

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1956 September-October

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.

Notes on sources:

The files of APRO, NICAP, CUFOS, and Murray Bott, provided many items of interest to the supplement covering this time period. The best source, however, has been Robert Gribble's collection. The newspaper clipping service subscribed to by Gribble's organization located detailed news stories about cases that were only briefly reported by other UFO groups and publications. Most fascinating were the many close, low altitude, UFO sightings from the American mid-West. This late 1956 wave seems to be a forerunner of the 1957 "Sputnik" flap.

The October 7, 1956, "Modesto, California/Alvin Akins jet chase" should receive special attention in regards to sources of material. Some explanation is needed as to why the case is not in BLUE BOOK files. The fact may, or may not, help prove there was a "cover-up" concerning "good" UFO reports. All we can say for sure, is that tracking down UFO information can be very complicated. In order to give Jan Aldrich the credit he is due, a discussion of official record keeping by Barry Greenwood is quoted below:

"Thousands of pages of UFO case files have been extracted from the National Archives recently, adding greatly to our knowledge of the UFO investigative activities of the Air Force's 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron (AISS) during the mid-1950s. The 4602nd essentially served as an investigative arm for Project Blue Book using intelligence personnel stationed at various air force bases to check UFO sightings reports in their areas. This expedited Blue Book's ability to respond quickly to UFO events since prior to this time the small staff at Blue Book had to send someone from Wright-Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio to check stories of consequence. While the 4602nd's investigations were sent to Blue Book, their in-house records, including case not sent to Blue Book, were never made a part of the National Archives Blue Book holdings [!].

"The documents were surfaced as a result of a search at the archives by Project 1947 coordinator Jan Aldrich, and took place only a matter of months after a series of Air Force histories, including some on the 4602nd, had been unearthed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. This information thus constitutes the raw material for the statistical information on the 4602nd's investigations during the 1954-56 time frame. Such a retrieval would have been quite difficult without an on-site search and would certainly have cost much more than it did. A debt of gratitude is owed Aldrich for his perseverance on this.

"Several important things are evident in this group of files. While much of the paperwork is in the Blue Book files, some wasn't. A portion of the sample examined so far reveals case write-ups that are completely new. At least two case files contained in the sample, Frederick, OK 3-3-56 and Oklahoma City, OK 5-29-56, are listed in Blue Book as 'Case Missing.' The Frederick sighting was noted as having no investigation authorized by the 4602nd. However two pages of specifics are included with the file, obviously never forwarded.

"We have a clearer understanding of why Blue Book had 'Case Missing' listings and what became of them. They are not actually suppressed files as one might infer from material said to be missing. They are records for which the 4602nd had detail and had forwarded a line listing to Blue Book for statistical purposes. And since an investigation was listed as 'not authorized' in some cases for whatever reason (time not available, report not compelling enough, etc.) nothing else was sent to Blue Book offices. The Blue Book indexers, finding nothing more than a summary card on these reports, had no choice but to indicate that the case was missing, perhaps for good.

"Due to Aldrich's work we can now account for a number of Blue Book's missing reports, an important historical development which will drop the paranoia index on this matter a few notches.

"Another important accounting evident in these records is the fact that we may be able to answer to another group of missing UFO files: those of the Ground Observer Corps. Even a superficial scan of early UFO case files shows that numerous reports were made by volunteers assigned to the Ground Observer Corps, a body designed to provide the military with insurance sky watching coverage in the event of an enemy aerial attack. The volunteer watches, most often average citizens trained to recognize airplane types, would relay any unusual observations to 'Filter Centers' which would in turn decide if the Air Force was to be alerted to respond to potential intruders with fighter aircraft.

"Previous efforts to locate the whereabouts of the Ground Observer Corps UFO files were fruitless as there seemed to be no central collection point for them. Scanning the 4602nd's records shows that many Ground Observer Corps sightings exist there but are identified as having come from 'housewives' or 'clerks' or similar civilian occupations. It is not at all clear that the reports were files while the observer was on duty as a skywatcher unless one reads the body of the report in detail. GOC sightings did not seem to be held apart as a separate body of reports by the Air Force."

—Greenwood, Barry. "Air Force Intelligence UFO Files Surface." *Just Cause*. #47. Published by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. March-June 1996. pp.5,7.

September. Arthur C. Clark's review of Ruppelt's book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Clark wrote:

"It is a great pity that this book was not published several years ago before the 'flying saucer' situation got out of hand and the influx of hoaxers, credulous wishful-thinkers and plain lunatics made it impossible to take the subject seriously.

"Captain Ruppelt was formerly head of the American Air Force Project Blue Book,...and is therefore in a unique position to write on the subject.

"Indeed, one is tempted to say he is the only author of a book on UFO's in a position to write about them, and it would clear the air (in more ways than one) if all earlier volumes could be mercifully forgotten.

"The fascinating thing about Captain Ruppelt's book is that after spending several years and a lot of Air Force money on the job, he still doesn't know what UFO's are.

"Some of the completely authenticated sightings he reports (several of which involved simultaneous visual and radar sightings) are quite inexplicable.

"Unless there is an improbable amount of synchronized and motiveless lying in progress, the fact must be squarely faced that there are some very odd things going on in our atmosphere.

"Of particular interest is the result of a poll of 45 leading American astronomers. Eleven percent had seen UFO's themselves, and twenty-three per cent thought that they were a much more serious problem than most people recognized. None, however, considered they were spaceships.

"Captain Ruppelt does a very creditable job of fence-siting, but it is obvious that he will not be at all surprised if UFOs do turn out to be spaceships." (xx.)

Clarke, A.C. Book Review. *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*. Vol. 15, No.5, No.72, September-October 1956. pp.289-290.

Early September. Mamarneck, New York. (12:01 a.m. -12:30 a.m.)

"I've never seen anything like it before or since."

Mrs. Henry Bornheimer of 1183 Old White Plains Road was sitting in a chair looking out a large, floor to ceiling, picture window. She recalls that a very bright light-orange oval object came into view from the north side of the window and moved to the left side of the window post. At that point the object hovered and became a very bright orange color. Mrs. Bornheimer left the room to phone her husband. After about 10 minutes she went outside on a terrace that had an unobstructed view. The object was still visible and appeared to be a quarter of a miles away and 40 degrees above the horizon.

Here is how she describes the object:

"Object-orange in color-oblong shaped-no visible structures-no windows or openings-no noise-jet or engine-it was a very still night in early fall-no smoke or exhaust of any kind-object got brighter as it moved off directly east-fuzzyness around edges seemed to disappear as it gained speed-no estimate of speed.' (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report form. Organization filing report unknown. Investigator: William

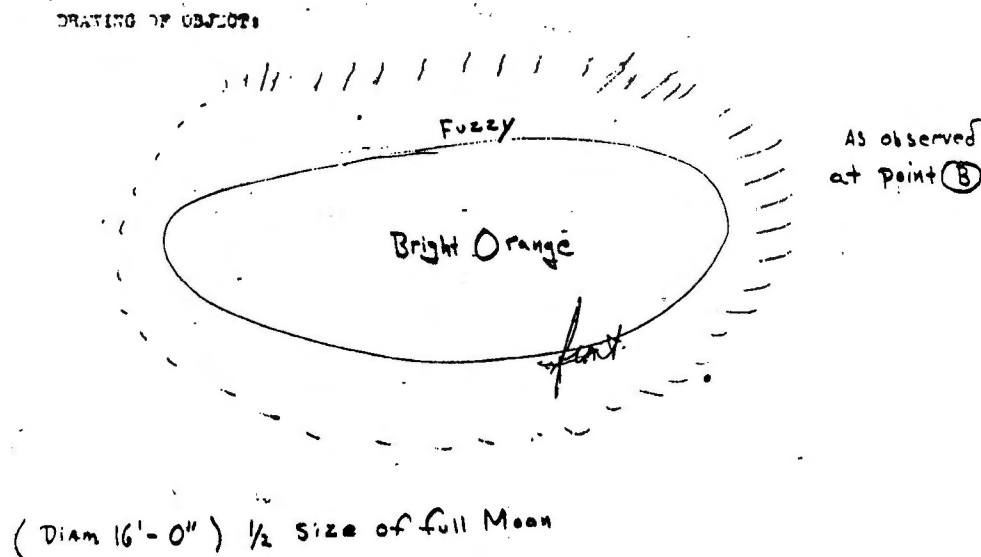
Blades. Date form filled out: Not given. CUFOS archives? Photocopy in author's files.

Mrs. Borneheimer then details the object's motion:

"Smooth forward motion until it hovered-then seemed to quiver-object in sight a good 1/2 hour-no glasses or camera used-no physical evidence -it was a clear and hot night-no wind or clouds-no aircraft in the air ...-could not hear any engine noises-at last observation object moved just a few degrees then started to move faster-then vanished abruptly-it rose upward in a sweeping rise as it left-object still glowed as it moved but became brighter as it moved and fuzziness disappeared-no newspaper or agency notified." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Investigator William Blades produced a drawing. (See below)



Fall? Winter? 1956. Near the North Dakota/South Dakota State line. (shortly after noon)

B-36 close encounter.

A B-36 with a 22-man crew encountered a strange object while on a training mission. Lt. Jimmie Lloyd, substitute navigator aboard the SAC bomber, told the story during an interview. Space psychologist Richard Haines relates these details:

"According to the main eyewitness, Lloyd, the airplane was cruising in a straight and level flight near its top speed of 423 mph at cruise altitude. Its six retractable and remotely controlled gun turrets were in the stowed position....Suddenly the left scanner

(observer) in the aft compartment saw a metallic disc about 100 feet in diameter fly toward the airplane from the left-hand side and take up a fixed position off the left wing less than 300 feet away. He reported it over the intercom system and soon the visitor's arrival was known by everyone on board. Many men rushed to the nearest porthole on the left side of the fuselage and began taking 35mm photographs of the disc using their standard issue cameras.

"The length-to-height ratio of the UFO was about 8:1 and a low dome, about one-third the length of the object, was located at the center of the top surface, which was only slightly curved. The dome had three round openings or light sources approximately as shown in Figure 4. Its surface was perfectly smooth and was without seams, markings, any visible means of propulsion or other aerodynamic details. The object seemed to have an almost flat or slightly concave bottom surface. Its vertical sides were populated by many separate round sources of light, each of a different color. Their spacing was approximately as shown in Figure 4. The surface of both the main body and raised dome appeared a 'light golden' hue.

"After five or eight minutes, the UFO suddenly accelerated horizontally in parallel with the B-36 and then rose at about 30 degrees above the local horizontal without pitching up or down. (The duration of the UFO's visible acceleration lasted approximately one to two seconds at the most.) All of the peripheral bluish lights became much brighter and definitely greenish as the object accelerated out of sight in several seconds. It did not appear to rotate about its vertical axis nor did it appear to wobble or undulate in flight. In addition, no buffeting or unusual noises were left or heard by Lloyd during this sighting. Flying at nearly 423 mph, the UFO and airplane would have traveled a distance of about 55 miles during this eight-minute period." (xx.)

(xx.) Haines, Richard F. and Franklin Carter. "A 1956 Military Aircraft-UFO Close Encounter." *IUR*. Spring 2000. pp.22-23.

?September. Panic? (See clipping)

1 September. Tiller Trail Divide (Northern area of section 18, T31S, R2W, Oregon. (1:30 p.m.)

It came up the canyon.

A letter to APRO stated:

"On the Tiller side of Tiller Trail Divide, Everett Cushman and companions had stopped their car on a ridge top overlooking the area of the Old Lausman Mill to watch an unusual number of bombers and escort fighters going by overhead and out of the customary formation. These planes were traveling from east to west. Then, in a northeasterly direction (near the area of Old Baker Camp and across the canyon) they noticed a 'saucer'-shaped object coming up the canyon in their direction and at about their altitude [about 2,000 feet]. It was estimated to be about 25-30 feet in diameter and around 1/4 mile away. Its color was gray and its estimated speed was 40-50 miles per hour. When it came opposite to them (across the canyon) and less than 1/4 mile away it rose a short distance, hovered for a moment, tilted at about a 45 degree angle

BANNED.—"The Flying Saucer," a crazy-type record rising fast in popularity. It gives an account of an invasion from space set to snatches of rock and roll. One radio station refuses to play it "because people might take it seriously and panic."

and in that position and at that angle, disappeared at an extremely fast rate of speed.

"At no time was there a sound from the UFO. It was traveling at a considerably lower altitude than that of our planes and it appeared just after our planes had passed by.

"It was a clear day. The object was observed for an estimated 5-7 minutes. This was a very rough guess." (xx.)

(xx.) "Report on UFO." Witnesses: Everett Cushman, his young son Paul; Duane Anderson; and Roy Anderson. Addresses: Tiller Trail Highway #42, Trail Oregon. APRO files. Report written: January 1961. Photocopy in author's files.

2 September. Cincinnati, Ohio. (3:30-4:00 p.m.)

High speed passes over Cincinnati.

Report forwarded to ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, September 5, by M.J. Furst, then employed as technical writer at the Allison Plant, Indianapolis:

"...Observers other than myself were Miss Shirley Kien, Miss Margie Pleasant and Edward E. Miller. The four of us were swimming at Coney Island in Cincinnati when I first sighted a silvery object flying toward the east. It was moving about the speed of a commercial airliner. Considering the angle to the sun, my first impression was that it was sunlight reflecting from a plane. The sky was clear. When the object was about 1 o'clock overhead it suddenly banked about 20 degrees and took off at tremendous speed. I called Miss Kien's attention to the object and I started timing it. The object traveled from a position overhead to about 5 o'clock on the eastern horizon where it disappeared in about 20 seconds...After the original sighting we looked around and immediately sighted a large red luminous object toward the west. The intensity was about 3 to 4 times the magnitude of Venus. We all had the impression that it was very large and very high. While we watched, it went straight up, disappearing from sight in about one minute. Another silvery object then appeared slightly east of overhead and passed out of sight to the west in about 30 seconds. During the next 20 minutes we made several additional sightings of the silvery objects, none of the red again. At no time were there more than two objects sighted together. All in all, of the single sighting, there were three that came across toward the east and two toward the west. These were in addition to the two that went straight up. There were two instances where two of the objects were seen at once. In one, the two kept criss-crossing, reversing positions as they traveled west. In the other instance, one was traveling westward when another came down from above at terrific speed, buzzed in front of the first, then came up below. Then they stayed an equal distance apart and went out of sight in the west. There were two sightings where the objects seemed to change shape, becoming elliptical..." (xx.)

(xx.) *Orbit*. January 4, 1957. Vol. III, No.10. "Case #264." p.4.

2 September. Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas. (2200Z)

Odd lights in the sky.

Airman 1st Class Fredrick Loats, a Personnel Clerk for the 1700th Air Transport Group, was on a balcony on the south side of barracks #4189. It was more or less a clear night (0-5/10 scattered cirrus at 6,000 feet) although some lightning lit up the horizon in the northeast. The Kelly Weather Bureau measured the winds at that hour as 5-6 mph (from the surface up to 30,000 feet).

Loats happened to look up in a western direction. About 20 degrees above the horizon he saw a group of lights. The area covered by 5-6 star-like points of light was comparable to the size of a quarter held at arm's length. The lights went from bright to dull several times and it was Loats' impression the lights were coming from a round object. Airman Loats thought the phenomenon so strange he summoned A 1st Class Clifford R. Young. Both enlisted men watched the "whatever it was" for some time. The group of lights, or object, remained stationary for about 20-25 minutes, and then moved in a straight line toward the southwest until the roof of a building blocked further viewing.

No aircraft from Kelly AFB were known to be in the area. The sighting was officially reported. The Security Division Chief of Kelly AFB determined that the possible cause of the sighting was unknown. (xx.)

(xx.) *Air Intelligence Information Report*, by Major J.G. Davis. Commander, SAAMA, Kelly AFB, Texas. 5 September 56. Photocopy in author's files.

2 September. Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Hovering about 200 feet over a field.

A letter written by a Mr. George Soyia states:

"Sir:

"I am writing to you in regards to a UFO sighting I witnessed on September 2nd 1956.

"I sighted a disc-shaped object. It was right outside Leesport, Pennsylvania. It was hovering about 200 feet off the ground over a field. It was about 10 feet deep and had a red glow about it. I was with my Mother and Father at the time and we were going to my Uncle James' farm (about 7 miles from the scene). We watched this object for about five minutes. Then the saucer changed from its red glow to an orange, then to a yellow, finally to a very bright silver. Then suddenly it shot skyward at terrific speed and went out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: NICAP? (I think this came from the CUFOS archive—L.E. Gross)
From: George A. Soyia, 1780 North Ft. Harrison Ave., Clearwater, Florida.
Rubber stamp on letter says: "Feb 24 1958." Photocopy in author's files.

