP 57)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1 DATE 17 July 1956		2 LOCATION OTIS AFB, Massachusetts		12 CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0342Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE POK Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object circular light. Color white extending yellow. Speed comparable to that of EC 121. Object appeared to at times reverse course without any discernible means of banking or turning. Object climbed to 20,000 feet & faded slowly away.				11. COMMENTS Probable astro sighting. Positional data not included. No identification attempted on limited data.	

TWO OF THE STRANGE OBJECTS, WITH LIGHTED, BAMELINE TENTACLES, WERE
 VISIBLE FOR FIVE HOURS THIS MORNING OVER ARKANSAS CITY BY [REDACTED]
 HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] MR. AND
 MRS. [REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN FISHING AND THREE POLICEMEN.
 [REDACTED] SAID THE MYSTERIOUS "BULBS" CAST A METALIC BLUE OR BLUISH
 GREEN LIGHT AND MOVED SLOWLY, FREQUENTLY CHANGING POSITIONS.
 WITNESSES IN WICHITA, HUTCHINSON, EL DORADO AND WELLINGTON, KAS., ALSO
 REPORTED SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HUGE LIGHT BULB DANCING IN THE SKY.
 A STATE PATROLMAN FIRST REPORTED SEEING THE OBJECTS MOVING EAST AT A
 HIGH RATE OF SPEED NEAR HUTCHINSON.
 LATER, MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE AT WICHITA SENT OUT A B-29 BOMBER AND
 SHORTLY AIR FORCE BASE DISPATCHED TWO JET PLANES TO INVESTIGATE,
 A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT ALSO WAS PICKED UP ON THE RADAR SCREEN AT
 HUTCHINSON.
 A B-47 PILOT FROM FORBES AIR FORCE BASE IN TOPEKA SAID HE SAW
 FLICKERING "WASTE GAS TORCHES IN AN OIL FIELD" WHICH SOME THOUGHT
 MIGHT HAVE CAUSED REFLECTIONS BUT [REDACTED] SAID THAT "WHAT I SAW WAS NO
 IMAGINATION."
 MC45 PCB

"Tentacles explained "

A Topeka paper printed

"City Editor Brian Coyne of the Arkansas City Traveler said 'a brilliantly lighted, tear-shaped object with prongs or streams of light spraying downward was sighted shortly after midnight ' A second object was sighted around 1 a m ,Coyne said

"Trooper Dick Hadsall, accompanied by Coyne and police from Arkansas City, observed the object from various locations

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

"'The prongs or streams of bright light,' Coyne said,'also were observed first as directed towards the Earth and then extending from the sides of the objects '

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

"He also took issue with the military's theory that gas torch reflections may have touched off the reports

"'It was not an optical illusion,' he asserted, adding that other observers here agreed

"The Editor also explained that the objects were under observation from 1 p m on 'There were no clouds during the period of their brightest intensity,' he said

"A McConnell Air Force base officer, questioned about the object, could offer no help It was later learned the air base had asked the highway patrol a number of questions about the objects including

"'-What size is it compared to a key or a 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 objects and skies over Arkansas City are very clear except for a few light clouds. There are a lot of stars '" (90)

19 July Phoenix, Arizona

Our source states "Round object, apparently spherical, hovered, lower hemisphere dimmed, object sped away " (91)

17-18 July New England

More on the New England muni-flap (See clippings)

19 July San Fernando Valley

"Venus men?"

A phonecall to the Hollywood Citizen-News on July 19th resulted in a radio news broadcast the same day concerning the claim "golden-globe" spaceships had touched down in San Fernando Valley. Beings from Venus, normal-looking six-foot-tall men dressed in ski suits and having long blond hair, as the story goes, were supposed to have conversed with a man in Van Nuys, as well as an unidentified woman in the same area.

Since the male witness was a part-time actor and worked for a major Hollywood studio, the Air Force feared the case would receive the wrong kind of publicity during an investigation. No doubt to the great relief of the military, the case fell apart rapidly. Not even civilian UFO buffs brought the story.

Mrs. Idabel Epperson, a member of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence organization, agreed with the military evaluation that the incident was a hoax. Living in Los Angeles area, she immediately decided to make an inquiry, placing a phone call to the male witness right after hearing the UFO news flash on the radio. She later wrote:

"I'll have to give him credit -he said all the right things' He had not believed in flying saucers before -thought anyone who did was 'nuts' -had never heard of Adamski, or anyone else -wished he had never told the newspapers, because they had given out his name against his wishes, and all the crackpots in the world were calling him night and day. In fact, I was the first sensible person he had talked to. He seemed absolutely sincere -youthful, disturbed, and a little frightened. I admit I fell for all of it " (92)

19 July Bellingham, Washington

It was two in the afternoon. The day was one of clear skies, no wind, and high temperatures (the 90s). A minister, Rev. J. E. Church (his real name) just happened to glance at the sky.

"skeptical of reports about 'flying saucers' Rev. Church said at first he didn't believe what he saw but after blinking his eyes he was convinced that he was looking at something unusual. His description of the object was that it was round, about the size of a house and that it cruised within eye range rather slowly for a short time then shot swiftly out of sight. 'It was a silvery object with a sharp brightness like a halo,' he said. There was no sound and the light did not throb " (93)

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NEW NIGHT BRINGS NEW ODD LIGHT

Agawam Adds to Reports of
Strange Happenings in
Night Sky

Another night another light—a strange moving light of course.

An Agawam woman called this newspaper today reporting that she sighted from her bedroom window around 12:30 a. m. a bright white light to the north.

It was really low, she said. She said it seemed to bob along all the while gaining altitude.

The woman said she thought she heard an engine but wasn't sure if the noise came from the direction of the light.

Astronomer Frank Korkosz of Seymour Planetarium at the Museum of Natural History who feels the planet Mars is the culprit responsible for the gang of reports about a strange brilliant light in the night sky said that at the present time Mars first becomes visible about 11:30 p. m. close to the horizon in the south-east.

The planet he said is a yellowish-orange color more on the yellow side. He said that it might seem to waver. This would be due to the fact that it is close to the horizon and movement of vapor and dust between it and the observer would produce the effect. He emphasized that it would be a wavering motion rather than like the twinkle of an ordinary star.

The earth said Korkosz is catching up to Mars. This year earth and Mars will be as close as they ever get, he said. They will be at their absolute closest from Sept. 7-11. Mars is now brighter than any star in the heavens and will continue to brighten as September approaches until it appears three times brighter than the nearest star. Mars will rise four minutes earlier each day. By September he said the planet will be visible right after sunset.

Doesn't Like Westover's Attitude on Sky Lights

Agawam Woman Who First Saw Phenomenon
Thinks Base Should Do Something

The young woman resident of Agawam whose story last week about sighting strangely moving white lights in the sky has caused half the city to develop stiff necks today expressed her disgust with the manner in which Westover Air Force Base has treated the reports.

