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DEDICATION

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

4—THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1956
'Project Skylight'

New Group Setting Sights on Saucers

By JIM G. LUCAS Scripps Howard Staff Writer

The brass plate at 1536 Connecticut-av nw reads "National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena." Inside they refer to it as Project Skylight.

T. Townsend Brown of Leesburg Va., who runs it, identified himself as executive vice chairman pro tempore. He formerly was a consulting physicist for the Clevite Brush Electronics Co. of Cleveland, O.

"I wince whenever anybody refers to 'flying saucers', he says. "But, actually, that's what we're after. We want to know whether they exist. If they do, we want to know what they are. And we think it's high time."

WILL ELECT BOARD

National Investigations Committee—that's how they answered the phone—is just now forming. On Nov. 1 it meets to elect a nine-man board of governors.

Mr. Brown says he is representing a group of approximately 75 "scientists, educators and church leaders" interested in saucers. He expects to be around until Nov. 15, when he goes back to London as research director for Whitehall Rand. He's also a consulting physicist in Paris for a French aircraft company. But the saucers?

"I frankly don't know," he says. "They may or may not exist. And that seems to be the general feeling of all our people. But we want to know."

FACT-FINDING BODY

The National Investigations Committee, Mr. Brown says, will be a "privately supported fact finding

body serving the national public interest." It has applied to the Treasury for tax exempt status.

Mr. Brown has written several hundred public figures seeking their opinion on what he terms "a subject of inevitable concern in every major phase of human welfare."

One of Mr. Brown's letters went to Larry Cates, Washington representative of the Airline Pilots Association. Cates says airline pilots turn in reports of saucer sightings almost nightly.

AIRPORT OFFICIALS TOO

Mr. Brown says he's talked to officials at National Airport here in Washington—where radar sightings have been made—"and they are as interested in getting the facts as we are."

In his prospectus, he suggests a "considerable amount of effort will have to be directed toward general promotion and fund-raising." As his goal, Mr. Brown talks about the day "we'll have money in the bank—\$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000."

Memberships come high. A founder's endowment costs \$1000; a sustaining membership, \$500. Delegates are admitted for \$100. Regular memberships sell for \$15 and associate memberships, \$7.50. The committee hopes to publish a magazine to be known as "Space Flight."

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Tom Benson of New Jersey was kind enough to share some rare UFO news-bulletins which might have been otherwise unobtainable.

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Ander Liljegren's Arkivet for UFO Forskning in Norrkoeing, Sweden, was happy to cooperate and came up with some critical data. The archive is one of the world's best sources of UFO data and is highly recommended to anyone who is seriously considering research into the UFO subject.

I would like to express my gratitude to Barry J. Greenwood for providing so much material from his vast UFO collection, a collection which equals or even exceeds that of any major UFO organization.

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Finally, I would like to thank Les Treece-Sinclair for allowing me access to his superb UFO collection covering the 1950s and 60s.

"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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1 September. England again.

More inexplicable radar targets over England were recorded. According to our source, radar stations along the south coast of England picked up a target that "should not be there." The British Air Ministry admitted the blip was, in a word, "inexplicable" and was tracked for hours. (1.) Meanwhile, in London, the American film UFO premiered.

2 September. Dayton, Ohio.

"Howling something terrible."

What better place to see a UFO than Dayton, Ohio, home of project BLUE BOOK. Moreover, the UFO in this case had the good taste to reveal itself on the grounds of the Dayton Country Club. Had the hour of the appearance been more reasonable, some high caliber witnesses might have been enrolled in the ranks of "saucer sighters." As it was, an oval object came slowly into view at 4:30 a.m. and only the night watchman was on hand to take in the sight. An estimated 10 feet thick, the silent, dully luminous object coasted along so low it could have knocked off the nightwatchman's hat if he had been so attired.

When UFO expert Jacques Vallee heard of this report, he wondered if the object in question might have been a balloon. That might be, but there was a number of UFO reports being made in the area at the time. (2.)

The nightwatchman, a 19-year-old college student, informed the Air Force:

"I first saw this green object while making my last round, 4:30 a.m., as night watchman at the Dayton Country Club. It seemed to be hovering above the ground moving slowly towards the club house where I was standing. I flashed my 5 cell flashlight on the object when it was on the far end of the grounds but nothing happened. Later I went out on the grounds to see what was happening. I heard or smelled nothing as the wind was blowing towards the object. It was moving towards the house at a very slow speed. I think I could have...[the text is not readable] it. It was about 15 to 20 feet wide and 8 to 10 feet thick and was an oval shape.

"This object came to 150 feet or less of me when I flashed my light -- on it again. It disappeared from sight in an instance without moving any. We have a dog in the stable just to the right of where I spotted this object that was howling something terrible. Normally this dog is well behaved and doesn't bark much. I might say after the thing was as close to me as it was, I was very frightened. I might add the object lighted everything around it and was about 5 to 6 feet above the ground." (3.)

3 September. Another sighting in Dayton.

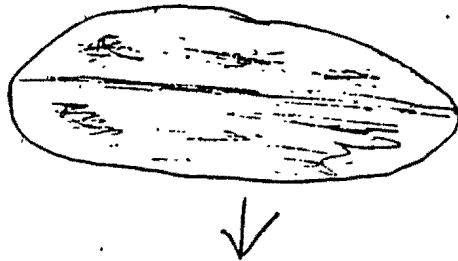
On September 3rd, almost exactly 36 hours after the sighting at the Dayton Country Club, a 30-year-old TV repairman also viewed UFO activity over the city of Dayton.

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

a. Sound no sound

b. Color yellow-green sort of a dirty color

17. 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.



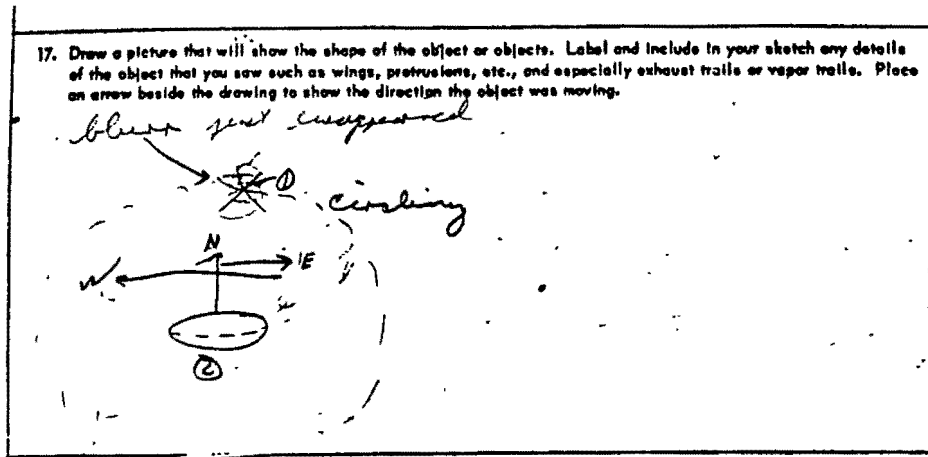
marks are
for the dark
spots on object

18. The edges of the object were:

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

e. Other _____

At 4:15 p.m. in broad daylight, the repairman said he saw a metallic-looking object, oval in shape and about 15 feet in diameter, flying circles in the sky. While under observation the object blurred and "just disappeared." At the same time another strange body zipped straight across the sky at terrific speed. (4.) (See drawing by witness)



3 September. Mansfield, Ohio.

"Not such a plane."

An Ohio newspaper informed its readers:

"John Adamesca, of Mansfield, Ohio, was seeding his lawn at 5:29 p.m. when his attention was drawn to the sky by a plane's motors. Beyond the plane he saw a silver saucer-like object, in the eastern part of the sky. 'It took an estimated five seconds to pass from the far eastern part of the sky on an arc to the northwestern section ... where it passed out of sight.' The state highway patrol was informed by the CAA that the object was presumably a jet, but Adamesca said 'I've observed jet planes many times in the past and feel certain this was not such a plane.'" (5.)

3 September. Norwood, Ohio.

"Streak of lightning connects UFOs."

Eugene Kingman was working on the roof of his home the afternoon of September 3rd when he observed something odd overhead. It happened as he was climbing down to join two friends on the ground, facing the sky as his feet felt for the rungs of the ladder. Mr. Kingman's attention was drawn to the sun, and then to an orange-colored blob near the solar disc. After reaching the

ground, Mr. Kingman pointed out the colored spot in the heavens to his two helpers. The three men stared at the object which remained motionless. Soon two more "things" appeared, each smaller in size and blue-white in color. Abruptly three more "things" appeared in the vicinity of the orange body. The three objects did not stay long. The trio formed up into a triangle and flew away, point first.

The one aspect that intrigued Mr. Kingman more than any other was that a "streak of lightning" was seen to connect two of the bluish-white objects as they travelled through the air. (6.)

3 September. "Shimmering discs." Irvington, New Jersey.

A New Jersey newspaper informed its readers:

"Thomas Gann, private pilot, and Joseph Malenowski, both employees of RCA, reported seeing two mysterious objects while driving. Said Gann, 'we saw a Piper Cub at about 3,000 feet altitude, coming in for a landing. Then we noticed two shimmering discs, hovering about 4,000 feet higher than the plane. After a moment, they both shot away with incredible speed into space.'" (7.)

3 September. Silver Springs, Maryland. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (8.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 September 1956	2. LOCATION Silver Springs, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilians		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Probably
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ten seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE straight up	☒ Other Light Reflection ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round or oval white object, size of basketball at arm's length. Object was sighted directly overhead & disappeared straight up. Object was observed visually for 10 seconds.		11. COMMENTS Concur w/comments of preparing officer. Sighting probably caused by a light reflection of some sort from the Washington, DC area. Impracticable to attempt to pinpoint light source.	

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EX-MARINE PILOT ASKS 11 FLYING SAUCER QUESTIONS TOO HOT for UNCLE SAM TO ANSWER!