3/4 September. Kalispell, Montana. (9:20 p.m.- 5:30 a.m.)

"Orangish Ball." (See clipping on page 6)

Air Force Jets Give Chase To 'Object' Over Kalispell

Geddes Describes Object As Bright Orangish Ball

Eddy Geddes, former commander of the Kalispell Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, evidently was the first resident of the Flathead valley to spot the "orangish ball" which Flathead skies last night.

Geddes said he was driving from Whitefish to Kalispell about 9:30 p.m. when he saw an "orangish

ball" off to his left. He stopped his car and got out to observe the phenomenon.

Geddes said the ball first appeared off to his left, due east of the north and south road. He said it slowed up in its flight and seemed to be traveling south.

Geddes said his wife, who was with him, thought it might be an obstruction light, possibly at Anaconda Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls, but Geddes told her it wasn't close enough.

At the time of his first observation of the ball, he said it was a low altitude.

"I've done considerable flying around the valley," Geddes said, "and I know it wasn't an obstruction light."

Geddes said as he and his wife watched, the light would seem to fade, then change position, continually moving south and gaining altitude.

He drove to the Ground Observer Corps tower on Buffalo Hill

to report the sighting and the report was relayed to the Air Force filter center in Helena.

Geddes said he called a number of other people to watch the ball, "so that I wouldn't be the only one who had gone berserk."

"It was circular and very bright," Geddes said.

"We kept it in sight until about 2 a.m.," Geddes said. "Jet planes came into the area about 12:45 a.m. It was an unusually long time to keep such a thing in view."

Geddes said the ball seemed to move down the range of mountains to the east, moving south and remaining in a southeasterly direction. He said it kept gaining altitude rapidly.

The former CAP commander said that about 11:30 p.m. the light started to climb and looked "like the light on an extension cord, way out in the dark and dangling back and forth, then jerking up."

Geddes said he thought the clouds may have made it look as though it faded out and back.

"I'm no astronomer," Geddes said, "but I know that stars don't travel north and south."

A mysterious object, considered important enough by the Helena filter center to warrant summoning jet aircraft into the area, excited many Kalispell residents last night and alarmed others.

One of the first to sight the object was Eddy Geddes, former commander of the Civil Air Patrol. Geddes spotted the object at 9:20 p. m. and continued to watch it until about 2 a. m.

He described the object as being orange in color and shaped like a ball. It gave off a bright light which faded when it appeared to change direction, witnesses said.

Geddes called the Ground Observer Corps Skywatch post on Buffalo Hill and Mrs. G. H. Frandson relayed the message to the Helena filter center.

At 10:30 p.m., T-Sgt. Carl Clark, stationed in Kalispell was called and ordered to investigate the object. He authenticated previous reports and described the object as "triangular in shape" and "with a bright yellow glow."

Sgt. John Dalesio, on vacation from the Helena filter center, witnessed the mysterious object with Sgt. Clark. They agreed about the shape and color.

Following the confirmation of previous reports by the Air Force sergeants, jet aircraft were dispatched from Spokane with orders to shoot down any unidentified object. All other aircraft were ordered to stay clear of the Kalispell area.

The first jets arrived in the area about 12:45 a.m. As the aircraft closed in, the mysterious object faded and as the aircraft drew away, the light again became bright.

Hampered by a cloud layer and the mountainous terrain, the jets were unable to approach the object

scured the object since stars in the immediate vicinity remained in sight.

Five Starfire jet interceptors from Malmstrom Air Force base were "scrambled" in an attempt to sight the object but were thwarted by low clouds. The planes were equipped with radar.

Air Force and civilian officials viewed the object and were unable to explain it away as a natural phenomena.

Radar was unable to pick it up. But it was plainly visible to the eye.

Airman Robert Coleman, Gainesville, Fla., who coordinated the search for the object from the Helena filter center, quoted Clark as saying it seemed "to move sometimes to the East and sometimes to the west a few degrees."

Clark said it hovered about 4,000 feet in the air and was located about seven miles southwest of Kalispell.

"At about 5 or 5:30 a.m. the object eased off to the west and then disappeared with daylight," Coleman said.

"It remains a mystery," Coleman said.

If the mysterious object isn't explained away as a natural phenomena, it could well be one of the most verified flying saucer reports since the first saucer was reported over Boise, Idaho.

About a month ago, three Helenu

Kalispell, Montana.
The Daily Inter Lake.
4 September 56.

3 September. South River, New Jersey. (about 9:00 p.m.)

"So frightened we went into the house and stayed there."

The local paper printed:

"Leonard Kuberski, 14-year-old South River boy, said he and three others saw a flying saucer last night and they were so frightened 'we went into the house and stayed there.'

"The boy and three friends were looking at Mars through his telescope at his home on River Road here about 9 o'clock when they saw a white light flash twice below Mars.

"Some minutes later a 'small, white disc' appeared in the east and moving at a steady pace passed over the quartet. Leonard said the disc appeared 'about two inches' in diameter.

"The disc moved to the western horizon where it began to take on a reddish glow, the boy related. It turned very red and disappeared, he said.

"But the most frightening incident was yet to come.

"About 10 minutes later they saw a huge reddish-orange disc hovering over the Hercules plant. The four observers were 'speechless,' Leonard said. But one boy 'gave out a holler,' he told *The Home News* today.

"The disc appeared to be as large as the plant itself, according to the boy. It was not a hazy image, in fact...

" 'It had a definite line all the way around—it was very clear.'

"But large and clear as the disc appeared, the boy said he and his fellow observers were unable to detect any windows, platforms or the like.

"They watched petrified for about 10 seconds. Then the huge disc in a blaze of light veered swiftly to the south and was suddenly out of sight. The light was so great, Leonard said, 'that others in the area must have seen it to.'

"Leonard, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kuberski, gave the third local Unidentified Flying Object report in less than a week. Late last week Laszlo Malyasoszky of New Brunswick produced a picture of what he believes was a saucer, and a day later Anthony Zarillo of North Brunswick reported that he too had sighted a UFO.

"The South River lad identified three 'witnesses' to what he had seen as: James Barrett, 29, of New Brunswick; Gerald Garenza, 13, of South River, and Jens Stock, 12, of New York City." (xx.)

(xx.) New Brunswick, New Jersey. *The Home News*. 4 September 56.

3 September. Livingston, New Jersey. (daytime?)

Spot away at incredible speed.

News from New Jersey:

"Flying saucers were reported over New Jersey yesterday.

"Thomas Gann of 9 Laurel Ave., a private pilot, said he observed two of the mysterious objects while driving through Livingston toward Morristown Airport.

"His companion, Joseph Malenowski of Kearny, also saw the strange discs, Gann said. Both work at the Kearny plant of the Radio Corporation of America.

" 'We saw a Piper cub at about 3,000 feet altitude, coming in for a landing,' Gann said. 'Then we noticed two shimmering discs hovering about 4,000 feet higher than the plane. After a moment, they both shot with incredible speed into space.'

"He said the shining objects definitely were not weather balloons or any natural phenomena within his experience as a pilot." (xx.)

(xx.) Newark, New Jersey. *Newark Star Ledger*.
4 September 56.

3 September. Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Reapparition of the Flying Saucers."

The Argus press clipping service provided this item:

"Mysterious craft have flown over Copenhagen yesterday in the first hours of the day. Dozens of persons have seen the objects which had the form of fireballs or of Flying Saucers. Radar bases have registered the passage of UFOs and jet planes have been sent up in pursuit, but have not been able to catch them. Radar indicated a height of 5,000 meters and a speed of 3,000 kilometers per hour."



FEUILLE D'AVIS DE LAUSANNE LAUSANNE

4. SEP. 1956

Reapparition des soucoupes
4200 volants
Stockholm, 4 septembre.
(Service spécial) — Des engins mystérieux ont survolé Copenhague, hier, aux premières heures du jour. Des dizaines de personnes ont vu ces objets qui avaient la forme de boules de feu et de soucoupes volantes. Les radars des bases aériennes de Copenhague ont enregistré le passage des objets non identifiés. Des unités de réaction militaires ont été envoyées pour les poursuivre. D'après les indications du radar, les objets volaient à 5000 mètres d'altitude et à 3000 kilomètres à l'heure.

5? September. Butler, Pennsylvania. (9:00 p.m.)

The "circling saucer with the pegs on top." (See clipping on pages 9-10)

'Flying Saucer' Spends Hour Circling Yard In Butler Area

Object Appeared Lost; Had Small Pegs on Its Top

By JOHN A. AMMON

A Butler man revived talk of flying saucers today by relating in detail how he watched one leisurely circling in front of him for an hour.

"I never saw anything like it before or since. It must have been a flying saucer," Charles W. McGrady, 406 Negley Ave., retired car company worker, declared.

The 73-year-old Butler man is not alone, either. He said his brother watched the flying saucer with him.

He described the flying saucer he saw as being shaped like an upside down dishpan with small pegs on top.

It was gray in color and had a light on the front which gave off a grayish light. The contraption was about 2½ feet in diameter and eight inches thick.

It ran smoothly without making a sound and gave off a light gray smoke which appeared to have something in it that killed the leaves on a tree.

No One Aboard

"I don't think there was anyone in it—it was too small. It must have been run by radar or in some similar fashion," McGrady said.

But let's let him tell about it. He gave me this account:

It happened about a month ago when McGrady was visiting his brother at the McGrady homestead about nine miles out the Kittanning Road and off to the left a mile on a slag road.

At about 9 p.m., McGrady's brother called to McGrady from the front porch that "something funny" had gone past the porch. Asked what it looked like, the brother told McGrady it was "white."

"I just presumed it was an owl," McGrady recalled today.

McGrady joined his brother on the porch and suddenly his brother pointed and exclaimed "there it is again." They both had plenty of time to get a good look because "it" made 25 or 30 trips in front of them during the next hour.



IT WAS THIS BIG—Charles W. McGrady, 73, 406 Negley Ave., makes a circle with his arms to indicate the size and shape of a flying saucer he and his brother watched for an hour. He said it looked like a dishpan upside down and had small pegs on top and a light in front.

"I looked and saw it coming under a telephone wire. It was about 15 feet from the ground and came within 20 or 25 feet of me," McGrady related. He continued:

"It looked like a dishpan turned over and was not quite as big as a tub. It was kind of light gray and round. It had a light—a gray light in the front. The light wasn't bright like an electric or gas light.

"We could see it plainly. It passed under the telephone wire and under a tree by the porch. It made 25 or 30 trips in an area of about 200 feet and we watched it for over an hour."

"It kept the same elevation and went under the same wire each time, to a foot above the ground. It didn't make a bit of noise.

Pegs On Top

"There were pegs on top like on a battery in a car, six or eight little pegs. It was about 2½ feet in diameter and about eight inches thick.

McGrady said he went to a shanty near the house where he thought he would get something to throw at the flying saucer. He found a heavy bolt.

"I was waiting for it to come through again. Then something told me not to throw, and I didn't throw anything at it. I was afraid it might have gas in it or might explode."

He said he has read digests about flying saucers and "would say this is one." Asked how his vision is, McGrady said he only needs glasses for reading.

Finally "it seemed to disappear,

the last time it passed, in mid-air." McGrady said it was traveling so slowly "if you walked fast you could have kept up with it." Each circling trip took about 1½ minutes.

Leaves On Tree Die

The brothers checked the tree near where the machine passed the next day and found the leaves were dying "like there had been a frost, but there was no frost."

"I'm pretty sure the smoke made the leaves die," McGrady explained. He said the smoke "rolled out" but not like it came from an exhaust. The smoke had no noticeable odor.

"It had no motor, or, if it did, it ran silently. I had never seen anything like it before and it kind of fit into what I've read. I don't know what else it could be.

"But I kept wondering why it would go around and around out there. It seemed to be lost."

McGrady's account of seeing a flying saucer brings to mind numerous reports from across the nation of others seeing like objects in the air.

Talk about flying saucers practically died down several months ago only to be revived again today—this time in Butler County.

Butler, Pennsylvania.

Butler Eagle.

2 October 56.

The investigation of Thomas H. Bhame.

APRO member Thomas H. Bhame, who lived in Harmony, Pennsylvania, conducted his own investigation of the Butler case. He wrote Coral Lorenzen the following letter:

"Today, being Sunday, January 13, 1957, I had some spare time and thought I would go and talk with Mr. McGrady. Don't let the date of my letter throw you—I mostly date my letters for the day I'll be mailing them.

"Butler is about 17 or 18 miles from Harmony, so I had to drive there, and the roads around here right now are pretty slippery.

"I had no trouble when I asked to talk with McGrady, and was welcomed into his house right away. Mrs. McGrady turned their T.V. off and left the room so I could talk with Mr. McGrady. This, I thought, was a swell way to be.

"I started out by introducing myself and telling him I was interested in flying saucers and showed him my card from A.P.R.O., telling him that this visit was primarily for our organization.

"I've taken notes and would like to give to you all over again just what McGrady told me. He also said that it is all right for you to put into print anything I write.

"The speed of the object was very slow (only about a fast walk)

"The color of the object was white or gray, like the color of lead or the color of a zinc-coated bucket.

"The size of the object was around 20 inches or so, and about 7 inches thick.

The top being flat and the bottom being flat, but the sides were tapered.

"It had about eight pegs on top, forming two rows, and sticking up about 2 or 2 ½ inches. He said there was a row on each side. By this, he must refer to the part with the light being the front.

"The object passed under telephone wires every round it made, and also passed under the one side of a tree, close to the porch. Mr. McGrady said he was only about 20 feet from it when it was closest to him.

"It followed an oblong course, and gave off a whitish smoke from the rear, being about six inches in width. It had little or no pressure behind it and just sort of rolled out the back.

"He told me that this took place about September 5th, 1956.

"When he told some of his friends about what he saw, they wanted to know what he had been drinking....

"There is nothing wrong with his eyes, that I am sure of. He was reading some literature I had with me, in a room that even I would have trouble reading in. I'm 19 and he's 73. He is far-sighted, needing glasses only for close work.

"He seems of average intelligence and was a little slow at catching my words, as most elderly people are. Their minds do not function as good as a young person's.

"I asked his wife, later on, what she thought of the whole thing. She only said that there has been a lot of talk, especially from her husband, about what he has seen, other than that, she knows very little [Mr. Bhame made a mistake by not interviewing the second witness, McGrady's brother, and doing it separately so as to compare the stories—L.E.Gross]." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mrs. Lorenzen, APRO. From: Thomas Bhame, Box 214, Harmony, Pennsylvania. Date: 14 January 57. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

The investigation of Ralph F. Sandbach, Butler, Pennsylvania:

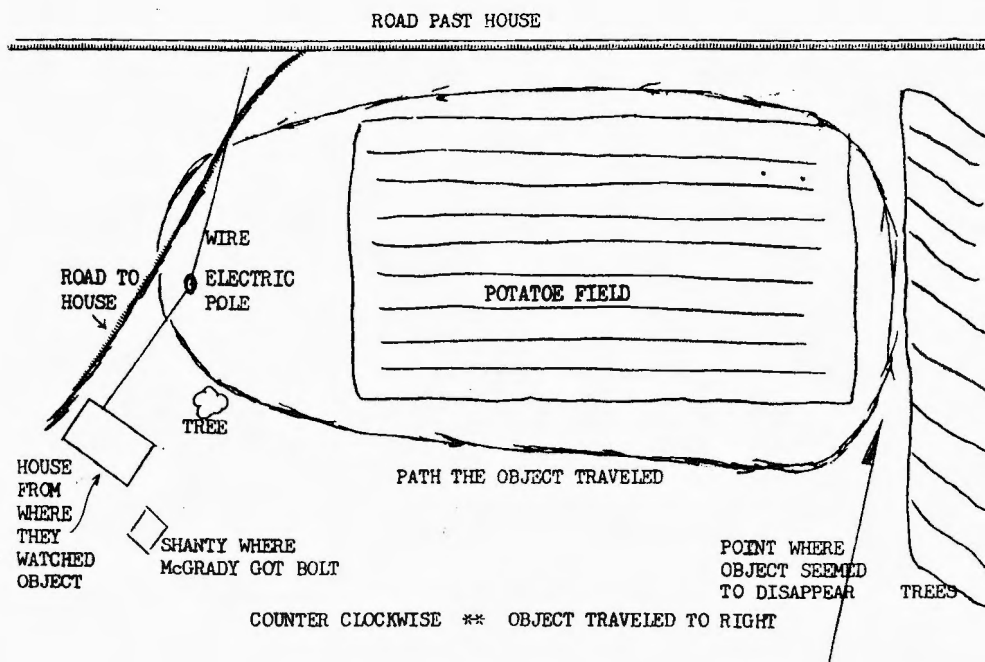
Shortly after Bhame paid McGrady a visit, Ralph Sandbach dropped by. McGrady told Sandbach the same story with a few additional details. Mr. McGrady said the UFO disappeared in "mid-air" and the area it vanished was: "...at the far end of the potato field. In this area there was a haze and a line of trees bordering the field." (xx.) Could it be the

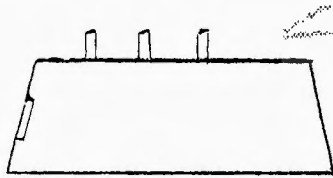
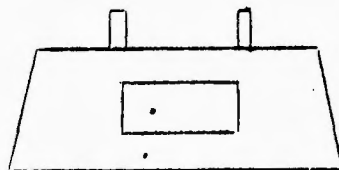
(xx.) *UFOlogy News*. Editor Ralph Sandbach. Vol. I, No. 4. November 1, 1957. pp.3-5.