She said that she has seen the lights every clear night since she first reported the phenomenon. She noted that several other observers have also seen the lights. The lights are consistently in the eastern sky at one point or another and it seems that some body watching the sky (a reference to Westover personnel) ought to notice them, she said.

The young woman said that both she and her father have an avid interest in the whole subject of unidentified flying objects. The Air Force, she said, has explained away 85 per cent of the reports of such objects but it's the other 14 per cent I'm concerned with. The light have filled her with some apprehension she said. Sometimes she said when scanning the sky for the lights, "I'd just as soon they wouldn't be there. But they usually are," she added.

The bright moving lights she said are best seen from an elevation since they are usually quite low on the horizon until between 2 and 3 a. m. when they gain altitude.

A 13-year-old Worthington St. boy added the experience of his mother and himself to the growing list of stories about the weird lights. Around 10 p. m. last night while attending a drive-in theater in West Springfield they saw what looked like two orange colored balls in the sky toward the direction of Springfield. They seemed to be dodging each other, he said. He estimated their speed at 300 miles per hour.

When they saw them again around midnight they were giving off a white glow, he said. They were stationary and the youth at first thought them beacons. Then he said they began to go higher. Every five seconds they seemed to give a little boost, he said. They vanished in midair at 12:30 a. m.

Patrolmen Earl Craig and Robert Rowland of the East Longmeadow Police Department observed the mysterious lights while driving along Route 136 at 12:30 a. m. They said they saw a yellow whitish light which changed hues while they watched hovering in the sky. It moved off a distance hovered again and disappeared in the direction of Hartford.

They heard no engines. They radioed headquarters and learned that no helicopters had been reported in the area.

'Shiny Disk' Seen in Sky By 4 Russell Residents

Spectacular UFO Sighting Reported, Object Said
Seen to Spin, Twist in Air

The Springfield Daily News,
Springfield, Mass.
July 19, 1956

Deep in the hills of Russell it happened. A flying saucer glowing with the fiery reflected rays of the sun was seen around 8 last night whirling over the little town by a group of four residents.

It was like a stainless steel disk, an excited caller reported this morning. The sun was hitting it and it was glittering and bright as a new penny.

His words poured out in a rush. The four of us—my wife and my father and another fellow—saw the thing clearly. It was gyrating like crazy, hovering, revolving, spinning.

I was doing some work on the outside of the house. I glanced up and saw this thing. I yelled to the others in the yard and we watched it for about a minute before it went out of sight.

The saucer was between 1000 and 1500 feet. It was on the opposite side of the town from our house. I'd say about a mile away.

It stayed in one place whirling like a Division then it gathered speed and took off toward Montague. It was out of sight in 15 or 20 seconds. That's about five miles. The saucer didn't make a sound. The man asked that names be withheld.

This story comes at a time when the Connecticut Valley is in an uproar over the sighting of strange moving lights in the night sky by several persons. The lights usually seen in the east sometimes are white and at other times have a yellow orange hue.

Last night calls were received from residents of Longmeadow, Montague and the North End, all reporting sighting an orange, whitish light speeding across the sky close to the horizon. It was brighter than a star.

A Montague woman reported three lights turning tight circles in the direction of Westfield and Azawant.

Westover Air Force Base had no reports of any unidentified flying objects.

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IS THIS SIRIUS?

Valleyites Tell Of Venus Men

By JOE RAMIREZ

Did three men from Venus wearing green suits and riding in something resembling a giant steel ball land in the San Fernando Valley yesterday?

Well three persons in the Van Nuys Panorama City areas their faces filled with apprehension, telephoned this reporter claiming that's exactly what happened.

"These calls are not Sirius. I panicked to myself. I knew that I was in the midst of the dog days—or 'silly season'—when Unidentified Flying Objects are being observed everywhere (Dog days Sirius the dog star get that pun now?)."

But anyway all three described the earth visitors as about six feet eight inches with blond hair which fell about their shoulders and wearing light green suits that looked like leotards.

The first caller a Panorama City housewife who was working in her rose garden when the space trio appeared quoted the visitors as saying they were from Venus and not to be afraid. "I thought this was some kind of stunt from a movie company so I told them to get off my property," stated Mrs. M. J. who refused to reveal her name for fear everyone including her husband would think she was crazy.

Minutes later a 27-year-old telephone lineman working in Van Nuys who also refused to give his name, called and related strange happenings about a big ball that dropped about a foot from the pole on which I was working.

"I was so scared that I felt like getting on top of the pole, but instead I climbed down and started to inspect the huge ball."

Just then three guys walked right through the ball and came toward me. I felt like I was

He stated that the visitors showed no hostility ("they shook my hand") and that they were here to help the earth people.

"They seemed to be having some kind of mental communication among themselves, they spoke with their mouths but I didn't hear them," he claimed.

"These guys said they wanted to help us with their power, that which the other planets had developed whereas the earth people were still freaks and very primitive."

He requested that this reporter not call the police. "I think I'm nuts and come and get me!"

The third anonymous telephone caller also from Van Nuys said he met the spacemen last Monday morning at about 6:30 a.m. when he was awakened by the barking of his two dogs.

He asserted that a huge ball landed in the tree-on-the-front yard splitting it in half. The spacemen settled down. He further charged that three men walked through it and approached him.

"They told me they were from Venus and that they were here to help us. The dogs kept barking and they apparently became frightened and left, just before the ball vanished."

Yesterday after convincing myself that the whole thing was a dream I was lying in my back yard when I saw the ball again. This time hovering over my house."

All three persons who supposedly met the Venusians stated they looked like humans, except that their eyes didn't look like ours but appeared to be made of glass.

Next, I'll check what kind of space mysteries are about to be released by our movie industry.

19 July "Shoot them down "

The 19th was a big day in southern California for UFOs. According to a Santa Ana newspaper, Civil Aeronautics Administration flight instructor Irwin Ross claimed that the Air Force had orders to shoot down UFOs.

"'Is is imperative that the Air Force get a tangible fragment of a flying saucer, from which to detect its possible origin and construction ' "

'He added that he thought the interplanetary objects 'are radar ships, designed to observe our planet and forms of life ' And, 'I don't believe they mean any impending invasion ' "

"Will Air Force pilots be able to shoot down a UFO? "

'Vermillion, a former USAF bomber pilot, doubts it 'They travel awfully fast,' he said " (94)

The origin of the rumor about shooting down UFOs would be made public a week later

20 July Long Beach, California (3 00 a m)

'Wire-like feelers "

Perhaps a UFO report made on July 20th was inspired by the "Venus men" story publicized the previous afternoon, yet there is little similarity with the San Fernando incident. The original news account appeared in the Long Beach Graphic on July 26th. We don't have that, but we do have something printed by James Moseley's Saucer News.

