

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1956 November-December

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

“Supplemental Notes” consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

Correction:

The Minot case mentioned on page 50 in the previous supplement covering the period of September-October 1956 actually took place of 24 October 1968. A typo in Dr. J. Allen's Hynek's original manuscript led to this error—L.E. Gross

? 1956. Yotimagar, Indonesia. (no time)

“Divided itself –then melted together again.”

According to our source:

“Professor Praiudi, a government official, sighted a UFO from his home in Yotimagar. The object flew from the southeast to the northeast and stopped in mid-air as if it were going to land. Dr. Paraiudi immediately fetched his binoculars and trained them on the UFO, which seemed to hover over a nearby Air Force base. With the binoculars, it looked like a shining disc which divided itself in two and then melted together again. It moved slightly westward and then hovered for a second time. Afterward, the UFO headed east, circled for five seconds, and then finally streaked away out of sight in an easterly direction. The whole episode was also witnessed by Mrs. Praiudi, their child, and a relative. The sighting was widely publicized.” (xx.)

(xx.) Salatun, Colonel J., Secretary of the Indonesian Joint Chiefs of Staff (Forward written by Air Force Chief of Staff, Air Chief Marshall S. Suryadarma). *The Mystery of the Flying Saucers Revealed*. No page number known. (No other publishing data available. Col. Salatun apparently lived and worked in Jakarta) Sighting information taken from a translation of reports said to be in the book. Photocopy of translations in author's files.

Late 1956. Darabnag Village, Borneo. (no time)

UFO lands on a lake.

According to our source:

“In late 1956, the Tabu News Bureau in Benjamasin, Borneo, reported that a dayak named Ipui, who lived in Darabnag Village on the banks of Lake Samayang, encountered a strange object which looked like a plate. The witness saw how the UFO descended with a low pitched sound while spewing out fiery flames all around its rim. It finally landed gently on the surface of the lake. Mr. Ipui, along with several friends, immediately took a canoe to get a closer look at the object which settled down at a distance of only two hundred meters from the village. And when the dayaks approached the object, they had a jolting experience. Firey flames and smoke suddenly belched out of the rim of the UFO together with a foul odor. The object then rose vertically with a high-pitched sound and was gone within seconds. Dayaks are well known for their honesty, and trouble themselves with journeys of days over hazardous rivers just to send back a small item left behind by an absent-minded visitor [The reader is referred to a Borneo news item on page 29 of the Supplement covering September-October 1956].” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

? November. Galpon, Salta, Argentina. (5:00 a.m.)

“Like a big bird fluttering.”

An item in APRO files states:

"Abelardo Lopez, a dentist, tells that he and 11 other persons observed on Sunday at 5:00 a.m. a red object bigger than a saucer [?]. It happened while they were going fishing traveling by truck. Suddenly a bright red object came out from behind the hills ahead of them. Then the UFO quit approaching at a distance he couldn't estimate, but it was quite far, hovering in place for a while. Dr. Lopez says that the object looked like a 'big bird fluttering.' They started the engine of the truck trying to close the distance between them and the craft but the mysterious object moved away, suddenly disappearing at fantastic speed in the same direction it had come. Dr. Lopez remembers that the following day the newspaper *La Gaceta* (The Gazette) of Tucuman, published the report of a flying saucer which had been seen by many people in that province." (xx.)

(xx.) "Argentina. Galpan, Salta.
1956-11-?" APRO files.
Photocopy in author's files.

? November. Near Celina, Texas.
(no time)

50 feet up - 200 yards away.

"No cars came by." (See clipping)

6 November. Port Arthur, Texas.
(3:45 p.m.)

Teletype setter-operator sees UFO.
(See clipping on page 3)

8 November. Ellsworth AFB, Rapid
City, South Dakota.
(7:33 p.m.)

Capt. William M. Harrell, Aircraft
Performance Engineer and Flight Line
Maintenance Officer, was standing on
the wing of a B-36 bomber (#728) talk-
ing to a Crew Chief, a M/Sgt. Coffey,
when he had his UFO experience. Capt.
Harrell told military investigators:

Had Been 'Razzed' Into Silence

School Head Reveals Closeup Saucer View

CELINA.—After a year's silence have been several hundred miles about it the president of the Celina school board, John Laney, this week related an experience he had with a "flying saucer."

Spurred on by Sputnik and Mutt-nik, and a rash of sightings earlier this week of flying objects, Laney disclosed his experience while at his farm near here a year ago.

He kept silent until this week, he said, because when he first ventured to tell of the incident after it happened, he was razzed by those he told.

Laney said he observed a flat, circular object at close quarters while alone on his farm in northwest Collin County. The nearness of the object discounted any possibility that it was any kind of optical illusion.

The "thing" was as large as the Celina cafe in which he was drinking coffee, Laney said, "apparently of some kind of metal, hovering 50 feet or so over the earth and about 200 yards away."

A series of window-like openings circled the perimeter of the object. "From each opening shown a powerful light similar to neon, but much brighter than any neon I've ever seen," Laney said.

Laney said that normally there would have been some cars passing along the road past his farm, and said his first impulse was to call someone to witness the object and reassure him he was not dreaming.

"But no cars came by. There was no one to call," he said.

Presently, the object flew off with a rush of speed that must

an hour, Laney said.
Soon afterward, Laney said he came to town. He told several friends of his experience, but was razzed into silence.

SHERMAN, TEX., DEMOCRAT
Circ. D. 12,909 S. 12,904

NOV 8 1957

"As I turned to leave I noticed this bright object just off the horizon. I thought at first it was a jet with the after burner going. However as it got closer and no sound, I called Sgt. Coffey's attention to it. He got up from his position at #3 engine, walked up and stood beside me. We both watched it for a dew seconds. It began to climb over the city of Rapid City. Then the light went out and that was the last we saw of it.

"At no time was there any sound and it was moving at a high rate of speed. It is difficult to judge its altitude. However I do remember it was lower than the mountains here in this area until it started it's climb. Both Sgt. Coffey and myself are certain it was some kind of an object, but just what we have no idea. It was moving much too fast for it to have been a jet [The investigating officer agreed, stating that no known aircraft could go from the horizon to a point approximately 10 miles past the observer in 8-10 seconds]. The night was clear and cold. From our position on the wing we had a very good view of it. Even though we saw it, I find it hard to believe. I'm a veteran of 16 years in the Air Force with over 5,000 hours of flying time. I've seen falling stars, St. Elmos Fire, the Northern Lights, light reflections on clouds, and what have you, but this was some kind of a light, or object, I have never seen before." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet. Capt. William M. Harrell, 718th Bmb Sqdrn, Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota. Date form filled out: 20 November 56. Photocopy in author's files.

8 November. Fullerton, California. (6:30 p.m.)

Holy Cow! (See clippings)

Did City Have Saucer?

What was it?

At 11:33 o'clock last night Fullerton police logged the following item:

Report of a bright object in the sky southeast of the city. Officers report have under observation and is changing colors. Sheriff's office reports also receiving calls. Information given to El Toro.

Police said patrol officers described the object's color as changing between pure white

and blue. The object was seen five hours earlier in the evening from La Habra and also placed in a southeasterly direction. Its color then was described as yellow.

The object was at least four times as large and as bright as any star in the sky. The early report from La Habra said it was shimmering and quivering, but stationary.

A local police officer, who had not seen the object before, said he sighted it early this morning. He said he assumed it to be a very bright star.

Flight deck officers at El Toro Marine Air Station reported today that no unidentified object had been sighted by either the pilots or the flight watch.

FULLERTON, CALIF., NEWS-TRIBUNE
Circ. D. 4,766

NOV 9 1956

News Employee Spots 'Saucers'

~~They~~ flying saucers ain't no square

A teletype setter-operator of The News reported Thursday that she spotted two objects in the sky, which appeared to be of the "flying saucer" variety. "The objects appeared to be round and disc-like," she related.

The News employee gave this account: "I had stopped for a traffic light on Memorial boulevard when an object appeared to be hovering over the light. Upon closer observation, I saw that it was high up in the sky. One of the objects seemed to stand still while another was moving in the direction of the 'first' one. When they had 'pulled up even' both objects flew off simultaneously. The time was about 3:45 p. m.

"Both objects were bright and shiny," the woman related. "I had just finished reading a story on spaceships which made the experience more intriguing and exciting."

PORT ARTHUR, TEX., NEWS
Circ. D. 21,173 S. 21,300

NOV 9 1956

HOLY COW! NOW TWO DEPUTIES SIGHTED ONE

Sheriff's deputies, of all people, reported a flying saucer in Orange County last night.

Deputies Jimmy Pond and Donald E. Atkins were patrolling in the Fullerton area when the saucer was sighted about 6:30 p.m.

The two officers, thinking they were "seeing things" that weren't actually there, reported the object to the office radio operator who verified the "missile."

It was described as a bright blue light which stopped and started and zig-zagged, and at times changed color to a glowing red.

The Daily News
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8 November. Near Dickinson,
North Dakota. (8:30
p.m.)

He could scarcely get to sleep.

(See clipping)

8 November. Ortonville, Minnesota.
(1:15 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.)

(See *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, pages 12-13)

Additional details:

According to an AP dispatch, Herwitt said:

"It was about 1:15 a.m. when I first spotted it as I drove along. At first I thought it was a star, but I've never seen a star that bright. There were other stars out at the time, and only a few high clouds in the sky.

"As I went on down the road toward Graceville, it changed colors a couple of times. Near Graceville, it changed colors four times.

"I thought my eyes were playing tricks with me. I stopped, turned off the lights and got out of the truck [A dairy tanker] to stretch my legs. As I rounded the back of the truck, this thing swooped down about a half mile to the east of me and stopped about 1,000 feet up." (xx.)

(xx.) Dickinson, North Dakota. *Daily Press*. 15 November 56.

Moreover:

"I wanted to get out of there, so I jumped back into the truck and turned on the lights.

"When my lights went on, the thing turned a bright cherry red and shot up into the high clouds. It moved faster than anything I ever saw." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Also:

Anyway, It Was Startling:

Farmer Saw Celestial Object, Maybe Saucer

DICKINSON, Minn. — Laudie Dvorak, farmer 19 miles north of here, had a harrowing experience a week ago Thursday night. He saw

Well, he's not saying what it was, so he doesn't refer to it as a flying saucer or anything else in particular.

Dvorak said he was so startled and excited by the incident that he could scarcely get to sleep that night. Afterward, on several different occasions, he started into Dickinson to tell about it, but he decided no one would believe him, so he let the matter ride.

Then, he heard about the sighting of some strange object in the sky near Redfield, S. D., and he decided to tell about his experience.

He was driving into his farmyard about 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, he related, when he glanced up and saw what at first appeared to be a falling star, off to the north.

But in a few seconds, he continued, it seemed to be "right in front of me." He said he then thought momentarily that the object might be an airplane, but it wasn't.

"It went too fast," Dvorak said, "even for a jet — maybe 800 to 1,000 miles an hour. It was just a streak through the buttes as it approached from the north and traveled in a southerly direction.

"When the object was directly in front of me, it appeared to be a large black spot, in front of a fire, about 25 feet long. There was no noise to it at all."

Grand Forks Herald
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“ ‘After I got to Big Stone City [after leaving Ortonville] it came down out of the clouds again, further away but still changing colors.’

“Hewitt said the object disappeared about five hours after he had first spotted the bright light in the sky. He had traveled about 150 miles in the meantime.

“He said the roads were ‘very deserted [note this]’ at the time and that as far as he knew the only others to see the object were those at Ortonville.

“Hewitt said the object made a noise. He added there was a little wind at the time the object was at its lowest level and it seemed to move into and away from the wind with equal speed.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

9 November. Near Eglin AFB, Florida. (midnight)

Orange-colored mystery. (See AIIR on pages 7-9)

10 November. Hynek expresses doubts about NICAP.

Even though he cooperated to some extent, and off the record, with the small civilian UFO group CSI New York, Dr. Hynek expressed doubts about NICAP’s staffing, which he felt needed to be “equal to, or greater than the Air Force’s.” (In time, however, Hynek would realize having resources and actually putting them to use, are two different things) (See letter on page 10)

11 November. Vaddo Island, Sweden. (about 10:00 p.m.)

Classification: “CE-2.”

Dr. Peter Sturrock singled out this case:

“Another sample reportedly was recovered by two witnesses of an aerial phenomenon (one of whom has since died). Although the material appears to be common tungsten carbide, the original shape of the specimen was unusual and it has not been identified as an object serving conventional use.

“According to a summary of the case compiled by Von Ludwiger (1998), the two witnesses, Stig Ekberg and Harry Sjoberg, were building a house on the island of Vaddo, about 90 kilometers north-northwest of Stockholm. At about 10 p.m., Ekberg was driving his Ford V8 pickup when he saw a bright flying object with the shape of a flattened sphere 8 meters wide and 3 meters high approaching from the right (from the east) against the clear night sky. They estimated that it flew about one kilometer in front of them at an altitude of 100 meters. Suddenly it made a sharp turn toward them, at which time the truck engine sputtered and died and the headlights went out. The object started ‘slowly gliding down.’ It seemed to rock back and forth until it came to a stop in the middle of the road, about 100 meters in front of them, one meter above the ground. ‘It was illuminating the surrounding landscape with such a tremendous amount of light that even a barn, half a kilometer away, was visible as if the sun was shining.’ The air smelled like ozone and smoldering insulation.