UFO ducked into the trees or was screened by the haze?

Like Bhame, Sandbach apparently made no effort to talk to McGrady's brother. However, Sandbach did obtain endorsed drawings of the object and the course the UFO took as it flew over McGrady's property. One can see that the circling may have a purpose. Was the UFO interested in the potato patch? (See drawings on this page and page 12)

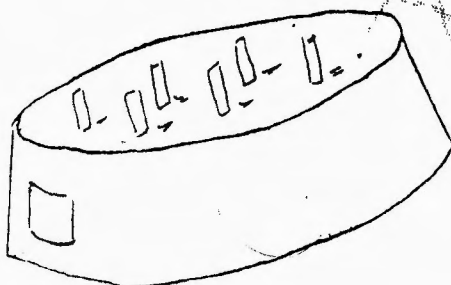
The following are drawings, taken from Mr. McGrady's, which show the area talked about in the sighting. The drawing of the saucer has been endorsed by Mr. McGrady as what he and his brother saw.



SIDE VIEWFRONT VIEW

THE SIZE OF THE LIGHT
WAS NOT CLEARLY STATED
BUT THE PEGS WERE IN
TWO ROWS.

SMOKE ROLLED
AWAY FROM THE CRAFT



THE SMOKE WAS GREY AND IT
REACHED ABOUT THREE TIMES
THE LENGTH.

THE LIGHT SEEMED TO GLOW
A LIGHTER GREY THAN THE
CRAFT.

6 September. Junction City, Kansas. (about 11:00 p.m.)

"I've never seen anything like them before."

A press report tells us:

"Were those Martians in their flying saucers who hovered in the sky about a couple of miles west of Junction City about 11 p.m. last night?

"Well, that may be a little far fetched, but there are these relative facts:

"1. Right now, the earth and its sister planet, Mars, are just about as close together as they will be in the present generation. At 11 o'clock last night, they were calculated to have moved within 35,120,000 miles of each other. If you have any disposition to consider such a possibility seriously, a Mars-to-Earth trip would be the shortest now it will be until the year 278,254.

"2. At 11 p.m. last night there were four apparent objects in the sky west of Junction City which could be said to have been reasonable facsimiles for flying saucers.

"The sky phenomena were viewed for some minutes by Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Route Three, whose rural home is on US 40 about three miles west of Junction City.

" 'Did they think they were flying saucers,' Mrs. Smith was asked today. 'That was the first thing I thought of because of their apparent circular shape,' Mrs. Smith replied. 'I have never put much stock in those stories about flying saucers, but I don't know now. Certainly it was an odd sight.'

"Sgt. and Mrs. Smith had gone outdoors around 11 p.m. to take a look at Mars, because of its proximity to the Earth. Then they saw the four lighted objects which appeared to be hovering in the sky perhaps a half-mile to a mile north of their home, about in the vicinity of the Livingston farm, formerly the county poor farm.

" 'I've never seen anything like them before,' she said. 'They seemed quite close to the ground, because they were hidden from view on the opposite side of our house. They seemed to be circular, with the light showing up like the edge of a saucer. They were quite bright. After a few minutes, they began to move to the southwest, in the general direction of Chapman. As they moved they would pale a little. They moved in a line and would travel at high speed, then would stop and hover a little before again taking off at high speed. They were out of sight in a few minutes. They moved horizontally and not up and down.'

"Mrs. Smith said she would judge they were about 100 feet across, with a somewhat greater distance between them.

"They heard no sound at any time, she said, and added 'that was the strangest thing about it. We thought about airplanes but there was no sound of motors. And we are also familiar with airplane lights.'

"The light along the edges was said to be rather bright light yellow, which blended into a pinkish haze outside the apparent rim of light. There were no clouds at the time. Their altitude was estimated at 1,500 feet.

"The Smiths were so concerned about what they saw that they notified Junction City police.

"Sgt. Smith is on duty with the Fort Riley hospital as a Technician." (xx.)

(xx.) Junction City, Kansas. *Union*. 7 September 56.

6 September. Wanganui, New Zealand. (10:20 p.m.)

Strange aerial acrobatics: "At 10:20 o'clock on Thursday night, as the *Chronicle* reported, a cigar-shaped object was sighted. At least five people saw its strange aerial acrobatics to the south..." (xx.)

(xx.) Wanganui, New Zealand. *Wanganui Chronicle*. 8 September 56.

6 September. Merida, Venezuela. (1:00 a.m.)

The flying four.

A dispatch from Venezuela stated:

"Four flying saucers were sighted in this locality. This correspondent was able to see them perfectly at about 1:00 a.m. as he was on his way home to sleep. The objects more than 70 meters in diameter were flying one after the other. They gave off a reddish light, accompanied by an intense green. They were flying at a low speed and at about 2,000 feet in altitude. It seemed as if they were surveying our city. Moments later they changed formation: the one in the rear swerved and remained to the right, then another to the left, and so successively until they went away, lost in space." (xx.)

(xx.) Merida, Sept. 4 (Ofipren). Photocopy in author's files.

7 September. Hastings, New Zealand. (8:57 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.).

Sky stranger pays call.

According to our source:

"Several motorists who last night were viewing the special lighting of Hastings from Te Mata Peak saw a strange object in the sky. It was described as a long illuminated object, apparently larger than an aeroplane, with white lights in a line.

"First seen in the distance, the object came closer at speed, and appeared to circle the main business area of Hastings. One observer reported that it 'appeared to stop in the air over Pāki Pāki for about four minutes at a height of some 4,000 feet. It then circled and quickly disappeared to the south.'

"First seen at approximately 8:57 p.m. Last seen at approximately 9 p.m. Speed: Slow at first, later appeared to be faster than that of aircraft. Height: When first observed, was at an approximate angle of 20 degrees. Distance: 2-4 miles from observer. ...Colour: Orange." (xx.)

(xx.) Napier?, New Zealand. *The Daily Telegraph*. 7 September 56.

7 September. Grand Haven, Michigan. (evening)

Dull white spot flies with jets. (See clipping)

7 September. Indianapolis, Indiana. (about dusk)

Watched for ½ hour.

The local paper published:

"A 20-foot oblong object, with flames shooting out of the bottom, was seen by a number of Indianapolis residents over the side of the city at about dusk. Some witnesses said that 'it got shorter as it flew,' and disappeared over the treetops after several minutes. One couple said they watched it for almost half an hour while parked on the White River Parkway, and that several other cars has also parked while the occupants watched the object." (xx.)

Reports Object Flying with Jets

An unidentified object flying with a formation of five jets over the city Friday evening was reported today by C.L. Myers, 320 Columbus St.

Myers reported it appeared as a wingless, dull white spot, about half the size of a jet. When first sighted it was traveling alongside the No. 4 jet and then crossed under it and to the right, he said.

Grand Haven, Michigan
Tribune. 8 September 6

(xx.) Indianapolis, Indiana. *News*. 8 September 56.

7 September. Twin Falls, Idaho. (5:00 p.m.)

"Cow-napping?" Hoax? Bad reporting? (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 September-October*, pp.7, 11.)

The Twin Falls "cow-napping" story was often reported in the press with a humorous twist. Was it a serious report? Also, did anyone claim to have seen the UFO actually pick up the animal? Dr. James McDonald felt he needed to confirm the facts because the incident may have important significance

Before his death many of Dr. James McDonald's UFO investigation notes were typed up and thus easy to read. Some, however, remained in the original long hand version. McDonald's hand writing is tough to read and often there are no complete sentences. His Twin Falls notes are in the long hand category. Below are the notes on the case as they were recorded with the exception of a few words here and there in brackets inserted by yours truly:

"Interview of E.L. Rayburn of the Rayburn ranch. 4 witnesses-very large disc. Possible cow-napping. ELR confirms details. Suggests 200 feet [in diameter], or maybe more. Range? Hard to say. Maybe a mile away. Looking to north. Time: 5:00 p.m. Metallic-looking aluminum. Hovered, then moved very fast. Fast as eye could move.

"Wife with him. Got out of car and watched it awhile. She saw it first and called his attention to it. Realized quickly was no aircraft. Hovered 2-3 minutes later shot off.

"Shape: Bottom flat, top domed. Round in plan-form. Never came right [sic] [angle? Sic] but pretty sure was round in plan.

"Witnesses: Some of his cowboys. Two saw it. Bill Blake (now dead) and another one. Couldn't recall others' names. He brought [?] it up to Rayburn and said he's seen 'Damnedest thing in the air.' Thinks cowboys were farther away. They were 2 miles farther south (Ranch 20,000 acres. Name: Rayburn ranch) 40 miles south of Twin Falls. Saw no structural details. No smoke or flame. But emitted a bright orange light, that lit up when it started to move. No light when it hovered. Then I asked names of the [? Witnesses]. Only one: Parker. Lots of men going and coming on ranch, can't sort them out. Parker said [the saucer?] came close to earth and picked up 600-pound steer. He feels they (Parker and Blake) saw it earlier, when close to ground. Earlier than he and wife [could? Can't make out word], that is. Didn't sound like the cowboys were kidding, but not sure. Missed so many cows each year so can't be sure. Ranch 2-3000 head on his ranch. Reported to local press, not to USAF.

"Harvey Montgomery-Hollister, Idaho. Runs [ran]store then and said he saw same thing, same time. Same description as Rayburn's. I asked him [Rayburn] re: 'rotating effect on top.' Whole thing seemed to spin as [it] took off-not just top. 4-7 minute duration of sighting he thought. 'Mighty exciting to see such a thing.' Never seen anything like it before or since. No sound yet definitely would have heard aircraft sound. Not an aircraft, he stresses. Had binoculars in car, yet never thought of it till [UFO was?] gone [many witnesses have said the same thing about cameras]. Has never heard of cattle-related incidents up here [Idaho?]." (xx.)

(xx.) "E.L. Rayburn, Twin Falls, Ida." Dr. James (Jim) McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division.

A copy of a letter to Mr. Rayburn from Dr. McDonald (dated October 23, 1967) is in the same file as the long hand notes on the case. Evidently the letter is a follow up to a phone interview conducted on October 17, 1967. While Rayburn provided the information given on page 11 of this supplement, McDonald wanted more data. He was eager to contact "Parker" who claimed to have seen the UFO actually pick up the steer. Rayburn believed Parker's first name may have been "Roy" but he wasn't sure. In addition, Rayburn could give no phone number or address of the cowboy in question. McDonald's files have no information about any successful contact with "Parker." Harvey Montgomery, who might have provided testimony to back up Rayburn's sighting, was contacted but he said he didn't have any clear recollection of events after a decade had passed. (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. E.L. Rayburn, Rayburn Ranch, Twin Falls, Idaho. From: Dr. James McDonald. Date: 23 October 67. Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division.

7 September. Near? Takapuna, New Zealand. (11:00 p.m.)

"It hovered, then took off."

Our source states:

"On Friday, September 7th, 1956, Mrs. Gatman, Mr. Gatman and daughter were driving home from Takapuna at 11 p.m.

"When near Crown Hill they saw a bright light about half the size of the moon flash down from the sky, describe a curve and slow down at apparently 200 feet up. It hovered there and then vanished out to sea. Apparently it revolved, for a red light appeared and disappeared. Mr. Gatman estimated its distance when hovering at approximately half a mile. He stopped his car to listen but there was no sound. They watched for about one minute." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gatman, Silverdale, New Zealand. *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No. 3. January-March 1957. p.14.

8 September. Glen Eden, New Zealand. (1:40 p.m.)

Hover, wheel away, hover.

Our source states:

"At 1:40 p.m. on 8th September, Mr. C. Spencer, J. E. Pile and D.L. Spencer sighted and observed a silver oval-shaped object, maneuvering and at times hovering in a clear sky. With the aid of binoculars, the object was kept in sight for ten minutes. 'It appeared to hover, wheel away and hover again,' they said, in a detailed report to C.S.I. [New Zealand]. The object appeared to be at a great height and finally disappeared in the western sky. The binoculars were 16x60 German Leitz. Although the object remained in clear sky, there were cloudy patches nearby. The observers were quite certain they were not watching a bird, plane or balloon." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigations (NZ)*. Vol. 4, No.3, January-March, 1957. p.24.

9 September. Hamilton, New Zealand. (about 7:00 p.m.)

Stationary orange-colored cylinder. (See clipping)

9 September. Putaruru, New Zealand. (about 10:00 a.m.)

According to a report made to CSI New Zealand:

"I wish to report the sighting of two disc-like objects on the 9th of September at about 10 a.m. while travelling in our car with other members of my family.

"I saw what appeared to be a large, white, shimmering mirror apparently rising from a field from behind a bar-bary hedge. I shouted and my mother and sister both looked up and saw it.

Church-Going Couple Sight Stationary "Flying Saucer"

A report received this morning from a Hamilton resident casts further light on the present "flying saucer" mystery.

Two elderly ladies were walking along Harwood Street on Sunday evening, about 7 o'clock, on their way to church, when they sighted a large, bright orange-coloured, cylindrical object stationary in the sky.

The couple watched it all the time as they walked the full length of Harwood Street, as it remained motionless.

It was in sight the whole time before they went into church. On coming out after the service, they looked for it again, but by that time the object had disappeared.

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"It rose a few more feet, then turned abruptly in the direction of the car. As it did so, it suddenly seemed to split into two, each one being smaller than the original thought otherwise identical.

"They then shot over the roof of the car and out of sight. By the time we had stopped and got out they were gone. They were moving at a terrific speed and rotating vigorously on their axis.

"I judge that the original one would have been about 7 feet in diameter. However we are not quite sure about their size.

"They appeared to me to rise vertically from the field then perform a sharp right angle turn." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO report by 15-year-old Colin Withnall. His dad, A.D. Withnall, signed off on the report: "I confirm the above statement written by 15-year-old son."
Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) Vol. 4, No. 3. January-March, 1957. p.14.

11 September. Adelaide, Australia. (5:20 a.m.-5:35 a.m.)

Like an electric globe in shape.

An Australian paper reported:

"A strong denial that a South Australia police officer's reports of mysterious scarlet lights seen in the sky over the northern desert could be connected with the delayed atomic tests was made by Sir William Penny, Director of British Atomic Research, in an exclusive interview conducted on a Security telephone. The strange lights which ascended from the ground in a mushroom shape extended in a pattern of an atomic cloud. This denial followed a wave of rumors in North Australian towns that the bomb had been exploded. First reports of baffling appearance of the lights were from Port Pirie, about 300 miles from Maralinga.

"Among those interviewed was Constable K.M. Burt. He says, 'I was on duty at 5:20 a.m. on September 11th and looking over Spencer's Gulf I saw a bright red flash light the sky in the Northwest. It rose to the sky like an electric globe in shape, it was rosy pink, and shed a bright light on the clouds. For more than a quarter of an hour the sky was illuminated and there were two distinct flashes. The first about five minutes before the other, and they lasted about a minute each.

" 'After the red glow a light appeared on top of the clouds. It was like seeing the reflection of a big city in the clouds.'

"Two other men who were interviewed were Mr. G. Travers and Mr. Ron Hutton. Travers confirmed Constable Burt's statement and Mr. Hutton said, 'I heard Constable Burt sing out "There she goes" and I looked up to see a fantastic glow in the sky, and we asked each other what it could be.'

"In his first statement to the press Sir William Penny denied that the flashes had anything to do with the much delayed Maralinga test. He did however ask for the full text of the Constable's report, but did not comment further. When asked if there was a possibility of the light originating from the Woomera rocket

range, he replied that in that event he would not necessarily have been advised of the cause." (xx.)

(xx.) Adelaide, Australia. *Truth*. 29 September 56.

12 September. Santa Rosa, Venezuela. (early morning)

Circles move with great speed.

The local press states:

"Five workmen of a drilling squad in the Santa Rosa sector (Mene Grande Oil Company) reported they saw early this morning two circular crafts which a great speed cruised in a southerly direction leaving a yellow trail behind. They're considered as 'flying saucers.' Interviewed workmen Francisco Reyes stated that as they were 'taking the pipe system out of the well' where they are working, they suddenly saw appear two circles, which at great speed raced southwards. 'I'm not saying they are flying saucers, but, as so many commentaries have been made about it, I state that the phenomenon is worthy of consideration. The 'couple of contraptions,' said Reyes, weren't seen again in spite of [the fact] we kept watch for an hour. (xx.)