"At about 3 a m last July 20th, Mrs Marion Ager of Long Beach, California, was awakened by a brilliant light, as if some huge searchlight had suddenly been 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 edges were wire-like 'feelers ' While the object hung suspended in mid-air, the 'feelers' suddenly began rotating like a pinwheel. After three or four revolutions, the object shot off at almost incredible speed in the direction of Santa Ana, and was out of sight in a matter of seconds " (95)

20 July NICAP's beginning

In 1923 a former classmate of Einstein, a Dr Biefeld, professor of Physics and Astronomy at Dennison University, selected as his protege a bright young man named Townsend Brown.

Working together, Dr Biefeld and Brown conducted a series of experiments on electric fields. The two researchers wondered if some motion could be generated if a heavy electrical charge was sent through an electrical condenser. They found that the condenser would move if it was hung by a thread. This tendency was named the "Biefeld-Brown effect" after its two discoverers.

Brown attempted to carry this work further by exploring a wide range of the electro-gravitational spectrum, conducting 28 years of experimentation. To produce movement in a charged body, Brown found that he had to control the distribution of positive and negative fields over its surface, and that could be done by the sculpting of the proper horizontal and vertical profiles, but what was the best shape?

At first Brown tried a flat square plate. This test seemed promising and Brown figured a rounder circumference would achieve much better results. Eventually Brown produced a model of a disk shape. The model was small, 1-2 feet across, and had to be tethered in a Maypole arrangement, but it flew. Even though the model flew, there remained some basic scientific questions to be addressed and the technical problems involved were formidable.

In spite of such obstacles, Brown called his effort "project WINTERHAVEN" and sought financial support. However, no government department, industrial enterprise, or University, cared to underwrite WINTERHAVEN. The merits of the endeavor were elusive and the funding required prohibitive. If Brown could demonstrate some impressive success his money problems would be over, but that possibility seemed remote until Brown examined UFO reports.

Brown and UFOs

Many persons investigating UFO sightings suggested that the reported objects were using some sort of electrogravitational power source.* Brown, with considerable experience in the subject, agreed. For example, UFOs stopped and started instantaneously, and made 90 and 180 degree turns. The G-forces involved in such maneuvers would crush living organisms. However, Brown felt he could explain how someone could travel in a craft capable of such performances. Brown suggested that UFOs were immersed in a energy field that acted on every atom of the craft and its passengers, negating any G-forces. Moreover, this energy field, possibly a modified one of a gravitational nature, might act as a sort of wedge, pushing aside the air on the leading edge of the UFO, thus no shock waves would be generated. The lack of shock waves is characteristic of UFO reports. Another aspect of many UFO reports that caught Brown's eye, was references to energy coronas, often bluish, which reminded him of similar discharges during his electrical tests. (96)

To make a long story short as they say, it seemed to Brown that UFOs could prove the theory behind project WINTERHAVEN. While in Washington D C on his endless quest to obtain funding from the government, Brown discovered a discussion group devoted to UFOs.

The fourth meeting of the "Flying Saucer Discussion Group "

20 July

Townsend Brown was present at the fourth session of Walton C. John's discussion group in Washington D C. The gathering that day featured

* Its quite possible Brown was encouraged by Leonard G. Cramp's 1954 book Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer which offered the hypothesis, in a simplified manner, that UFO propulsion systems utilized gravitational fields.

UFO author M J Jessup as the main speaker During his talk he raised the question of a national UFO organization since existing UFO groups didn't have the power to be effective We have no transcript of the talk but Jessup's sentiments are given in his 1955 book The UFO Annual In the book Jessup expressed admiration for Donald Keyhoe's fight against a "paternalistic and bigoted government" and noted that the Major was "almost alone in this combat " (97) In his UFO Annual Jessup declared " we are mindful of the urgent need for unity --for a Central UFO Agency" (98)

The members of the Washington D C "Flying Saucer Discussion Group" knew that their town was the ideal place to establish a "central UFO agency "

"Unprecedented history-making step "

When Clara John realized that a consensus had been reached on forming a new UFO organization, she scribbled her impressions on a note pad

"Today there are thousands of little research groups all over the world, as well as people working singly on this thing The time has come to coordinate their activities into a pattern that will prepare humanity for this startling new event in human existence Where better than in Washington for this movement to take shape and direction? That is what these meetings are being called for This, tonight, is our fourth meeting We were laying the groundwork the last couple of weeks, and you here tonight are perhaps witnessing ---and we hope will be participating in ---a new step, an unprecedented history-making step " (99)

Brown's thoughts were less "historically orientated" and reflected his own interests

" if we maintain surveillance with a nationwide or worldwide reporting service, we might arrive more quickly at a scientific explanation of the [UFOs] method of propulsion, based on light emission and performance patterns " (100)

The first step to establishing a significant organization required a lot of paperwork Brown volunteered to draw up a formal organizational plan, or "Tentative Prospectus," and have it ready for the group's approval in time for the next monthly meeting(August 16th) The task was an easy one for Brown with his considerable experience of trying to get his own project off the ground Both WINTERHAVEN and the new UFO organization were to be, essentially, corporate entities This initial activity enabled Brown to slip into a leadership role

Mrs Johns, for her part, promised to contact anyone who might want to join the battle to give respectability to the study of UFOs Another interested party was Mrs Rose Hackett, a woman of boundless energy and strong convictions

Mrs Johns and Mrs Hackett took care of the many small things that needed doing Without these two women the launching of the UFO organization would have failed

21 July Auburn, California

This Auburn case is listed in BLUE BOOK files (See BLUE BOOK file card)
A check of a press account in the Auburn paper makes the incident more interesting

"Auburn, Calif -July 22 --The Foresthill G O C post reported small objects that looked like balls of fire streak across the sky at 5 45 a m Another person reported the phenomenon from the Mosquito Ridge area Lauren Bryan, with Richard Marty, saw 'a torpedo-like object from which little balls of fire were emitted from the rear' for about a minute at sunset He said it was green in color and silent " (101)

21 July Guatemala

"Whizzing saucers and a zig-zagging cigarette "

Information received from Guatemala was explained by BLUE BOOK experts as "possible meteors - insufficient data for evaluation " (See BLUE BOOK documents) (102)

23 July Pixley, California

"Unidentified object hits plane?"