"Flying Saucer" As Jim Scherer Saw It Here



Pictured above is Jim Scherer, night attendant at Russ' Mileage Station, Hilltop, pointing to a drawing of the "Flying Saucer" as he saw it leaving Ortonville at about 4:50 a. m. last Wednesday morning. Note that he reported he saw windows in it.

First to come rushing into the station was Harlan Hewitt, truck driver, of Redfield, S. D., who grabbed Jim by the arm and shouted: "Look! A Flying Saucer." Jim said he was frightened at the sight of what he saw, but soon regained his composure. Hewitt was visibly shaken, for he reported that it had "followed him" or rather that he had been seeing it from 1 a. m. when he left Pelican Rapids — for longer than 4 hours.

Both said it was cherry-red beneath and that there was vapor or smoke emitting from it at times. Hewitt said he saw it close at hand opposite Graceville and again between Big Stone City and Milbank.

Others who testify as to having seen a "starry-object" with yellowish glow beneath it as it travelled east at a very rapid speed included Dick Olson, L. A. Kaercher, city; Don Olson and Jack Hiller, Marshall, Carl Olson, Minneapolis, together with the waitresses at Theatre-of-Season's cafe. What was it? Where did it come from? Definitely it was not an illusion.

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Vicinity around Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

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Hq Air Proving Ground Command
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

DATE OF REPORT
12 December 1956

SOURCE OF INFORMATION
Lt Colonel William B. Colgan

DATE OF INFORMATION
9 November 1956

PREPARING OFFICER
2nd Lt Richard H. Lane
Asst Chief, Intelligence Division

EVALUATION
B-2

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
BAIR 3A15; AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 1956

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List Inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118a.)
In compliance with AFR 200-2, the following report is submitted. This report pertains to an Unidentified Flying Object sighted 9 November 1956 in the vicinity of Eglin AFB, Florida.

William M. Lyons
WILLIAM M. LYONS
Captain, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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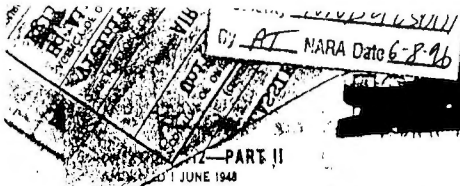
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FROM (Agency) Hq Air Proving Ground Command Eglin Air Force Base, Florida	REPORT NO. IR-5-56	PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES
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(1) Description of the object:

- (a) Not definite. Orange lights and what appeared to be a very vague outline would indicate a long narrow shape from the angle viewed.
- (b) When estimated to be at a point 5,000' to 10,000' above, it appeared as large or larger than a B-36. The orange color appeared to be larger than the present operational aircraft afterburner exhausts.
- (c) Orange color
- (d) One
- (e) N/A
- (f) There was a series of bright orange lights or flame relatively close together. The observer estimates a total distance of 300' and approximately 10-12 lights spaced evenly throughout the total distance. A very faint and vague cigar shaped outline was believed seen by pilot involved.
- (g) See (b) and (f) above.
- (h) Negative
- (i) Negative

(2) (a) It was initially thought to be another aircraft on close to a collision course.

- (b) At 2 o'clock and slightly high
- (c) 5 o'clock and very high
- (d) Relatively slow horizontal speed, but greatly increased altitude in a 2-4 minute period.
- (e) Going away above and gaining altitude.
- (f) 4 minutes.

(3) (a) Air-visual

- (b) None
- (c) RF-84F, #432, 8000', 90° (a 360° climbing turn was performed during the approximate 4 minutes the object was in sight) 350 to 400 knots, Eglin AFB, Florida

(4) (a) 2400Z 9 November 1956

- (b) Night

(5) Destin, Florida, which is adjacent to Eglin AFB, Florida

(6) The observer was Lt Colonel William B. Colgan, Chief, Test Division, 3243rd Test Group (Fighter), Air Force Operational Test Center, Eglin AFB, Florida. His reliability is unquestionable.

(7) (a) Clear, no ceiling

- (b) Not available
- (c) No clouds
- (d) Unlimited
- (e) None
- (f) None

(8) None

(9) An initial break away from the object was made as the first impression was that it was another aircraft on close to a collision course. Following this break, a 360° climbing turn was made for a closer look at the object, but the object continuously increased altitude (or had been at a much higher altitude than it initially appeared) over the RF-84 during the turn and was lost from view

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nearly vertical over the RF-84.

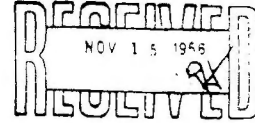
(10) None known. Object was in Eglin water bombing ranges. The observer knew of no scheduled missions in Eglin area at that time other than the night photo mission being accomplished by the RF-84.

(11) This report was prepared by Lieutenant Richard H. Lane, Assistant Chief of the Intelligence Division, APOC, Eglin AFB, Florida.

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Mr. T. Townsend Brown
National Investigations Committee
On Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have read your letter of October 16 with interest, and I shall come directly to the two questions you ask. First, as you may know, I am now in charge of preparations for tracking the artificial earth satellite and because of this I am so extremely busy that I could by no means take any additional responsibilities at this time.

Coming to your second question, I am somewhat at a loss to understand just what the public service is that you intend to perform, and what you propose to do. Clearly, if your intent is to deal with "scientific and philosophical considerations," then it seems to me that this would demand a full-time staff of competent specialists at least equal to or greater than that already available to the Air Force.

I am as you probably know, actively sympathetic to the promotion of public interest in science and have tried to do my bit in such areas. There is a great need for intelligent liaison between scientists and the public and anything that can be done to increase public understanding of the nature and the principles of science is, I believe, to be commended.

However, such activities, especially in the area of your interest, must in my opinion be conducted with utter objectivity, devoid of preconceived conclusions, or a positive disservice to the public might result.

I should be interested, therefore, to learn of the extent of the interest in your project that you are able to stimulate among recognized scientists and other competent investigators.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Hynek
Associate Director in Charge of
Satellite Tracking Program

JAH:md

"After about ten minutes the light of the object intensified, it lifted off the ground, moved to the left and up, made a sudden turn, and accelerated away in the direction from which it came. At that point Ekberg was able to restart the truck normally, and the headlights came back on. Observing that the grass at the landing site had been flattened, they investigated further and found a shiny 'rock' that was hot to the touch. It was a three-sided piece of metal about the size of a matchbox, and had a heavy weight.

"After several unsuccessful attempts to have the sample studied, it was taken to the SAAB airline manufacturing company, where Mr. Sven Schalin conducted a thorough analysis. Other tests were later run in laboratories in Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. The general conclusion was that the object was composed of tungsten carbide and cobalt, consistent with manufactured products. According to Von Ludwig, 'All industrial countries have companies which produce such hard metals, and the manufacturing technology is in principle the same....The overall quality of the material was outstanding, but not unusual for the early 1950s.' (xx.)

(xx.) Sturrock, Peter A. *The UFO Enigma*. Werner Books, New York, N.Y.: 1990. pp.242-243.

12 November. Brinscall, Chorley, England.
(8:00 p.m.)

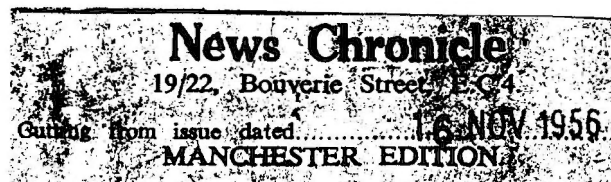
Zig-zag course. (See clipping)

14 November. The Capt. Hull sighting. (See pages 19-21 in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*)

Dr. James McDonald investigates. (See pages 12-13)

15 November. Near Mentor, Minnesota. (evening)

The "meteor" that quit falling. (See clipping below)



Flying saucer?

MY friend and I were returning home at 8 p.m. on Nov. 12 when we saw a bright light on a zig-zag course in the sky. The object could not have been a plane because there was no sound. Neither could it have been a meteor because a meteor would not have lighting and fading out. It must have been a flying saucer.—GEOFFROY HUNT, Brinscall, Chorley.

Hi Ho Hum

WITH HI SOMMER

Skeptical about flying saucers, or whatever those things might be? Bill Nimens used to be extremely skeptical, but not any more, he told me. He gave me the details about the object he saw in the sky while he was driving between Marcoux and Mentor Friday evening. In his own words, it looked at first like a shooting star, falling rap-



idly to earth. But then it did something unusual for a shooting star—it quit falling and just sat there in the sky, Bill says, looking like a "lit-up chrome ball." It remained in that position for four or five seconds, and then took off in a westerly direction at very high speed. Bill was reticent to mention the incident, until another driver, William Jensen, who was just ahead of him on the highway, corroborated Bill's story. There have been a number of such reports in the past week. Coming from apparently reputable people, it seems far-fetched to ascribe

them to imagination, or mirages, or stray weather balloons. The object Bill saw was giving off an intense light, which would seem to put it out of the latter category. Anyway, it's something to talk about. By the way, if you take to the highways for a bit of flying saucer hunting, remember to keep one eye on the road. Your alibi for not seeing that other car wouldn't be too convincing in court.

*Daily Times
Crookston, MN
11-19-56*



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January 27, 1969

Mr. R. H. Hall
NICAP
1536 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D. C., 20036

Dear Dick:

Some time ago, I obtained through the FAA a present location on Captain Peter H. McIntosh (note the spelling of last name). The fact that the Hull case is one of the few old classic airline sightings led me to call McIntosh today and go over the case with him.

His present address is Newtown Turnpike, Weston, Connecticut, 06880. His home phone is AC203, 227-0414. He is now flying with United Airlines, subsequent to the merger between Capital Airlines and United in 1961.

His recollection for some of the details was a bit vague at the start, but, as he discussed it and as we proceeded, various points came back to him.

The two features that stood out in his mind from the outset of our discussion were the extreme brilliance of the object at its peak luminosity (or closest approach?) and, secondly, the unprecedented speed with which it took off out over the Gulf of Mexico at the termination of the incident. "Moved faster than anything we've ever seen." "Like nothing we were familiar with."

He did not seem to recall that the incident began with the object coming down from upper left to lower right. I did not quote to him Hull's statement thereon. He was under the impression that they had been looking at it for a short time when it suddenly brightened or came in towards them. At first, his recollection was that it had stayed at their altitude, but, when I quoted him Hull's statement about "crazy gyrations", he immediately recalled that there had been some very unconventional lateral and vertical oscillations. After recalling that and discussing that, I asked him if he thought there was any possibility it could have been an aircraft, and his comment was that "aircraft just don't move around in the sky like that."

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He was reluctant to estimate the angular amplitudes of the motion. He said they got no impression of shape, and he would be unwilling to make any estimate of size. However, he said that, at nearest approach or peak brilliance, it was far brighter than Venus. He recalled that the two of them wondered if somebody could have dropped a parachute flare that had ignited ahead of them.

They were in a Viscount, and his recollection of probable cruise altitudes at that time was 16,000 to 18,000 ft. He recalled that it was a clear night with good visibility. He volunteered the comment that they contacted Brookley AFB to see if anything was on radar, but recalled that nothing was seen. His recollection of the total duration of the incident was about 20 seconds or so. I did not state to him that Hull had related it as being about 2 minutes.

McIntosh said that he had just moved to a new home and couldn't lay his hands on his flight logs. But he agreed to check the logs and will send me information if there's anything of additional value.

I queried him as to whether he knew of the other two sightings by Hull (one over Chesapeake Bay, cited in the Condon Report, and another off Jacksonville that was related to CSI personnel before Hull's death). He did not know of either of those cases and said that they kept moving around and didn't fly together very often.

By the way, I'm sure Ted and Isabel will be interested in this back-check on that case, since it was primarily the CSI channels that brought the whole sighting details into visibility, as you know.

McIntosh briefly described a sighting made by a friend of his who, he believes, is still with the FAA, either in Washington or somewhere else on the East Coast. The man's name is William S. Morges, and he is at present an FAA air safety inspector, according to McIntosh. The date of the sighting was about 1954 or 1955. Morges was flying in the New England area when he saw several silvery objects moving horizontally and then taking off at high speed vertically upward. He reported this to Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., (USAF) He landed there (I can't tell you why) and was thoroughly interviewed by Air Force personnel. McIntosh remarked that that was back in the period when the Air Force was still vigorously investigating UFO cases.

16 November. Lemmon, South Dakota. (daybreak) (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 24)

Additional details:

"Harvey Teske, a railroad telegraph operator and part-time dispatcher from Mobridge, gave the third report concerning unexplainable objects. Teske said that a Lemmon telegrapher claims to have seen a saucer like ball of flame that followed a freight train into the Lemmon yards at daybreak Friday morning. The third shift operator, Calvin Goetz, said that when the train stopped, 'it' stopped and then 'it' started again and swooped low over the stockyards before speeding away.