(xx.) APRO files. Translation by Joe Rolas. (See clipping below)

Vieron Dos Platillos Voladores Obreros Petroleros del Campo de Santa Rosa en el Edo. Anzoátegui

Ayer, en el sector de Santa Rosa, en el Edo. Anzoátegui, se observó una sucesión de perforaciones perteneciente a la empresa petrolera del sector de Santa Rosa, informaron haber visto hoy en la madrugada dos aparatos circulares

que a gran velocidad se desplazaban hacia el Sur, presentando una estela amarillenta, estimándose que sean dos "platillos voladores". Aún cuando los trabajadores en cuestión no aseguraron que se tratara de dos "platillos", los co-

mentarios es esta la versión que se teje.

El obrero — cuñero — Francisco Reyes notificó a nuestro Corresponsal que se encontraban "sacando la tubería" del pozo donde trabajan, cuando vieron aparecer los dos círculos, que a gran velocidad se desplazaban hacia el Sur.

— Yo no digo que se trate de "platillos voladores", pero como se han hecho tantos comentarios al respecto, estimo que ese fenómeno tiene sus dudas.

El "par de bichos", concluyó Reyes, ~~aparecieron~~ a aparecer, a pesar de que les estuvimos haciendo guardia como una hora después.

13 September. Los Angeles, California.

Won't let him sleep. (See clipping)

13 September. Aguada Grande, Venezuela.
(no time)

Orange trail.

According to our source:

"In Aguada Grande persons who deserve credibility ascertained they saw flying over the above said town two luminous objects which left in their path an orange trail. The information was furnished by Mr. Rigoberto Reyns, a traveling salesman from Caracas, who, in Aguada Grande, witnessed the strange phenomenon. He declared the objects passed in a direction north of the town till lost out of sight in the distance. First they flew in formation and then they took a different route, one from the other. He stated they were large in size and that there was no doubt they were flying spaceships." (xx.)

(xx.) Barquisimeto, September 13 (Ofipren) APRO files. Joe Rolas translator.

13 September. Litchfield, Illinois. (8:50 p.m.)

Big one in the middle.

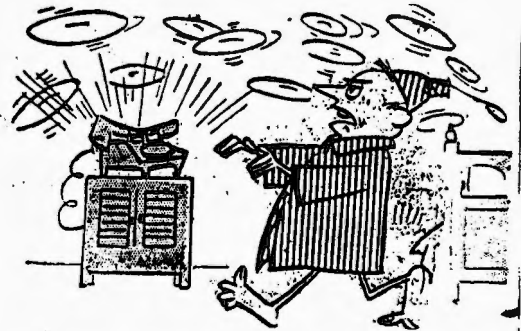
A press report:

"Ronald Martin was driving a truck on Route 66 through Litchfield, Illinois (about 45 miles south of Springfield) when he and a hitch-hiker passenger saw three objects 'resembling flying saucers' with a 'big one in the middle and two others, each half the size of the big one, on either side.' When Martin slowed his truck to get a better look, the trio of discs 'dipped, and there was a reflection on their tops like you get when you shine a flashlight into a mirror.' They then moved off and disappeared from view. Both Martin and his passenger were convinced that the objects were 'some type of aircraft.' They were seen at 8:50 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) Springfield, Illinois. *State Register*. 13 September 56.

PHONE CALLS NO GAG

Flying Saucer Sighters Won't Let Him Sleep



Jack Lyman never saw a nuts, Lyman said yesterday. flying saucer.

He never hopes to see one. seeing flying saucers in my But he can tell you any sleep—what sleep I got."

how, he'd rather see some. Not a Gag at All than hear about them all. He thought it was a cruel through the night.

Lyman, 35, a television gag at first, but finally he decided to check with the tele-writer, first got involved with phone company. The tele- the plates from space when phone people spun some dials he had a telephone put in and came up with the an- his apartment at 6231 Afton- swer.

Place. Lyman's new number was still listed in the directory as that of the Ground Observer Corps of Hollywood. That number had recently been disconnected. It was ex- The first night the phone rang—late. Lyman answered sleepily. plained, and reassigned to Lyman.

And So It Started "I want to report a flying saucer," said a strange voice. "So report it," growled Lyman.

And hung up. So if you see a flying saucer, don't call Lyman. Then it rang again. And Call the Pasadena Air De- again. fense Filter Center. "It began to drive me They're used to it.

Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles Times

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Third week in September. Melton, England. (evening)

Dancing lights along its edges. (See clipping)

15 September. Saline, Kansas.

Spaceman ties up traffic:

"Bill Rector, manager of the Strand [movie theater], Saline, Kansas, made up a spaceman for a street ballyhoo on *Earth vs. the Flying Saucers* by using some old Army fatigues, silver paint and a \$3.98 space helmet. He tied up with Woolworth's [department store] by spotting his spaceman in the store giving free rides on the store's kiddies spaceship. The stunt caused such traffic congestion, it had to be abandoned." (xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *Box Office*. 15 September 56.

16 September. Auckland, New Zealand. (about 8:00 p.m.)

Mother ship?

According to our source:

"The planet Mars was only nine days past nearest approach to Earth and, as you are aware, there was world-wide interest in this event. But for 11 Aucklanders who gathered at a home in Dominion Road to participate in this astronomical occasion an even more unusual observation was about to occur.

"In preparation for the celestial study, three telescopes had been set in position on a permanently stationed wooden stand, which was situated on an adjacent lawn. The telescopes consisted of a single eye-piece binocular-style scope (power 20x40, which was fitted with a small tripod) and a 2 inch and 4 inch refractor type telescopes.

"The instruments had only been in use for a short time when suddenly one of the viewers, Miss Duna Vosiliunas, looking through the binocular style scope, found herself gazing at a most extraordinary heavenly object. There in the sky, apparently quite stationary, was a long cigar-form glowing light. Miss Vosiliunas noted that this strange light appeared to give off all the colors of the spectrum.

"Without describing to each other as to what was being seen, all present were requested to look and note. Whilst turns at viewing the object was in process with the small scope, another of the party managed to locate it with the 2 inch refractor. This was difficult because the object was distinguishable to the naked eye from the many other twinkling stars in that area of the sky. The operator of the larger instrument (4 inch refractor) was still trying to find it when the object departed some ten minutes later.

"Whilst the strange elongated light was being closely studied, the observers were further startled to see three smaller, disc-like glowing forms, domed on top,

FLYING SAUCER?

Four process workers at Petfoods Ltd., Melton, believe they saw a flying saucer when returning home from work one evening last week.

Travelling by car, Messrs. W. R. Castle, M. T. Dunne, N. Smith and J. Szczepanski had their attention first attracted by a large orange coloured object moving at a fair speed across a dark, moonless sky. It was flat, like a biscuit, with dancing lights along its edges. It kept on a steady course at a regular height.

They lost sight of the object when they reached Rearsby, but their monitoring of the incident has been confirmed by two independent cyclists covering the journey that night.

Melton, England

Melton Mowbray Times.

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come away from the larger object. After hovering in a group close by for short period, they moved out of the field of view. Shortly later, however, these small objects were seen to return to the larger object, disappear into it, and then the large object rapidly made off to be quickly lost from view.

"The observation lasted for an estimated ten minutes, all present shared a good view and remain mystified as to what had been observed. On the spot investigation by C.S.I. establishes that the objects were observed at an approximate elevation (above the horizon) of 35 to 40 degrees, compass bearing N.W. true.... Four of the witnesses: Mrs. P. Vosiliunas, Miss D. Vosiliunas, Mrs. J. Bennet, and Mrs. Cherie Barton." (xx.)

(xx.) *Quarterly Magazine of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.).* Vol. 4, No.3. January-March 1957. p.14.

18 September. San Antonio, Texas. (night)

"Rocket ships" in V-formation.

A Texas paper printed:

"Are rocket ships from outer countries or other planets taking advantage of the bright moonlight to scout San Antonio defense installations?

"Could be, according to Mrs. Corinne Villasirigo, 2302 Fresno Drive.

"Mrs. Villasirigo disclosed Thursday she had seen what she believed might be rocket ships Tuesday night. Her two grandsons, Aaron Collins, 9, and Andrew Collins, 8, also witnessed the strange objects.

"Mrs. Villasirigo said she spotted two bright objects in the sky while visiting her son, Tim Collins, 106 Adobe, in Castle Hills. Thinking the objects were two 'beautiful' stars she called her grandsons out into the yard. Then, she said, they discovered another bright object above the first two.

"After they had watched the 'bright' objects for a few minutes, the three 'rocket ships,' in a 'burst of fire,' started moving north. Mrs. Villasirigo and her grandsons watched them until they disappeared flying in a V-formation.

"When she first spotted the objects they were perfectly still and then appeared like huge stars. She estimated their height at between 10,000 and 20,000 feet and said they appeared shaped like rocket ships." (xx.)

(xx.) San Antonio, Texas. *Express*. 21 September 56.

18 September. Near Muriwai, New Zealand. (10:39 p.m.)

Freight train engineer sees balls of light. (See clipping)

Engine driver claims he saw a 'saucer'

GISBORNE, Wednesday. What they described as four balls of intense white light, flying in formation no more than 500ft above the ground, were seen last night by a crew of a north-bound freight train near Muriwai, 10 miles south of Gisborne.

The driver said that he and his fireman had a clear view for several seconds before the lights suddenly shot skyward.

"Fantastic," was how the driver described the sight. "I have been 35 years in this job and I'm not easily taken in. I have always been sceptical about these so-called flying saucers, but now I can say that I have actually seen one.

"The time was 10.39 and the moon was nearly full, but the sky was cloudy," he added. "I'll have to stand a lot of roasting from my mates over this, but I'll stick to my story."

THE AUCKLAND STAR, SEPTEMBER 20, 1956

18? September. Southwest of Natal, Brazil. (no time)

"Balls of fire terrorize?" (See clipping)

19 September. Te-Hi-Hi, New Zealand. (4:35 p.m.)

"Coming from portholes?"

A report in the *APRO* bulletin states:

"Miss A.C. Hastie observed a large round light accompanied by five smaller lights at 4:35 p.m. Objects above cloud bank, seen for only a few seconds before descending into a cloud bank. Small lights were brighter than airplane lights. Small lights had the appearance of coming from portholes." (xx.)

(xx.) *The APRO Bulletin*. November 1956. p.6.

21 September. Southwest of Ft. Myers, Florida. (6:10 p.m. EST)

"I was never before so shaken up, even in combat."

R.L. Jackson, while piloting his Cessna 190, viewed a flying object "that seemed to be three times as long as a Navy blimp." At 6:10 p.m. on the 21st of September Jackson spotted an object in the west approaching the Florida coast. (See below and pages 24-25 for details) (xx.)

(xx.) *Air Force Observer's Data Sheet*. Photocopy in author's files.

Mysterious Balls Of Fire Terrorize Area In Brazil

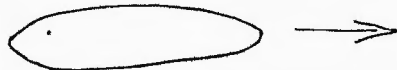
SAO PAULO, Sept. 18 (N. Y. News) — Mysterious balls of fire soaring over a remote interior section of Brazil are terrifying the populace into flight, Geologist Joel Dantas reported today.

Dantas, returning from an inspection of the desolate area in the State of Paraba southwest of Natal, said the whole region is highly radioactive. It is bathed in unnatural heat, he said, and the air seems filled with the steam of alcohol.

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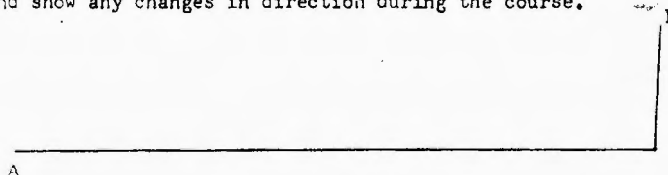
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39. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the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



VERY CRUDE DRAWING, EDGES WERE WELL DEFINED

40. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



46. Please give a brief narrative account of sighting and any other additional data or comments.

DURING A VERY NORMAL AND PLEASANT FLIGHT ALONG A ROUTE QUITE FAMILAR TO ME (I travel this route about ten times per week) I SUDDENLY WAS STARTLED BY AN AIRCRAFT ABOUT TO CROSS MY FLIGHT PATH. IT WAS ENTERING MY LINE OF VISION ON THE LEFT AND PASSING DIRECTLY ACCROSS AND TO THE RIGHT. MY FIRST INCLINATION WAS TO CHANGE COURSE TO AVOID IT, NOT HAVING HAD A DIRECT LOOK AT IT, BUT THEN REALIZED IT WAS HIGHER THAN MY PLANE. THIS LED TO THE REALIZATION THAT THE OBJECT WAS MILES AWAY, LARGER THAN AN AIRCRAFT, AND TRAVELING TOO FAST TO BE ANYTHING FAMILIAR TO ME. MY ANTICIPATION OF ~~XXXX~~ NEED FOR THE POSSIBLE SPEED OF THE OBJECT CAUSED ME TO TIME THE LAST HALF OF THE CONTINUOUS FLIGHT PATH.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE OBJECT WAS OUT OF SIGHT THAT I REALIZED HOW AFRAID AND SIMPLY SCARED I WAS. I SPENT ABOUT TEN MINUTES ANNALYZING THE SITUATION BEFORE CALLING FT. MYERS RADIO. THEN I ONLY ASK THEM TO LET ME KNOW IS THERE WERE ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

I WAS TRAVELING AT 6500 INDICATED, AND THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AT ABOUT TEN THOUSAND FEET. THE FIRST MOMENT AFTER SIGHTING, I THOUGHT THE OBJECT MUST BE DANGEROUSLY NEAR, DUE TO ITS SPEED OF CROSSING MY LINE OF VISION. INTENSE ATTENTION SEEMED TO PROVE ITS GREAT DISTANCE AND ~~XXXX~~ UNUSUAL SPEED. MY TOTAL FLYING TIME TO DATE WAS IN EXCESS OF FOUR THOUSAND HOURS. I JOINED THE NAVAL AIR CORPS IN 1943, SERVED ABOUT TWO YEARS ACTIVE DUTY IN WW2 AS A FIGHTER PILOT. Was member of VF5 aboard USS YORKTOWN (The Fighting Lady)

I HAVE NO DOUBTS WHATEVER ABOUT ANYTHING CONCERNED EXCEPT THE DISTANCE, SIZE, AND SPEED OF THE OBJECT.

I HOLD A COMMERCIAL ~~XXXXXXX~~ LICENSE WITH CURRENT PHYSICAL
KXX I DO NOT SMOKE OR DRINK.

I WAS NEVER BEFORE SO SHAKEN UP, EVEN IN COMBAT.

Warning. National Defense Operating Area. Operations hazardous to the flight of aircraft conducted within this area.

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22 September. St. Petersburg, Florida. (4:26 a.m. EST)

"Windows" in the morning sky. (See narrative below) (See drawings on page 27)

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ORIGINATING AGENCY	REPORT NO.	PAGE	1 OF 1 PAGES
Dir/Intelligence; 305th Bm Wg (M)	1-56		
An Unidentified Flying Object sighting in the vicinity of St. Petersburg, Florida was reported to MacDill AFB, Florida on 22 Sept 56. Object was sighted at 0426 EST (0926Z) by a young man, Heinz Rissman and his mother, who reside at 4059 Tangerine Ave, South, in St. Petersburg. Sighting was observed for approximately seven (7) minutes by both persons from a second floor screened porch. Binoculars of 8 X 56 power were utilized during most of sighting period. Object was described as first appearing as shown in attached sketch #1 (Incl #1) when first viewed by the naked eye, then as shown in sketch #2, when first looking through binoculars prior to focusing the binoculars. After the glasses were properly brought into focus, the object appeared as shown in sketch #3. Toward end of sighting period, Rissman, thinking that porch screen possibly could be distorting his view, moved to another vantage point on second floor side porch with no screen and object appeared the same. Then as he watched, it appeared to grow smaller and take on form originally viewed with naked eye and gradually became smaller and smaller until it disappeared completely. A no time did object appear to be moving in any direction. Object was estimated to be approximately 1500' in the air and not more than one to two miles at a slant range from point of observation, which would place position of the object about over the beach along Gulf of Mexico to the West of St. Petersburg (estimated position of sighting by coordinates: 27 44N 82 44W). Object appeared to have no distinct outline, but because of the difference in size of the individual windows from which a white light radiated, gave the impression that overall, the object was round in shape. Object appeared to hang motionless in the sky with white light coming from windows or port-hole type openings which were definitely counted to be in a line of four (4) on the horizontal and six (6) on the perpendicular. Moon and stars were visible during time of sighting, but not in a position to interfere with line of sight to object. Light from bottom row of windows seemed to radiate downward through the openings appearing as windows, and light from the top windows glowed upward until diffused by cloud layer several hundred feet above altitude of the object. A hazy glow of diffused light appeared to penetrate the sky surrounding the object at all times during the sighting. Apparently, the sighting made a deep impression on both observers and during interrogation by Intelligence Officer, Rissman stated that he was actually frightened and at the same time fascinated by what he saw. No other sightings were reported to this installation during period concerned. A check with 660th AC & W Sqdn revealed no unusual activity or information of coincidental value.			
<i>Lon B. BERRY</i> LON B. BERRY Major, USAF Dir/Intelligence 305th Bm Wg (M)			
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Drawings of "windows." Witness: Mr. Heinz Rissman of 4059 Tangerine Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

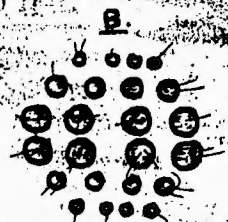
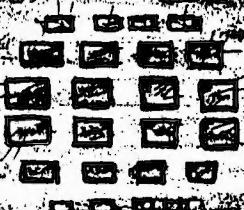
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3.