Rumors really took off when the following message came over the United Press teletype machines

• 4/48 THE JULY 23, 1956, REPORT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL
BY AN AIR FORCE C-131-D (CONVAIR CARGO PLANE) AFTER
COLLIDING WITH AN UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER PIXLEY, CALIF. WITNESSES
WERE REPORTED AT THE TIME IN THIS AREA, AND AN AIR FORCE
SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE PLANE'S CRATERED TAIL SECTION
APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN "STRUCK BY SOMETHING FROM ABOVE "

More curiosity was generated when a follow-up UP dispatch said guards had been stationed around the damaged aircraft

Numerous theories were immediately proposed The sensation-minded blamed the near disaster on a flying saucer attack, while some others suggested a meteor hit (103) KLAC radio, Los Angeles, broadcast an interview with an Air Force PIO early Monday morning, the military officer insisting that a bird impact was responsible' To make things even more confusing, some early newspaper accounts credited the Convair aircrew as saying they believed another aircraft had collided with their transport'

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 July 1956		2. LOCATION Auburn, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/1300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE followed course of river			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object shaped like guided missile 7-8 ft long. Emitting chunks of fire. No sound. Appeared 200 ft above river & followed course of river. Color of object green & orange.				11. COMMENTS Probably light plane.	

ATIC FORM 320 (REV 26 SEP 52)

REPORT NR IR-59-56

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"LUMINOUS OBJECT IN THE FORM OF CIGARETTE

SAID TO HAVE BEEN SEEN"

Mr. Manuel G. Leal V., teacher of primary school, affirms having witnessed on the night of last Sunday, together with his brother, "a luminous object in the form of a cigarette zigzagging across the sky at rather high speed", and connects this with what several police agents of Acapulco state about having seen flying saucers.

Professor Leal, who lives in Santa Maria de Jesus, department of Sacatepequez, points out that "the object emitted light flames of a pale red color from behind, and rose towards the North until it was out of sight. As I live near the National Airport I discard the possibility that it might have been a plane", says Mr. Leal.

ATIC NR	288678
AF NR	1015480
REFERENCES	

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REPORT NR.: IH-59-56

EXTRACT "A"

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ORIGINATING AGENCY: AA Guatemala

DATE OF DOCUMENT: 7/30/56

SUBJECT: (U) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects

ATIC NR 268678

AF NR. 1015AB0

REFERENCES

RETRIEVAL INFO: 4441/1 - Guatemala/-----/MFO/-----

PRENSA LIBRE Guatemala 21 July 56

"SEVERAL POLICEMEN ASSURE THEY SAW 4 FLYING SAUCERS"

In the sky over finca San Luis Buena Vista, an ambulant police squad affirm having seen four flying saucers whiz by, traveling northward in low formation and at high speed.

News of this event was received by telegraph at National Police Headquarters yesterday where no further information was given save that the report wasn't detailed nor did it say if all the members of the squad "saw" the fantastic machine in action.

The incident took place at exactly 1100 hours when the squad was carrying out its regular activities..

PRENSA LIBRE Guatemala July 27, 1956

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After a number of days, authorities at Edwards AFB announced that an investigation determined the fact that some rivets had popped, jamming an elevator servo-top (104)

Donald Keyhoe had his suspicions and took the trouble to check with the Civil Aeronautics Board to obtain some information on the possibility the C131D transport had merely suffered a structural failure. Keyhoe learned from an agency spokesman that the CAB " . could not find a single case on record of such a thing ever happening to any Convair at any time " (105) Moreover, the spokesman expressed doubt about a metal fatigue hypothesis since the Convair had been flying straight and level in good weather. It would be quite unusual, he reasoned, if the part in question gave way without being stressed. Denied access to the Convair, any attempt to promote a sensational explanation by Keyhoe was useless. Besides that, any UFO theory was rendered very difficult by the fact the Convair aircrew never saw any kind of aerial object in the vicinity.

For a while the mention of a possible "mystery object" excited UFO buffs. A search was made for reports of UFO activity in the region. A call was made to the Kern County Sheriff's Office to ask about any sightings. The Sheriff's Office disclosed the fact that a couple of oil drillers, plus a Richfield Oil Company truck driver, had all witnessed the passage of six disc-shaped objects flying in formation. The time of this sighting was 5 15 a m , about six hours before the Pixley incident. Also, authorities at Edwards AFB, when contacted by UFO researcher Max B. Miller, admitted receiving several UFO reports but refused to elaborate. (106) Edwards AFB is 110 miles southeast of the Pixley area.

UFO reports and the Air Force

Some paperwork on the Pixley case provides some interesting information about how the military collected and investigated UFO reports. (See document) (107)

23 July Springfield, Massachusetts (At intervals from 9 30 to midnight)

On an evening of mild weather and clear skies, a Miss Maratea, and her sister-in-law, watched objects in the sky that appeared to be the size of golf balls held at arm's length. She wrote Rev. Albert Baller of CRIFO that

They were yellow and moved swiftly, sometimes coming to a sudden stop and turning blue-white. Then they would quickly dart off in a different direction. Each time that jets roared over, these little lights quickly darted away. The jets traveled in twos. Also we saw two objects which were larger and different from the little lights. The first one was the thing which first drew our attention to the sky. We were on the back porch facing west when suddenly a glowing red object came into view. Its speed was as amazing as its appearance. " (108)

23 July Alpena, Michigan

"Funny balloon?" (See BLUE BOOK file card) (109)

Withdrawal of Nixon Suggested

FLASHES

STATEMENTS READ
SPRINGFIELD M. O.—
The J. Hodge statement about killing Judge Foran was read in the state auditor office was read today in Sanderson County grand jury as it revealed introduction of the tainted race that he said was not divided.

NEED CHINA OPPOSED
IN LIAISON FOR BPA - Congress consistently reaffirmed the opposition to any allowing Communist China into the United Nations. It was one of 66 in the Senate and 300 in the House to oppose the membership for the Soviet Republic and for its allies in the U.S.

Resumption of Steel Talks Set

Civil Rights Approved in House

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House today passed the 1975 bill and gave it almost certain odds of becoming law.

Both the bill's supporters and its opponents agreed that it would strengthen the government's ability to

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WHAT HIT ME?—Major Merwin M. Stennis studies the damaged tail structure of his military type C-47 which made an emergency landing at Kern County Airport yesterday. The plane was struck by an unidentified object while flying at 16,000 feet, 35 miles northwest of Bakersfield. The craft went into an uncontrollable spin and crashed. Pilot Stennis pulled it out at 7,000 feet. One of the crew was injured.

Ship Lands in County

The mystery of what hit a Air Force plane while flying at 16,000 feet over Fajita is under official investigation today by investigators inspecting the plane of Kern County Airport.

The plane apparently was struck by something from above sending it to go into an uncontrolled vertical dive. The pilot pulled it out at about 7,000 feet and landed at the county airport safely on one engine.

Reports He Feels Better

President Reports He Feels Better

PANAMA (AP)—President Toru-

Portion of Plane Found Near Wasco

Air Force officials investigating the recent tragic bombing that leveled military barracks near Rome have yesterday said that the unknown parties of the damaged and destroyed were found, says Rome.

The Air Force also announced it has asked the Civil Air Patrol of Santa County to start an aerial search for other missing parts of the plane and wreckage.