Gene Coughlin • Third Article in a Series

The things you see — or seem to see — in the sky are not necessarily fragments of the imagination, nor do they mean you have to get glasses, or change the ones you are wearing.

After months of research by **THE ENQUIRER**, these facts are established:

1. Fifteen percent of the Unidentified Flying Objects going at supernatural speed in the heavens are definitely visitors from outer space, motivated by power of some sort.

2. Their existence has been admitted, and hushed up, by the government of the United States and its numerous agencies. These include Congress, the armed forces and the Pentagon, headquarters of the top brass in Washington D.C.

The things you read about here are not dreamed up by a reporter with so much space to fill. The statements, and the questions, are posed by men who have flown the skies and have reputations they would not dare to risk by making assertions without foundation.

Let's take up the 11 questions that Congress, and the Air Force, have failed to answer. The queries were put to Gen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret.), an outstanding pilot before he cracked up in Guam.

Maj. Keyhoe was important enough to be appointed (by the U. S. Embassy in Paris) the personal adviser to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh shortly after the Lone Eagle flew the Atlantic from New York to Paris in 1927. He guided Lindbergh on his triumphal tour of our country after that.

Maj. Keyhoe also served as Chief of Information for civil aeronautics and managed the U. S. tour of the "Josephine Ford," which Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett flew over the North Pole. Is he qualified to speak his mind? — would say yes!

Here are the 11 unanswered questions Maj. Keyhoe put to Sen. Byrd and the top men of our country:

1. Why has the Air Force concealed an official intelligence report, dated Sept. 23, 1947, which stated the flying saucers are real?

(For your information, this report was signed by the Chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, approved by all members of the ATIC, and submitted via Director of the Air Force Intelligence to the Commanding General, Army Air Force.)

2. Why has the Air Force kept from the press the official ATIC "Estimate of the Situation," drawn up in the summer of 1948, which stated that the flying saucers were interplanetary space ships?

3. With the two above mentioned documents in its hands, why did the Air Force, in December of 1949, tell the press that the flying saucers were hoaxes, mirages, hallucinations and mistakes by pilots? Why did the Air Force deliberately omit the serious reports and opinions of hundreds of veteran service and airline pilots, airport tower controllers, radar experts and other trained observers who insisted the saucers were unknown machines under intelligent control?

4. Why has the Air Force hidden the 1952 Air Force Intelligence analysis of the flying saucers' "controlled motion" and its specific conclusion that these Unidentified Flying Objects were interplanetary space ships?

5. Why has the Air Force kept secret the recommendations of a panel of top scientists and aviation leaders, agreed to in January, 1952, that the UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) investigation be greatly enlarged and that the

American people be given all the information on "saucers" in Air Force possession, including the official conclusions?

6. Why has the Air Force hidden all UFO reports from the public since 1953 even those it had previously released?

7. If the flying saucers are nonexistent, as Secretary of Air Quarles has tried to convince the public, why are service pilots, radarmen and other trained observers officially muzzle?

For your information (Maj. Keyhoe goes on), the official orders are JANAP 146, AFR 200-2, and official instructions to personnel of the Civil Aeronautics Administration based on JANAP 146. This latter order also applies to civilian airline pilots who report flying saucers officially, on a communication system known as CIRVIS-Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

8. If the flying saucers are imaginary, why do armed Air Defense Command jets continue to chase these UFOs, by standing Air Defense Command orders? Why does the Air Force continue to spend the taxpayers' money in a global investigation of flying saucers by hundreds of intelligence officers, the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, and by top-ranking scientists and consultants under secret Air Force contract?

9. Why did Secretary Quarles and certain Air Force officers state in Special Report 14 that no pattern had been found, no indication of intelligent maneuvers, and not enough data to build a working model when, in December, 1949, the ATIC Project "Grudge" report stated that the majority of report described a disc-shaped object whose diameter was about ten times as great as its thickness?

Why did this special report 14, dated Oct. 25, 1955, list several of its weakest sighting reports as "the cream of the crop" when,



MAJ. DONALD KEYHOE
What's the score?



GEN. CURTIS LEMAY
No dreamer, but . . .

Continued →

3 September.

"Write to your Senator or Congressman."

Following the series of UFO articles on the mystery that appeared in the New York Enquirer authored by Gene Coughlin, the editors of the New York Civilian Saucer Intelligence group's newsletter couldn't restrain themselves when the story of Donald Keyhoe's letter to Senator Byrd was discussed in the Enquirer's September 10th edition. General Kelly's answer to Keyhoe's eleven questions enraged the CSI people. The CSI writers called General Kelly's reply a "sleazy dismissal" which contained "uncalled for innuendos" as to Keyhoe's motives. Exasperated at General Kelly's utter failure to address the vital questions, CSI "gave up" on the military, asking its membership to:

"Write to your Congressman and find out. Write to him immediately after the November elections. Write briefly and ask him these questions. Ask him why these questions have not been answered. Ask him why the Air Force, with an increased new budget, cannot be instructed to make a really scientific study of UFOs something which so far has not been done." (9.)

The CSI editorial then turned its attention to Edith Kermit Roosevelt's book review of Donald Keyhoe's Flying Saucer Conspiracy. The review was published in the American Mercury, a magazine no stranger to controversy. Miss Roosevelt expressed her disagreement with General Kelly's position, finding that Keyhoe had marshalled too many examples to booster his argument to "warrant a light dismissal." However, Miss Roosevelt didn't buy the whole Keyhoe package, doubting that the word "conspiracy" should be used for what may well be just differences of opinion among the High Command.

CSI termed the book review: "...a somewhat puzzling combination of objective commentary and inaccuracy." (10.)

Keyhoe the "fiction" writer?

Keyhoe had done some straight reporting pieces but he also had considerable experience in the field of fiction. For some time he was the lead author for Flying Aces action-adventure magazine, and while contributing to the publication he perfected his narrative style, penning yarns like "The Skeleton Barrage," "The Armored Corpse," and many other such gripping mystery novelettes. Keyhoe, an excellent storyteller, used his narrative method in his UFO books, using very few footnotes. Many sections in his best selling works on the UFO enigma were based on educated guesses. This produced a more readable text, linking otherwise unrelated facts, but needless to say serious scholars were not impressed.

Mars causes trouble.

"Martian" UFO reports continued to pore into BLUE BOOK. At least five jet fighters were scrambled in Montana on September 3rd because observers could not believe the blazing image in the night sky to the southeast was the red planet.

Sketches made by a woman in Ohio show how dramatic Mars appeared as the planet neared its closest approach to Earth. Invariably witnesses exaggerated the apparent motion of the image due to atmospheric conditions and tricks of the eye. Motions reported were usually up and down, right to left;

but there were two factors that made a Mars explanation inevitable for a UFO sighting at this time. One was a reported position in the southeast sky. A second factor was a reported sighting duration of hours. (See drawings)

4 September. Dallas, Texas.

Can't blame this on Mars. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (11.)

4 September. Over the Atlantic Ocean opposite Melbourne, Florida.

"Weird pixie dance."

Mary Mann and Amey Hoag were enjoying the night air on a terrace observing the sparkling stars when they noticed some suspicious glittering star-like lights moving around in the heavens. One ball of red and yellow light did something remarkable:

"...it began a weird, pixie dance toward the north. From a pin point of light it suddenly seemed to accelerate and to elongate until it looked like a six-inch worm humping along through a starry garden, gaily doing somersaults and loop-the-loops. Its bright, segmented body twisted and turned and finally faded..." (12.)

3-9 September.

Australia and New Zealand.

The situation in the southern latitudes was rather peculiar. The director of an Australian UFO group, Fred Stone, informed America's Leonard Stringfield that things in Australia were "abnormally quiet" while the New Zealand press was carrying numerous UFO reports. Stone suggested that the difference may be due to geographical-social conditions, plus a more receptive press in the neighboring southwest Pacific country (About 400 press clippings from New Zealand newspapers dealt with a single incident on September 3rd which was probably just a big bolide.) (13.)

5 September. Lake Lugano, England.

"Saucers make the society page."

The London Daily Express assigned reporter Eric Kennedy to cover the honeymoon of former model Fiona Campbell-Water and Baron von Thyssen. During an interview with the new Mrs. Von Thyssen, Kennedy learned that the socialite had a UFO experience the evening of September 5th. She told Kennedy she saw a strange object over Lake Lugano: "It was pink, large and round. It remained stationary over the lake a long time and then flew off." (14.)

7 September. Twin Falls, Idaho.

"If true, it will be a significant new development in UFO behavior."

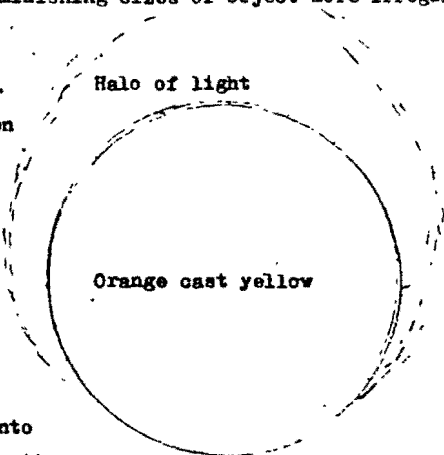
"Martian cattle rustlers?"

According to an Idaho newspaper:

"A Twin Falls attorney reported that a flying saucer swooped down on his ranch and apparently made off with a 400 pound steer. E.L.

The diminishing sizes of object more irregular in outline than these sketches.

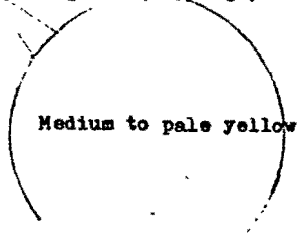
View of object:
 immovable in sky for
 several minutes. Then
 veered sharply to
 north where it was
 lost to sight be-
 hind trees for
 several minutes.