Object appeared as shown in sketch 3A part of the time, and as shown in 3B part of the time. Observer believed these two sketches to be good examples of how object looked through focused binoculars. Light diffusion could possibly have caused observer's uncertainty as to positive shape of openings.

(xx.)

(xx.) Air Intelligence Information Report, by B.R. Cowan, Capt., USAF Dir/Intelligence, 305th Bm Wg (m). 26 September 56. Photocopy in author's files.

22 September. Williston, North Dakota. (7:50 p.m.)

He saw it "plainly and clearly."

According to our source:

"Reuben Borrud, an amateur astronomer in Williston, North Dakota, reported observing 'plainly and clearly,' a shiny object with a dull, metallic gleam, and 'a row of very small pinpoints of yellowish light on the topside.' Seen at 7:50 p.m., the object appeared to oscillate, or rock, as it flew at low altitude (estimated 700-900 feet) eastward, following the course of the Missouri River, about one-half mile south of the viewer. In size, it appeared to be about the same length and diameter as one of the small Frontier airplanes would be at that distance. The object appeared at times to be elliptical, as well as 'V-shaped,' possibly 'because of the rocking, or swinging, motion which caused the outer edge of the object to cast a shadow near an area where there could *possibly* have been a dome. The outer edge on top, or the domed part, reflected light, while the bottom part of the dome, or central area, was in shadow—which caused it to look V-shaped. Then, when it tipped in the other direction, the whole object reflected light.' No exhaust could be seen, nor was any sound heard. Moving at an estimated 150 miles per hour, the object was in view for 8 to 12 seconds, and disappeared over the roofs and treetops south-east of the observer's position." (xx.)

(xx.) Williston, North Dakota. *Williston Plains Reporter*. 27 September 56, and the Williston, North Dakota. *Herald*. 27 September 56.

22 September. Extreme North of Norway. (no time)

Important photos?

APRO correspondent G. Zwicky forwarded this item from Europe:

"Several disc-shaped objects, moving at a constant speed, have been observed by inhabitants of the extreme North of Norway. An amateur photographer, Mr. W. Gaasland, has succeeded in filming the scene in color with satisfying results. In the enlargement one can plainly perceive the form of the objects, resembling a saucer with a dark stripe in the center and a protrusion in the form of a cupola. The president of the Norwegian UFO Section, Mr. G. Weie, has declared that if the film is genuine, this incident may have world-wide importance." (xx.)

(xx.) *The APRO Bulletin*. November 1956. p.5.

23 September. Tucson, Arizona. (no time)

"Diamond-shaped-formation."

A GOC post reports UFOs:

"Members of the GOC post at Tucson observed a 'bunch' of lights streaking across the sky at a high rate of speed. No sound noted. The Benson, Arizona, newspaper then called the post filter center to ask what had just gone over that town. The lights were described as going over in a 'diamond-shaped' formation, 12 in all. One man who saw the Benson lights said they went faster than the jets from Davis-Monthan AFB..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The APRO Bulletin*. November 1956. p.5.

23? September. Borneo.

Panic among the population. (See clipping)

25 September. Pajas Blancas, Salta, Argentina. (daytime)

"Flying egg lands." (See clipping and translation sent to Robert Gribble by Olavo Fontes)

Shiny Object Shower Jolts Borneo Natives

The Hague—Mysterious shining objects have been crashing down to earth in Southern Borneo, causing panic among the population, messages reaching here from Jakarta said Monday. Indonesian authorities so far have failed to trace the objects.

Omaha, Nebraska

World-Herald

23 September 56

"Ovo Voador" aterrissou	na Argentina SEPTEMBER 27, 1956 BUENOS AIRES, 27 (AP) —
Um "ovo voador" aterrissou perto de aldeia de Pajas Blancas, na região de Salta, cidade situada a 1.300 quilômetros a noroeste de Buenos Aires. Segundo informações procedentes dessa cidade, os habitantes de Pajas Blancas, que trabalhavam nos campos, perceberam no fim da tarde uma estranha aeronave, em forma de ovo. O aparelho era de cor preta, cercado de vermelho, e tinha uns 20 metros de diâmetro. Pouso a uma centena de metros dos camponeses. Mas quando estes se aproximaram, o "ovo voador" se levantou em espiral, para retornar depois o voo horizontal e desaparecer — dizem as informações.	"DIÁRIO DA NOITE"
OLAVO FONTES	Correspondent's name
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September 27, 1956--Buenos Aires, Argentina--A "flying egg" landed two days ago--on September 25--near the village of Pajas Blancas, in the region of Salta, a city at about 1,300 kilometers away from B. Aires in a northwesternly direction.

According to the informations arrived from that city, "the inhabitants of Pajas Blancas working in the nearby cultivated fields watched a strange scene, that afternoon. They sighted a curious egg-shaped aircraft flying slowly, very low. It came down quietly, approached the ground, and silently landed in an open-space, at about 330 feet from the observers".

"The craft was painted black and was surrounded by a red glow. It had a diameter of about 70 feet".

"The countrymen tried to come near the strange machine. But, when they started to move toward it, the "flying egg" took off swiftly describing a spiral curve in the air. It climbed up accelerating rapidly, levelled off at somewhere above 2,000 feet, took a horizontal course and disappeared".

26 September. Brownfield, Texas.
(6:00 p.m.)

New appearance. (See clipping)

27 September. Crystal, Michigan.
(night)

"Shaped like a perfect disc." (See clipping)

27 September. Lisbon, Portugal.
(morning)

Domed object moved with jerks.

According to our source:

"A flying saucer was seen this morning by a number of Lisbon residents. The 'object'—as the observers called it—was described as being elliptical in shape, metallic in appearance and having a dome, or dome-shaped structure, at the center. The witnesses discounted suggestions that the UFO could be an airplane, or a weather balloon. It moved up and down, forward and back, for a few moments. It was moving in jerks at an unknown altitude and the speed didn't appear to be great. But suddenly it stopped in mid-air and stood motionless over the city for three minutes, and then it unexpectedly rushed up into the sky and was gone. No one heard any sound come from it." (xx.)

(xx.) Lisbon, ANI, September 29.

28 September. Helidon, Queensland, Australia. (midnight)

"It's the most amazing thing I have ever seen."

The Australian press reported:

"Two youths last night at Picnic Point believe they saw a 'flying saucer.' They are still not sure.

"They are 18-year-old John Mossop, of Herries Street, and 18-year-old Reg Flor, of Ipswich.

"They were at Picnic Point lookout at midnight when they noticed a 'small red

'Saucer' Spotted at Crystal

CRYSTAL — An amateur astronomer and a 17-year-old friend spotted a flying saucer in the sky Thursday night and watched through a telescope as it hovered overhead.

LaVern Frost, cashier at the State Bank of Crystal and Earl Perry, Crystal High School senior, had been watching stars through Frost's telescope when they spotted the object. Perry said it was near the Big Dipper when he first sighted it.

During the next few minutes they watched the disc shaped object dart about the sky. They described it as "shaped like a perfect disc and glowing red." It disappeared in the northern sky, climbing at a high rate of speed.

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'Saucers' In New Appearance

BROWNFIELD, Sept. 26 (Special)—The "flying saucers" are here again—and this time the report didn't come from a phonograph record.

A Brownfield couple driving home from the downtown area shortly after 6 p.m. today reported they saw three large, brilliant "balls of fire" streaking across the sky east of Brownfield.

Hal Roche, sports editor of the Brownfield News, said he first thought the objects were the lights of an airplane, but he became convinced that they were something else because they appeared to be very high in the air and were traveling at an extremely fast rate of speed.

Roche described the "saucers" as being silver, with a bluish tinge around the edge—and from his viewpoint they seemed to be about the size of a regular saucer.

"There were three of them, two fairly close together and the third some distance away from the other two," Roche recounted. "I never saw anything like them before, but my wife told me she saw some that looked about the same seven or eight years ago when she was living in Indiana."

Roche said the "saucers" disappeared rapidly and, although he and his wife watched the sky for several minutes afterwards, the flying objects did not reappear. He said none of his neighbors happened to notice the unusual sight.

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light glowing in the sky over Helidon.'

"John, who is an Ipswich pottery employee, said the light came close to the look-out until it was 'a ball of fire the size of a house tank.'

" 'It came in and moved out again about four or five times,' he said.

" 'Sometimes as it came in it moved from right to left and other times it seemed to hover.'

"John said that he could not look at it too long because of its terrific glare.

" 'It's the most amazing thing I have ever seen,' he said.

"The boys said the object went just as fast as it came.

" 'It was travelling at a terrific speed towards the coast the last time we saw it,' John said.

"John and Reg both came from Ipswich yesterday afternoon for last night's Carnival of Flowers festivities, and they will return to Ipswich today." (xx.)

(xx.) Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia.
Star. 28 September 56.

29 September. Basle, Switzerland. (about
5:00 p.m.)

Irregular ellipse, smoky brim. (See clipping
and translation below from APRO files)



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Who has seen this?

"Last Saturday afternoon, at about 5 p.m., one could see from here over the Schleifenberg (a hill) a very strange object appearing in the blue sky, which was moving at great height over the Ergolz Valley in a Western direction. Although we sober 'Baselbieters' (i.e., inhabitants of the neighbourhood of the city of Basle in Northwestern Switzerland. GZ.) do not believe in Flying Saucers, this object was nevertheless neither balloon nor a normal airplane, especially since there was no noise. It had the form of an irregular ellipse surrounded by a smoky dark brim. At times this flying ellipse was illuminated brightly by lights from the interior. This truly remarkable phenomenon was confirmed beyond a doubt by several witnesses, so there can be no question of hallucination."

Niederschöntal. (Korr.) Wer hat das gesehen? Vergangenen Samstagnachmittag, es dürfte etwas vor 17 Uhr gewesen sein, sah man von hier aus über dem Schleifenberg eine merkwürdig anmutende Erscheinung am blauen Himmel auftauchen, die sich in grosser Höhe über dem Ergolz-tale, in westlicher Richtung fortbewegte. Wenn wir nüchterne Baselbieter auch nicht an fliegende Teller glauben, so war dieses Objekt immerhin weder ein Ballon noch ein normales Flugzeug, zumal kein diesbezüglicher Lärm feststellbar war. Dieser fliegende Gegenstand am Himmelsblau hatte im Grunde genommen die Form einer unregelmässigen Ellipse, umgeben von einem rauchartig dunklen Rand. Zeitweilig war diese fliegende Ellipse, von innen herauskommend, durch strahlende Lichter übertaghell beleuchtet. Diese wahrhaft merkwürdige Erscheinung am herbstlichen Himmel wurde durch mehrere Zeugen einwandfrei bestätigt, so dass von einer Halluzination nicht die Rede sein kann.

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?October. Albany, New York. (7:15 p.m.-7:25 p.m.)

Black with small pits in the surface.

A letter to APRO states:

"While sitting on a hill overlooking several rows of houses, my friend and I observed three bright lights, the size and brightness of Venus at its brightest, maneuvering in the sky (It was dark out and other stars were clearly visible). We pointed out the 'flying saucers' to each other and decided to watch them. After a few minutes we looked over the horizon and observed a dark circular object over the houses. It moved in towards us slowly. It was completely circular, black, with what seemed to be about 15 to 20 feet in diameter. At this range we were rather frightened and took off for home. Upon arriving there (having broken all our previous running records), we observed that the three lights were still maneuvering. We attempted to call our local observatory for the next two hours without getting through. There was nothing in the papers the next day about anyone else making a sighting. As we were both teenagers, we didn't think our report would account for much, so we never reported it." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: APRO. From: Mrs. William Airey, Clymen, Pennsylvania. Date of letter: Not given. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

3 October. Frankfort, Indiana. (9:30 p.m.)

"Mystery boats?" (See clipping)

Keyhoe makes some comments about NICAP.

In a letter to APRO's Coral Lorenzen, Donald Keyhoe inserted a few remarks about the new National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, or NICAP:

"You may have heard of a new Washington outfit called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. I know all about it, as they've been getting my advice for months. Townsend Brown is the originator, but there are some better known names that may soon be linked with NICAP. I've tried to steer them away from the obvious dangers, and if they get started as planned this may be a big deal, and powerful enough to force a showdown (By the way, this is between us, for now—they haven't announced it to the press, and I urged them not to until they had several big names to make the papers take it seriously.).

"Lou Corbin is trying to help mold the policy; Frank Edwards phoned me and on my advice is considering joining and giving the outfit a build-up. Everybody tied in with it is trying to keep the crackpots from muscling in—it's especially impor-

FLYING SAUCER SEASON OPENS

FRANKFORT -- "Mystery boats, ships, or saucers" were reported seen by two Frankfort men Wednesday about 9:30 p. m. near a wooded tract six miles northwest of Frankfort. The boat-shaped aerial objects, seen from a distance were observed above the tree tops by George Scheier and Dave King.

One of the objects floated into view, they said, faded away and was followed by five additional semi-luminous boat-like objects traveling west to east and apparently heading toward Frankfort.

Scheier and King said they had been watching a coon hound on a trail and were following the animal as it emerged from the woods when they were attracted by the noiseless floating objects which appeared, all flying at the same level and in the same general direction. The objects faded away in the night sky as silently as they approached. Efforts to identify them were fruitless.

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tant not to have them even in the dim background when the story is released. I've recommended that I be kept out of it, at least for a while, and I'm not even signing up until I see it is going to be a high-level organization and that I can do some good. Confidentially, I expect to have a hand in running their monthly publication when they get underway. I may serve as an unlisted consultant—I don't know yet. But I see a great chance to force the subject into the press, onto radio and TV, if plans work out. And this should help you, and APRO—though at first you may not think so. I say that because it should revive national interest, convert many skeptics, and start a rush toward getting all possible information. If I have anything to do with it, the NICAP monthly would list APRO, and give at least a brief review of its aims, sincerity, etc. Later, you might be asked to do an article, or contribute to a symposium now and then, on various aspects of the subject. There are many other possible developments.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Coral Lorenzen. From: Donald Keyhoe, 214 Kent Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Date of letter: 3 October 56. Photocopy in author's files.

5 October. Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. (2:30 a.m.)

Circumference of a 100 feet.

A clipping and translation provided by Olavo Fontes to Robert Gribble says:

“Mr. Jose Tiburcio Alves, a civilian government jobholder working for the city's prefecture, said to the press that he had seen a flying saucer today at 2:30 a.m. He lives at 61 Tapajos street and has an excellent reputation in the city. In his interview he told the reporters the following story:

“ ‘I was sleepy on my home's porch, at 2:30 a.m., but was suddenly awakened by a bright light that hit my eyes. Then I saw a very bright light in the sky, hovering at about 1,200 feet above the ground. It looked like a luminous corona, but soon I saw this was only a luminous effect produced by a circular, oval-shaped object of great size. A bright glow encircled the aircraft. The light, although strong, was not dazzling, and illuminated the ground on a circumference of about 100 feet. The brightness of this luminous halo, which surrounded entirely the craft, was so intense that no details of the object could be seen.’

“ ‘I wiped my eyes—not believing in that vision—but the saucer was still there,



MORRIS K. JESSUP

Jessup predicted NICAP would flounder by year's end.

hovering in mid-air. Now my wife was at my side watching the scene. We tried to call the neighbors, but they were sleeping. Then, the UFO started to move; it climbed up sharply and rushed away in a flash of speed. No sound was heard." (xx.)

(xx.) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Diario da Noite.
5 October 56.

8 October. Culver City, California.
(morning)

Flat, metallic object. (See clipping)

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"Greatest puzzle?"