"Goetz then tried to call the next station only to find the railroad phones were mysterious dead. After Goetz had aroused a lineman, they started functioning again just as mysteriously." (xx.)

(xx.) Mobridge, South Dakota. *The Mobridge Tribune*. 22 November 56.

16 November. Englevale, North Dakota. (night)

Farmer sees "bright red disc."

According to a press report:

"The first report came last Friday from an Englevale farmer who was driving home from the northern part of the state when he saw a 'bright red disc' in the sky to the south in the vicinity of Englevale.

"As he watched, it suddenly turned green and then later resumed its red color. He called it to the attention of his hired man who was riding with him and who then took over as chief observer.

"When they reached their farm it was still in the sky, moving slowly southwestward. The farmer woke his wife who also watched until the object disappeared nearly an hour after it was first seen.

"A similar report came from a Fort Ransom farmer." (xx.)

(xx.) Lisbon, South Dakota. *Ransom County Gazette*. 22 November 56.

17 November. Columbus, Ohio. (about 12 noon)

"Like a hamburger bun."

A letter to APRO by Mr. A.G. Corbett of Columbus, Ohio, told of a sighting of something that resembled a "hamburger bun" on a sunny, clear day. Mr. Corbett wrote:

"I was in my backyard watching a flying boxcar [a type of military transport plane] going over at approximately 2,000 feet when I saw this metallic object (the boxcar was going east) to the north and above it, as described above; not moving

to all appearances, and from pictures and descriptions I've seen and read, it was definitely not any kind of known airplane. I took a good long look and then ran into the house to get my binoculars. I was in indoors only about 10 seconds, but when I got back out, it was gone. I searched the northerly section of the sky with the glasses for a good 10 minutes, but it had vanished. Considering the small length of time I was inside and the sky conditions, it was a good trick." (See drawing by Mr. Corbitt who guessed the object was at an altitude of about 2,500-3,500 feet and was about 50 feet in diameter) Drawing:  (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: APRO. From: A.G. Corbett, 1528 N.W. Blvd., Columbus, 12 Ohio. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files. No date on letter.

20 November. Program Director of radio station WNAX suggests pattern. (See below)

WNAX INTER-OFFICE MEMO

To: Marilyn Galver

Date: Nov. 20, 1956

From: Roland Peterson

Subject: Unidentified objects

Dear Miss Galver:

Attached are several items concerning unidentified objects which have been seen in the skies in various parts of the midwest. I hope these will be a worthwhile addition to the material you are collecting.

It is rather interesting to note that these appearances have set somewhat of a pattern. The first ones were sighted at Ortonville, Minnesota - the second at Crookston - due north of Ortonville - then Bismarck and Glen Ullin - south west of Crookston. Lemmon was next almost due south of Glen Ullin - then due east to Mobridge and Aberdeen and due south to Redfield.

You seem to have interested yourself in an unusual hobby and I was wondering if you had any particular object in mind - such as trying to prove that these are visitors from space or manned aircraft - or what.

Sincerely,



Roland Peterson, Program Director (xx.)

(xx.) "USA S.D. Aberdeen. 56-19-19." APRO files.

20 November. Reno, Nevada. (morning)

Aerial "Cigar" haunts Reno area. (See the monograph: *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 30) (For more details see clipping)

21 November. Near Fremont, Nebraska.
(about 10:30 p.m.)

"It was too eerie." (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 30) (For more details see press account below)

Woman, Son, tangle with saucer on trip, so says a press account:

"Don Motzko, 16, and his mother, Mrs. H. E. Wagner, 12012 Wayzata boulevard, en route from California, hit bad weather, icy roads, and another hazard that still has them shattered.

"They ran into a flying saucer, or vice versa, the saucer ran into them. Or at least they think so.

"It was about 10 miles out of Fremont, Nebraska, and about 10:30 p.m. November 21. The two were driving at night to cover as much ground as possible so they could spend Thanksgiving with Don's grandparents, the Frank Baumans, 201 City View Acres.

"The road was terrible," said Don. "We had already seen a bad accident, so I stopped and put on chains.

"It was pitch black and there were no car lights ahead of us or behind us for as far as we could see. We were on top of a hill, when all of a sudden our car lit up.

"It was a flashing silver light, like when the sun shines on a mirror, only much brighter. So bright, it blinded us.

"Right away mother and I thought something had happened to the car. I got out, but couldn't see anything wrong. The light had gone. It only lasted a couple of minutes... [three words unclear] gust of wind almost ripped off my jacket. Before that it was very calm, hardly any wind at all."

"It all happened so fast, neither mother nor I were even scared—not, at least, until we turned on the car radio, and heard reports of people seeing flying saucers around South Dakota, right near where were."

"After that Don said, they stopped at a service station, and an attendant carefully went over their car and could find nothing wrong. At Sioux City, where they spent the night they told about their 'flying

Trucker Describes Airborne 'Thing'

Reno's Brilliant, Aerial 'Cigar' Widely Observed Last Week

Another Reno resident reported yesterday that he saw an unidentified object in the morning sky in this area which tallies somewhat with descriptions given by three other persons.

First reports of the "thing" came from two men driving from Sparks toward Reno Tuesday morning. They described a very bright, cigar-shaped object stationary in the sky south of town, which appeared to be over Washoe Valley. The brilliant object did not change its position at all, they said.

Second report came from a woman living in southeast Reno, who said she watched the same thing for several minutes from her window. She added that it suddenly moved eastward and disappeared, moving from her sight behind a nearby roofline which she had used in gauging the object's lack of motion.

The third report, made last night, came from a Reno resident who drives a truck, and who saw a similar object two mornings in succession.

The driver said he noticed the object Tuesday and Wednesday mornings while driving into Sparks, and at first thought it was the old Harold's Club balloon. He sighted the thing from the rise just east of Vista, and noted both mornings that he saw it that the smoke pall was unusually heavy over Truckee Meadows.

The "thing" as he described it was somewhat south of where he figured Reno lay under the smoke blanket, but very distinct and above the smoke cover.

Shape Tallies

His description varied from the others in that the object as he observed it was orange or salmon color, and "not really luminous" although very noticeable. He also said he saw the thing at a considerably earlier hour than the others reported. However, the general shape of the object he saw tallied with the other reports.

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saucer,' and heard reports from others who had second hand accounts from other eye witnesses.

"No one can convince either Don or his mother that they didn't see 'something.'

" 'It was too eerie,' said Don." (xx.)

(xx.) Deeplaven, Minnesota. *The Deeplaven Argus*. 30 November 56.

22 November. One mile west of Aberdeen, South Dakota. (1:50 a.m.)

Police Captain Irwin Albrecht's official narrative report:

"I was told of this object being west of the city. I drove about one mile west of the city on US #12 and parked. I had seen this object when I was out about ½ mile from the city limits. I went out to watch where I did because of a more wide open view. The sky was clear and seemed full of stars. I later checked with the CAA on the weather and they advised me it was clear of any clouds or northern lights. Also that there was not (to his knowledge) any planes or balloon in the area.

"The object I was watching was like a light bulb hanging in the sky, giving off a dull red light. This light twice dimmed down to nothing while I was watching it, and when it would light up (right away) it would come on very bright. At one time it seemed to have a very slight green to it. No other color. Other than a slight move to the left and right it seemed to be moving pretty straight to the west. It seemed to be out about 10 to 14 miles southwest of where I was parked. I feel sure it couldn't of been moving too fast, I'd say about 20 mph. After it went out of sight we came right in and called the Army Air Base at Rapid City and reported it to the OD on duty." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet. Irwin Oscar Albrecht, 916 3rd Avenue. SW Aberdeen, South Dakota. Date questionnaire completed: 26 November 56. Photocopy in author's files.

22 November. Aberdeen, South Dakota. (1:30 a.m.)

Official narrative report of patrolman Walter John Hartman:

"While patrolling the town we [His partner was officer Orville Hanson] spotted an object coming from the southwest very high moving toward the west very slow. Where [sic] after about 30 minutes of watching it went out of sight. The object gave off a very dull red or orange glow. It would dim down and come back very bright in color—the bright color was only for a few seconds." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Information Sheet. Walter J. Hartman, 1916 6th Avenue, SE Aberdeen, South Dakota. Date questionnaire completed: 29 November 56. (Officer Hartman added that he had observed a similar object under the same circumstances at 12:30 a.m. on November 17th) Photocopy in author's files.

22 November. One mile west of Aberdeen, South Dakota. (1:50 a.m.)

Official narrative report of Capt. Irwin Albrecht's partner, officer Luches Lanier Hulett:

"I was riding in the Patrol Car with Capt. Irwin Albrecht when we got information that there was an object in the sky west of Aberdeen. We drove about a mile out and observed this object.

"From the distance we were from the object, I'd say about 10 miles, it appeared to be about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length. It was moving west at a fairly slow rate of speed, judging from the way it was putting distance between we and it.

"It bright[en] up and dim down about twice and was a very white light. It didn't give off any glare at all. It wasn't moving in a straight line, as between two points, it varied a little, as one would in an automobile. I didn't notice it change color any except from real bright it faded down about twice then got real bright again." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet. Luches Lanier Hulett, 917 South 3rd Street. Aberdeen, South Dakota. Date questionnaire completed: 5 December 56. Photocopy in author's files.

22 November. Aberdeen, South Dakota. (1:30 a.m.)

Official narrative report of patrolman Orville James Hansen:

"[When] I first observed the object it was very high and off to the southwest of Aberdeen. I was driving one of the city's patrol units and was at the east edge of town. After seeing the object we prowled to the west edge of town. All this time we were watching the object we drove about ½ mile west of town where we watched the object until it disappeared. It took approximately 30 minutes from the time we it until it disappeared. Color of object was a orange or dull red. It kept getting dimmer and brighter as it moved west. At times it would not move—just hovered in one place. I would not estimate the speed but to the naked eye it was moving very slow. A few times it zig-zagged back and forth. Weather was clear and cold." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet. Orville James Hansen, 817 SE Aldrich, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Date questionnaire completed: 29 November 56. Photocopy in author's files.

22 November. Near Zumbrota, Minnesota. (3:30 a.m.)

Hey! Wake up and take a look.

A press story tells us:

"A more recent report comes from nearby Zumbrota where on Thanksgiving morning about 3:30 a.m. Mrs. Chris Nygaard, who resides about five miles north of Zumbrota glanced up in the sky and was somewhat startled by seeing some sort of

round object with a circle of red blinking lights around the edges. When the red lights went out a yellow glow was observed in the center.

"It didn't look to her like an airplane as it had no wings, so she awoke her husband and two children to take a look, and they said it was very large and high in the sky. It was first sighted in the south then started to head north." (xx.)

(xx.) West Concord, Minnesota. *Enterprise*. 20 December 56.

22 November. Near Grayville, Illinois. (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

"Flat light searchlight." (See clippings)

'Flying Saucers' Invade Local Area, Grayville Man Reports

"It flashed down just over my car and the bright light almost blinded me."

This is how Dr. L. G. Chalcraft, Grayville veterinarian, describes his Thanksgiving night encounter with what he believes was a "flying saucer."

DR. CHALCRAFT said he, his wife and several other persons

observed the antics of the "disc-shaped" flying object between Grayville and Albion for more than an hour. About 8 p.m. it disappeared in the direction of Evansville, Ind.

En route home from Albion, Dr. Chalcraft and his wife first sighted the mysterious object about 7 p.m. while they were driving on route 130 near Red Top curve. He said the craft swooped low over his car.

"JUST SO people wouldn't think I was crazy, I stopped at the James Roosevelt farm and asked them to come outside and watch," Dr. Chalcraft asserted. "About five or six persons there saw it."

Following the "saucer" to Grayville, Dr. Chalcraft said he and his wife watched it circle for several minutes over the Wabash river before it sailed away in the direction of Evansville.

THE VETERINARIAN said Deb Johnson, Glenn Hassell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boutwell also observed the object here.

Dr. Chalcraft described it as flat and disc-shaped, with a brilliant white light trailing out behind. He said it kept circling to the left, while traveling in a southeasterly direction.

"I believe if I'd had my high-powered rifle with me I would have taken a shot at it," the Grayville man declared.

Grayville, Ill., Mercury-Independent

Local Residents See Flying Saucer

I don't want you to think I am seeing things, but I would like for you to come out and see what I am seeing," said Dr. L. G. Chalcraft, Grayville veterinarian, after he had knocked at the door of the Jim Roosevelt home south of Albion on Route 130 Thursday night about eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Massie, their son-in-law and daughter, went out to observe a phenomena that they cannot explain.

Dwain Massie said the object circled in the heavens maybe a dozen times as they watched it. It was moving counter clock-wise and as it went from south to north was nearly invisible. At it reached

the north a beam of light shot out like a search light and when it went down the west side of the circle it threw out what Dwain Massie described as a "flat light" as though from the elongated side of a flat object.

They watched the object Massie said for about three minutes before its dizzying and widening circles carried it out of their range of vision. No sound accompanied the circling object, said Massie, and in his opinion it was going faster than a jet plane.