(A-1) **Wagon of Horrors**
Air Force News

(b) brother of Edward J. [redacted] June 9, 1968, his operations, he has appeared twice at their trial in the state bar court to refresh the proceedings.

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21 Injured in Midwestern Rail Accident

Security Bill
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Sgt McKeon Slopped Him.

No Case (Information Only)

22 July 1956
Pixley, California

Blue Book Files

COMMENTS REGARDING PIXLEY CASE

1 This Center has no report under that identification

2 however, the following should be made a matter of note

a Numerous alleged UFO sightings are reported directly to, or are collected exclusively by unofficial UFO groups. The majority have periodic publications, usually a monthly paper, which describe the sightings with occasional lack of restraint.

b Many UFO sightings are reported only to newspapers. Where such sightings are reported to small-town newspapers, they never reach the attention of the Air Force, directly or indirectly. As a matter of policy, the Air Force cannot consider cases not officially brought to its attention. Cost of investigating the countless rumors would be prohibitive.

c Weeks or months later, when conclusive studies or "on the spot" investigations are no longer possible, the Air Force is often queried regarding the status or explanation of the incidents

Crippled Transport Lands

A. F. Plane and Unknown Object Crash at 16,000 Ft.

BAKERSFIELD Calif. July 23—An Air Force two-engine transport plane made an emergency landing here today after the pilot reported a collision with an unidentified object possibly another aircraft.

The crippled plane C131D—a military version of the Convair—landed at Kern County Airport about noon. Its horizontal stabilizer and elevator badly damaged. One of four crewmen was hurt.

Account by Pilot

Taken to Kern County General Hospital was Airman Charles E. Erett Stamper, twenty-one Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. He suffered a cut scalp and knee injury.

The pilot identified only as a

Major Stenvers gave this account.

The plane had taken off from Hamilton A. F. B. near San Francisco, en route to Albuquerque, N. M., and was about thirty miles north of here when the collision occurred.

It was as if we struck a brick wall, the officer said.

The transport flying at 16,000 feet went into a vertical dive after it was struck. Both the pilot and co-pilot said they thought it was the end.

The craft pulled out at 7,000 feet and went into an immediate climb before the Major finally got it under control.

Fire Trucks

He said he first thought he had propeller trouble so he feathered the left engine and

called the airport to prepare for an emergency landing.

Four fire trucks and an ambulance stood by as the plane landed safely on one engine.

The Kern County Sheriff's office said that a report another plane had crashed in flames rising jet.

near here proved untrue. Deputies continued to search the area for possible crashed or damaged planes.

The Air Force then said they believed they were struck by another aircraft, possibly a jet.

HERALD TRIBUNE, New York, NY - July 23, 1956

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 July 1956	2. LOCATION Alpena, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/1600Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 7 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE circling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object with the appearance of large tub w/holes around edge grey in color, flying in circles in & out of clouds. Observer was seated in auto at time of sighting.		11. COMMENTS Concur w/the rptg officer that this sighting was possibly caused by balloon	

ATIC FORM 339 (REV 26 SEP 57)

23 July England, Arkansas

The star Spica speeds through the sky at 70-100 knots, leaves trail of smoke, and changes shape three times(Well, that's what the Air Force said!)(See BLUE BOOK file card)

24 July UFO picture taken in South Africa? The fantasies of Elizabeth Klarer

A woman in South Africa was supposed to have taken a photograph of a supposed flying saucer on Tuesday, July 24, 1956. She was Elizabeth Klarer of Johannesburg, a "contactee." The picture is not that clear but we might gauge the value of it by knowing something of Miss Klarer's background. It seems the woman also claimed to have encountered a saucer pilot, a blond haired, ski-suit dressed, "Akon of Venus." Miss Klarer's story equals the fantasies of America's George Adamski. She asserted she had a sexual union with her space Adonis but we will spare you the details. According to Miss Klarer her lover was from planet Venus, a world of temperate climes and luscious landscapes. White horses and placid herbivores populated the Venusian countryside, and "Akon" and other inhabitants lived in beautiful houses made of marble, said Miss Klarer.

We could say more but the Klarer saga doesn't even deserve these few lines (See reference to Miss Klarer in BLUE BOOK document) (111)

26 July The origin of the Navy's "shoot-to-kill" order

The U S Navy sponsored a press junket to Hawaii early in July 1956. One of the newsmen was Pat Michaels of radio station KWIZ, Santa Ana, who filed the following report on July 26, 1956, with the Orange County News Service

SHOOT TO KILL

PACIFIC NAVY FLIERS ORDERED TO ENGAGE SAUCERS

Honolulu, T H , (OCNS) - The United States Navy will not publicly admit that it believes in flying saucers, but it has officially ordered combat-ready pilots to "shoot - to - kill" if saucers are encountered, OCNS has learned.

The information was first learned when Navy pilots navigating trans-Pacific routes from the United States to Hawaii were ordered in a briefing session to engage and identify "any unidentified flying objects."

If the UFO's (saucers) appeared hostile, the briefing officer told pilots of Los Alamitos Naval Air Station reserve squadron VP 771, they are to be engaged in combat.

In Honolulu, members of the squadron talked over the unique orders. It was found that the orders are not unusual. They are a standard command issued to pilots on the trans-Pacific hop.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 July 1956		2. LOCATION England, Arkansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local 1951 GMT 24/0151Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☒ Binoculars ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilians		☒ Was Astronomical Spica ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour - 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object changed shape from oval to flat to diamond. Looked larger than star. No color given - appeared to have ring around it at times also red light on bottom of object. When object moved it left trail of white smoke - 6 times length of object. Speed 70-100 knots per hour. Object appeared stationary at times				11. COMMENTS Object probably stationary in South rather than moving away. One and one half hours too long for a/c or balloon. Star Spica is high in sky at 185 dgr azimuth and was the probable cause of the sighting.	

SL REPORT NR: R-276-56

EXTRACT "A"

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ORIGINATING AGENCY: SA, South Africa DATE: 8-9-56

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

ATIC NR. 294114

ACTIVITY: LFO: 4441/1 - South Africa/-----/UFO/-----

AF NR.

REFERENCES

Transmitted herewith news item and photo from Rand Daily Mail dated 31 July 1956. Item discusses observation of a "flying saucer" on July 28th.

Mrs. KLAGER, who photographed the "saucer" is a member of the South African Interplanetary Society and of the British Flying Saucer Bureau.

ATTAC a CORRELATE: The picture of the "flying saucer" closely resembles a standard South African ceiling light fixture.

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The conversations brought out other information, too. OCNS learned that, although the Air Force has publicly stated it does not believe in the existence of saucers, extensive operational procedures, including forms of combat have been devised by various air defense commands.

The Hawaiian air defense command reportedly is on the alert at the present time, and if a saucer is sighted, pilots throughout the islands, armed with various and new-type weapons, will be scrambled into the air ready to fight.