The editor of the
North Jersey UFO
group's newsletter noted:

"*Science Fiction Theatre*, WRCA-TV, Fridays at 7 p.m. [also aired nationally], has a story based on saucers every once in a while. Most recent was 5 October, Truman Bradley, host and one of America's best known 'sci-fi' writers, said that the flying saucers constitute one of the greatest puzzles put before man." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Newsletter*. #6. 20 October 56. North Jersey
UFO Group. p.2.

'FLAT, METALLIC':

Local Housewives See Flying Saucer

The object was flat and metallic looking. It first appeared over the Santa Monica mountains to the west. The glitter of the sun added to its brightness as it flashed across the sky. Then in a minute or two, it sped out across

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the ocean and was gone."

From the U.S. to Europe, similar messages have buzzed across the wires in recent years, describing so-called "unidentified flying objects" which have caused a mild furor in the imaginative minds of people throughout the world.

This message, however, came from two Culver City housewives yesterday morning, chatting pleasantly as they watched their young children play in their Selmaraine Drive backyard.

Mrs. Anne Presti, 5438 Selmaraine Drive, Culver City, was the first to see it. She had been watching her two children, David, 2, and Marie, 4, in the backyard and talking to a neighbor, Mrs. Sybil Berman, 6414 Selmaraine Drive when the noise of a small aircraft attracted her attention.

"I looked up," Mrs. Presti said, "saw the airplane and then notice this flat, metallic object speeding in the sky above it."

Mrs. Berman was standing next to Mrs. Presti and pushing her little boy on a swing at the time.

"I heard Anne say 'look at the white thing up in the air,'" Mrs. Berman said.

"At first I couldn't see it because of the angle at which I was standing but then," she continued, "I stood next to Anne and saw the object go off in the distance toward the ocean and beach areas."

"It was real white and had no angle of any kind to it," she said.

Mrs. Presti called the police department after the object had disappeared and checked to find out if similar reports had been made by anyone else. They hadn't, the police said.

Further checks with aircraft control towers by a Star-News reporter also failed to disclose further sightings.

Um disco voador em Manaus **OCTOBER, 5, 1956**

MANAUS, 5 (Meridional) — "Eu vi um disco voador!" — declarou a reportagem da Meridional o servidor municipal José Tiburcio Alves, residente á rua Tapajós, 81. Estava semi-adormecido no pátio de sua residência, cerca das 2:30 horas da manhã, quando acordou com um subito clarão, vendo uma coisa iluminada, que se movimentava a baixa altitude, cerca de 300 metros do solo. Um forte clarão partia da aeronave, iluminando a terra, numa circunferência de cerca de 100 metros.

— "Esfreguei os olhos — prossegue — e continuei vendo o disco, já então junto com a minha esposa, que se levantara. Foi um belo espetáculo. Tentei chamar os vizinhos, mas eles estavam dormindo e o disco desapareceu a grande velocidade."

"DIARIO DA NOITE"

7 October. Near Modesto, California. (10:45 p.m. – 11:40 p.m.)

Dr. McDonald learns of a UFO chase.

In a letter to Richard Hall, Dr. James McDonald happen to mention a “jet chase” that was supposed to have occurred in late 1956. McDonald wrote:

“Bob Runser of Chicago-NICAP attended my talk to the Chicago AIAA section on September 26 [1968]. Afterwards, while a half-dozen of us were talking on for an hour or so, he stayed with us, and, in the course of discussions, told us of a UFO-chase by Air Force pilots in California in the mid-1950s. The source of his information was one of the two pilots, now out of the Air Force and flying DC-8s for United, as Runser does. I got the phone number and interviewed the pilot, Al Akins, last week.

“Without trying to give a complete summary, I’ll mention that Akins was on alert duty, airborne in an F-86 near Modesto, out of Castle AFB. Estimated date: late in 1956. Civilian sighting reports of a light at a nearby town led the tower to vector him there, only to report suddenly to whip back to Castle because the light was visible from the tower. He began to close and was joined by a second of the three planes that Castle had on the hot-line. An overcast from 10,000-12,000 feet became a screen above and below which the UFO alternately took cover. The pilots soon stationed themselves one below and one above and took turns trying to chase it as it came to their side of the clouds. Akins said it appeared to be football-shaped in side view, but round in planform, and he said they got good looks at it from all sides, sometimes closing to an estimated few hundred yards before it whipped out of sight again. Ground radar at Madrea painted them, but never the unknown. They got fading, transient returns from their airborne nose radars, but were puzzled by the curious way in which they lost the echo almost as soon as they picked it up [alien ECM?]. He ran low on fuel and was letting down to refuel, when he looked back up and saw that the chase had reversed, and the UFO was pursuing the other plane. He elected to go back up, despite low fuel, and the object shot off and disappeared in the distance, terminating the sighting.

“They were on afterburner intermittently, so the noise was noticeable to a lot of ground observers in Modesto. Also, civilians had seen the luminous object itself. The ‘explanation’ released locally was that the pilots had been chasing ducks or geese.

“The interesting part of the whole story was that they were interrogated by several officers, who flew in from another base (not WPAFB) and who were very knowledgeable about UFOs and went right to the heart of all their questioning, as if they knew just what they wanted to find out. Akins put it that they seemed to be seeking confirmation rather information. They were told (he and Jerry Robinson, the other pilot) not to make any public statements or any other kind of statements about it. They were later approached by a Modesto newsman, who had ferreted out their names, but they made no statements. He never discussed it again with Robinson. When he left the Air Force in 1967, he had never again heard of the incident. He did not seem reluctant to discuss it, and I did not press him, lest I get a negative with respect to mentioning this case openly. I’m not just sure how or when it should be used, but I think it’s a good one. The date is, of course, significant with respect to the cover up question. Since it’s over 2 ½ years A.R. (After Robertson [the Robertson panel]) and since it implies existence of competent investigators [at odds, one notes, with McDonald’s precious “foul-up”

theory as opposed to “cover-up”] who hushed up intercept pilots after they’d had a good sighting, it strains my hypothesis, obviously. Runser said he doesn’t think NICAP has any record on this. Does it ring a bell with you? Akins thinks he has file materials giving the date and few more particulars and promised to get in touch with me if he locates them. He also says he gets back to Modesto from time to time and volunteered to search the newspapers, although that might be some time off. If you have anybody in Modesto who could pin this one down with a lead no firmer than late 1956, I think it would be worthwhile.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Richard Hall. From Dr. James McDonald. Date: 16 October 68.
Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona.
Special Collections Division. Photocopy in author’s files.

35 years later:

In 2003 the Modesto and Merced libraries were visited to search for a press account of the “Akins” case. One account was located on the front page of the October 9, 1956 issue of *The Modesto Bee*. The news story tells us very little:

“SEARCH FOR SKY LIGHT IS FUTILE.

“MERCED, Merced Co.—Jet planes from the 456th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at nearby Castle Air Force Base scrambled into the sky south of here after receiving reports of a mysterious light but failed to locate the mysterious glow.

“The report came into Castle officials late Sunday [October 7th] from Thomas Salazar of 833 West 11th Street, Merced. He told officials there and later the police here the light would brighten, then dim. Salazar reported whenever planes would approach the light it would black out.

“Lieutenant Colonel Lee Lambert, commander of the 456th, said he ordered some of his F-86 aircraft already in the air diverted to investigate but found nothing.

“‘We didn’t get anything on the radar scope, either,’ he declared.

“He offered the opinion possibly some migratory birds with phosphorescent glow reflected against the cloud formations might have been the cause of Salazar’s sighting and others reported into the base.”

(xx.) Modesto, California. *The Modesto Bee*. 9 October 56. p.1.

The Merced paper’s story was smaller and a bit different:

“A mysterious light in the southern sky over Merced was spotted at 10:45 p.m. Sunday by Thomas Salazar, 833 West 11th Street.

“Salazar notified the police department, and officers sighted the light too. It would brighten and then dim. Police notified Castle AFB and jet planes were sent into the air to investigate. The light could not be located, however.

“No one offered any explanation.” (xx.)

(xx.) Merced, California. *Merced Sun-Star*. 8 October 56. p.1.

The big break came when the official report on the case was discovered in files other than the National Archives BLUE BOOK holdings (See "Notes on Sources" at the front of this monograph. The "mysterious" Air Force investigators evidently were personnel from the 4602nd AISS, agents who conducted field investigations for BLUE BOOK). The pilots in this UFO case were Lt. Alvin A. Akins and Lt. Jerry O. Robinett [not "Robinson"].

"Something foreign to our culture?"

Lt. Akins: Answers taken from information form:

Lt. Akins confirms the date of the incident as October 7, 1956 and the time as: 2320-2340. He was piloting an F-86D (#981) out of Castle AFB. Lt. Robinett was flying in the same area and was in radio contact with Akins. The local ground radar station, "Shady Lady" (774th AC&W) was in constant contact with both Akins and Robinett.

Akins gives two compass headings: 330 and 280 degrees. Altitude: 8,000-21,000 feet. And speed: 300-350 knots. Asked if he was able to make radar contact, he said yes, but that he only picked up a small blip that faded simultaneously. He did not attempt an interception but tried to get close. No unusual disturbances were noted on the jet's compass and radio (this question was on the AISS information form). No turbulence was felt, and the UFO was seen by Akins for only 15 seconds. The sky was very dark (no moon) with no trace of sunlight. Asked about appearance, he said the UFO appeared to be a solid object. There was a slight breeze and an overcast at 11,000-21,000 feet.

The thing stood still at times, and other times sped up. It changed brightness and appeared to flicker or pulsate. It did not give off smoke, break up, or change shape. Asked if the UFO ever moved behind anything, Akins said the thing moved up into the clouds when a fighter got in the immediate area. He first spotted the UFO at 11,000 feet but it disappeared vertically into the overcast. Later it appeared again at 11,000 feet (Confirms the "peek-a-boo" story told to Dr. McDonald). Akins made a guess as to the UFO's size, suggesting its longest dimension as about 100-120 feet. He seems to be especially impressed by the object's appearance, which he said was "fuzzy," "very bright like burning phosphorous," and a "shimmering, changing, intensity." The UFO's movements were very fast. Akins gives an estimate of 1,000-1,200 mph, which is very high even if one makes an allowance for considerable error. When the UFO went vertically into the clouds, it did so at a great rate of speed, "nearly instantaneously," he wrote. At times the UFO seemed to be 4-6 miles away and looked to be the size and shape of a slightly squashed volleyball. Akins said he didn't know what the thing was and had never seen anything like it before. To him it showed evidence of intelligent control and construction—"something foreign to our culture possibly."

Akins' brief narrative account:

"I was in the GCA pattern at Castle when a strange lighted object was sighted over Los Banos, California 270 degrees at 20 miles. I broke out of the pattern and checked that area. There was an overcast from 10 [11],000-21,000 feet. I checked over and under it. No contact with anything. I had radio contact with Shady Lady (GCI). They were relaying information from tower and civilian police. I was over the clouds heading back to Castle when Castle sighted the object overhead. I penetrated the overcast and just as I came out I had a good look at the object. Tried to get in closer when it shot up into cloud. I sighted it several more times but was low

on fuel and could not go up to where it was, tried to vector other fighter in on it.”
(xx.)

(xx.) Airborne Observer's Data Sheet. Akins, Alvin A. 2/Lt. 24 West 19th Street,
Merced, California. Date of questionnaire; 17 October 56. 4602nd AISS
Photocopy in author's files.

“A planned and constructed object.”

Lt. Robinett. Answers taken from information form:

Robinett gives the same date, October 7th, and mentions the time of 11:20 PST. Robinett's circumstances were different than Akins and he gives his position when first spotting the UFO as 37 degrees 10' North, 120 degrees 30' West. Robinett was flying a F86D, # 515028, out of Castle AFB. His headings were 330 and 280 compass. Altitude 8,000 and 21,000 feet. Airspeed 250 to 390 knots. He attempted airborne radar contact but received no return at any time even when apparently within range and correct azimuth. No attempt was made to intercept. He just tried to get close. Shady Lady ground radar was controlling him and Akins and was relaying the position of the UFO as they received calls from ground observers (no apparent radar contact by Shady Lady). No unusual disturbances noted on compass or radio. No turbulence noticed. UFO spotted twice. First time: 3-4 seconds. Second time: 45-60 seconds. Sky dark with no trace of sunlight. UFO appeared to be a “block away.” Wind: very little.

The object appeared solid and when spotted the second time it was “embedded in the clouds.” Robinett never saw it stand still but did witness it suddenly speed up and change brightness. The thing was not seen to break up, give off smoke, or change shape. Like Akins, Robinett said the UFO appeared fuzzy or blurred and emitted a bright, white light. As for size, Robinett figured the UFO was about 100-120 feet high and 50-60 feet in diameter, like the “dome of an observatory.” [The reader is referred to Robinett's sketch] No speed estimate given. The first time it was sighted Robinett estimates it was about 2-3 miles away. On the second occasion maybe 7-10 miles. Azimuth of UFO from his position was 60 degrees. Similar to Akins, Robinett said the UFO appeared to be the size of a volleyball (or even a basketball) at arm's length. Requested to express an opinion as to what the object was, Robinett wrote:

“I have no idea of what this object could have been by our set of standards. It seemed to have great speed but I saw very little maneuverability. From the limited amount of observations I made I would say that it was a planned and constructed object.” (xx.)

(xx.) Airborne Observer's Data Sheet. Robinett, Jerry Owen. 220 West 21st Street,
Merced, California, Date of questionnaire: 17 October 56. 4602nd AISS. Photo-
copy in author's files.

Robinett's brief narrative account:

“My flight [he and Akins] was on alert and I had...[not clear] man up shooting GCA's. At 2310 we started receiving calls concerning this object. I had GCI divert the aircraft [Akins] on GCA's. I went up in another aircraft and we set up a system-actice search pattern. The calls from the ground indicated the object was above me

so I climbed through the overcast (11,000 feet thick) and searched on top. It was as I breaking out on my descent that I spotted the object the first time. I made a hard turn starboard to get another look but was unable to find it.

"I left the No.2 man [Akins] down low over Merced as an observer and started for Los Banos (reports had come from there). About 15 miles out No. 2 called and said he had the object in sight so I came back and climbed on top the overcast again. It was at this time that I spotted the rapidly moving light embedded in the clouds and started trying to move in. It moved away very swiftly to the north and disappeared." (xx.)

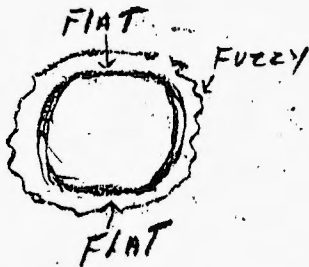
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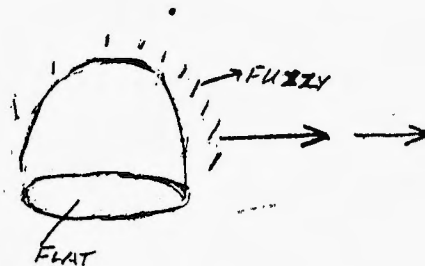
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 D. SEVEN MILES.
 E. 10/10

AISS explanation:
 "Probable balloon."

Drawings by Akins and Robinett. Note that Robinett depicts a "Structured object."



Akins' drawing.



Robinett's drawing

"Light was emitted from the periphery around the sides of the oval-shaped object not from the bottom or top."

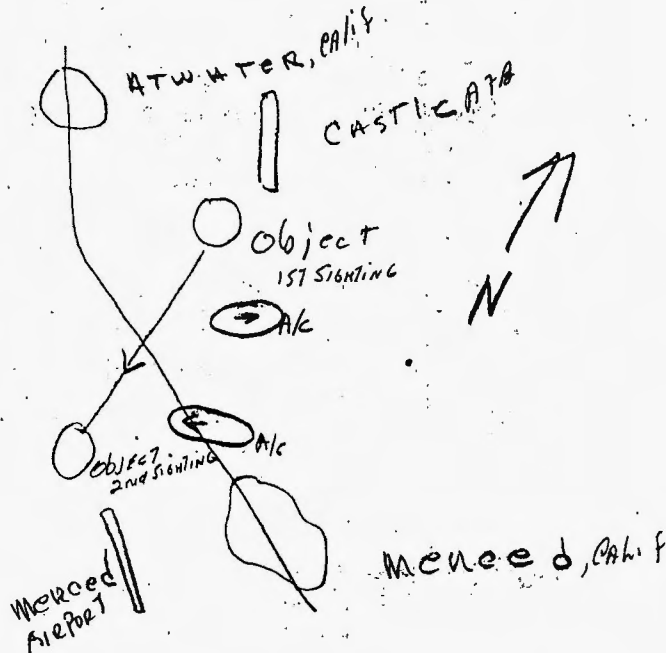
Drawing of jets' and UFO's flight path according to Lt. Akins. The line connecting the city of Atwater with the city of Merced is highway 99. Akins has the UFO going south.