Coming slowly back into
 almost the spot where it was
 first seen it then moved
 slowly upward and westward. No halo.

#3 Viewed high and west-
 ward it appeared to devel-
 ope in this manner.

pale green (seemingly a light)



Varying hues of orange red

*4 Viewed while talking
 to Lt. Weber th object was
 far west and nearer the
 horizon seemingly.



PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 September 1936		2. LOCATION Dallas, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>05/0300Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 23 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE West			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object star shaped, size of dime. Color white changing to red. Object is stationary at 20,000 ft for 20 minutes and then began moving west at about 100 knots. Object seen at Grand Prairie, Texas & Dallas, Texas.				11. COMMENTS Object moving West against prevailing winds, ruling out balloon. Stationary for 20 minutes indicates possible astro body. Disappearance at 330dgr azimuth and initial observation at 080dgr azimuth indicates large lateral movement. Unidentified.	

No Case (Information Only)

3 September 1956
Irvington, New Jersey

1956, Sept. 3 - New Jersey - 9pm EST - A huge, reddish-orange disk & a tiny, white disc seen by four boys out to watch Mars with their Telescope. The tiny disc moved steadily to the west, where it grew very red before disappearing!..The large disc hovered over a Factory, 10 min. later...Then it flew swiftly south in a blaze of light!... (Thank RM)

No Case (Information Only)

5 September 1956
Stormont, North Ireland

1956, Sept. 5 - Stormont, North Ireland - Evening - Irregularly-shaped UFO observed in a misty sky, by several. Moved fast AND slow, hovered over Parliament buildings for two hours. Man to first see it went outside to escape persistent barking of his dog! (Said to be a cloud by Meteorological Officials).

Early September UFO reports found in BLUE BOOK files. Limited source information. Data evidently taken from an unnamed civilian UFO bulletin. (15.)

Rayburn reported this story to the sheriff's office: 'I was at my ranch about 40 miles south of here when I saw a strange object about 200 feet in diameter flying overhead. It had a whirling effect on top and gave off an orange glow. It came in fast overhead and swooped to the ground near a spot where a 400-pound white-face steer was standing. Then the object sped off like a streak of light and the steer was gone.' Rayburn said two employees on the ranch, Joe and Dick Parker, also saw the object. He said no trace has been found of the steer." (16.) (17.)

When Leonard Stringfield learned of the "cow kidnaping" from his Idaho investigator, Inez Robb, he remarked: "If true, it will be a significantly new development in UFO behavior." (18.)

Hoax?

Jim Moseley, in his publication Saucer News, stated that the "martian cattle rustler story was a hoax, but without going into details the saucer-zine editor wrote: "Rayburn, after a deluge of telephone calls, said that the steer was still missing, but that he doubts if any Martians were responsible after all." (19.)

7 September. Money-More, Ireland. (About Noon)

"One That Got Away?"

It had been raining all day. For Irish farmer Thomas Hutchinson it was of the dampest days he had ever experienced. Mr. Hutchinson owned a small place in the country with the quaint address: Ballyniel. The Loop, close to to the village of Money-More. Midday, on September 7th, Mr. Hutchinson was doing indoor chores with his wife when he happened to glance out a window and saw an object fall out of the sky. Due to the lay of the land, both Mr. Hutchinson and his wife could observe where the object had landed, a place about a 1/4 of a mile away. Curious, Mr. Hutchinson put on his rubber boots and wet weather gear and set out to investigate. Because of a small stream and a hedge blocked his way, it took the Irish farmer almost 10 minutes to reach the "landing site," a muddy, sodden field in a small valley.

The first odd thing Mr. Hutchinson noticed was that the red-colored object was resting lightly on a tiny cushion of grass that kept it dry, or reasonably dry, since the rain fell unceasingly.

The object remained motionless so Mr. Hutchinson walked up to it and looked it over. If the thing was a "true UFO," it was one of the oddest ever described in UFO literature:

"It was roughly an elongated, pointed sphere, about three feet-six inches on its major diameter, two feet on its minor diameter, red in color and rubbery in appearance.

"There was a small red knob or point on top, and the bottom was gathered rather like the neck of a bag, but more regular. Around the middle were four thin, white stripes..." (20.)

The "stripes" had blurred edges but otherwise were uniform and encircled the entire object.

Reaching out, the farmer gave the object a push. The thing rolled over, but immediately rolled back to an upright position.

Scooping up the object in his arms, Mr. Hutchinson found that it weighed very little, perhaps two pounds. He thought: "The police station is the only place for such a wicked-looking thing as this." (21.)

The farmer noticed that the object was spinning, first clockwise, and then counter-clockwise. Apparently the bottom portion was stationary.

Wash. Eve Star 7/8/56

Ulsterman Takes Oath He Caught Flying Saucer

MONEYMORE, Northern Ire-
land, Sept. 8 (AP).—An Irishman
named Thomas J. Hutchinson baf-
fling object more closely it
swore to County Derry police to-
day that he captured a flaming
red flying saucer—but it got
away.
"I had difficulty in holding it
down," he explained.
Mr. Hutchinson said the inci-
dent happened this way.
He was sitting at home with
his wife Maud about noon yes-
terday when an object dropped
from low clouds to the only dry
piece of ground in the middle of
a bog 200 yards from his front
door.
He and his wife sloshed across
the bog and found the object
lying motionless. It was egg-
shaped, about 3 feet high and 18
inches in diameter.
"It was bright red," said Mr.
Hutchinson, "with two dark red
marks at the end and three dark
red stripes. It had a saucer-
shaped base."
The Hutchinsons watched the
gadget for a few moments.
"I kicked it over," said the
Irishman, "but it returned to its
original position."

When he got down on his
hands and knees to examine the
baffling object more closely it
started to spin.
He put a hammer lock on the
saucer, but it was pretty power-
ful.
"The police station," said Mr.
Hutchinson, "was the only place
for such a wicked looking thing
as this and I started to carry it
there."
But on the way to the village
of Loup, Mr. Hutchinson had
to get through a thick hedge.
"I put the saucer down for a
moment," he said, "and what do
you think? It started spinning
again."
Before he had time to throw
himself on the saucer it rose
quickly and disappeared into the
rain-laden clouds.
Police at Loup called the Royal
Air Force station at nearby Al-
dergrove.
The commander said the object
did not belong to the RAF.
Asked what it might have been,
he replied:
"I would not even hazard a
guess."

This news story went world-wide but the best guess is that the "saucer" was a balloon.

The "saucer" escapes.

Holding the object at arm's length, Mr. Hutchinson tried to make his way across the stream and through the hedge. Unable to force his way thru the hedge while gripping the "UFO," the farmer put down the object. Immediately the thing zoomed straight up, passing out of sight in the low overcast.

With nothing to show for his efforts, the farmer nonetheless contacted the local police. There was some speculation Mr. Hutchinson might have gotten his hands on one of the famous "flying saucers," so the story was picked up by the news services and sent world-wide.

The Desk Sergeant at Money-More police headquarters commented: "Thomas Hutchinson is a level headed God-fearing chap. He's not the sort of man who would imagine he seized a flying saucer if, in fact, he didn't have one." (23.)

Authorities at the Royal Air Force station at Aldersgove, near Money-More, gave conflicting advice if our sources are correct. According to UFO investigator Coral Lorenzen, an RAF officer was "nearly certain" the object was an escaped weather balloon. (24.) And that: "These balloons are almost identical with the shape of the object that Hutchinson saw. It could have dropped to the earth when it encountered some change in the air currents, and it could have gone up again." (25.)

However, an AP dispatch dated September 8th quotes the Commander at Aldersgove, without naming him, as telling the police at Loup he didn't know what the object could have been: "I would not even hazard a guess." (26.)

The American news service couldn't resist making the observation that the Hutchinson farm was situated in the boggy countryside of Loch Neagh, a land of myths and mists, where "ghosts, leprechauns, and witches" were said to wander, according to the local folklore. (27.)

7 September. Indianapolis, Indiana.

"It got shorter as it flew???"

Our source from the press read:

"A 20-foot oblong object, with flame shooting out of the bottom, was seen by a number of Indianapolis residents over the west 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 White River Parkway, and that several other cars had also parked while the occupants watched the object." (28.)

7 September. Mars opposition.

The Mars opposition-UFO sighting peaks correlation enjoyed considerable popularity among UFO buffs since it appeared to hold true up to the year 1956. Max B. Miller, editor of "Saucers" newsletter, also noted that the distance between the Earth and Mars was decreasing: 1948: 62 million miles; 1950: 61 million miles; 1952: 53 million miles; 1954: 39.8 million miles, and in 1956 the red planet would get just about as close as it ever gets. 35 million miles on September 7th. (29.)

8 September. "International Flying Saucer Day."

A second 24 hour period dedicated to "saucer observations" was celebrated on September 8th (The first was on June 30th). The brain-child of England's Dr. Bernard Finch, the "sighting day event" was a scheme to generate interest in the UFO problem. Correlated with the close approach of the planet Mars, the timing was believed to be well chosen. (30.) Would there be a big UFO wave?

9 September. Cut Bank, Montana.

Jet scramble.

Reports of mysterious objects in the sky above the city of Cut Bank Montana, were channelled through the Helena GOC Filter Center. The reports were good enough to prompt a jet scramble from Malmstrom AFB. The Great Falls Tribune carried the most interesting report which was filed by a Mr. Don Le Grande, who said he witnessed a bright blue light moving at "tremendous speed." The light, he told the Tribune, shot straight up, and then shot straight down. The thing then flew in a circular path which took it in the direction of the city of Great Falls. (31.)

9 September. Florence, Kentucky.

"The unknown pursuer."

Three people were at a drive-in theater in Florence the evening of September 9th when they discovered the best show was not on screen but in the dark sky. The trio of witnesses noticed one light which was on an aircraft and easily identified as something conventional, but another light was puzzling. The aircraft was seen to circle with the strange light following. After a brief time the mystery light zoomed away.