Dr. Chalcraft, who was returning to Grayville after a call, said he happened to notice the object above and just in front of his car.

Others who saw it were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Saxe of Crosville who stopped their car to watch it.

Albion, Ill., Journal-Register

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24 November. Winfred, South Dakota. (5:00 p.m.)

Hovered over Winfred.

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A press report stated:

“Another report of a mysterious object in the sky was made today by Mrs. Robert Wassanaar, Winfred.

“Mrs. Wassanaar said she and her two sons were coming from Madison about 5 p.m. Friday when one of the boys spotted a strange light. She said the large, round, reddish-orange object seemed to be suspended in the sky over Winfred. It moved north, then south, and finally disappeared.

“Mrs. Wassanaar said the object seemed to light up the entire sky.” (xx.)

(xx.) Watertown, South Dakota. *Public Opinion*. 24 November 56.

25 November. Reading, Minnesota. (7:00 p.m.)

“Swished over Andy DeFreese’s farm five or six times.” (See clipping on page 21)

25 November. Near Pierre, South Dakota. (night)

Cops chase thing. (See clipping on page 22)

More on the Pierre case:

“‘It was deep red in color, changed to light red as it rose to an altitude of about 7,000 feet,’ Kelm and Peters said.

“The two [patrolmen] were looking for a stolen pickup when they spotted the object [in a gully].” (xx.)

(xx.) Fargo, North Dakota. *Morning Forum*. 27 November 56.

Moreover:

“‘It appeared like someone was shining a red light on a mirror. There was enough light from it to make the center lines of the highway gleam,’ Kelm said.... The CAA at Pierre reported the weather was clear and a stiff wind was blowing at the time.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

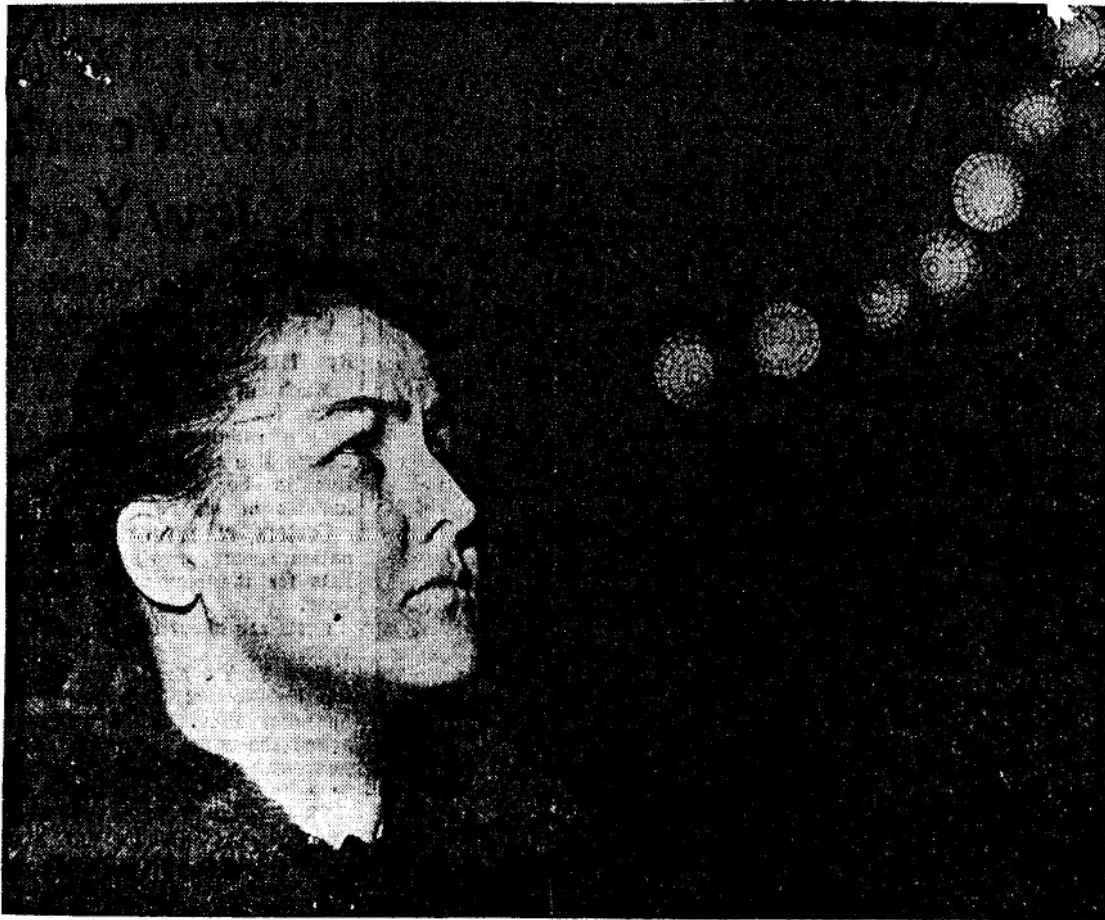
25 November. Rapid City, South Dakota. (7:30 p.m.)

More cops chase thing. (See clipping on page 23)

26 November. Spicer, Minnesota. (2:00 a.m.)

Well defined rim around it.

A news story states:



This composite photo shows how the flying saucers appeared to Mary Whelan of rural Reading.
(Daily Globe photo)

Spotted near Reading:

Farm Girl Spots Six Flying Saucers

Many people have seen one flying saucer, several have reported seeing two, but 19-year-old Mary Whelan is one of few persons to have seen six at once.

"They were flying in formation and swished over the Andy DeFreese farm five or six times," the rural Reading girl told the Globe.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

William D. Whelan who farm two miles south and 1½ miles east of Reading, said she saw the saucers late in November.

"IT WAS DARK. . . must have been about 7 o'clock. . . and I was leading my colt around the farmyard to exercise it.

"All of a sudden, the colt became frightened. It stopped and shook its head. Another horse fenced in near the barn acted the same way.

Mary said she looked around to

see what was frightening them and saw six "saucers" swishing through the air, south of her parents' farm.

"They gave off a green light and kept flying in almost a semi circle. They were in the same position every time they flew by," she said.

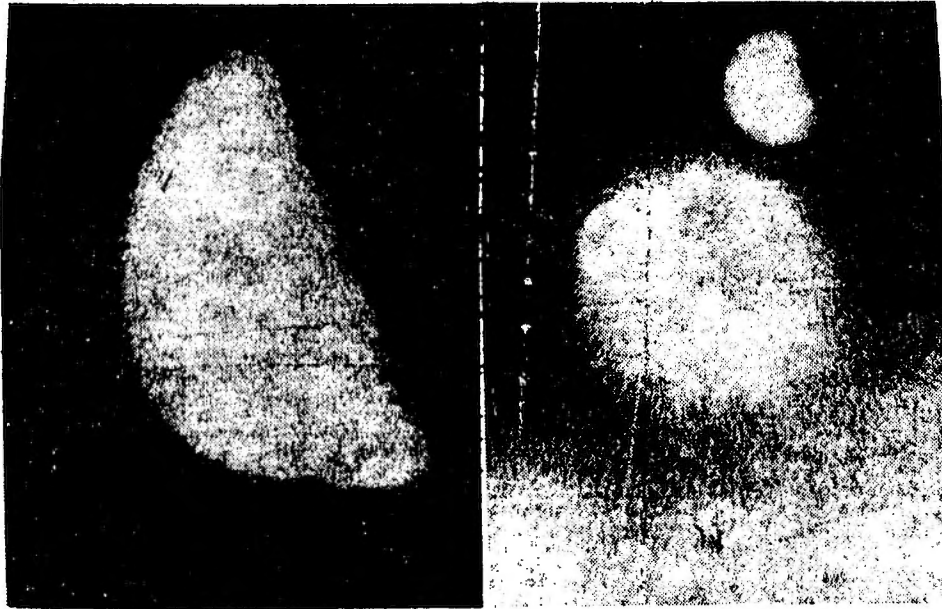
Mary said she had never seen a flying saucer before nor since.

"But I'm convinced there are flying saucers," Mary says emphatically.

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What Is It . . . U. F. O. ? ? ?



These pictures of what may be a flying saucer were taken early Sunday morning by Jack Peters state police radio dispatcher, on Highway 34 about 30 miles east of Pierre. He and Don Kelm spotted a peculiar, bowl shaped object, looking like an egg shell cut in half, giving off a bright red light, lighting the entire highway. These were taken with a 35mm camera on fast film, 1/10 sec. at f/3.5, then they were enlarged 180 times with a microscope. Peters said they followed the object for six or seven miles and were as close as a city block to it when they first came upon it as they drove over a hill. It appeared to be about the size of an automobile. In the picture on the right the moon may be seen in the background.

Motor Patrolmen Sight, Chase, Photograph "Flying Saucer;" Saucer "Chases" Back, Fades Away

PIERRE — Don Kelm and Jack Peters, South Dakota state motor patrolmen, got a good look at and a picture of an "unidentified flying object (Airforce parlance) Sunday—and it scared them.

They drove over a hill on Highway 34 about 30 miles east of Pierre and there was the "flying saucer" alongside the road.

"It was almost in the ditch," said Peters.

The object was bowl-shaped—like an eggshell cut in half—and it gave off a red light which illuminated the highway.

"I don't know what it was but it definitely was there," Peters said.

He estimated it was about the size of a semi-trailer. His partner, Kelm, said it was about automobile-sized. That seems to be close enough.

When first sighted, it was about a block away.

Evidently the "spacemen" were more scared than Peters and Kelm because they took off over the road in their "vehicle" with the two patrolmen hot on their trail.

During the six or seven mile chase, the object always kept about a mile or so ahead of the pursuers. At first the patrolmen (by their own admission) were "so scared" they didn't think of taking a picture.

Toward the end of the chase, however, Peters did take several pictures of the object, two of which are reproduced on this page.

During the chase, the "saucer" seemed to stay about 1,000 feet off the ground. It didn't make any noise. There didn't seem to be any exhaust and it never changed color.

Finally, after about seven miles of this, the two patrolmen decided to turn around to see if the "saucer" would follow them.

"It seemed to," they said.

But it didn't follow long and finally disappeared.

This Sunday's appearance was followed last night by other sightings of similar aerial objects at Murdo, Redfield and Martin; on Highway 83 about 15 miles southwest of Ft. Pierre; and on Highway 16, southwest of Ft. Pierre.

Some of these sightings were investigated by the motor patrol.

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Hills Residents Tell Of Shining Objects

Maybe you've seen one and thought it was a star—but according to the myriad reports from this area, flying saucers abound in the evening sky right now.

Numerous reports from the southern Black Hills concerned saucer-like objects aloft which gave forth varying colors as they moved and then halted Saturday night and early Sunday morning. At approximately the same period a similar object was reported from motor patrolmen at Pierre.

Rapid City's enthusiasm for saucers mounted Sunday night as Sheriff Glenn Best and State Patrolman Carrol Erickson chased an unidentified luminous object towards the Badlands. They said it changed color, showing different shades of green, red and white as it moved and then remained stationary in the sky. Sheriff Best said "I don't know what I saw but I've never seen anything with lights like that before." Best is a pilot and familiar with aviation navigation and airplane lights.

Meanwhile, numerous scrambles were reported for the 54th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base during the weekend but to all intents and purposes the jet jockeys made their missions in vain.

Officially, the Information Services Office at EAFB said neither the 54th fighters nor the radar scopes of the 740th Aircraft Control and Warning Sqdn. picked up any unknown objects during the weekend "saucer spree."

Unofficially, however, rumors were rife in Rapid City that blips were sighted on the radar scope by the pilot of one of the jet fighters and by the scanners in the 740th control rooms.

The U.S. Air Force has blanketed investigations of "flying saucers" under the cloak of "security" for several years and apparently the same rules still prevail.

Attempts to match the "saucer" reports with clear skies in this area and the presence of the star Betelgeuse in the Orion constellation don't fit the information obtained by The Journal from local astronomers.

One expert here said it would be impossible for the "more than casual" observer to confuse the colorful Betelgeuse with an object which moves rapidly, then halts, at the same time diffusing a variety of colored light.

Best and Erickson went to Wasta to check the reports on the saucer first spotted from that community about 7:30 p.m. last night.

45 Minutes

Best said they were there about a half hour before they saw what appeared to be lights over the bombing range—that would be approximately 8:30. The colors were different shades of green, red and white and both men agreed the green was continuous while the bright flashing red light appeared at varied intervals. The two officers also saw a bright white light that seemed to shine upwards from the object at intervals.

The object remained stationary for a half hour after it was first sighted by Best and Erickson and later reports from other persons say it moved later. The officers were at a complete loss to explain the object.

The saucer scare here followed by ten days a report from Minnesota where a truck driver from Redfield had witnesses to the aerial object which frightened him on a nighttime trip near the S.D.-Minnesota border.

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"Mrs. Clifford Quam of near Spicer on Green Lake got out of bed at approximately 2 a.m. Monday morning to get a glass of water and saw a brilliant fire-like object coming toward her when she looked thru a picture window.