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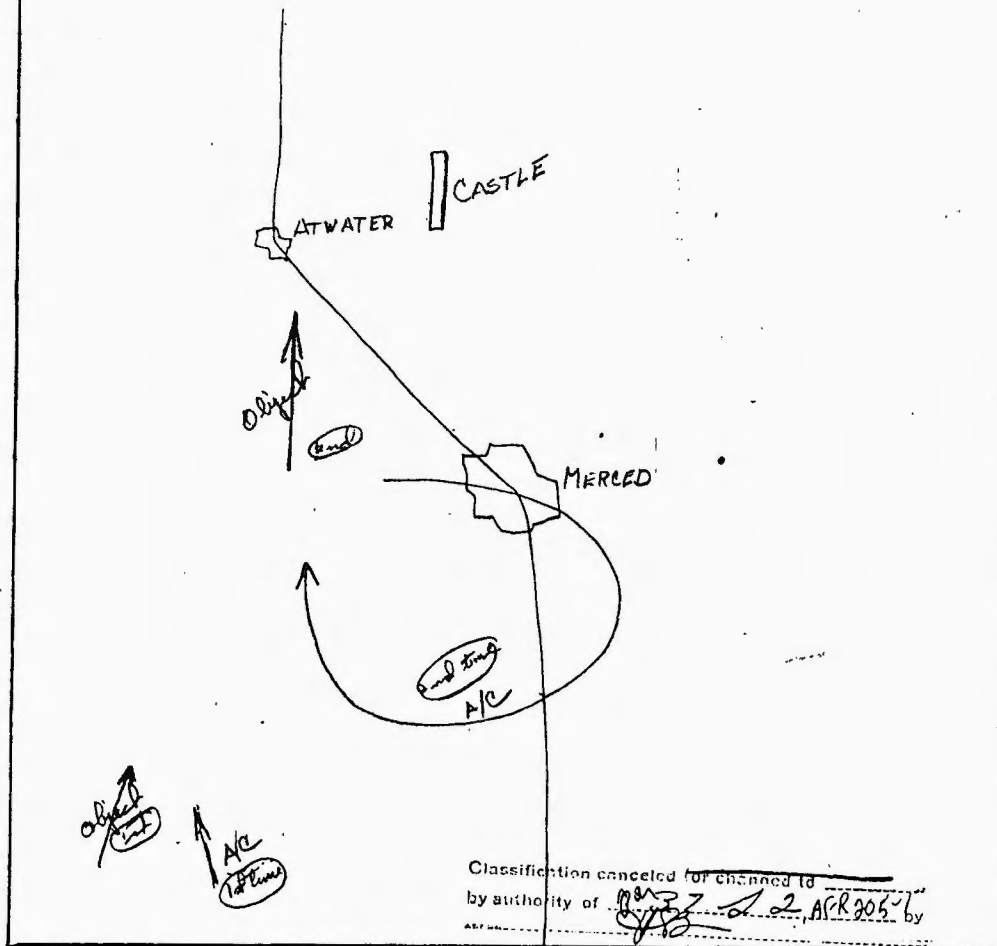
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8 October. Ngaruawahia, New Zealand. (4:40 a.m.)

"Bounced like a tennis ball." According to a press account:

"A large object was observed stationary for about a quarter of an hour over Ngaruawahia this morning by Mr. Frank P. Duggan, a café proprietor, and his wife.

"Mr. Duggan said he awoke at 4:40 a.m. and his attention was attracted by a bright light coming through his bedroom window. As the light was stationary, and was too bright for the lights of an automobile, he got up and went to the window. He saw in the western sky something which he described as 'similar to a saucer on edge—only longer.' The disc was very brilliantly lit, of an orangish color. After watching it for about a couple of minutes, he awoke his wife, who came to the window and watched it also.

" 'It seemed to be very close,' said Mr. Duggan in an interview this morning. 'We watched it for about a quarter of an hour before it moved off. It seemed to be spinning when it started moving,' he said.

"After his wife went back to bed, he continued to watch the object, which traveled in a westerly direction. "A curious feature of the motion of the disc was that it bounced like a tennis ball,' he said. 'After it began to move, it dropped swiftly, then rose again several times, only that these movements were sharp and swift.' He said that the size appeared to be that of a bread-and-butter plate held at arm's length. He continued to watch it for quite some time before it finally disappeared from view.

"Asked if he believed in 'flying saucers,' he said: 'I didn't really believe in them before, but seeing this this morning certainly convinced me.'

"Writes Mr. A. B. Jones, a most keen member of C.S.I., resident of Taupiri:—

" 'As promised, I have interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Duggan at their café in Ngaruawahia. I questioned Mr. Duggan first. In my judgement, he is a very straight-forward and honest man about 35 years of age. He lives on the north side of the Ngaruawahia Bridge and from their home window the object was high up over the Tapper Quarries across the Waipa River. He usually leaves the window blind up, so the morning light will wake him. It was the intense light of this object that first woke him. Mrs. Duggan said it hurt the eyes to look at this glowing object for too long. Mr. Duggan had it under observation for 30 minutes all told.'

" 'Mr. Duggan further described the object as having a ring around it, like a small edition of the planet Saturn. The object had a shaft of light on top, bottom and both ends, as viewed from his angle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duggan heard a 'whirring noise' most distinctly, when it started to move. Before moving they noticed that the object's light faded considerably and came on again slightly more intense. It changed from orange to yellow on moving off, with an up and down motion, not exactly as the press put it. It finally disappeared with altitude.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No.3. January-March 1957. pp.11-12. Press account from the Waikato, New Zealand, *Waikato Times*. 8 October 56.

First issue of *The Little Listening Post*. A little of this and a little of that. (See pages 44-45)

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AN EDITORIAL ON FLYING SAUCERS, Wash. News, 6/7/54, commented: ".....science just hasn't explained what flying saucers are. We have warned science about this. Two years ago, we told science in no uncertain terms that it had better unwrap this mystery in the larger interest of national sanity. No other country that we know of is so bothered by celestial crockery.....Science, sitting back there with a smug look,....isn't doing its job. Now, with another saucer season approaching we say to science.....Put up or shut up."

AND FROM AN ESP SOURCE AT WASH. D. C. there came an utterance that after five years is still strangely significant today. -- "They are not going to find out what they (the Saucers) are." And a few weeks later from the same source: "They are expeditioners from an order of intelligence not known on earth."

ON THE CLOSING OF THEIR GENERAL CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO, June 5, Adventists, true to the meaning of their name, reaffirmed by a standing vote of thousands their prediction of the imminent return of Christ. They have long preached the Bible prophecy -- "There shall be signs in the heavens." TO FLYING OBJECTS ADD REINDEERS which have now flown -- literally. Forty of them were recently rescued in Sweden by 'copter.

COL. FRANK MILINI, BALTIMORE'S CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, demands, 6/9 A. F. lessen secrecy surrounding UFO'S.

ADD TO THE SAUCER FRATERNITY Mr. L. H. Stringfield, former 'A. F. Intelligence, now head Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects, (CRIFO) P. O. Box 1855, Cincinnati, O. But if you write him -- wait! At present writing he is buried under 4000 unopened letters. Says, "We are principally research people whose convictions, borne of logic, are now out to get the final proof."----- Here's hoping!

WASHINGTON SPOTLIGHT: Biggest "buzz" in Capital is re race integration. Coming fast...Wash. still bemoans loss of TIMES HERALD. Despite forebodings Wash. has enjoyed one of its most beautiful of all springs...Biggest change in this city of protocol, says a long-time Secy. Ed. is "the increase in familiarity - the casual use of first names, even for strangers." A lecturer in Wash. recently discoursed on THE MEANING OF SUFFERING. If we can take a tip from Aura Rhanes of Clarion, the "meaning of suffering" is simply that we on this planet haven't worked hard enough to better ourselves as they have on Clarion and also Mars, for example. We Earthians would rather fight, drat it!

A BRILLIANT LITTLE LADY FROM PAKISTAN, an educator with embassy connections, sat on the floor talking to a group of Wash. club women. She thinks our country is, "ooh, wonderful!" As for our troubles, thinks many of them stem from our "commercials" - yes - those radio and TV jump-ins. They make women want things they can't afford so they go in debt - so they take jobs - so their children raise themselves - so we have delinquency. Whatever her country's troubles delinquency, it seems, is not one of them. Thinks war is basically men's escape from boredom. TIP TO STYLISTS: She was modeling a fancy two-piece suit consisting of pajama-pants and a below-the-knee shirt. There were 4 yds. of material in the "pants" - all 4 yds. gathered at the waistline with a draw-cord. A 2-yd. scarf flounced around over all; purpose of scarf - to prevent masculine eyes from detecting feminine lines -- any, that is, that might still be visible beneath the 8 yds. of material in this two-piece get-up - worn by this 4-ft. 2 woman....She was brought home by way of Washington's new Mosque. In her country, she observed, men, (greatly in the majority) go to church. Women do their praying at home.

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THERE ARE RUMORS that "shut-up" or "shut-down" Bender may write a book and tell all. REC'D FROM SOCY. OF METAPHYSICIANS, HASTINGS, ENG. brochure "BIOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF THE FLYING SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHS." Concerns itself mostly with the Adamski photos. Biometric analysis deals with borderline science. MAJOR DON KEYHOE recently had his phone changed to an unpublished number. Reported-- they weren't getting any sleep nights. LEONARD BERNSTEIN, pianist, composer of a symphony titled -- THE AGE OF ANXIETY. DESMOND LESLIE, SAUCER HISTORIAN of Saucerdom's best seller FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED, (Leslie and Adamski) expected to arrive from London on the Queen Mary June 22. LECTURES! RADIO! TV! THE SAUCER GOSPEL IS BEING PREACHED all around the country -- from Toronto to the mid-west and west coast. Adamski, Bethaurum, Keyhoe, Williamson, John Otto, et al, not to mention Frank Edwards of the burning spirit who is now being picked up by front pages of big city papers -- also, not to mention the many Saucer publications.....No lectures as yet in Washington. WASHINGTON'S WTOP TV TRANSMITTER BLEW UP RECENTLY. Reason unknown. Station off the air for hours. Lost a lot of money.

THE QUESTION GIVEN BY ONE OF OUR READERS and posed in an earlier Listening Post --- "What Is The LOCALE Of Our Dead?" is still being publicized by various magazines and showing ferment of thought.....Pharaoh Cheops with that "solar boat for his soul's journey," (recently unearthed in Egypt) was a pioneer interplanetarian. With his faith - plus modern science we ought to get somewhere pretty soon regarding this "Locale" question. Which reminds us-----

SOME ENGLISH RESEARCHERS IN THE FIELD OF SPIRIT RADIO want to come to this country and lecture on their objectives and their lab experiments. Straws in the wind!... Have you any suggestions for them?

SOME FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES have been queried as to what stocks they'd recommend when the saucers land in large numbers soon.....No replies as yet.

NEAL KEARNEY, Maquoketa, Ia. Ed. THE ROUNDHOUSE has bought himself a printing press. FROM WASH. STAR EDITORIAL 6/10/54 Thos. E. Murray of AEC addressing Cath. U. urges "avert the danger of universal destruction by the fire, the blast, the radiation and the atmospheric contamination that would result from an all-out war with A. weapons and hydrogen bomb...Danger is far from being either imaginary or remote. It is real and immediate, and its magnitude is growing with each passing day as the nuclear armaments race continues to gather momentum in a way capable of driving men willy-nilly to such degree of self-annihilation that there may be no further work for us to do on earth...the earth itself, as we know it, may pass away....little evidence of sufficient awareness." Advocates idea of having U. S. take initiative in unveiling "the new face of war." Proposes international demonstration of thermonuclear explosion.

CHARMED AWAY FROM RADIO NEWS CHANNEL BY FALSE FLICK OF THE DIAL and caught some out-of-this-world music.....Piece turned out to be "VENUS, THE BRINGER OF PEACE" --- from "The Planet Suite." !!!

ALARM IS SOUNDED re lessening output of college grads in Science and Engineering. 52,000 in 1950; 19,000 this year. Despite an increase in U. S. Population of 24 million every 10 yrs. Russia's estimated number of such grads this year is 40,000. Situation is genuinely serious, says Undersecretary of Commerce Williams. (Wash.Star, 5/23/54)

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN June 30th. Watch it with your breakfast coffee (if you can still afford coffee). Thirteen observatories throughout world putting on a round-the-clock watch on Mars(nearest July 2). Naval Observatory when asked if this had any connection with FS responded with a horselaugh.

HARVARD U. MAY ATTEMPT TO GET RADAR ECHOES FROM MARS. "The usefulness of this would be that if an echo could be observed at all, the time elapsed between sending the signal and receiving the echo would indicate the distance to Mars at that time with high accuracy. This would at once give a new determination of the scale of distances in the solar system."

COL. JOHN O'MARA, Deputy Commander of ATIC (Ohio) ADMITS TO 700 UFO SIGHTINGS A WEEK. (Mutual, 6/10/54)

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to persons on a list of those who expressed interest) stated:

“Released ever few weeks when the news gets to where it ‘boils over.’ This service is operated on the GOOD WILL basis and sent to those who make it possible —BY DONATION.

“Would you like to continue on the LITTLE LISTENING POST Mailing List?”

9 October. Coral Lorenzen writes the new NICAP organization:

A letter to the new group said:

“Gentlemen:

“In a recent letter from Donald Keyhoe I was notified of your existence and, as head of the oldest existing UFO research organization, would like to offer our help in any way that might aid in bringing the facts heretofore known to the attention of the public in general

“As one of your first projects you might be interested in finding out why Mr. Lorenzen and I were ‘squeezed’ off the TV program “Do You Trust Your Wife’ after the script had been written and the date set. Correspondence with one of the producers mentioned that they were ‘indefinitely postponing’ our appearance, out of consideration for the Air Force which had contracts with one of General Motors’ subsidiaries (Allison Jet Engines). Later correspondence intimated that they were not able to hack out a script with the information we had given them (although they were enthusiastic over the stuff and had already held their script conference and scheduled us). On the day we were to appear, the Science-Fiction writer S.J. Byrne and his wife appeared in our place, and from what we knew about the script, only slight alterations had been made to accommodate them in our place. I’ve been slightly peeved about this as it was a chance to exploit the UFO situation on a national network and possibly get back a few of the many dollars we have invested in the APRO endeavor. I have the aforementioned correspondence on file, but realize that I could find out little by myself or through members.

“If your outfit is going to do a good, solid job of UFO investigation I’d like to pass on a few names who might like to participate and who, I’m sure, would be of invaluable assistance. They are members of my group and have been a big help to us.

“Incidentally, we are not small. We have representatives throughout the world as well as several hundred members in this country. We are a little publicity shy for one reason—publicity brings avalanches of mail and that means extra work. Our bi-monthly bulletin ran to 34 pages this last September, our daily mail load is 15 to 25 letters. Our evaluations and correlations are done by a physicist, two mathematicians and two engineers employed at Holloman AFB here (names not available).

“Please overlook the poor typing—I neither have the time or inclination to draft letters and the stenographical help is a once-a-week affair. I try to keep up the more personal-type letter writing day by day and do the run-of-the-mill stuff when the girl is here to take dictation.

“Will look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely, [Signed: Coral Lorenzen]

"Post Script: Watch out for the screwballs and crackpots—they creep in so easily. However—I wouldn't discount all accounts of landings and little men—we've found that many are as fully corroborated as some of the 'classic' sightings." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena., 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. From: Coral Lorenzen, 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Date: There is no date on the letter typed in by Coral, but scribbled in ink at the top, apparently by NICAP, is "Oct 9, 1956." Also: a "Received Stamp" has the date: "OCT 10 1956." Photocopy in author's files.

10 October. Edendale, New Zealand. (1:32 p.m. and 1:35 p.m.)

Flying disc convinces.

A CSI New Zealand investigator questions UFO witnesses:

"At 1:32 p.m. on the afternoon of the 10th of October, 1956, Mr. Newman was sitting in the living room, the window of which has a direct northerly aspect. He thinks his attention was directed to the window in the first place by the sound of the north-bound Dakota from Invercargill. The day was warm and the sky covered by a heavy concentration of cirrus cloud at an estimated ceiling of 5,000 feet, broken here there by a patch of blue sky. He immediately caught sight of a disc-shaped object coming from a gap in the clouds in the Northeast. Losing altitude slightly from approximately 30 degrees, it appeared to have no traverse so would be travelling in a Southwest direction, at the same time as the Dakota appeared to be overhead and the disc seemed to be in size what a cone with base eight inches and an apex three inches would look like at one chain distance. The comparison was gained later by viewing a Diesel exhaust pipe weather cap.