Another aircraft then entered the area, and to the witnesses' surprise, this second plane also had an "unknown pursuer." This "pursuer" followed for a while but then it put on a burst of speed and passed the aircraft it was chasing. One of the witnesses at the Drive-in, a Mr. Jack Juely, told the press the sight was: "The most unusual I've ever seen" (32.)

9 September. Pasadena, California. (10:00 p.m.)

"Jerked in flight and then would snake along." (See clipping)

Mystery Light Spotted In Sky Over Pasadena

PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 9 (AP)—Ground Observer Corps members said today they saw an unidentified light moving over this city last Thursday night.

The light moved erratically in the sky for 47 minutes, said Air Force 1st Lt. Mark Matlock of the Air Defense Filter Center.

"Pasadena police had many calls from people who saw it starting a little after 10 p.m.," he added. "So did we. Our first call was from a Western Air Lines pilot.

"I hurried to the roof of our building and saw a white light in the sky. It was moving slowly northwest. It kind of paused and jerked in flight and then would snake along.

"I know it wasn't on a conventional aircraft and thought it must be a helicopter or dirigible. But telephone checks showed that none was aloft."

A volunteer observer at the center, Miss Patricia Pearson, said she saw three lights two of them white and one red.

The observers agreed that the lights were constant, not flashing as they are supposed to be on aircraft.

Lt. Matlock said two jets sent up from the Onward Air Force Base searched over Pasadena but found nothing.

September 1956. (Exact date not known)

"Forced off the road by a flying saucer."

Below is another bit of information taken from a civilian UFO bulletin and placed in BLUE BOOK files. (33.)

No Case (Information Only)

September 1956
Severall, Idaho

And another Texas paper, the Fort Worth Sunday News Texan (11/10) printed for the first time a photograph taken with a telephoto lens in September, 1956 by Officer William Van Dyke of the Idaho State Police, at Severall, Idaho (on the Utah border). It shows two distinct disc-shaped objects; and according to reports, they were taken over a spot where an automobile accident had taken place at the same time. The victims of the accident told State Police that they had been forced off the road by a "saucer." Their car was covered with a peculiar white substance, and an investigation was supposed to have been made. (We are checking this and hope to report more fully later.)

Shades of the Knowles family encounter of January 20, 1988 in Australia!

10 September. Big Bethel, Virginia.

"Saw passenger in the vehicle?"

In 1958 the PIO at Langley Field, Virginia, Maj. L.J. Tacker, informed the local newspaper three UFO sightings had been recorded in the area. One occurred on September 10, 1956, close to Big Bethel. The paper printed:

"...a thorough investigation was made of the Big Bethel incident. Although this case was not listed as an 'unknown,' Major Tacker said that the object involved was reported as about the size of a softball, shaped something like a full moon. And he said that a witness, who was not named, allegedly saw passengers in the vehicle, wearing headgear." (34.)

(For more information see BLUE BOOK documents on the following pages.)

10 September. Waldboro, Maine.

Mystery "missile." (See BLUE BOOK file card)

The civilian witness in the Waldboro case was a 21-year-old clerk typist. The military witness was an U.S. Navy flying Petty Officer. The Petty Officer swore that the cigar-shaped object was smooth-surfaced with no "projections of any kind," and that it displayed "flight characteristics different from normal aircraft," specifically the ability to hover and make 90 and 180 degree turns." (35.)

11 September. Durham, N.C. (6:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

"Saturn-like."

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1. On Sunday night, 9 September 1956, at 2035 (EST) on Mr. [REDACTED] was taking his sister-in-law Mrs. William McHarrison to her home at [REDACTED] Lane, Hampton, Va, an object appeared from the south-east direction. At first glance the object appeared to be the moon but after more careful observation its speed seemed too fast for that. The movements of the object were followed till 2055 at which time it disappeared.		
2. When first seen the object was bright red or gold in color and looked somewhat like a headlight. Shortly after, the object seemed to flatten out and the righted itself again. From time to time, the object would gradually grow smaller to what seemed to be the size of a softball or grow larger to a diameter of 14-15 inches. As it diminished, its color would darken to deep red. The nearest distance at which it was observed was two (2) miles.		
3. The dominant shape was compared to the moon or crescent shaped. Its mass seemed fuzzy and the strangest impression was that the object was occupied. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that it appeared to be a bird or ducklike but that in the position of the head or cockpit there seemed to be an occupant wearing some sort of headgear. Mrs. [REDACTED] who first saw the object at 2045 (EST), thought she saw the features of a man in the object even to the point of seeing his feet.		
4. The first sign of action seen by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] was a light that shot straight up and out and disappeared. Mrs. [REDACTED] who observed the object from her home at 1004 Big Bethel Road, apparently saw the same thing but from the side. Her impression was that vapor shot out from one end toward the other as if to form a circle but faded out at the peak of the curve. Lights could be seen surrounding the object intermittently. They seemed to radiate out approximately one foot from the edges. The lights were of two (2) shapes: oblong and triangular; the triangular shape being the most dominant. There was no sound at anytime.		
5. The path of flight was of gradual descension from the height of a few hundred feet to the treetop level of a swampy wooded area 1/2 to one mile distant, at which point it disappeared headed in the general direction of Yorktown, Virginia at 2055 (EST).		
6. Additional comments by the observers were that special note was taken that no other aircraft were in the vicinity during the time that the object was seen. There were a few clouds in the sky but they were not near the object and no other objects interfered with the visibility which was good even though it was dark at the time.		
7. Weather reports at that time indicated scattered clouds at 1000ft. and 6000 ft., unlimited ceiling, and fifteen (15) miles visibility. No thunderstorms in the area. Sea there were some north winds. The moon was rising and set at 2113 (EST).		

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8. The observers were: Mr. [REDACTED] Electrician; Mrs. [REDACTED] registered nurse; Mrs. [REDACTED] homemaker.

9. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her husband was not one given to hallucinations, but must "see to believe," and he is positive that what he saw was not the moon.

10. During World War II, Mrs. [REDACTED] was in the Signal Corps at Langley AFB doing code work. She also worked with the CSI.

11. The observers made a report to Base Operations 10 September and it was received by the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron late that day. The information in the initial report was scanty making it necessary to make a more detailed investigation. This accounts for the extended reporting time.

Comments of Investigating Officers

The general area in which the object was sighted would fall within B-29 on the WAC charts of this area. The observers felt very sure that what saw was not the moon. Their impressions were given as specific, as possible but nevertheless only by approximation. The size of the object very easily could have been much larger than 14 or 15 inches in diameter. Weather reports that the moon was in the same general area and that it set at 2115 (EST) could well account for the descending motion and also the color and increasing size since the moon does seem to increase in size and change in color as it nears the horizon.

W. D. Mousmith
 EDWIN V. HENSHIRE
 1st Lt., USAF
 Intelligence Officer

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 September 1956		2. LOCATION Waldoboro, Maine		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/0250Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE hovering & turning	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One silver gray cigar-shaped object, size of a quarter at arm's length. Object had a diffused light similar to an a/c landing light but lacking a beam. Object was initially sighted in the SSE at 45 dgr elevation. Object seemed to hover and made two 90 dgr turns before returning to a SSE and disappearing over a hill. Object was viewed visually for four minutes.				11. COMMENTS Probable a/c.	

The report.

"A 'Saturn-like' object was seen by two women, Mrs. Bryant Gilliam and Helen Williams, in Durham, N.C., between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. It was moving toward the east 'about the height an airplane flies,' silvery in color and spinning. It was in view for about five minutes." (36.)

11 September. More strange radar targets in Europe.

Baltic blips baffle experts.

For three weeks, the last two weeks of August and the first week of September, the NATO radar station situated on Denmark's Bornholm Island picked up strange targets traveling over 2,000 mph on a curved course over Baltic waters. The velocity exceeded by far the capability of known aircraft.

NATO Intelligence experts were assigned the job of studying the data concerning the unexplained radar returns. (37.)

11 September. Cowan's Gap, Pennsylvania.

"Warmish, yellow body." (See photocopy of BLUE BOOK report)

12 September. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Local New Orleans UFO investigator Richard Hall, a contributor to Leonard Stringfield's publication Orbit, reported that hundreds of phone calls were made to police the evening of September 12th concerning the presence of mysterious lights in the sky over a building in downtown New Orleans. A newscast at 10:00 p.m. alerted the whole city but we have no details, however Hall located a witness named Jim Kincaid who had an interesting story to tell.

It seems that Mr. Kincaid was in a parked car with a good view of the night sky when at 9:55 p.m. a trio of brilliant star-like bodies appeared below and to the left of the Moon. These lights were stationary but were strange enough to attract Mr. Kincaid's gaze. He drove away and heard the 10 o'clock newscast about the unexplained skylights on his car radio. Curious, Mr. Kincaid returned to his viewing site only to find that the suspicious lights had vanished. (39.)

12 September. Elsinore, California.

"Black oily-looking smoke."

Why the witness in this case would go public is difficult to understand when one considers the man's occupation. A Mr. Dwight Lewis, described as an erstwhile saucer scoffer and Riverside County School consultant, told his story to the Corona Daily Enterprise. According to Mr. Lewis he:

"...a 'glittering oval-shaped aircraft' hovering above the Elsinore area forest fire. Lewis was returning to Riverside from an Elsinore Valley school call at 11:30 a.m. when he noted an explosive whirling motion of what appeared to be wind, smoke and ashes directly above the big fire site. It was such a spectacular wind commotion that Lewis pulled to the side of the freeway to observe it. While he was watching the unusual air current behavior, Lewis said, something emerged from the cloud of smoke and ashes and hovered lazily at an approximate 5,000 foot ele-

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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18 September 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at
Cowans Gap Area, Pennsylvania, at approxi-
mately 110145Z, September 1956

OSI Records

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted] interviewed 12 September 1956, stated that at approximately 110145Z, September 1956 while in the vicinity of Cowans Gap, Pennsylvania, he sighted an unknown object moving in the skies from east to northeast and that the object changed in shape but remained fixed in color during its appearance. U. S. Weather Bureau, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, unable to cite exact weather data.