"With a pair of high-powered binoculars, Mrs. Quam, her husband, daughter Joan, could vividly see the globe-like object coming closer and closer from the east. Twenty-one-year-old Joan said, 'It resembled a globe with a well defined rim around it. It had a yellow glow and red sparks seemed to be emitting from it.'

"The Quams, needless to say, were very much alarmed, and studied the object for some 45 minutes until it gradually started to retire from sight.

"Joan reported that it was to the left of the moon and far below it. 'Our binoculars helped clear up our vision of it but could not bring it much closer, apparently it was many miles away,' she said." (xx.)

(xx.) Dassal, Minnesota. *Dispatch*. 29 November 56.

25 November. Ellsworth, Wisconsin. (night)

Rimmed by six lights that flashed on and off. (See clipping)

26 November. Perth, Australia. (about 9:30 p.m.)

"Like a 5-year-old child trying to draw a straight line."

Readers of a Perth newspaper shared their UFO experiences. One reader wrote:

"I saw a similar light on November 26 at about 9:30 p.m., flying between 400 feet and 4,000 feet. It traveled about the speed of a shooting star but its course was erratic—like a 5-year-old child trying to draw a straight line. When it was in a position 45 degrees up in the southwest, It stopped, came right back and after a few seconds it shot off to the southeast at a high speed. My guess was that it was a large ball of lightning and it could quite easily have altered its course to be seen over Rivervale and Bentley—Y8-103, Bassendean." (xx.)

(xx.) Perth, W.A., Australia. *Daily News*. 14 December 56.

26 November. Williamson, West Virginia. (6:30 a.m.)

"Not more than 50-60 feet off the ground."

According to our source:

Reports Seeing Flying Saucer

"Flying saucers", or something resembling them are now making news in Pierce county. Mrs. Arthur Pearson of Rt. 1, Ellsworth is the latest Pierce county person to report witnessing such a phenomenon.

Mrs. Pearson, who lives near Ellsworth, was returning home Sunday night when she saw a shining object a short distance above the ground. It glowed a deep reddish orange and two lights seemed to go on and off at intervals.

Upon arriving home she awakened her husband, who went to the window and looked out. He says a shining object, apparently about 30 feet in circumference, seemed to hover in the sky about 60 feet above the ground. It was rimmed by six lights that flashed on and off, first with a strong reddish-orange color, and then fading to yellow. There seemed to be a few windows through which lights gleamed.

The Pearsons had about one minute to observe the object, which disappeared over the hills.

Another object, high in the sky, drew their attention. This one was equipped with a green light that shone brightly, then faded but did not go completely out. The object moved slowly across the horizon. Pearson said it had no red lights, such as are used on airplanes.

So, keep your eye on the Heavens at night. Maybe you'll see a flying saucer—or something unusual. If you do, let us know we'd like to take its photo.

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"A flying saucer has made its appearance in Pike County, according to Tom Young, a resident of the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek.

"Young was visiting his brother, John P. Young, at Belfry today, and related the strange experience of seeing a saucer not more than 50 to 60 feet off the ground. The Belfry man is the Sixth District justice of the peace.

"According to Tom, he and his wife were awakened about 6:30 a.m. yesterday by a humming noise. He said he went to the window and saw the saucer, a disc object about 50 or 60 feet in diameter. He said it was going upward and may have been taking off after making a landing.

"Young thinks the object is some sort of device the Air Force is using in experiments." (xx.)

(xx.) Williamson, West Virginia. *News*. 27 November 56.

27 November. Six miles from Hatuma, New Zealand. (about 2:10 a.m.)

A dense blue beam. "The beam was exactly round, looking like a pipe, about a foot to 18 inches through, and its edges were clear cut, there being no diffusion of the light from it. It did not light up the bedroom at all." (See clippings on pages 26-27)

27 November. North of Chamberlain, South Dakota. (shortly after 3:00 p.m.)

To shoot or not to shoot may become the question.

Another story from the saucer-saturated Dakotas:

"It may become confusing to goose hunters.

"To shoot or not to shoot may become the question. Is it a goose or a flying saucer? Two Mitchell goose hunters, one a former city councilman, has added testimony to the list of persons who have reported seeing flying saucers.

"C. W. Klingaman, the former councilman, is convinced of the reality of 'flying saucers' or of the 'strange objects' that have recently been spotted in some South Dakota areas.

"Klingaman told a reporter Friday that he had spotted a 'silver-colored object shaped like a balloon gondola with no balloon above it' north of Chamberlain Tuesday afternoon while goose hunting.

" 'It just hovered at about 5,000 feet,' Klingaman stated, 'then shot up at an angle into the clouds leaving a vapor trail.' He further stated that the object climbed into the wind. The object was spotted shortly after 3 p.m.

" 'I was just as skeptical as anybody before,' the former Councilman averred. 'Now I know there is something to it.'

" 'There had to be a motor in it for it to leave a vapor trail,' Klingaman explained, and there had to be somebody in it for it to climbing like that.'

"A hunting companion of Klingaman's, Kenneth Dahlgren, was said to have also spotted the object.

"The Chamberlain police department stated Friday they had had no official reports of anyone spotting the object.

Lucid Account Given Of Sighting Of Mysterious Object HATUMA FARMER'S EXPERIENCE

Awakened with cramp in a knee at about 2.10 a.m. yesterday a 58-year-old Waipukurau district farmer underwent the strangest experience of his life.

A beam of silvery light flashed on to a mirror in his bedroom through the open window. He turned to see the beam coming from a round object high in the sky.

As he moved towards the window the beam cut out, but the object—the same colour as the beam—remained motionless in the clear starlit sky.

After a couple of seconds the object vanished also but was followed by a fleeting impression of a sideways rotating movement. During the 10 seconds of these happenings no sound was heard.

The farmer is Mr. W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, whose farm is 12 miles from Waipukurau and 25 miles beyond Hatuma. He has farmed there for 19 years and is well known in the district.

Mr Kibblewhite has been troubled with cramp in one knee and when it woke him in the early hours of yesterday morning he got up to walk about in his room to work it off. The blinds were up and the window was wide open.

With his back to the window he was just going to return to bed when a light flashed into the room on to the mirror in front of him. He saw his own reflection.

Mr Kibblewhite turned immediately, thinking someone outside was shining a torch through the window. He saw the light was coming from a beam, standing down at an angle of 45 degrees.

Mr Kibblewhite said today that the beam was a bluish silver colour, the like of which he had never seen before. "It was dense, so dense I could not see through it, but I could see all around it," he said.

The beam was exactly round, looking like a pipe, about a foot to 18 inches through, and its edges were clear-cut, there being no diffusion of light from it. It did not light up the bedroom at all.

"The beam was on me for three or four seconds," recounted Mr Kibblewhite. During this he had experienced a very strong sensation—he felt as though someone was staring hard at him.

He had time for his eyes to follow the "tube" of light directly up to the object. The beam did not converge greatly. It did not move and the size and colour remained the same. As he took a step towards the window the beam shut straight off.

The object seemed a considerable distance away, and appeared about three times as big as a large star. It was completely round and was the same blue colour as the beam. The colour faded off toward the edges and there was an aura around it with no very pronounced outline.

"The blue colour dominated everything," said Mr Kibblewhite. As he continued to move towards the window the light suddenly went off, as the beam had done. The light cut out about three seconds after the beam had vanished.

The next thing he saw was a movement from left to right as though the object were rotating about its own axis. He saw this movement from a faint streak of lighter colour on the top edge of the object. This faint streak moved only about half the diameter of the previously bright object, and looked as though the rotation was picking up pace. Then the faint streak disappeared.

Mr Kibblewhite saw nothing more, although he kept watching for another five minutes. He heard no noise or vibration. Weather conditions were calm and there was little, if any, sound of breeze. The sky was also clear.

During the whole of the time he saw the object it remained stationary, and, apart from the rotating impression, Mr Kibblewhite saw no other movement.

His window faces toward Waipukurau and the object was in that direction. "When it disappeared I had a strong feeling it was going straight away from me," he said.

Giving an estimate of the distance

of the object, Mr Kibblewhite said it seemed to him that it was hovering about three miles away. He thought this because it had seemed to be directly above a clump of trees on Mr C. Cranby's adjoining property, about that distance away. However, he said, it could have been a lot further away.

There was another strange aspect of the beam. It did not affect the eyes at all. Mr Kibblewhite said he had seen searchlights in operation, and the blinding effect they had for a short period. There was nothing like that about this blue beam, he said. Also, unlike a searchlight beam, was the fact that the blue beam had been narrow and confined to itself.

Over the years he had been interested in reading about others seeing such things, but had never been sure about the reports. "This has convinced me there is something in them," he said.

27 November. Puketapu, New Zealand.
(11:30 p.m.)

Another person sees the same thing as
Mr. Kibblewhite. (See clipping on page
27)

DAILEY TELEGRAPH (NAPIER)
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SKY OBJECT SEEN AT HATUMA

For 10 seconds in the early hours of Tuesday morning a 58-year-old Central Hawke's Bay farmer saw a bluish silver beam of light projected from a round unidentified object in the sky over his property at Hatuma.

Awakened about 2 a.m. by an attack of cramp, Mr W. R. Kibblewhite was walking round his bedroom to restore the circulation when he saw a beam of light reflected in a mirror. Thinking that perhaps somebody was using a torch outside, he turned to investigate and saw that the beam slanted upwards through an open window at an angle of about 45 degrees.

He was able to follow the beam to its source and saw that it came from a round object, the same bluish silver colour as the light, in the sky.

As he moved to the window, the beam of light was extinguished, but the object remained motionless. After a few more seconds the colour faded from the object, leaving only a faint outline of the round shape, which moved swiftly away with what seemed like a rotating movement.

TUBULAR BEAM

Mr Kibblewhite said that the bluish colour of the light and the beam itself were unlike anything he had ever seen before. The beam was about 18 inches in diameter and appeared to be tubular. The light ceased at the edge of the "tube" and did not diffuse outwards. It did not light up the rest of the bedroom.

During the time the round object was in sight, Mr Kibblewhite heard no noise or vibration. The weather was calm and there was little, if any, breeze.

From landmarks in the vicinity, Mr Kibblewhite judged the circular object to be about three miles away, although it could have been farther, he said. When it vanished it moved in the direction of Waipukurau.

Mr Kibblewhite, who is well known in the district and has farmed his property, 12 miles from Waipukurau, for the past 43 years, said that he had always been sceptical of reports of unidentified objects, but his experience had convinced him now that there was "something in them."

HATUMA FARMER'S REPORT ON OBJECT IS CORROBORATED

Since last Tuesday Mr W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, has been a lone voice crying in the wilderness about the strange, silvery blue beam shone on him from an object in the night sky. But now his story is supported by a report of a similar sighting on the same night from Puketapu, in the Napier district.

This other report comes from Mr R. B. Reeshal, Puketapu. At 11.30 p.m. last Monday night, two hours and 40 minutes before Mr Kibblewhite's experience, Mr Reeshal saw exactly the same sort of beam.

It was shining into his room and woke him. He went out on to his verandah and saw the beam shining down through some poplar trees.

It came from an identical object to that seen by Mr Kibblewhite, with the same flame edge around it.

Mr Reeshal described to his family what he had seen the next morning. They laughed at him and thought he was "putting one across." However, they changed their minds when they read of Mr Kibblewhite's experience in a newspaper two days later.

The details of the beam and object given by Mr Reeshal were the same as reported by Mr Kibblewhite.

Mr Kibblewhite today commented on the theory put forward by a Waipukurau member of the New Zealand Royal Astronomical Society that the sight seen by Mr Kibblewhite was the effect of the moon and Jupiter behind the clouds.

He said he did not know much about astronomy but was sure that if the astronomer had seen the object and beam he would not have the same idea. There were two points which did not seem to fit in, suggested Mr Kibblewhite.

One was — would a beam be flashed on and off from the moon or Jupiter and would the light from either of these bodies be shut off so quickly?

The other point, said Mr Kibblewhite, was that there were no clouds in that section of the sky and he could see the stars clearly and

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FARMER WAS PREPARED TO FACE HIS SCEPTICS

Although aware that his story would be subjected to sceptical comment, Mr W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, today said this fact had not deterred him from making known his experience of Tuesday morning of being spotlighted by a silvery-blue beam from an object hovering in the sky.

Mr Kibblewhite said he had been dubious at first about making his story public, but when he had discussed with his family they had persuaded him to tell the story to a newspaper.

He added that his family had no doubts that he had seen the object, though no one else had.

Mr Kibblewhite pointed out two extra facts he had previously overlooked when telling his story.

One was that when he had first seen the beam flash on to the mirror he was facing in his bedroom it had been a very thin one—about three inches across—and he could see through it.

He had turned around and followed the line of this thin beam up to the object. There had been a blue flash from the object which did not dazzle the eyes and the big beam—a foot to 18 inches across—had come on.

The beam had been on him but as soon as he had stepped out of it it had cut off.

It was not until thinking about it afterwards that he had remembered the small beam as the large beam had so dominated the situation.

It had been as though the small beam had been a "feeler" for the big one, he said.