"It's gotten so we wouldn't dare say we've seen a UFO," a Navy commander told OCNS. "If we did, every pilot in the Pacific would be ordered up. It would be pretty embarrassing if all we'd seen was a sunspot on the windshield."

However, the existence of the saucers themselves seems to be a generally accepted theory among the Navy fliers encountered here. "I believe there are such things," one pilot said, "but I think that Washington might be wrong in their 'shoot to kill' orders. The fact that saucers are in our atmosphere doesn't mean to me that there's any pending invasion - which is what Washington seems to believe. And if there were an invasion, we'd do a lot better if we sent out a flight of priests and ministers, rather than a bunch of rockets and machine gun bullets. If anybody who could conceive a saucer wanted to invade us, there's no sense fighting them. They've got us licked from the start."

Operational procedures for a UFO scramble apparently are highly classified. Most officers refused to discuss the Pentagon's plans or modes of saucer combat. However, it was learned that a concrete plan of action does exist, covering all types of saucer sightings. The plans reportedly can be swung into action within seconds.

The saucer sightings, however, have grown far and few between of late.

Some of the Navy pilots here readily admit they have seen objects they believed were saucers. However, none said they had reported them, either by radio at the time, or by operational service reports when they landed. Reasons given for not reporting the alleged sightings ranged from "possible ridicule" to a reluctance to put "every pilot in the Pacific to work 24 hours a day for the next six months."

One officer pointed out that he felt if he reported a UFO he sighted last June 29, his very fitness to pilot a plane might be subject to question by Navy brass.

The pilot said that most officers he knew were of the same opinion. They may sight saucers, but they'll never report them, he said, unless the saucers should damage their ship through an act of aggression. "Even then," he said, "it would probably be better if you said you ran into a mountain. You'd sure have a lot less trouble."

The only solution to the problem, apparently has been foreseen by Navy officials. The only time a pilot would probably be proclaimed a hero for a saucer sighting, would be if he shot the ship down and brought back tangible evidence of his kill.

This, perhaps, is the major reason for the "shoot to kill" orders currently being issued to Navy pilots crossing the Pacific.

"How do we know our bullets will work on a UFO?" a Navy pilot asked.

Then the flier concluded, "and if we do shoot, that's asking them to shoot back and we don't know what they're going to shoot at us!" (112)

26 July Explanations? (See clipping)

26 July Port of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Aboard the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt

Two to ponder (See clippings)

28 July Rumania

Some rare UFO news from the behind the Iron Curtain

'Under the title 'Flying Saucers' the youth paper Scinteia Pioneerului published on 28th July 1956 several cases (Kenneth Arnold, Thomas Mantell and others) which quoted the opinions of the Swedish Benediks that UFOs are nothing but examples of ball-lightning" (113)

28 July Hartford, Connecticut

"Like a Ten-Gallon hat"

More news from New England

"Amateur astronomers Richard Yerziniak and Albert Sabia were focusing their 4-inch 'Dynascope' reflecting telescope on Saturn about 10 p.m., when they were distracted by a 'light'. Turning the telescope on the light, Yerziniak described it as having a 'whitish yellow color, very bright, with a lit dome on top,' exhibiting the appearance of a 'Mexican -or Ten Gallon -hat'. The observers indicated the object was fairly low, and made no noise

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1956

Jet Pilot Says Strange Lights Are Just Balloons

Local Lieutenant Sees Same Thing in Texas, Traces 'Saucers' to Weather Bureau

A smoothly plausible explanation for the strange moving lights seen in the night skies of late by local residents is given in a letter to The Daily News by a local man in jet pilot training at Laredo Air Force base, Texas. True believers (in flying saucers) are not expected to believe a word of what Lt. Ronald S. Murray has to say, however.

Murray, a subscriber to this newspaper, said he has been following the articles about the phenomenon with much interest. I am currently finishing up the last three weeks of jet pilot training at Laredo, he writes.

One of the final subjects in our academic curriculum is a 26-hour course in celestial navigation. A few weeks ago we were having a night class on star identification. I was having some difficulty in finding a certain constellation, so I remained at the site of the class long after the rest of the students had left.

While looking upward to the west in search of Scorpio I noticed a star about the intensity

of the planet Jupiter which appeared to move erratically. At first I attributed this apparent motion to a phenomenon of vision which occurs when the eye fixes upon a single light point in a dark field. This motion is actually due to the movement of the eye and not of the object. However, the movements became so great that this explanation became unreasonable.

The object then began to emit alternating brilliance with colors of silvery blue and white. Then the object began to bob aimlessly back and forth like a flare attached to a parachute in a gusty wind. After continuing in a northwestern direction along a track which hobbled to the left and to the right it settled down and gradually assumed the intensity of the dimmest star visible. The motion at the same time decreasing until finally the object appeared to be sitting right up there with a distant star. Being alone I had no witnesses to this and I was really snowed.

After sighting the object again two weeks later Murray checked with base operations and of course just as in the case of your inquiry to operations at Westover there were no explanations available.

He continued: Then I went to the Civil Aeronautics Authority weather station next to base operations and explained what I had seen.

The CAA station operations seemed fairly amused and beckoned for me to follow him to a room at the end of the building. There he showed me a balloon bottle of helium and a small me-

tallic object resembling a lighter. Here's your answer, lieutenant, he offered with a grin and he proceeded to show me what I saw. I watched him as he inflated the balloon. He then attached the metallic object to the bottom of the balloon after dipping it in a bucket of water. At once the little thing began to glow. We went outside and released the balloon. After it had been airborne for a few seconds the object began to emit a brilliant flare-like light. I followed it as it caught the southerly easterly wind and for the third time I saw the phenomenon you described in The Daily News.

The explanation is this: During the daytime wind direction is observed by tracking the course of a helium-filled balloon by using an optical device resembling a sextant. During the night a small packet with a sodium or phosphorus compound in it is attached. After having been immersed in water the packet will emit a brilliant light for 45 minutes. This enables the ground observer at the weather

station to track it just as he tracks the balloon in the daytime. It has been found that this is a reliable method of determining winds at night.

The reason for the continually changing direction of the object is that as the balloon rises it passes through layers of wind shear. The winds generally run almost perpendicular to each other as you pass through altitudes up to around 10,000 feet at which time the winds settle down and assume directions which change only slightly. The rising balloon would veer a lot until it had reached an altitude of around 10,000 feet then it would settle down and look like a dim star.

For the next 45 minutes the object would appear to be a dim star and it would move only slightly—enough to arouse suspicion. Then it would quickly die but not before it upset many a concerned civilian housewife.

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REGISTER-STAR Rockford IL - July 8 1992

'56 UFO sighting

Here is a letter written by Leon Treadwell, who was a radar technician on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1956-1958, to Chester Gruzanaki about a possible UFO sighting.