2. DETAILS:AT GLENSIDE, PA.

a. On 12 September 1956, [redacted] (DOB 21 Apr 21), an Electrical Engineer, [redacted] Corporation, 5 Penn Center, Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed by S/A FRANCIS X. BERGMEISTER and S/A JOHN G. HOFFMAN at BACON's residence, [redacted] advised that while alone and motoring on an unknown rural highway in an easterly direction in the vicinity of Cowans Gap, Pa., at approximately 110145Z, September 1956, he stopped his vehicle, alighted from same and commenced to scan the heavens for the planet Mars. While so engaged, [redacted] explained that he saw what he purported to be a circular object of a warmish, yellow candle-light color, about the size of a dime at arms length, moving from what seemed due east toward northeast. [redacted] advised that the questioned object was clearly defined and absent of any fringing effects; however, [redacted] related that his own shadow was cast on the ground as a result of the object's light-giving qualities. [redacted] mentioned that no sound accompanied his viewing of the object and that the object remained

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in his vision for approximately ten (10) seconds. [REDACTED] said that, while the object appeared to be traveling from east to northeast at what seemed to be constant altitude, it created the impression of turning on its horizontal axis and by so doing, changing in form from that of a basketball, to a football, to a fine straight line, and finally being blanketed out by the darkness of the evening skies. [REDACTED] recalled that during the object's movement and transfiguration its color quality was without noticeable change. [REDACTED] was of the belief that the object when first sighted was about 45° in elevation and was approximately 40° in elevation at the time of its disappearance. [REDACTED] advised that he considered himself an amateur astronomer, and that while the celestial bodies were well known to him, he could not reason the appearance of such an awesome sight. [REDACTED] said that he estimated the ceiling to be between 5,000 to 8,000 feet with an eight (8) to ten (10) mile visibility and that cloud cover was about nine-tenths, broken to the south and southwest and that there was no appreciable wind in evidence. [REDACTED] added that during the period in discussion he was wearing his eyeglasses which correct his vision to 20/20 and that he had never been in the military service or received any training in aircraft recognition. [REDACTED] concluded by stating that in the best interest of all, he telephonically notified S/A CYRUS A. TIMMONS at 1400 hours 11 September 1956, of his experience.

WEATHER:

AT HARRISBURG, PA.

b. On 13 September 1956, MART G. BALDWIN, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Harrisburg State Airport, telephonically advised S/A DONALD M. BALDWIN that a message received from Altoona, Pa. (#217/56/50C/017) reflects that on 10 September 1956, ceiling was estimated at 12,000 feet, visibility was twelve (12) miles and amount of cloud cover was overcast. Meteorologist BALDWIN further mentioned a possibility of rain due to light rain in general area. Meteorologist BALDWIN stated that weather reports for Burnt Cabins and McConnellsburg will not be available until the end of September 1956.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

DAVID E. BALES

Dir, 5th Area, HLD HST, Wash, DC (trip) Lt Colonel, USAF
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vation. For a moment he said, it looked like an enormous flock of birds flying in close oval formation. But shortly the object floated in such a way that the sun reflected from it, he said, and it appeared to be a glittering oval-shaped aircraft. While it hung in plain view, Lewis attempted unsuccessfully to flag down motorists in order to gain corroboration for what he feared would be 'an unlikely sounding story.' After the object lingered for about five minutes, however, it suddenly 'took out in a southerly direction.' On reaching Riverside, Lweis phoned the GOC filter center in Pasadena, but learned that the object had not been reported." (40.)

A member of Leonard Stringfield's UFO investigative group CRIFO interviewed Mr. Lewis and learned that the self-proclaimed skeptic had a change of mind about UFOs while adding to his original testimony: "The object was near the smoke, but it was engulfed in a black oil-looking smoke of its own. He said the smoke seemed to puff in and out about three times or more, like it was breathing, and there seemed to be an explosion." (41.)

This reference to an oil-like smoke reminds one of the September 18, 1965 Santa Ana, California UFO case. (42.) (See photos from the Condon report)

12 September. Aburiri, New Zealand.

When it is said hundreds of citizens of Aburiri reported a UFO, one would think New Zealand was excited by another meteor passage. On this latest occasion, however, the mysterious body in question was said to be small and white in color, a thing that alternately moved and hovered. Some 30 minutes after this 'white body' disappeared, two high-speed, disk-shaped objects were reported in the area. (43.)

13 September. Litchfield, Illinois.

"Some type of aircraft?"

The local newspaper reported: -

"Ronald Martin was driving a truck on Route 66 through Litchfield, Illinois (about 45 miles south of Springfield) when he and a hitchhiker 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." (44.)

13 September.

Review and Comments on Lakenheath-Bentwaters.

(See letter by Captain Gregory) (45.) (See letter by Dr. Hynek) (46.)

What is remarkable in Hynek's letter is the reference to Dr. Whipple attacking the Air Force for its "passive investigative attitudes," and

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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SUBJECT: (U) Lakenheath-Bentwaters UFO Sighting - - Review and Comment by Dr. J. A. Hynek.

1. On 13 September 1956, at the Harvard Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dr. Hynek and the undersigned held discussions regarding this case. All teletype messages and the various factors and aspects were treated in some detail.

2. Dr. Hynek was in agreement with the undersigned's comment to the SAC Commander in England and Headquarters USAF, considering the many variables and other seemingly conflicting data involved in the UFO report.

3. Upon receipt of this sighting, Dr. Hynek was unavailable to review this report as one of the applicable USAF consultants normally required in cases of this kind. Dr. Hynek was en route to Harvard University from the U. S. Astronomical Society Conference held in Berkley, Calif.

4. The following action was taken in attempt to resolve this matter to a better conclusion:

a. Copies of all teletype messages from England were left in the custody of Dr. Hynek (deposited in safe for classified material assigned Dr. F. E. Whipple, Director of Astrophysical Observatory). A hand receipt signed by Dr. Hynek was obtained for the UFO case file.

b. Dr. Hynek will discuss the matter with Dr. Whipple who is now in Spain on IGY matters, and with Dr. Gerald Hawkins, British astronomer, now with the observatory in Cambridge. Dr. Whipple is considered the foremost authority on radio echoes and other radio-radar aspects of astronomical bodies in the world. With Dr. Hawkins participating as an interested party (the unusual UFO sighting being observed over England), the conference should produce something of note. This conference arranged by Dr. Hynek will be at no expense to USAF.

George T. Gregory
 GEORGE T. GREGORY
 Captain, USAF

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT (C) Evaluation of Lakenheath Reports

1. The original Lakenheath reports and the preliminary evaluations made by ATIC were submitted to the undersigned for examination, evaluation and comment. Writer requested permission to discuss these with Dr. F. L. Whipple, Harvard University, and director of Smithsonian Astronomical Observatory, in view of the fact that sightings occurred at the time of Perseid meteors and Dr. Whipple is a world-recognized authority on meteors. Following comments will accordingly be invited to cover the three points separately.

2. It is to be regretted that so unusual a sighting report did not contain more factual material on which to base an evaluation. The Lakenheath report is one of the more unusual UFO reports, involving electronic and visual observations and subsequent pursuit by fighter plane. Yet, report does not state whether it was definitely established that visual and electronic sightings referred to same object, or even if they occurred precisely simultaneously. Further, report does not give exact weather information which might enable one to charge weather conditions, with any precision relative to "anomalous propagation" such as frequently occurs with radars.

3. It would be of extreme value to have independent statements from the various observers both at Bentwaters and Lakenheath. Report states that observers were traffic controllers and intelligence specialists. An analyst would be greatly aided by having independent statements from such highly trained observers as the original report indicates the observers were.

4. The implication of the original report is that the objects were sighted simultaneously by ground-visual, air-electronic and ground-electronic means. Yet, report nowhere states stellar magnitude of visual sightings or nature of radar blips. Angular rate of motion of objects is likewise not included.

5. With the above in mind, the preliminary reports submitted by Capt. Gregory covers the case as well as it possibly could, under the circumstances. The present writer, upon more detailed examination of the report, and accepting the implications of the original report in the absence of specific statements, is led to differ somewhat from preliminary report. It seems highly unlikely, for instance, that the Perseid meteors could have been the cause of the sightings, especially in view of the statement of observers that shooting stars were exceptionally numerous that evening, thus implying that they were able to distinguish the two phenomena. Further, if new credence can be given to the maneuver of the objects as sighted visually and by radar, the meteor hypothesis must be ruled out.

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6. Meteors, however, as pointed out by Capt Gregory, can lead to radar returns because of the ionization of the gases in their trail. Accordingly, it would be extremely important to know whether the Bentwaters and Lakenheath radars have ever in the past observed meteors on their scopes and, if so, how such returns differ from the blips reported here.

7. Dr. Whipple and the writer discussed the Lakenheath incident at length and Dr. Whipple pointed out immediately the statement that "radars reported these facts to occur at later hours than the ground observers". This statement needs clarification inasmuch as it contradicts other portions of the report which indicate that at least at certain times visual and radar sightings were simultaneously.

8. Dr. Whipple stated that as far as the report at hand is concerned, no obvious physical solution is suggested. He deplored the inadequacy of the typical UFO report as a scientific document. He further stated that the nature of such reports is not likely to change and urged that if the Air Force was serious in its attempts to resolve this problem, both scientifically and in the public mind, that the Air Force do more than continue its passive investigational attitudes. He suggested that, as in any scientific procedure, facts are the raw material from which one must work and that in general the investigator in any particular case must assume an active roll in the obtaining of scientific data. In short, Dr. Whipple asked the writer whether the Air Force had ever considered or was now considering the possibility of instituting, for a limited time, an actual sky patrol by photographic and visual means of precisely those areas from which the maximum UFO reports originate. The writer responded that this had indeed been suggested in the past but that because of considerations of expenses and of possible public misinterpretation, it was abandoned.