The second point was that when he had seen the object he had seen another small object near it. This other object was the same blue silver colour. He had thought it was a star as it had been the size of one.

However, he had taken another look at that area of the sky at the same time last night and there had been no star like it there. He assumed the smaller object had been the same as the first but further away.

Asked what he thought of the whole thing, he said he was convinced he had been under observation in some way. He could think of no reason why that should be so.

WAIPIKURAU, HAWKES BAY. MONDAY, December 8, 1956

"Klingaman indicated that he thought the objects to be some new air force development of a radical design." (xx.)

(xx.) Mitchell, South Dakota. *The Republic*. 30 November 56.

27 November. Near Mitchel, South Dakota. (6:30 p.m.)

Square lights around the complete circumference.

A press account stated:

"Mary Jo Vermeuein, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy...[Not clear] served as spokesman for a group of six youths who spotted a 'saucer' at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday 10? [not clear] miles north and about one-half... [mile? Not clear.] of Mitchel.

"The object was round and about...[Not clear] feet in diameter, said Miss Vermeuein. It had lights around the complete circumference. These lights appeared to be square and Miss Vermeuein referred to them as 'windows.' There were four lights in an apparatus which...[Not clear] at the top of the object. The lights were reddish-orange in color, she said.

"The object 'looked like a merry-go-round and was real low.' It glided slowly along and appeared to be real low, she said, eventually appearing to come to a complete stop.

"Also seeing the same object were Judy McGraw, 16, Terry McGraw, 17, Mariene Vermeuein, 13, and Ronnie Vermeuein, 10. The teenagers were driving toward Letcher preparing to drive to Mitchell to attend a basketball game.

"The object was first seen by Ronnie. Ronnie and Dick are brothers of Mary Jo and Mariene is a cousin. They drove for a half-mile westward while the object remained in sight. It was still visible when contours of the land blocked their view.

"Mis Vermeuein reported that others saw the same object, but not so closely and that other persons in the area 'thought they saw' similar objects Wednesday...[Not clear].

"Mary Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vermeuein who live nine miles north and one-half west of Mitchel." (xx.)

(xx.) Mitchell, South Dakota. *Daily Republic*. 30 November 56.

28 November. Five miles south of Odessa, Minnesota. (4:30 a.m.)

Dog barks at egg-shaped "creepy thing." (See clipping on page 29)

25 November. Westbrook, Minnesota. (10:00 p.m.).

"It was hovering 3-400 feet off the ground." (See clippings on pages 29-30)

30 November. Aberdeen, South Dakota. (5:00 a.m.)

Red object flies a square. (See clipping on page 30)

Now Dogs Are Seeing 'Em . . .

Yellowbank Farm Couple Awakened Wednesday as Dog Barks at "Saucer"

Greenville, Minn. Independent

DEC 6 1956

Whoever you are, who have been "poking fun" at Ye Editors, for "seeing things" can now take a kick at a dog -- for even dogs now-a-days are seeing the same thing-- "flying saucers."

Awakened by the unusual and frightful barking of the family dog, at around 4:30 last Wednesday morning, were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gloege, whose farm is located 5 miles south of Odessa along the Yellowbank river.

Gloege said he was astonished to peer out a window of his bedroom and see his dog, with head pointed skyward, howling much as a town dog howls at the sound of a fire siren. Looking up he saw an object, very brilliant, about a third the size of the moon -- travelling east on the horizon at a rapid speed. Unlike others who have reported the strange sights, the object had no windows.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gloege said that it would fade-away, then re-appear, but that when it faded out they knew where to look for its reappearance because there was always visible a background where it had disappeared. They said it was ~~egg-shaped and a "creaky" thing~~ to see. They watched it for at least 4 minutes when it finally went out of sight a little to the right of where it was at first sighted.

Different from others reporting the objects, the Gloeges said their heard no sounds, nor did it change in color. Neither did it emit any smoke. They were unable to estimate the distance. "It might have been close and again it could have been a great distance from us,"

Lynn said. Both, however, were of the opinion that the object apparently passed right over-head, which frightened the dog to cause it to emit such a weird-type of yipping and howling.

Area Farmer Spots Saucer in Farmyard

WESTBROOK — Flying saucers which have been reported in South Dakota for the past week have finally come to Southwestern Minnesota.

A 38-year-old Cottonwood county farmer, Harold Thompson, told the Globe he saw what appeared to be a flying saucer at 10 p.m. Thursday and studied the aerial phenomenon through binoculars for about four minutes.

"I just finished chores in the barn and was walking to the house when I saw this thing hovering about three to four hundred feet off the ground."

"At first, I thought it was an airplane," Thompson said, "but then it shot straight up in the air and hovered there for a while."

Thompson rushed into the farmhouse and got his binoculars.

He said he watched the saucer-shaped object change from a light red to a cherry red as the object gained altitude rapidly. At other times, it appeared to be purple and green.

"Then all of a sudden, it disappeared!" Thompson said.

Through binoculars, the saucer appeared to have a number of little windows.

Thompson, who farms four miles south and three east of Westbrook

and who was a student pilot shortly after World War II, said "my wife and I were laughing about all these reports of flying saucers in South Dakota.

"I'm not laughing now. I believe them."



Harold Thompson, Cottonwood county farmer, saw a flying saucer in the vicinity of Storden last night that "changed from light red to cherry red" and had "several small windows in it." Thompson studied the object for four minutes through binoculars. (Daily Globe photo)

WORTHINGTON, MINN., GLOBE

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30 November. Watertown. South Dakota. (5:30 a.m.)

Driver chases object. (See clipping)

'Saucer' In Sky Near Hub Airport

AN AIRWAYS specialist at the CAA station at Aberdeen's Municipal Airport watched the maneuverings of an object in the sky for 10 minutes between 5 and 5:15 a.m.

He is Lloyd Wallace and he followed the object east of the airport with the aid of binoculars.

He made entries in the CAA log indicating that a brilliant red light moved vertically upward, then south, then vertically downward and back north to its original position. Its course formed the pattern of a square.

From the position where he originally spotted it and after it had moved to describe a square it rose upward until it disappeared from sight. It changed colors in its ascent, he said.

ABERDEEN, S.D., AMERICAN NEWS
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DRIVER CHASES AERIAL OBJECT, CAN'T CATCH IT

Another "unidentifiable object," was reported early this morning when a Watertown man stated that he chased a "smoky red object, tinged with orange," for about a mile but was unable to catch up with it.

Howard Williams, 1222 E. Kemp, who works nights with the Codington County highway department, reported that he was five miles north and one mile west of Watertown at about 5:30 a.m. today when he spotted the object.

Williams said that it was smokey red and tinged with orange and that it appeared to be quite large. However, he was unable to make an estimate of the size because he was not sure just how far away the object was.

Williams reported that he watched it while driving about a mile and even chased it for awhile he reported "it just out-distanced me."

Watertown, S.D., Public Opinion

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30 November. Red Wing, Minnesota. (night)

Egg-shaped with alternating colors.

Newsman Fred Jonson tells his readers "I saw a flying saucer." An article in the Red Wing paper explains the incident:

"I saw a flying saucer.

"In fact, there were six of them.

"Now go ahead and scoff. I too like you were once a scoffer.

"But now I've seen the light—the light in the skies, and believe me brother, you just can't shrug off something like that.

"I don't know what they were and for a better word use the term 'flying saucer,' a name that has become part of the American jargon to explain those unexplainable objects which have appeared across the face of America.

"There were three others with me at the time—my wife, and my son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pearson, Ellsworth rural route, who had seen one of these objects close up earlier this week (A story of their experience appeared in Tuesday's *Daily Republican Eagle*).

"We weren't the only ones to see flying saucers last night. Seven other Red Wing residents saw these eerie objects in the Zambrota area [20 miles south of Red Wing].

"...[Words not clear] Pat Anderson...Keith Knudson, Dick Ottem, Ronnie Johnson and Walter Kosec saw one of the objects.

"The girls [Apparently the women with Jonson at the time] described the one they saw from a short distance as being egg-shaped, with five lights that alternated in color...[Word not clear] white to red.

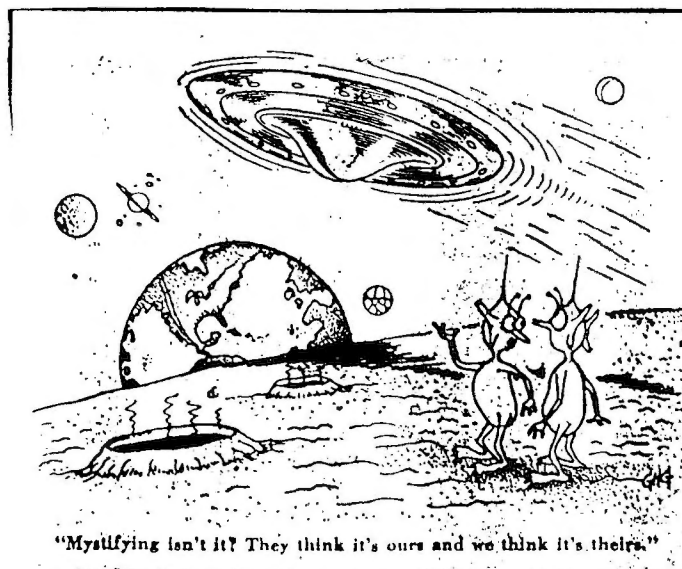
"The objects that I saw were high in the sky. At first they seemed to be stars, but much closer to earth. They gave off a...[Word not clear] green light that slowly faded away and then came on bright again.

"There were no clouds in the sky, which might have accounted for the apparent dimming and brightening of the of the lights.

"Some seemed to be practically stationary. Others swayed back and forth and up and down. One moved slowly across the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) Red Wing, Minnesota.
Daily Republican Eagle.
1 December 56.

Cartoon: *Boy's Life*
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30 November. Aberdeen,
South Dakota.
(5:15 p.m.)

"I don't believe in those things."
(See clipping)

? December. Between Murdo
and Kennebec,
South Dakota.
(about 2:00 a.m.)

"It made chills go up my back."
(See clipping)

Nightly Show In Area Continues

MORE strange lights and flying saucers were spotted in the skies near Aberdeen Friday and Saturday.

A 12-year-old newspaper boy who says he doesn't "believe in those things" saw what some people might call a flying saucer at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

He is Billy Thompson, who has an American-News route in the vicinity of his home on Marshall

Road in the southern outskirts of Aberdeen.

While delivering papers he reported seeing a yellowish orange object about half as big as a DC-3. It resembled "half a cup turned upside down" and a low hum appeared to be coming from it, the lad reported. He said the object seemed to have windows in it.

Billy said he watched it about five seconds when it came from the northwest and disappeared to the southeast as it flew over Melgaard Park.

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"It Made Chills Go Up My Back" Says McGee Of Flying Saucer

IS SPOTTED AT MURDO

by Jack Mason

"I would have thought I was seeing things if it hadn't been for my boys, Alan and Keith, seeing it too," said Janitor Francis McGee while talking of his startling drive from Murdo to Kennebec during the holidays.

Resembled Star

McGee said his son-in-law, Larry Nelson, manager of the Super Value Store in Murdo, saw the light just about 2 a.m. Mr. McGee said it looked like a bright star, but when they left Murdo to come home another object appeared lower than the star had been. The saucer was round except on one side where it was rather flat.

Rays Dazzle

The strange object gave off dazzling beams of blue, green, and yellow, except on the flat side which gave off no light. The light shone on the ground. "It didn't light things too much, but just enough so it could be seen," McGee said. It followed them all the way to Kennebec, going back and forth across the road and moving with great speed. McGee's car was directly under the beam once but only for a second.

"I wish now I had rolled down the window and stuck my hand out to feel if the saucer gave off any heat," McGee wished aloud to the interviewer.

McGee and his sons, after they returned home, watched "it" go on in the east until it disappeared.

The custodian said he thought it frightened his boys, but it made chills creep up his spine, too!

? December. Near Henning, Minnesota.
(about midnight)

Game wardens get a lesson.

A "looking back" article published in 1997 about spooky goings-on in Minnesota's Lake Country said:

"...in December of 1956, three

The Advocate-Leader
Name of publication
Kennebec, So. Dakota
Published at, City & State
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ambush for a notorious deer shiner [poacher?] near Henning.

"Just before midnight, a thing whizzed out of the east over Paul Krueger, O.B. Olson and Al Schadd. The men tightened respective anatomies, grabbed their field glasses and got a good look.

"It was round, rotating, with red flames shooting out from its perimeter. And it too was emitting an eerie light 'like a welding arc.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Fargo, North Dakota. *Fargo Forum*.
26 October 97.

? December. Near Westfield, South Dakota.
(12:15 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.)

Dogs go crazy. Object as big as a house.

(See clipping)

? December. Palisade, Minnesota. (night)

Queer feeling. Swooped toward the car.

(See clipping)

Another Strange Object Seen

The Martin Schettler family recently saw a strange object in the sky one night when driving north on Highway 23 over in Minnesota. They first noticed it when near the Palisade church, and it was quite near the car and apparently about 20 feet above the ground. It looked like it was about three or four feet across, and was red and green in color and giving off sparks.