These objects were seen by me as well as several dozen others, including officers, while crew members of the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. The time was in the early morning hours of July 30, 1956, while at anchor in the port of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Most of the crew were asleep and unaware of the sightings. As members of CIC Radar Div., these objects were watched through high-power binoculars for several minutes before they finally vanished with tremendous speed.

When first sighted, the objects were suspended in midair over one another with 700 feet between them. A radar fix placed them several miles from the FDR position at a height of about 2,000 feet. Two rows of bright counter



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rotating lights could be seen through the middle of each object that made them appear to be round in shape. For several minutes, they never moved. Then the upper one released a fireball object that dropped into the top of the lower one. Within seconds, they both vanished with tremendous speed. Radar contact was almost impossible. It was estimated the objects could have been between 15 and 100 feet in length.

All involved were told to keep a tight lip on what we saw. A report was filed, signed and sent to the Defense Department, along with a color sketch by me of what was watched that night by many.

WFR TV's Sue Maz's column on science and nature appears here weekdays.

REGISTER-STAR Rockford IL - July 9 1992

Another account of '56 sighting

Here is a letter written to Chester Gruzanaki by John C. Hau, a chief warrant officer on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, about a possible UFO sighting.

At about 21:30P/25 or 26 July 1956 (0030Z/26 or 27 July 1956), I was standing a signal watch on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA 42), then anchored in Rio de Janeiro Harbor, Brazil. The sky was clear.

"As I recall, the signal bridge was called by Combat Information Center asking for visual verification of an air search radar contact in our vicinity. Holding stationary. Inspection revealed a cigar-shaped object estimated to be at 8,000 feet, close by the north. It was displaying at least one row of white lights — and I do not remember if any were flashing.

After about 10 or 15 minutes, it suddenly started moving in a northerly direction, accelerating smoothly and rapidly until it



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disappeared from view in one or two minutes. It may have disappeared more quickly than that, as CIC later said it went off their radar scope in two or three sweeps.

"The incident was reported to the Officer of the Deck and I am sure to the Commanding Officer (Capt. John T. Hayward, USN). The sighting was certainly noteworthy enough to have been logged both in the CIC Watch Officer's Log and the smooth Deck Log. Copies of the latter would be available from the Ships Histories Branch, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. 20374.

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"Reports have been pouring in every night for the past week, giving details of similar flying discs " (114)

29 July Pasadena, California

Southern California

"A brilliant white light moving at variable speeds was observed from Ground Observer Corps posts by Homer Clem, Ray La Roche and others at 8 43 p m The UFO appeared in the south sky, and moved northeast, alternately hovering and speeding up According to a press report, the Air Defense Filter Center at Pasadena reported that the mysterious object had been trailed [?] with radar screens " (115)

29 July San Bernardino, California

Yet another witness to UFO activity in Southern California was quoted in the following news account

'Miss Elizabeth Brewer was one of a number to report 'a bright white light followed by a cylindrical object' at 8 43 p m Descriptions concurred that the UFO 'appeared to travel faster than an airplane and would stop and then speed up ' The Pasadena Air Defense Filter Center admitted 'that the mysterious object had been tracked with radar No further comments were made as to the progress of the center's investigation " (116)

29 July Tom Towers surveys the saucer scene,

Los Angeles Examiner Aviation Editor Tom Towers, of the Senator Russell Russian UFO report fame, wrote in his newspaper column of July 29th 'Maybe it's the summer heat or a combination of other things, but it appears the 'flying saucers' are back again to the delight of the believers and consternation of the skeptics ' (117)

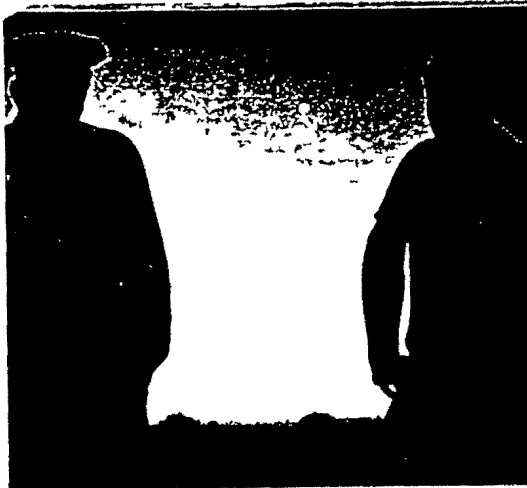
30 July "Prairie puzzle" picture and the U S Air Force

The Air Force went to some trouble to note what Life magazine had to say because of the great influence of the publication in the 1950s (See Life picture and note in BLUE BOOK files) (118)

30 July Michigan in turmoil

The situation in the Wolverine state region between Port Austin and Bad Axe the night of the 30th was confused According to the Saginaw News

'Hudson County Deputy Sheriff Fred Cubernuss and William Gravin, announcer for station WLEW, Bad Axe, reported seeing a luminous object about 500 ft in the air, traveling very fast Both men, traveling together, said the object was visible for about 10 to 15 seconds Cubernuss said later that the Sheriff's office had received two reports of other strange lights at 9 05 and 9 35 p m , moving in a southerly direction Earlier reports were received of a large rapidly moving colored light spotted in Saginaw, Gratiot, Midland and Clare Counties The Burt GOC reported the light shortly after midnight The object was described as red, white and blue, moving rapidly A State Police trooper said the



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PUZZLER OVER PRAIRIE

In southeastern Kansas last week hundreds of excited people saw a bright saucerlike object flying in the sky. Air Force officials dismissed it as a reflection from burning natural gas but the Kansans refused to accept this simple explanation for such a puzzling phenomenon.

light was too large and moved too fast to be an airplane. Air Force F-89's flew to the area to search at 1:53 a.m., but did not report finding any objects." (119)

30 July Rialto, California

A civilian viewed something strange for 2-5 minutes. No shape was discernible but apparently a bright yellow body the size of a dime at arm's length was visible in the sky making violent turning maneuvers within a small space in the atmosphere. After a short time the UFO changed color, turning a bright red. Fascinated by the sight, the witness sought a radio to determine if other observers in the region had reported the object. When the witness returned to the site of original sighting, the UFO was no longer in sight. (120)

30 July Utica, New York

"Mystery balls"

At Utica, New York, a person spotted a "mystery ball" and watched it for about 15 minutes. An Air Force report states:

"One object, 25 yards in diameter, black in color, round in shape. Maneuvering consisted of ascent and descent through clouds. Object seemed to hover at one point. Ascended into clouds at extremely

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"LIFE, in its July 20 issue, published a photograph of a bright, saucerlike object seen flying in the sky over southeastern Kansas the week before. Air Force officials dismissed it as a reflection from burning natural gas, but the Kansans refused to accept this simple explanation for such a puzzling phenomenon."