"It executed a remarkably tight turn and shot back into the cloud gap. Mr. Newman, astonished and perhaps a little doubtful as to what he had seen, passed through the kitchen where his wife was working and went outside. He could see no further sign and within ten minutes returned to the kitchen and told Mrs. Newman that he must have seen a flying saucer. She laughed at him and he in turn pointed through the kitchen window with, I believe, some feeling, at the direction he had seen the object. Almost immediately they were both amazed to see the object appear at approximately the same inclination, but about 20 degrees further to the east, lose altitude towards them, but to approximately the same size as before, slow down and then turn and recede very rapidly, climbing and disappearing in a Northeast direction. Mr. Newman later held a dinner plate upside-down at an inclined angle to try and give me his impression of what he had seen.

"Mrs. Newman impressed on me her surprise after having laughed at her husband's remarks on the first sighting. The second sighting was at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Newman's impression was that the second sighting was timed with the passing of the Dakota. Both were impressed by the great speed and maneuverability of the disc. The

only points of variance were that Mrs. Newman's impression was that it was silvery grey and Mrs. Newman thought it was darker in color." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigations (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No.3. January-March. pp.13-14. CSI investigator: Harold Mchay.

10 October. Hokitika, New Zealand. (early morning)

Land mass or what?

This is what news story said, believe it or not:

"Early morning travelers on the main south highway today were witnesses of a phenomenon at sea that makes a tale to match the spate of 'flying saucer' stories of recent years.

"On the otherwise clear horizon off Awatuna, what appeared to be a substantial land mass rose slowly out of the sea to a considerable height and then slowly subsided until only the straight line of a flat calm sea was visible.

"While a compact area of sea mist could have been responsible for the phenomenon, its appearance was substantial and its dispersal sudden.

"The cloud base at the time would have been approximately 3,000 to 4,000 feet and the horizon was otherwise clear from Point Elizabeth to Big Bay.

"As the 'island' disappeared a faint finger of light pointed down on the spot from a fleecy cloud at a 45-degee angle." (xx.)

(xx.) Greymouth, New Zealand. *Greymouth Evening Star*. 10 October 56.

10 October. New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. (9:55 p.m.)

30 people observe "mysterious night-flying object." (See clipping on page 49)

15 October. Indianapolis, Indiana. (daytime?)

White stuff dropped in spurts:

In response to a special TV program about the UFO mystery hosted by Frank Edwards, a woman, a Mrs. Evelyn Smith, in Indianapolis, related her UFO experience:

"...when I was out hanging up my laundry, I happened to see a bright flicker of light in the west...I will try and describe it for you: The object was round and disc-like, and it was floating along just like balloon. In fact I thought it was a balloon until I saw white stuff of some sort coming from the bottom of the object. This strange white stuff seemed to be dropped in spurts. Object itself was moving too fast at first, then all the sudden it seemed to come to a sudden stop and then shot straight up and vanished before my eyes...The object appeared to be the size of a grapefruit and brilliant." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter quoted in *Orbit*. Vol. IV. No.10. January 4, 1957. p.3.

30 Observe Flying Saucer In Perry Co.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Oct. 13—Reports of flying saucers, long dormant in this area, got a new lease on life this week when more than 30 Perry County residents saw "a mysterious night-flying object" east of New Bloomfield.

A Carson Long Institute cadet, William Hand, 14, whose home is in Paxtang, first noted the mysterious object from the third floor window of his dormitory at 9:55 p.m. Wednesday.

HE excitedly called his roommate, 16-year-old Jerry Cohen, who is from New York City. The "blindingly brilliant object", according to the pair, seemed suspended in the night sky, a bit east of here.

CALLS OTHERS

While Hand watched the motionless globe of light, Cohen ran to call other cadets in Centennial Hall, the group dormitory.

James O'Brien, 16, and Charles Kohler, 17, both hailing from Pittsburgh, joined the watch, followed by Robert Carpenter, 16, of East Paterson, N.J., and David Markel, 17, of Milan, Pa.

Before the amazed eyes of the six, the object suddenly seemed to take life, and streak eastward at an amazing rate of speed, leaving a phosphorescent trail in its wake, much the same as a small comet.

However, it did not vanish — only seemed to recede to a great distance in an easterly direction, then pause again as though stuck in the black sky.

OFFICERS SEE IT

In the meantime, Lieut. Harold Weiss was making his last rounds prior to 10 p.m. taps, when the weird phenomena was called to his attention.

From its stationary position, the object again moved, this time westward, toward the watchers, but at a lower point in the sky than before.

It did not come as close, until it paused again, when it began to rotate in a counterclockwise direction, with a "spinning and bobbing" motion, then to again move away toward the east.

Several times the mysterious object reversed its direction, but continued to spin in the original counterclockwise direction.

WATCHED AN HOUR

For nearly an hour, the weird gyrations continued, while at least 25 other cadets joined in the watch from various rooms in the military academy building. All were equally mystified by its actions.

Approximately an hour after it first appeared, the object simply vanished, leaving the watchers wondering whether to believe their eyes.

When questioned individually, the cadets told fundamentally the same story. The discrepancy was in the color. When questioned the following evening in the apartment of Lt. Weiss as a group, the majority agreed the object glowed a brilliant silvery blue that far outshone any star or meteorite any had ever witnessed.

COLOR CHANGES

Some felt the hue varied from time to time to pastel shades of pink, and yellow, but this was explained by one of the teachers at the institute as the natural reaction of the human eye that seems to see complimentary colors, after gazing too long at any fixed color.

Was it a flying saucer? Was it a weather freak? Or was it any of the other explanations offered by various "experts" who try to explain the rash of mysterious heavenly lights seen in recent years??

No suitable explanation has been offered, but 32 persons who saw it are firm in their protests that it was not a figment of their imagination. It was there — but what was it??

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19 October. Pareora, New Zealand. (4:45 p.m.)

Came up over the sand dune.

A CSI New Zealand investigator reported:

"Dear Mr. Fulton,

"Last night I had to go down past Pareora, nine miles south of Timaru, so I took the opportunity to try and interview the two boys who saw the mystery object on Friday, the 19th.

"I interviewed John Darling, age 11, but Barry Shuker, age 12, was away on holiday. However, I was able to sort out the following from John Darling.

"At 4:45 p.m. to the east and seaward of Pareora, these two boys were playing amongst the bushes of a wide expanse of sand and scrub which is east of the main north-south railway line. The object was first noticed coming up over a slight hill in the dunes, to the south. As it came over the top it appeared to follow the contour of the slight hill going down, then it shot upwards.

"It was estimated to be about 600 yards from the boys, and appeared to be about the size of a car's headlights at 100 feet. It was silver in color, or rather chrome brightness; it had a round forward part tapered away to a point at the rear. There was no noise and the speed was terrific.

"That, I am afraid, is all I could find out. I hope it may help." (xx.)

(xx.) *Official Quarterly Journal Civilian Saucer Investigations (N.Z.)* Vol. 4, No. 3. January-March. p.13.

25 October. Garden Grove, California. (6:45 p.m.)

"A flying saucer nearly landed in the back yard!" (See clipping on page 51)

25 October. Vicksburg, Mississippi. (4:33 p.m.)

"Oval-metallic object dives on airliner?" (See clipping on page 51)

28 October. Minot, North Dakota. (3:00 a.m.- 7:48 a.m.)

Aircraft, Plasma, Stars??? Hynek wonders.

This one of the puzzling UFO cases Dr. J. Allen Hynek chose for special attention:

"On October 28, 1956, various missile-crew personnel at Minot, North Dakota, AFB, as well as the crew of a B-52 aircraft, reported observing the erratic flight of one or more UFOs by means of ground visual, air-visual, and air-radar sightings. In addition, the B-52 aircraft that tracked the flight of the UFO took scope photos of the target. The total length of observation of the UFO by ground and airborne observers (combined) was four hours and forty-eight minutes.

"Some of the more pertinent details of the sighting are contained in the following excerpts from a Project Blue Book Memorandum for the Record, prepared by a Blue Book staff officer:

Second In Two Days--- Local Man Sights 'Flying Object' In Sky Above Airliner

By JOHN HALBACH

A Vicksburg man yesterday afternoon reported sighting an "oval-metallic" object diving upon a commercial airliner in skies just north of this city.

Victor O'Connor, 1816 Vicklan Street, said a shining silver object swooped down from above the east-bound airliner, paralleled its course and then zoomed straight up to disappear.

This was the second report of unidentified flying objects reported seen in Mississippi during the past two days.

In Jackson Wednesday, Frank Noone, a former U. S. Air Force photographer, reported seeing what he described as several objects resembling two footballs joined end to end.

Noone said the objects were "high in the air" and traveling slowly. He said they were in view about 20 seconds and "as I watched, they slowly disappeared, apparently from rising or passing into the distance too far away to see."

Near 4:30 p.m. yesterday, O'Connor said he was sitting in the side yard of his home here when he heard the motor of an airplane overhead.

"The airliner—which I supposed was a passenger plane—was traveling east toward Jackson," he said. "All at once, a silver-looking object with no wings appeared overhead and for a short distance trailed above the airliner."

O'Connor said the unidentified object suddenly dived toward the commercial plane, and then, after

dipping parallel with the airliner, altered its flight upward and disappeared.

"At first I thought it was an optical illusion," admitted O'Connor. "But, it sure as hell wasn't a weather balloon."

The airliner did not change its course or show any signs of distress," O'Connor said.

The Vicksburg Herald in a series of contacts with the Jackson Associated Press bureau was unable to obtain information of whether an eastbound airliner had encountered any unidentified objects yesterday afternoon.

No airline pilots or passengers have reported sighting the unidentified flying objects.

K. L. McLaughlin, Warren County civil defense director, said the objects could have been produced by a climatic phenomenon or meteorological reaction.

"What I mean is," McLaughlin explained, "that the objects could have been illusions caused by a reflection of sun's rays merging with various atmospheric conditions."

The Warren County civil defense director added, however, that although there has been no conformation of the object's origin, they may be testing units in some Air Force experimental project. There is a slight possibility the objects are man-made, he said.

McLaughlin said sightings of unidentified objects Wednesday and Thursday were reported within a 50-mile radius centered at Jackson.

Grove Girl Scared By Blazing Object

SANTA ANA (OCNS)—A startled young Garden Grove girl raced into her house about 6:45 last night to tell a story of a blazing sky object which nearly struck her. Fayna Warren, 11, of 2301 Gilbert told her mother she fell to the ground in her back yard when a spinning, donut-shaped object whirled

over her head. She said the airborne missile had a bright greenish light in its center.

Mrs. Manita Warren said she and her husband rushed into the yard, but could see nothing.

However, she explained, "We think something unusual happened because our child doesn't frighten easily."

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The reports, McLaughlin said, have been referred to the Third Army, Atlanta, Ga., and Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

"No identification of the objects has been received from the intelligence channels," he said. "The reports, if any, will be dispatched to the Jackson Air Defense Filter Center."

Capt. Lawrence Stage, Jr., training officer at the Jackson Filter Center, said he had forwarded reports of the unidentified objects to officials in Washington.

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“ ‘At about 0300 hours (3:00 A.M.) local, a B-52 that was about 30 miles northwest of Minot AFB and making practice penetrations sighted an unidentified blip on their radars. Initially the target traveled approximately 2 ½ miles in 3 seconds or at about 3,000 miles per hour. After passing from sight to the left of the plane it assumed a position off to the left wing of the 52. The blip stayed off the left wing for approximately 20 miles at which point it broke off. Scope photographs were taken. When the target was close to the B-52 neither of the two transmitters in the B-52 would operate properly but when it broke off both returned to normal function.

“ ‘At about this time a missile maintenance man called in and reported sighting a bright orangish-red object. The object was hovering at about 1,000 feet, or so, and had a sound similar to a jet engine. The observer had stopped his car, but he then started it up again. As he started to move, the object followed him, then accelerated and appeared to stop at about 6-8 miles away. The observer shortly afterward lost sight of it.

“ ‘In response to the maintenance man’s call the B-52, which had continued its penetration run, was vectored toward the visual which was about 10 miles northwest of the base. The B-52 confirmed having sighted a bright light of some type that appeared to be hovering just over or on the ground.’

“The Blue Book files contain the reports by 14 members of missile maintenance crews from five different sites at Minot AFB who claimed to have seen a similar object.

“Lt. Quintanella sent a dispatch to Col. Pullen of the Strategic Air Command advising him that after reviewing preliminary information submitted by Minot AFB, it was his belief that the object sighted by the B-52 crew on radar and visually was ‘a plasma of the ball-lightning class.’ How he made this determination is not explained. As for the sightings by the missile maintenance crew and security guards, he stated that some were ‘observing some first-magnitude celestial bodies,’ although he did not explain how such celestial bodies could be magnified to the degree that they would appear to be ‘as the sun,’ or give the impression of landing, as reported.

“The official Blue Book record card on this case gave at least three ‘possibles’ for the air-visual sighting by the B-52 crew. But no detailed analysis was made, and once again these explanations appear to have been straws grasped simply to close the case—quickly and quietly.” (xx.)

(xx.) Hynek, Dr. J. Allen. *The Hynek UFO Report*. Dell Publishing Company, Inc., New York, N.Y. pp.137-138.

30 October. Near Alameda, Texas. (7:00 p.m.)

Flip-flopping around in the sky. (See clipping on page 53)

30 October. Ormond, New Zealand. (2:25 a.m.)

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Bright orange object.

A press report tells us:

"An unidentified object maintaining a hovering position for over half an hour and then moving off in a westerly direction to disappear over the horizon, was sighted by an Ormond resident early this morning. The object, which had a bright orange light, was first observed at 2:25 a.m. when a member of the household got up to shut a door which had blown open. The object was watched by two people for 40 minutes before it disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Gisborne, New Zealand. *The Gisborne Herald*. 30 October 56.

31 October. Vicksburg, Mississippi. (2:45 p.m.)

Another Vicksburg sighting. (See clipping)

Local Women Add To 'Flying Object' Reports In Area

A Vicksburg woman has seen strange objects in the sky twice in less than a week, and Wednesday she had a companion to support her story.

Mrs. Marion Love, 2515 Washington Street, told of a big silver object that lighted with a dazzling brilliance for a few moments, then disappeared. She observed the object while she and Mrs. Jewel Hawthorn of Lee Road were squirrel hunting in the woods east of Vicksburg and both women were frightened by the spectacle.

Mrs. Love said they first saw the object like a large silver balloon high above and just west of a ridge where they were squirrel hunting. Suddenly, she said, a dazzling light shone from it, and the light slowly faded. Then the object seemed to gain altitude until it disappeared from sight.

Mrs. Love said she saw a similar spectacle in the sky last Thursday.

"My husband didn't believe it until he read the piece in the paper the next day about Mr.

O'Connor seeing the same thing. This time I had company," she said.

Victor O'Connor, 1818 Vicklan Street, reported last Thursday sighting an "oval-metallic" object diving upon a commercial airliner in skies just north of this city.

A day earlier another sighting of "unidentified flying objects" was reported in Jackson, Frank Moone, a former U. S. Air Force photographer, reported seeing what he described as several objects resembling two footballs joined end to end, traveling "slowly" above Jackson.

K. L. McLaughlin, Warren County civil defense director, said the objects could have been produced by climatic phenomenon or meteorological reactions.

"I mean," he explained, "that the objects might have been illusions caused by a reflection of sun's rays merging with various atmospheric conditions."

The reports, McLaughlin said, were referred to the Third Army, Atlanta, Ga., and Maxwell Air

Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

No airliner pilots or passengers have reported sighting any strange objects during air flights.

Mrs. Love said she and Mrs. Hawthorn were hunting near the Hawthorn home on Lee Road east of Vicksburg when they sighted the strange object near 2:45 p.m. yesterday.

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'Flying Saucers' Are Reported In Baytown Skies

A Baytonian could hardly believe his own eyes Tuesday night when he "saw four flying saucers flip-flopping around in the sky."

Charlie Foerster, operator of a Humble service station at the 423 West Texas avenue, was near Alameda enroute to Baytown from Fresno, when he saw the discs.

Foerster said it was about 7 p.m. when he noticed some peculiar lights in the sky above the highway on which he was traveling. For about two miles he followed the objects and then got out of his car to get a better view.

The Baytown man said the saucers were oval shape with a top and a bottom and lights were shining from completely around the sides. He described the discs as playing in and around two cloud banks and when he stopped the car was able to count four of the saucers.

Foerster said when he got to Alameda and stopped at a service station the attendant told him that he too had seen the objects. The attendant said although he could not make out the shape he could see the strange arrangement of lighting.

Foerster said it was a pretty sight and that the discs were very graceful and maneuverable and "put on quite a performance."

He added "Where they came from and what they are, I don't know."

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