The object passed over the car and then disappeared. This happened five times in the course of a mile or more, and it seemed as if it swooped down toward the car, but it would disappear each time after it had passed over.

Martin said that it was a queer feeling when the object seemed to be headed directly for the car, but would then disappear.

Pollock Area Resident Gets Close Look at 'Glowing Object' in Sky

Flying saucers have finally invaded the Pollock area.

One of the longest and closest sightings of the strange lighted objects reported throughout the area recently was the experience of Mrs. Clarence (Carol) Vander Laan, from her farm home a few miles west of Westfield.

About midnight Mrs. Vander Laan, alone in the house with her four-year-old daughter, was awakened by the barking of their dogs to see a strange light in the room. She went to the window and saw the source-- a brightly glowing object "about as big as a house."

Mrs. Vander Laan said the object appeared to be a half or three-quarters of a mile away, and hovered motionless about 200 feet above the ground.

It changed in color from red to green to yellow. When the yellow light was strongest it lit up the interior of the house and shone brightly on the outbuildings.

The dogs, which barked continuously, she said, "went crazy" when the yellow light

predominated.

From time to time, according to Mrs. Vander Laan, two smaller white objects would appear and dash off about a quarter mile, then return and shoot off in another direction.

She could hear no sound from either the large or small objects, Mrs. Vander Laan reported.

She thought of telephoning some of the neighbors, Mrs. Vander Laan said, but was afraid she "might never live it down" if she woke them in the middle of the night and meantime the object should disappear.

Mrs. Vander Laan watched the strange object for three-quarters of an hour, until nearly 1 a.m., then it "just disappeared." She admits ruefully that although there were several cameras in the house, both still and movie, it did not occur to her to take any pictures.

No one else in the area is known to have seen the object. Mrs. Vander Laan said she would not likely have awakened if it had not been for the barking of the dogs.

Pollock, South Dakota.
Pollock Pioneer.
13 December 56.

Garreston, South Dakota
The Garreston News.
27 December 56

2 December. Ortley, South Dakota. (6:25 p.m.)

Small rows of windows. (See *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 39) (See clipping for additional details)

2 December. Forest Lake, Minnesota. (9:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

Saucer chase down highway 97. (See *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, pages 38-39, 41) (See clipping below for additional details)

Flying Saucer Seen

While Elmo Miller was returning to Ortley at 6:25 o'clock Sunday evening, he saw a "flying saucer" which apparently was cup shaped with small rows of windows in it.

The saucer reflected colored lights and seemed to be quite near to him, when it soared about 100 feet in the air and took off with terrific speed in a northwesterly direction. Others saw the object about the same time as Elmo.

This unique "thing" has been seen very often in the state the past few weeks but no one has been able to explain what it is or where it comes from.

WAUBAY, S. DAK., CLIPPER

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Was it flying saucer the Moffetts saw?

A flying saucer visited Forest Lake Sunday evening and at least five adults are willing to testify to its presence here for close to an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Moffett, who live on the south shore of Third Lake, their son, Charles, 27, who lives with them, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moff of St. Paul, all saw it and gave chase down highway 97 in the Moffett auto.

Ford saw it first at about 9:45 p.m. as he glanced outside thru the living room window. He saw a brilliant light low in the sky and commented that an airplane appeared to be in trouble.

All the Moffetts then went outside and saw the object, moving back and forth, up and down, at about tree-top height, a few blocks to the east.

They agreed it must be a plane in trouble but suddenly wondered

why there was no motor noise whatever.

At first, according to Mrs. Ford Moffett, it appeared to have two windows, one a luminous red and the other a luminous green in color.

She described the color as "luminous, like a halo or spray of color, with points flaring in all directions." She said it appeared to be oblong in shape.

It was definitely not a plane, she

said, and described it as "an object that was definitely foreign to all of us."

It hovered in the vicinity of Stralstrom's resort and then began drifting southeastward.

They followed it in their auto, east on highway 97, traveling at a moderate rate of speed. It continued to hover low over the tree-tops and did not move at any great speed at any time.

In the Scandia area the object moved toward the south, across

the fields, and it was about 10:30 p.m. when the Moffetts decided to give up the chase. They had been unable to drive directly under it, being always just a few hundred feet away from the brightly lighted "saucer."

They believe it was the same object which was reported hovering over St. Paul at about 3 p.m. Sunday. It was described as a "large, round, bright red object" which hovered for about 10 minutes and then drifted off to the north.

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3 December. Baltimore, Maryland. (no time)

Gallery guards see UFO. (See *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 43)

The Baltimore Morning Sun had these additional details: "They [the guards] said the flying object was 'flat, oval-shaped and very bright.' It appeared to be spinning counterclockwise."

(XX.)

(XX.) Baltimore, Maryland. *Baltimore Morning Sun*. 4 December 56.

4 December. New York, New York. (2:10 p.m.)

Turned at high speed.

An Olympic Fencing coach for the American team (Melbourne 1956) happened to spot something in the sky as he was walking on 138th Street near Hamilton Place:

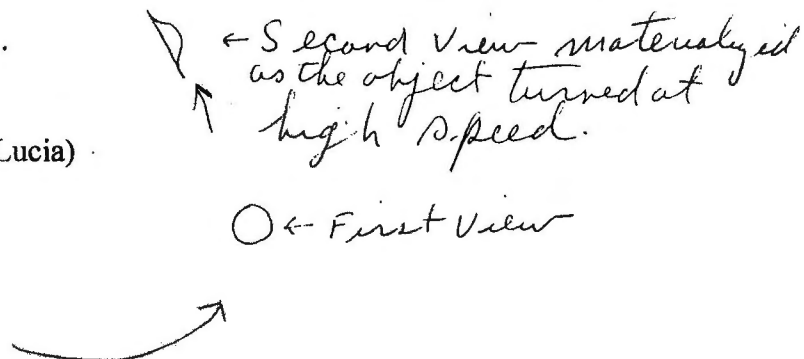
"As I was proceeding along 138th Street to Broadway at 2:10 p.m. on a bright, cloudless afternoon, I noticed the four jet [vapor] trails of a bomber with swept wings approaching from the northeast. The bomber appeared two or three inches long but was well defined. Following it was a jet plane too high to be seen but with a clearly defined jet [vapor] trail. The single jet [fighter?] seemed to be above and slightly behind the jet bomber. As I turned to watch the jet aircraft circle to the east, an object the size of a baseball [at arm's length?] and the color of ice swept into view almost on a parallel course to the jets. As it curved into the southeast it assumed the shape of a saucer upside-down and vanished into the horizon. I counted four and one-half seconds from the time the object appeared in view until it vanished. The object was travelling at least the three times the speed of the bomber. Since I had a compass in my pocket, I took compass bearings at once and then made a memorandum of the facts.

"The single jet plane was curving from left to right above and just behind the bomber. Though I could not see the single jet (it was too high) the single jet trail was very clear. The single jet seemed to be observing the performance of the bomber. The bomber seemed to be two or three inches long. The flying object seemed to be four inches in diameter at a very high altitude. The object's speed was very great. The object was travelling almost on a parallel course to the bomber, but when the bomber curved to the east, the object continued into the southeast.

"I could not inform any official at the time because I was proceeding to a meeting of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association in Newark, New Jersey, but the next day I telephoned my brother, Capt. Norman R. Lucia, USAF, at Mitchell Field, Long Island. After giving him the information, I proceeded to City College to teach. At my arrival at the College, I was informed that an Air Force Major requested me to telephone him. I did so, and answered his questions concerning the object." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Information Sheet. Edward F. Lucia, 69-20 Forest Avenue, Brooklyn 27, New York. Date form filled out: 16 December 56. Photocopy in author's files.

(Drawing by Mr. Lucia)



4 December. Jatinegara, Indonesia. (no time)

Split into two?

According to our source:

"On Tuesday, 4 December, 1956 Professor Prayudi saw a flying object from his house in Jatinegara flying from the southwest to the northeast. It stopped in mid-air and hovered, appearing like it would land. Dr. Prayudi saw it through binoculars until it could be seen by the naked eye in the shape of a disk shining above the Air Base of Perdana Kusuma, splitting into two objects and then becoming a single object again. After that the object flew east and hovered for five seconds above Cililitan and disappeared to the west. Seconds later it reappeared and disappeared again. The whole incident lasted about one and a half minutes." (xx.)

(xx.) Salatun, Colonel J. *The Mystery of the Flying Saucer Revealed*. No page number available. No other source data.

? December. Berabri (small village), East Kalamantan, Indonesia. (no time)

One might also take note of a minor item from the same source: "The local newspaper in Banjarmasin reported that a Dyak person (local native) named Jenggang Ioui, in the village of Berabri in East Kalamantan had seen a saucer-shaped object hovering above a lake. The object was spinning and gave off a high-pitched noise." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

6 December. Oceanside, California. ((about 5:50 p.m.)

Hovered over the coastline.

The local press reported:

"Oceanside police received a report from a Leucadia resident who said he and several others saw a strange flying disc which had a white glow hovering over the coastline.

"Les Clements of 180 Phoebe Street reported at about 5:50 p.m. that he saw the disc hover over the shore at Leucadia. He said it flew toward San Clemente, flew back and then went straight up into the sky and vanished.

"At the suggestion of the desk officer, Patrolman R.L. Zielinski, Clements reported the saucer to March Air Force Base. Clements called the police again at 7:04 p.m. to report that a group of jet planes, presumably from the air base, had flown around the vicinity after he reported the disc." (xx.)

(xx.) Oceanside, California. *Oceanside News*. 6 December 56.

8 December. Westbrook, Minnesota. (9:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.)

Second saucer sighting at Harold Thompson's farm.

"The latest report on flying saucers is that of witnesses Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mrs. Thompson's father, Charles Grinager, who lives with them on their farm 19 miles northwest of Windom, and the two boys, Maton, 9, and Charles 7. This marks the second time this family has seen strange objects in the sky. Last week's *Citizen* carried an account of the first phenomena in the skies witnessed from this farm.

"This group watched an object flit about for one-half hour, from 9:15 to 9:45 Saturday night. Mrs. Thompson called Mrs. Ann Peterson, who lives 7 miles northwest of the Thompson farm, and the latter reported that she could see 'something unnatural' in the direction indicated, but failed to see anything.

"She checked with the boys, Malon and Charles, several times...[words missing] they saw something and that it wasn't just their parents imagination. 'We sure did see it,' they replied.

"It was hard to say just how far southeast of the farm the object was or how high it was or what size because, naturally, there was no standard of comparison. But it was constantly changing colors, Mrs. Thompson said, as it went up it turned a very bright red and as it descended it turned to shades of blue, purple and green. It moved sideways, up and down, sometimes in an oval and other directions, always in about the same area, then it disappeared.

"Mrs. Thompson, who has flown airplanes, reported that the object seemed to bank as it turned, as does a plane. He thought he could make out windows once or twice, but wouldn't swear to it. It was maybe a trifle farther away than the object he had seen the week before, and it was more cloudy Saturday than when he saw the other one.

"Mrs. Thompson, said she used to laugh when she heard others report seeing the objects but she doesn't any more. "It seemed to appear from nowhere and disappear to nowhere,' she said.

"When asked what she thought it was she said it must be something being 'perfected for the defense of our country, a deep dark secret, which won't be revealed until it is ready.' (xx.)

(xx.) Windom, Minnesota. *Cottonwood Citizen*. 12 December 56.

9 December. Woodstock, Minnesota. (11:45 p.m.)

Like a light brown pancake.

An official report form states:

"My husband and I left my parents home about 11:45 (approximately) for our home which is two miles west and ½ north of Woodstock. We noticed the object immediately as we headed westward. At first we thought it was the moon as it was

some distance away and was shaped like a half moon except that it was such a bright yellow color. As we turned to go northward we suddenly found it directly besides us not more than ½ mile away. It may have been moving slowly beside us. We moved very slowly and rolled down the car window. I heard no sound, there may have been some as our car was running I didn't hear any. We had a very good look at it. The only way I can describe it is as a huge light brown pancake, sort of fluttering as a blanket would in the breeze. It thrust forth a brilliant yellow light. We drove in our yard, turned around, and drove out again with the intent of watching it some more. We headed northward and then west but it had disappeared beyond the horizon. All we could see was the glare. It took us only a few minutes to turn around in the yard so you can imagine the terrific rate of speed it must have traveled at. I cannot imagine how many miles away the horizon is. We live in open countryside. When we returned home it was then 12:10 a.m.

"This report is as accurate as I could possibly make it. Such a sight is so incredible that it is hard to describe." (xx.)

(xx.) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet. Teresa Marie Smith. (No street address given) Woodstock, Minnesota. Date form filled out: 19 December 56. Photocopy in author's files.

9 December. Canby, Minnesota. (night)

Red with multi-colored rings around it.

The local press published:

"The Canby area is now in the running with the rest of the country as far as flying saucers are concerned. Avin Lorenzen, a farmer living eight miles northwest of Gary [Gary, South Dakota just across the State Line from Canby—Jerry Clark] reported a very mystifying object in the sky Sunday night.