9. Dr. Whipple urged that a more modest proposal of the same general type be considered at this time. For instance, an area from which numerous reports have come in might be patrolled by a dozen or so "fish eye" cameras, operating automatically, which would give a total record of all bright moving objects at night within a given area or sector. A simple timing device would suffice to yield the angular rate of objects motion so that "fire balls" (bright meteors) could be distinguished from airplanes and from other astronomical objects.

10. The present writer submits that it might be of considerable, potential use to the Air Force to be able to state, at some future time, that a careful patrol of an area "rich in UFO reports" had been patrolled and nothing of a mysterious character photographed. This would be especially true if, during the time of patrol, UFO reports from untrained observers continued to come in from that area.

11. The Lakenheath report could constitute a source of embarrassment to the Air Force, and should the facts, as so far reported, get into the public domain, it is not necessary to point out what excellent use the several dozen

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SUBJECT: (C) Evaluation of Lakenheath Reports (Cont)

UFO society's and other "publicity artists" would make of such an incident. It is, therefore, of great importance that further information on the technical aspects of the original observations be obtained, without loss of time from the original observers.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
USAF UFO Scientist-Consultant
17 October 1956

Hynek's suggestions on how the Air Force could handle its "public relations problem," with UFO societies. Hynek would have been astonished if he could look into the future and see himself at the helm of a major civilian UFO group.

13 September. The "Mon-ka" catastrophe.

Just when the UFO movement seemed to be on the verge of a serious dialogue with authorities, a catastrophe occurred in California.

The beginning might be blamed on John Otto, the self-styled "interplanetary visitor communicator," who may have laid the groundwork for the disaster when he stopped in Los Angeles on October 28, 1953, while on a nationwide tour to drum up interest in his attempt to establish radio contact with the pilots of the flying saucers. Of course Otto made no contact with "aliens," but he did manage to get some airtime over radio station KFI to try.

Perhaps Otto's success in the acquisition of some airtime encouraged another so-called "communicator," a certain Dick Miller, to move to the West Coast. Miller, it should be remembered, had been a member of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club in September 1954. At that time he "arranged a message from space" which was exposed as a hoax by Michigan car dealer Randall Cox. Obviously after such a fiasco it was no surprise Miller left town to pursue his interest in the saucers.

Miller, in his book Star Wards, does not mention anything that could be considered embarrassing when he reviewed this part of his life. According to Miller, George Hunt Williamson (a fellow who claimed alien contact via short wave radio in March 1953 in Arizona) had made a number of trips to Detroit, and while in town called on him to discuss the saucer situation. Instead of John Otto, Miller credits Williamson as the "radio pioneer." Williamson, Miller wrote, was the man that: "...in a sense, started the whole thing." (47.) The way Miller tells it, he did not flee Detroit because of the exposure of any hoax. The move west, Miller wrote, came about because of a suggestion made by his buddy Williamson: "Richard said: 'Let's go out to California. Los Angeles is where all the action is. Come on, everything is going on out there.'" (48.)

Miller headed for California. After crossing the state line Miller stopped in on George Van Tassel at Giant Rock airport. Van Tassel liked the easterner and asked him to attend the next saucer convention.

While living in Southern California Miller became affiliated with the "Solar Cross Foundation" headquartered in Tarzana. The principle activity of this group seems to have been the promotion of a series of tape recordings which were supposed to be communications from a Martian named "Mon-ka."

In April 1956 the Solar Cross organization circulated some 'Mon-ka' tapes at Van Tassel's Flying Saucer Convention. No doubt the convention was the best time and place to promote the tapes but the 'Mon-ka' thing failed to take off. However, Mr. Gabriel Green, chairman of the Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Group, took up the cause. Green's organization had a lot of members so the fame of 'Mon-ka' eventually began to grow, reaching ears outside the saucer fan community. On May 9th two Air Force OSI agents paid a visit to Green and asked to hear the tapes. Why the two agents took the trouble to listen to such nonsense is puzzling. As yet the tapes were not generally known to the public at large and there was nothing about the recordings that could be of interest to a rational person.

One possible answer to OSI interest in 'Mon-ka' has to do with Canadian scientist Wilbert B. Smith.

Early in 1956 UFO buffs noted that Wilbert Smith began to show a change in his mental state. Max B. Miller, editor of "SAUCERS" magazine based in Los Angeles, published an article by Smith in the March, 1956, issue, an article quite odd for an objective scientist. An explanation was offered by Gray Barker, editor of the Saucerian Bulletin back east. Barker claimed that he had heard from an "anonymous West Coast correspondent" who reported on the confusing essay in "SAUCERS" by saying Smith may have developed a mental problem, adding that the Canadian was claiming "communications with a man from Mars," and was receiving information similar to that being spread by Dick Miller. (49.)

'Mon-ka' goes public.

The general public probably first heard of 'Mon-ka' on September 13th when the Rev. Robert W. Anderson, minister of the "Universal Church of the Master," talked with Bob Whearley of the Long Beach Press-Telegram. (See clipping. This news item also has an account of a supposed "dream-like" abduction of a Calvin C. Girvin, complete with a "circle burned into a lawn.")

The 'Mon-ka' story then achieved greater momentum in an unexpected way. It seems that a Kenneth Keller, an exchange student from England attending school in Los Angeles, obtained a 'Mon-ka' tape and took it with him when he returned home. Keller played the tape for friends in Europe. The Englishmen Brinsley le Poer Trench and Bernard Finch who were pushing the worldwide "Saucer Sighting Day" certainly wanted to believe in 'Mon-ka' but it was their associate Reginald Dutta that expressed complete faith in the recording.

The 'evidence' Dutta alluded to in the news story was the Keller 'Mon-ka' tape. It was eventually played publicly for an English audience on September 22nd in London's Caxton Hall. An American, Lex Mebane of the group Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, happened to be in London and he showed up at Caxton Hall to hear the 'Martian recording.' Mebane wasn't fooled for a minute and was quick to dismiss the tape as an obvious fraud, nonetheless, to his astonishment, some people at the gathering took the 'Mon-ka' business seriously. Among the believers was a staff member (unnamed) of the UFO publication Flying Saucer Review. A reporter for the London newspaper Empire News took notes and the following day the reporter was quoted in a front page story: "Flying saucer experts to whom I spoke all said that the report [tape recording] had come from 'an unimpeachable source,' though none was prepared to reveal it." (50.) This front page story was noticed by the American news service Associated Press which cabled an account of the situation back to the states, stating that the space message had been "verified by English experts." When the AP item appeared in various newspapers across the U.S., the expression "English experts" was sometimes changed to "English scientists."

The Detroit Flying Saucer Club, unaware it was being duped a second time by a Miller-type hoax, was excited by the news of so-called alien contact, but CSI of New York, following Lex Mebane's lead, denounced the 'Mon-ka' business as some kind of joke. Coral Lorenzen of the APRO organization, showing a liberal attitude (that would later cause a break with NICAP), was circumspect in its judgement of the supposed Martian recording. In any

LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM Sept. 13, 1956

CALIFORNIA

Tune In Nov. 7: Mon-ka the Martian Is 'Sposed to Talk

By BOB WHEARLEY

This being an election year, all kinds of people are demanding free time on television—and right up there with the best as there is a mysterious Martian named Mon-ka.

Mon-ka, who as head of the Red Planet's Confederation Council is a politician of sorts, has to make his spiel on KCOP

(Channel 13) shortly after 10:30 p. m. the night of Nov. 7.

Of course, all this is contingent upon the television station gratefully going off the air for a while.

This information comes from the Rev. Robert W. Anderson of 1807 Carrizo Ave., minister of the Universal Church of the Master. Chartered in 1918, the church "deals in metaphysics,

study of psychic phenomena and modern thinking," he explains.



CALVIN GIRVIN AND THE REV. R. W. ANDERSON
They Enter to Mystery Martian

BEING AS HOW the 'meta-physics business is not all that it could be, Anderson also works as an acoustic tile installer, just to keep meat on the table.

As a prelude to Mon-ka's promised appearance, the Long Beach Unidentified Flying Object Study Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in Linden Hall to hear a report from a man who thinks he may have ridden on a flying saucer.

He is Calvin C. Girvin, 28, of Lancaster, Pa., a former staff sergeant in the Air Force.

Girvin, who says he's spotted about 75 flying saucers in the past eight years, was assigned to Hickham Field, Hawaii, at the time—November 1954.

"I had taken a room in a colonel's house in exchange for tending his lawn," he explained. "I wanted the privacy so I could continue my research."

Just before he went to bed, he continued, he saw "a blue-white light streaking through the night sky, leaving a trail of red sparks.

"Suddenly, it seemed like the whole room lit up in a brilliant white light," Girvin said.

Figuring it was a jet plane flying close by (what it was doing in the bedroom wasn't quite clear), the sergeant fell asleep.

WHAT HAPPENED then could have been a dream, he admits. But it was like no dream he had ever had.

"I felt myself leaving the house," he said. "Out over the yard, about three feet above the ground, was a ball-shaped object about 35 feet in diameter. It had a pearl-like cover and glowed an unreal blue."

A very authoritative voice said "Enter," and Girvin did. The ball whisked him off to another, bigger space ship whose insides glowed violet, he continued.

Seated inside a conference room were 30 or 40 very earthling-like creatures, dressed in very earthling-like clothes, who identified themselves as being from outer space—"from all the other planets in the solar system, even the ones we think are uninhabited," Girvin said.

They chatted amiably for about 45 minutes about "my personal future," and then Girvin was whisked back to his room at Hickham Field.

WHEN HE "woke up" the next morning, he was dressed, he said. Not only that, but a circle 35 feet in diameter was burned into the colonel's lawn. "Naturally," said Girvin, "this put a big question in my mind: Did it all happen?"

A very good question, indeed.