fast rate of speed Object 'seemed to ascend into clouds whenever any aircraft came within four miles of it ' ' (121)

31 July New England

The Air Force preferred to think the object over Utica was a 'black pilot balloon' in spite of the thing's reported odd reaction to aircraft

One wonders if a news service story filed the next day indicates there were some 'mystery globes' in the New England skies A brief story said 'Maine - 'Mystery Fireballs' again, swinging up and down like a ball on a string Fireballs were reported last week in the North Windham area, and over Plymouth, New Hampshire " (122)

31 July Amarillo, Texas? The phantom report.

The Air Force would like you to believe a UFO sighting was made near the city of Amarillo on July 31st, yet that is debatable Just why that came about is a fascinating August story

Appendix UFO reports were often blamed on weather balloons The information given here is taken from Air Force BLUE BOOK files and will familiarize the reader with the most common type of balloon in use in the 1950's

DESCRIPTION OF 500 GRAM RADIOSONDE WEATHER BALLOON

The following is a description of a 500 gram Radiosonde weather balloon released at Shreveport, La., at 2100 CST on date of sighting

- a. Size of balloon at 19,000 ft—approximately 14 ft high and 12 ft diameter. These figures are only estimates, since no one knows exactly how much expansion has taken place at the given altitude. Size of balloon when released is 6 ft high and 5 ft diameter.
- b. Color of balloon—white
- c. Color of attached parachute—red
- d. Position and size of all lights—one light only, suspended approximately 60-80 ft below balloon, at end of train. There is no compulsory length for train, so the one on subject balloon was not measured. Light consisted of one regular sized flashlight bulb attached to battery 3 in by 2 in by 1 in. Life of battery normally 2 to four hours. Light was white.
- e. Length of Train—approximately 60 to 80 ft (was not measured).
- f. Method of attaching lights to train—light tied securely to train with cord.
- g. Power supply for lights—one small battery—see d, above
- h. Diagram of balloon—Ref Incl #1, attached
- i. Diagram of power supply—Ref Incl #2, attached

It was pointed out by technicians who release weather balloons, that the train is not of sufficient weight to remain suspended directly the balloon in winds of relatively high velocity. (not over 5 pounds, including parachute, transmitter and light). Therefore, the light might be, at times, in any position in relation to the balloon, other than above it.

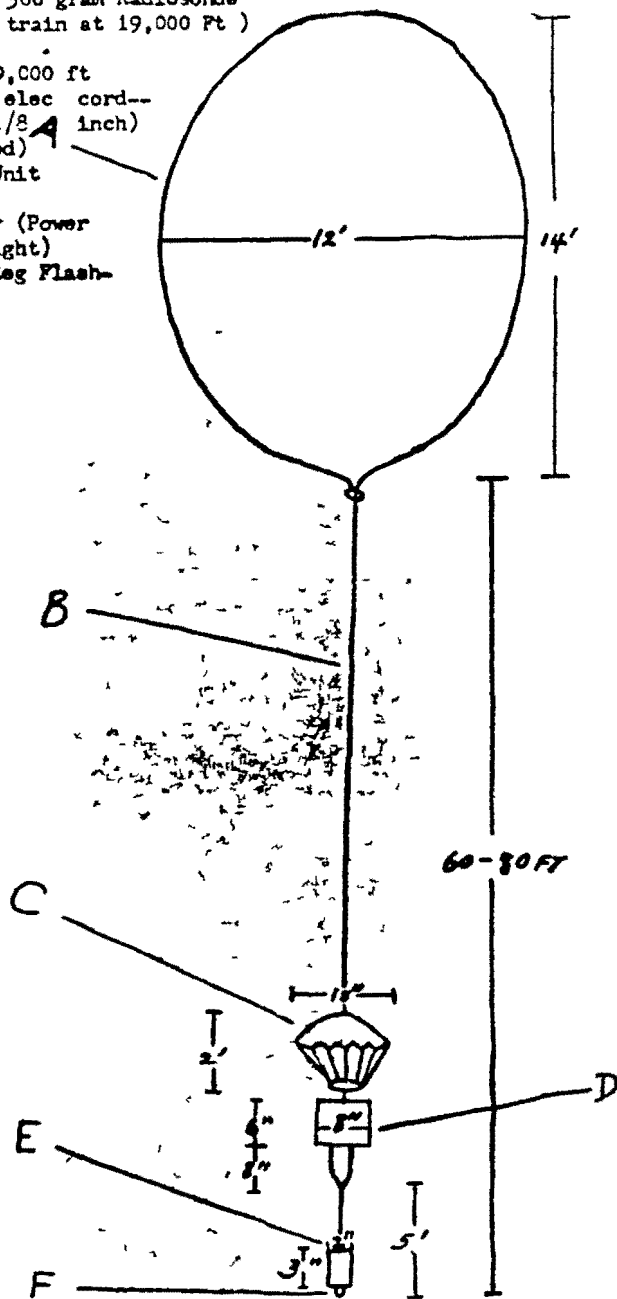
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OIC, Flt 2-D

Incls:

1. Sketch of 500 gram Radiosonde Balloon and train at 19,000 ft
2. Sketch of Battery and light on train of 500 gram Radiosonde weather balloon

Incl #1. (Sketch of 500 gram Radiosonde
Balloon & train at 19,000 Ft)

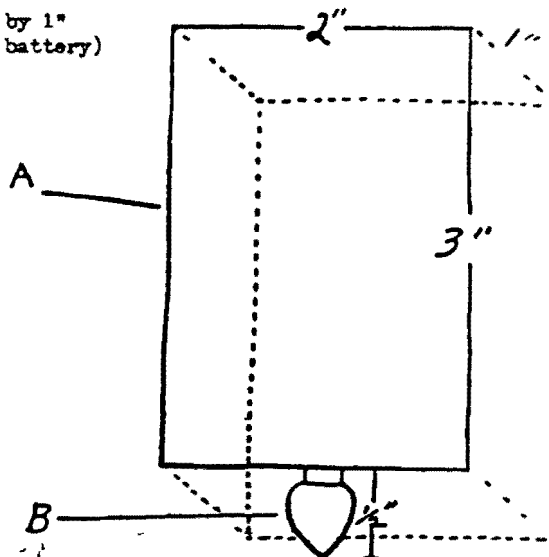
- Pt A---Balloon at 19,000 ft
Pt B---Train (Waxed elec cord--
diam approx $1/8$ inch)
Pt C---Parachute (red)
Pt D---Transmitter Unit
(no light)
Pt E---Small Battery (Power
Supply for light)
Pt F---Light Bulb (Reg Flash-
light size)



Incl #2. (Sketch of Battery and light on train
of 500 gram Radiosonde weather balloon—
Actual size)

Pt A—Battery, 3" by 2" by 1"

Pt B—Bulb (screws into battery)



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