"The first member of the family to spot the strange shape was Mrs. Lorenzen and they watched it hover about a mile west of their farm. Vernon, their 16-year-old son, watched the object for more than a half hour and reported that the entire surface was red with multi-colored rings around it. At first the family thought it might be the tail light of a car or the running light of a plane, but suddenly the saucer took off at an unbelievable speed.

"Mr. Lorenzen said a streak of fire followed it for several miles and the object itself became fiery red as it took off. The saucer was completely round and moved up down." (xx.)

(xx.) Canby, Minnesota. *News*. 14 December 56. (Credit Jerry Clark)

10 December. Hawthorne, California. (no time)

"Superhuman speed." (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 38) (This clipping has additional detail. See clipping on page 39)

11 December. Welcome, Minnesota. (4:45 p.m.)

"Can't top us." (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 November-December*, page 38) (This clipping has additional detail) (See below)

Can't Top Us: Ceylon Man Sees Flying Saucers, Too

CEYLON — With "flying saucer" tales running thick and heavy all over western Minnesota, this area isn't going to be out-done.

And if you think the tales are all bunk, you can get a good argument out of Aye Prust of Truman and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prust of Ceylon.

They were driving south from Welcome corner about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday near the Welcome gas plant when the elder Prusts saw something off in the southwest sky toward Estherville. Aye

stopped the car so he could watch too.

They said an object moved upward and eastward at about a 45-degree angle, then stopped completely for 3 or 4 minutes, leaving a vapor trail. They said it then moved off southwesterly.

It appeared to be round, with a reddish cast and looked nothing at all like a jet airplane, also than it moved too slowly for a jet, too fast for a balloon.

Anyway, it would be best not to argue with Aye about what-
ever it was they saw.

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Flying 'Mystery Sighted in Sky Over Hawthorne

Ordinarily L. M. Runyon of 5112 West 123rd Street, Hawthorne scoffs at flying saucer stories. That is until Monday when he and a group of men riding in his car going south on Hawthorne Boulevard near Century spotted a mirror-like zeppelin-shaped object that appeared to hover motionless in the sky for nearly a minute, then zoomed off at superhuman speed, and disappeared.

Being an employee of United Airlines, Mr. Runyon is familiar with airplane reflections as were his passengers who could not reconcile what they saw with anything of human explanation.

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13 December. North of Orchila Island off the coast of Venezuela. (9:50 p.m.)

According to a news story in the Caracas newspaper *El Universal*:

"A STRANGE AND LUMINOUS CRAFT WAS SEEN TO FALL AND SINK INTO THE SEA FROM A SWEDISH SHIP.

"La Guaira, Dec. 13 (F. Barrios)—A radio message from a Swedish ship by the name of *Dorthemarsk* was received at 9:50 p.m. in this harbor stating the following:

"AT THIS MOMENT WE ARE WATCHING A STRANGE CRAFT OF 'UN-DESCRIBABLE' (More or less like a cone) APPEARANCE SO LUMINOUS THAT THE EYE CANNOT STAND IT. IT IS FALLING VERTICALLY, GIVING OFF WEIRD FLASHES OF LIGHT."

"The message indicated the following position: 30.10 degrees north: 68.30 north-west at 00:22 hours, Greenwich time (9:50 minutes in the night). The position stated was north of The Orchila Island. The message detailed that the Captain of the ship, *Karl Hars Dersson*, had been first to see the strange 'body' when, at the above mentioned hour, was walking the deck. Then, several of the crew could also see it, during two or three minutes. The message was received in a moment of absolute silence and distinctness. Afterwards, nothing else was heard about it. The message added

14 December. South of Pierpoint, South
Dakota. (5:00 p.m.)

A press report stated:

“Andy Vaardahl reports seeing a flying saucer about five o’clock last Friday afternoon. Andy and Hans Oglum were driving south of Pierpoint near the the Andrew Moir farm when about a half mile to the south they noticed an extremely bright red object with bluish vertical lines. It appeared to be very close to the ground. Its size and shape resembled that of a trailer car in that it was oblong—about eight feet high and 20 feet long. They watched it for about five minutes all during which time it remained absolutely motionless. They decided to go to a nearby farm house and notify the occupants. When they arrived the flying saucer had disappeared but the farmer verified their claims in that he had also seen it.” (xx.)

(xx.) Bristol, South Dakota. *New Era*. 20 December 56.

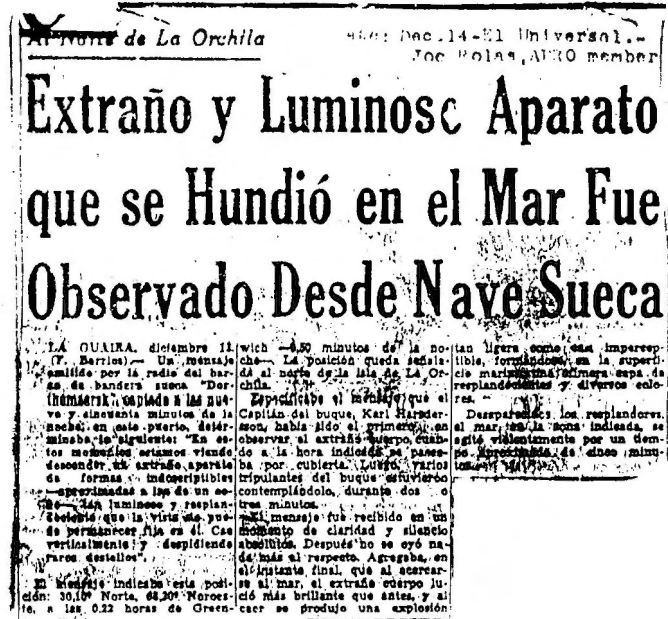
18 December. Southeast of Bartow, Florida. (10:30 p.m.)

“Do you want people to think we’re crazy?” (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956, November-December*, page 38) (This clipping has more detail. See clipping on page 41)

20 December. Barberton, Ohio. (about 9:15 p.m.)

It wavered rather erratically.

The Lloyd family viewed a strange object in the sky from their backyard after returning



from a Girl Scout Christmas Party. The father, R.G. Lloyd, was a nuclear engineer:

"We looked into the sky, noting the clarity of the stars after weeks of cloudy winter skies. We saw a bright light the size of a bright star arcing high across the sky. This light seemed to be rotating and displaying red glowing edges. When the object was directly over us, it wavered rather erratically. A few seconds later it hovered for approximate two minutes. This object as high or we would not have been able to watch it for this length of time. Before it seemed to hover, it was clipping along at a fairly fast rate of time. We checked for sound, and heard no sound.

"I reported this object to the Barberton Sky Watch, then operating, at 9:45. The Sky Watch reported it to the Akron-Canton Airport.

"The morning of December 21st, I called a radio station to ask if there had been other reports. A man in nearby Stow had reported a sighting after 12 o'clock, a few hours after our sighting. His sighting coincided with ours. He felt that the object was rotating at 90 degree angles. The radio carried the news of these two sighting on December 21st.

"I received a call from the G.O.C. that day for information and data to be used in their files. The information was given." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: APRO. From: Mrs. Russell G. Lloyd, 391 East Baird Avenue, Barberton, Ohio. Date of letter: 27 August 58. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

22 December.

The Lloyd sighting is the last item on the only roll of microfilm showing APRO files that is available. A roll of film covering the years after this date is rumored to exist, but the person or person having it has not stepped forward. Unfortunately, this means we have to rely on what was published in the *APRO bulletin* or the books authored by the Lorenzens. Much of what APRO had in its files could not be published because of physical limitations. The actual files themselves are rumored to be in storage somewhere in Arizona. There are concerns that the files may suffer from weather or lack of care. The reasons for making the files inaccessible

Couple Sees UFO In Sky Over Bartow

Have the unidentified flying objects reached Bartow at last?

Apparently so, according to a Bartow couple, startled Tuesday night by the appearance of a strange light which behaved as did no light they ever saw before.

The husband, who asked that his name not be used, (My wife said, "Don't tell anyone. You want people to think we're crazy.") gave this account of the odd occurrence.

The two were standing outdoors, southeast of Bartow, about 10:30 p. m., when they noticed a light in the east. It was brighter than the stars, and they took it at first for an airplane.

But the light didn't blink, as an airplane light does. It advanced from the east, then turned south, trailing vapor

behind it. It wasn't traveling at an unusual speed, and the two watchers were only idly curious at first.

Suddenly the light stopped for a few moments, then shot upward at terrific speed, disappearing in a few seconds. It had been, in sight altogether about 20 to 25 seconds, the husband estimated.

Shortly afterwards, the same light—or another one like it—appeared farther to the southeast. It appeared to give off sparks for a few seconds, then vanished.

"I'm not flying-saucer conscious," the man explained, appearing slightly reluctant to tell the story to a newspaper reporter. "I don't know what it was. I only know I never saw anything like it before."

BARTOW, FLA., DEMOCRAT

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are probably brainless. It could be someone has great plans about a new UFO organization or some supposed super-research project (which never get off the ground). Or, it could be someone is dreaming about selling the lot for a huge sum (No group or individual in UFO community has that kind of money)

In any case, the APRO 1957+ files remain "lost." Nothing is happening, which indicates the person in charge of the files hasn't clue what to do with them or is more into dreams than reality.

26 December. Huntington Beach, California. (4:49 p.m.)

"Switching back and forth, crossing each other." (See clipping)

Huntington Beach Scene Of Latest 'Flying Objects'

Well, Christmas is over and it's back to such routine items, ho hum, as flying saucers in the skies over Huntington Beach.

At approximately 4:49 p.m. yesterday several persons reported to police that they saw "flying objects higher than airplanes fly, leaving no vapor trail and traveling south at a high rate of speed."

Then, at 4:52 p.m., Lonnie Swearingen, 44, of 618 9th St., Huntington Beach, reported seeing the same objects.

Swearingen said "There were two of them, silver in color and oblong in size; no wings. They were traveling pretty close together, pretty fast and really high."

The teenager said he heard no sound as he stepped into his back yard and just happened to look skyward.

"I was in the back yard and looked up and saw them," he told a Register reporter this morning. "I didn't hear a thing and, as far as I could see, the speeding object didn't leave any smoke trail like a jet would. No trail at all. No smoke."

The flying objects were close together, "switching back and forth, crossing each other" in a definite pattern, Swearingen said.

The police blotter stated that officer Ralph Woolard checked but was unable to locate any unusual objects.

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WOZZAT?

THIS weird phenomenon—
looking like a plucked
ostrich neck—is baffling
some of Britain's top rocket
scientists.

It appeared last week on a reel
of film taken from an automatic
camera at a rocket motor testing
station in the Midlands.

The "ostrich neck" looks like the
image of a highly-luminous object with a
tail of brilliant stars.

**ROCKET BOFFINS
ARE SURE IT HAS
NOTHING TO DO WITH
THE ACTUAL TESTS.**

SNAPPED

THE remote control cam-
era—operated from a
concrete blockhouse near
the test area—had been
filming a routine test.

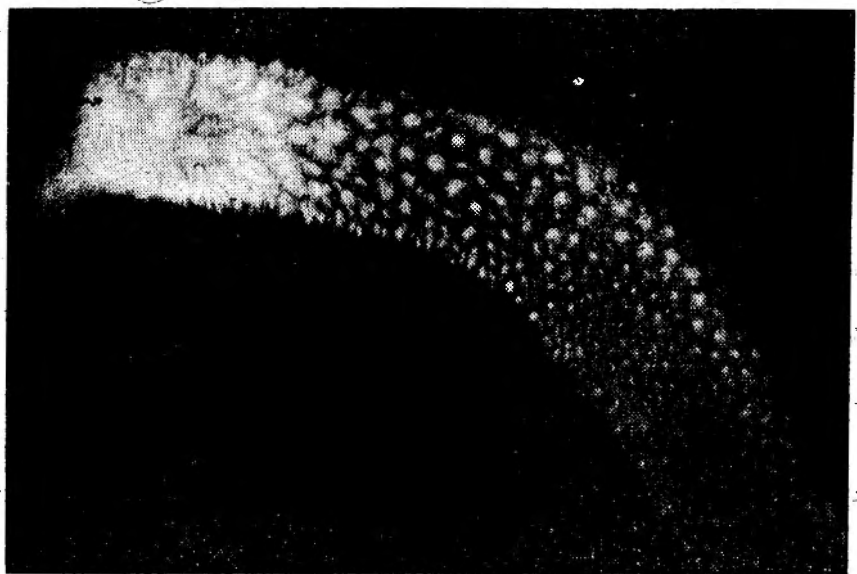
Some time between the
end of one test and the
beginning of another the
camera—which should
have been photographing
clear sky—took a photo-
graph of the mystery
object.

A technician at the
rocket test told the Sun-
day Pictorial:

The film and negative
have been examined by ex-
perts. None can advance
a theory as to what the
object is.

**Rocket Test
apparition
is baffling
the boffins**

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Whichever way you look at it, this picture is the puzzle of the week.