Anderson, who ruefully admits he hasn't sighted a single flying saucer, expressed hopes the tape recordings Mon-ka conveniently makes from time to time would clear up some of the questions.

Trouble is, said the minister, too many people doubt it is actually Mon-ka talking.

"They wonder why Mon-ka had Joe Smith's voice," he sighed.

For that matter, Joe Smith probably did some wondering, too.

Bolt Doors Stay Inside; Mars Near

By ROBERT MUSEL.

United Press.

LONDON (UP) — What with Mars only 35,162,000 miles away, now is the time to bolt your doors and windows if you worry about visitors from outer space.

That's the closest the red planet has been since 1924 and the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench and Bernard Finch believe the Martians may take the opportunity to find out if there really are intelligent beings on Earth — that's us—and if so why we are setting off all those bombs.

Trench and Finch are among Britain's leading experts on flying saucers and recently sponsored a worldwide "Saucer-Sighting Day." They still are correlating the reports.

Claims Direct Evidence.

They play it pretty cagey about a specific launching from Mars during this period, but one

ta, has no doubts at all.

"You may laugh your head off at this," says Reggie, "but there is a group in England that claims to have direct evidence from a flying saucer that it will appear over Los Angeles, brilliantly lighted, at 10:30 p.m. Nov. 7 on a friendly mission.

"If one of the local radio stations will go off the air for a couple of minutes the saucer people say they will broadcast over its wavelengths."

Earthlings Get Panicky.

Dutta says the visitors will have to be careful because of the tendency of Earth people to panic and kill anything strange. It should be reassuring to Martians to know there is an organization ready to extend the hand of friendship to them — if they have hands.

It is the "Interplanetary Fraternity Association."

Any Martian reading this dispatch will be able to identify the friendly IFA chaps by their heart-shaped, blue and green lapel badges.

The visitors also should know they can trust any six-year-old wearing a plastic bubble helmet.

event, "Mon-ka" was now something to reckon with. (51.)

15 September.

The Martian opposition and Michel's prediction.

Successfully predicting the UFO wave of 1954, French researcher Aime Michel attempted to prognosticate a second time, writing an exclusive story for publication in Gray Barker's Saucerian Bulletin. (52.) Aime suggested that a saucer wave and a Mars opposition did show a correlation, but there was a one or two month lag. The saucer waves, Aime claimed, shifted from west to east. In 1952; he wrote, the saucer wave was primarily in the United States, while the 1954 wave was an European phenomenon. Thus, he reasoned, the year 1956 would see many UFO reports coming in from eastern Europe and the Middle East.

The prediction appeared in some newspapers putting Michel's forecast on record. With the 1956 Martian opposition occurring on September 7th, the next big UFO flap would take place in October if Michel was right. Would he be right?

The summer saucer scene.

CSI of New York commented on the number and quality of UFO reports it had managed to collect during July and August. Interestingly, although the New York group could not be expected to gather an accurate sample of national UFO activity, the organization's conclusions reflected those found in BLUE BOOK files. In the CSI newsletter it said:

"The summer of 1956 promised to have been eventful, bridged by the close approaches. Sightings increased toward the end of July and throughout August, but there were few, if any, really spectacular or bizarre occurrences that came to the attention of the CSI Research Section. The majority of summer reports involved night lights, and a good proportion of these reports were obviously misidentifications of both Mars and Venus." (53.)

15 September. Near Salem, Indiana.

"Doubleday author encounters gummetal yo-yo." (See letter) (54.)

17 September. New Castle, Delaware.

Three civilians, a 14-year-old paper boy, a newspaper reporter, and a housewife, all reported a strange "star-like" body in the sky. The sky was overcast at 10,000 feet so the brilliant object could not have been a meteor. The object appeared to be the size of a half dollar, or larger, at arm's length. Said one of the witnesses:

"...it did not move for about ten minutes and then it moved slowly for about three minutes and then it darted away suddenly. [...deleted] states that it rose slowly a little to the right but mostly straight up and coming towards him. He said that it rose in a jerking motion like a kite. [...deleted] stated that it moved from the NNE to the NNW. She said that it moved with a teetering motion." (55.)

The report adds: "All observers agree that the object disappeared suddenly and in a great burst of speed." (56.)

Richmond, Indiana
November 9, 1966

My experience with a UFO occurred 10 years ago, on September 15, 1956.

On this day I was scheduled to address the Woman's Press Club of Indiana as its after-luncheon speaker in the French Lick-Sheraton Hotel at French Lick, Indiana. (I am a Doubleday author and frequently serve as a speaker for church, civic, and women's groups, conventions and service clubs.)

Because of the distance from Richmond to French Lick, my husband and I left early in the morning. It was a very unpleasant morning, extremely dark, with pounding rain and beating winds. At daylight we were in southern Indiana, and it was there that we saw the UFO.

At the time, we were approaching Salem, Indiana. I do not know the exact time, but it was between 6 and 7 a.m. closer, I think, to 6 a.m. The rain was now only a misty drizzle, but the morning was wet and gray.

We came up an incline to a sort of hilltop (I do not know the exact location) which looked out over a flat area of fields and fences as I recall. My husband was driving, intent upon the wet road. I looked out to the left and saw, hovering over the flat area, a flying saucer!

At first I was too surprised and startled to speak at all.

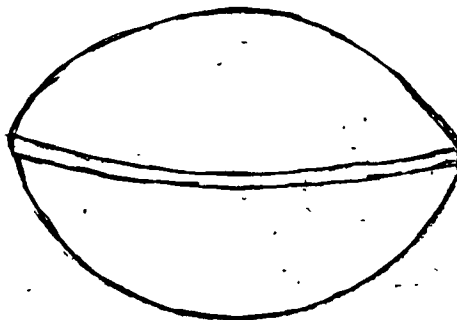
I stared, unable to believe my eyes, thinking I must be mistaken but no, there it was! So I stammered to my husband, "Look out there quick! Do you see....what I think I see?"

He took one look and brought the car to a stop. We sat there on the hilltop (or rise) and stared. I said, amazed, "Why it's a Flying Saucer! It is....isn't it?" My husband, who is very conservative, answered, "Well, it certainly appears to be something like that!"

My first impression was that it looked something like a gunmetal yo-yo. It appeared to be made of two sections of dark gunmetal with an aperture between them. From this aperture, as if from windows, port-holes, or similar openings, came wisps of white smoke or vapor which seemed carried slightly to one side by the wind. The UFO was hovering, as I have described, but constantly undulating as it hovered. (Please see amateurish drawing, attached.)

At this moment, we became aware of another car coming up behind us and my husband, hoping for another witness, leaped out and tried to flag it down. The driver, a man, gave him a scared look and sped on. Two or three other cars came from behind us (perhaps people going to work) and my husband tried to stop them, with the same result. We both shouted and pointed toward the UFO, but the passengers sped on without looking at it. We were disappointed, but not surprised. Nobody wants to be stopped on a lonely road in the rain at the dawn's early light by a couple of excited and gesticulating strangers! (The road was lonely only at this hour, however. It is a well-traveled highway.)

At least 5 minutes passed while we watched the UFO, perhaps



Craft a dark gunmetal, very large in size.

Center aperture a darker color, as if recessed, almost black.

Wisps of something like vapor or smoke emitted from center aperture as if through portholes, windows, or similar openings. Trailing to one side in the wind.

Place: Near Salem, Indiana, September 15, 1956, soon after daylight.

10 minutes. Then, all of a sudden, it turned on one edge, like a plate on a wall, and VANISHED!

I say "vanished" because never, in all my life, have I seen anything move so fast. My husband and I have mentioned this many times, and agree that the speed with which this object disappeared into the distance was indescribable, inconceivable, if not actually impossible!

It reminded me a little, but only a little, of the movie cartoon which shows one person chasing another up a road. Suddenly ...whsst!....both are out of sight. But even this, which seems funny to audiences because it is such an exaggeration, would seem slow by comparison with our UFO.

As it vanished, it held the position I have mentioned, turned on one edge like a plate on a wall, or on a sideboard. We could no longer see the aperture, or the smoke (?) wisps.

More than once we have tried to estimate the size of the UFO and its distance from us. This is hard to do, since events moved so rapidly, and we can only agree that it was "quite close" to us and that it was "very, VERY large." I have read many journalistic jibes about "little green men flying around in little saucer-machines" but had no such impression of this "saucer machine."

Most accounts say the witnesses were "terrified"...."trans-fixed with horror"....."speechless with fear"....and so on. (More journalistic Esperanto, perhaps.) It does seem natural to feel frightened by such an "abnormal" sight, but my husband and I felt no fear whatever, nor any apprehension whatever. We didn't see any

"little green men" or expect to see any, though of course we assumed that the craft was being piloted "by somebody." I think we both felt that it was probably some sort of military craft being tested by the United States Air Force, and publicly unannounced as yet.

About its size....we agree that it was "about the size of the court house" which, in Richmond, is a mighty big court house!

When we reached French Lick I related this experience to Hortense Myers, Indianapolis INS editor, and assistant chairman of the Press Women's convention. She told me they had been asked not to publish such reports, and advised me to say nothing about it. (To tell you the truth, I don't think she believed me.)

It has been more than 10 years since then, of course, and we have read many reports about UFO experiences during this time, but have had no more such experiences ourselves. Nor have we read any accounts which described the "gunmetal color" we saw, or the wisps of smoke (?) or vapor (?) emitted from the center opening. And because there is a very serious interest in investigating UFO accounts at this time, I decided to send you mine.

18 September. "Interest in T.T. Brown." (See BLUE BOOK document) (57.)

19 September. East Rochester, New Hampshire.

"Square formation." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (58.)

20 September. Pacific Ocean.

"Mystery black rocket."

The lookout aboard the USS Takelma sights a strange "rocket." (See teletype message) (59.)

21 September. Birchleigh, Transvaal.

A brief line from Africa told of a large saucer-like object making "wide, sweeping, circles" in a clear sky over Birchleigh on September 21st. (60.)

21 September. Pretoria, South Africa.

That same Friday a group of people were standing outside the Magistrate's Court in Pretoria watching a jet aircraft when they caught sight of a gleaming circular object stationary in the sky. A Mr. Truter, a businessman and one of the witnesses, told the press the strange object suddenly rose up, straight up, and did so at an incredible speed. (61.)

21 September. "Mon-Ka" again.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram published a follow-up story on "Mon-Ka" on the 21st. (See clipping)

"Mon-Ka" and Art Linkletter.

One of the better civilian UFO investigators in the U.S. at the time, Idabel Epperson of Los Angeles, attempted to derail the "Mon-Ka" absurdity. In a letter to a fellow UFOlogist she told what she was up against:

"Those of us who realized what the results were going to be, tried desperately to prevent it. We didn't have a chance. Art Linkletter [a famous TV personality in the 1950s] allowed sponsors of the Mon-Ka 'visit' to appear on his nationwide program more than once. Several of us begged him for equal time on his program and he refused. At that time we were told that newspapers across the U.S. featured the story--and we knew there were headlines in a newspaper in London, England." (62.)

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

Finally a good one. On the 22nd CSI received word of a "good" UFO report. Perhaps the drought was over.

At 7:50 p.m. a Mr. Reuben Borrud, an amateur astronomer, spotted a strange "craft" flying in the vicinity of the Great Northern Railroad smokestack. The object was flying at about 150 mph above the Missouri River apparently following the eastward course of the waterway. As the craft soared along at an estimated 800 foot altitude, coming within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Borrud compared the size of the object to a small plane. That the thing was some sort of craft was convincing to Borrud because it was observed, he said, "plainly and clearly." The craft reflected a "dull metallic gleam" and displayed a row of very small pinpoints of yellowish light on the topside."



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22 SEP 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Deputy Inspector General, USAF

SUBJECT: Townsend-Brown Foundation

1. Reference is made to Memorandum from this office, same subject as above, dated 18 September 1952.
2. This office has been advised by Office of Naval Research letter, serial 23480, that [redacted] on the subject. "In [redacted] has been downgraded from CONFIDENTIAL to UNCLASSIFIED."

Albert E. Lombard, Jr.
ALBERT E. LOMBARD, JR.
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Office, Deputy Chief of Staff,
Development

An isolated document found in BLUE BOOK files suggests a possible investigation into the activities of T.T. Brown.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 September 1936		2. LOCATION East Rochester, New Hampshire		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 19/0916Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION forty-five seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE see below	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four circular white objects, size of a penny at arm's length. Objects formed a straight line and then a square. Objects were sighted at 40 dgr azimuth, faded out, reappeared, and finally faded out at 45 dgr azimuth. Objects were observed visually for 45 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Details of sighting & change of formation indicate that sighting was probably caused by a/c.	

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*U.S.S. Takelma
 report*

CALIFORNIA

MON-KA COMES IN LOUD, CLEAR

'Martian' Warns Earth!

By WARREN WALTERS

Mon-Ka, head of the Martian Space Confederation, Thursday night stole a march on astronomers studying his planet and in the same message voiced a warning to local earthlings.

He said any attempt by the military to interfere with the

scheduled appearance of a Martian spaceship Nov. 7 over Los Angeles will prove "disastrous."

Mon-Ka's message came via tape recorder to members of the Long Beach Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society who assembled in Morgan Hall.

THE SLOW-SPEAKING Mar-

tian reaffirmed his craft would hover over Los Angeles at an altitude of 10,000 feet while a two-minute message of good will is broadcast on television and radio.

But, he said, "I do not advise the military to harm or force us to land. This would prove disastrous."

Another Interplanetary plenipotentiary, Ashtar of Venus, said in a relayed message that government restrictions make attempts on his part for an interstellar tete-a-tete impossible. Ashtar expressed his discouragement on the possibility of making appearances on earth to Calvin Girvin, 807 Cerritos

Ave, who spoke before members. Girvin said his communications from the Venus leader are transmitted by extrasensory perception.

Mon-Ka, recording from station KOR on Mars, described cultural, economic, educational and social conditions on his planet.

He said science and arts on

his planet are far in advance of those on earth and that citizens enjoy a 400-year lifespan by virtue of periodic visits to a "revitalizing chamber."

MON-KA SAID workers on the red planet labor for only four hours a day and spend the

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REV. CARL ANDERSON 'TUNES IN' MARS
Mon-Ka of Red Planet Confirms Visit

As it travelled along, the strange craft oscillated or rocked, something uncharacteristic of an airplane, moreover, no sound was heard.

Said Borrud:

"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 where there could possibly have been a dome. The outer edge on the top, or 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." (63.)

The passage lasted about 10 seconds, the viewing interrupted by houses and trees.

22 September. Kelly AFB, Texas. (3:45 a.m.)

"Falling star?"

It was 3:45 the morning of September 22th. Standing near buildings 1610 and 1614 at Kelly AFB were four civilians working the graveyard shift: a senior aircraft mechanic, a forklift driver, a shipping clerk supervisor, and another witness not otherwise identified. (all names were deleted from BLUE BOOK files)

One of the witnesses happened to glance at the dark night sky. He spotted a round, white-colored body approaching fast. The immediate impression was that a falling star was being observed, but as the glowing object reached the size of a nickel at arm's length, the thing stopped and performed several distinct up and down movements. It then paused for a short time before continuing its original course which was southeast. After moving southeast for a brief moment, the object stopped again, a second time, before traveling out of sight behind a cloud.

The investigating officer in this case, Major J.G. Davis, found that no aircraft were known to be in the area at the time. (64.)

Case (Information Only)

21 September 1956
Birchleigh, Africa

1956, Sept. 21-Birchleigh, Africa-11:30am-Large, shining, silver-grey Saucer traveled in sweeping circles, hovering; maneuvering- then zoomed up into the heavens. Clear sky, cold, windy. Object left a vaportrail, made no sound, sent a 'flash' back thru its vaportrail, like a rocket-blast, as it left...

No Case (Information Only)

22 September 1956
Lincolnshire, England

1956, Sept. 22-Lincolnshire, England-Afternoon-A glittering Sphere hovered at 54,000ft. for about 1hr, during 40mph wind! The 80ft. Object was sighted visually & on Radar. Jets failed to locate it. Seen by thousands. Looked like glass, white inside

22 September. San Antonio, Texas.

"At first seemed to be a falling star." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (66.)

23 September. Paul Harvey and "Mon-Ka."

The "Mon-Ka" story got a big push when it received a mention from the immensely popular ABC commentator Paul Harvey. On Harvey's September 23rd program the famous airwave personality said he was informed a saucer would hover over Los Angeles on November 7th with the purpose of making contact, and that "some" radio stations would comply with a request that was made of maintaining a 20 minute period of silence. The source of this information was a "British newspaper," according to Harvey.

24 September. Fantastic Universe magazine.

Oddly enough science fiction fans have never been too enthusiastic about the UFO mystery. In fact, nearly all of the great sci-fi writers, like Arthur C. Clark and Isaac Asimov, even become hostile when someone broaches the subject. Why is difficult to understand. Perhaps such people prefer a complete story, even if it is fictional, to an enigma.

An exception was the editor of Fantastic Universe magazine, a Mr. Hans Santesson, who was fascinated enough to arrange for a monthly factual report on the UFO mystery in each issue of FU beginning in 1957. He approached CSI of New York in September 1956 to write the articles. The CSI people were happy to oblige. (67.)

24 September. Kingport, Tennessee. (3:30 p.m.)

"I saw what I saw."

According to the Kingport Times:

"Two strange objects were seen near Kingport, Tennessee, by Lloyd Mc Millan, about 3:30 p.m. The objects, first spotted over Gibston,

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>22 September 1956</u>		2. LOCATION <u>San Antonio, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT: <u>22/0955Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>ten minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>NNW to ESE</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round white object, size of a nickel at arm's length. Object was seen by four observers. Object was first seen at 340dgr azimuth 75 dgr elevation. Object disappeared at 110 dgr azimuth 75 dgr elevation. Object first appeared to be a falling star but as it got closer to the earth it got larger. Object, while proceeding from NNW to ESE made several erratic movements. Object disappeared behind the clouds after having been seen visually for 10 minutes.				11. COMMENTS Duration too short for balloon and wind data conflicts with this analysis. Report indicates possibility of a/c due to duration and motion; however, no a/c in area. Additional data not received. Report considered insufficient for analysis.	

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were estimated by Mc Millan to be 1,000 feet in the air, and one of them appeared to rock while the others merely hovered. They seemed to be about 30 feet in diameter and 6 to 8 feet thick; they were dark grey with darker rings 'circling the outside.' Although Mc Millan didn't believe in flying saucers, he said: 'I saw what I saw, and I'd take an oath that the objects were mechanical.' He watched the object for two or three minutes before they suddenly took off 'at terrific speed' to the east, toward Bristol.'" (68.)

26 September.. "Shoot to kill order."

Back on July 19th A CAA Flight Instructor named Irwin Ross told a Santa Ana newspaper he heard there was official "shoot-to-kill" order concerning flying saucers, that the military was desperate to obtain some tangible fragment of the mysterious objects. Max B. Miller, Los Angeles UFO researcher, was determined to obtain some official acknowledgement of the order.

On the 26th Miller was able to contact Lieutenant Commander Robert Murphey at the Los Alamitos Air Station to see if he would verify or deny the story. Officer Murphey said he doubted the story was true but Miller noted that the Lieutenant Commander didn't flat out deny the story however. (69.)

26 September. Stringfield, "Angel Hair," and the Air Force.

A letter to military authorities led to a series of events that spread beyond the testing of a specimen. (See letter written by Leonard Stringfield to a Major Shaw) (70.)

27 September. Greenville, Michigan.

"Like a perfect disc."

A newspaper story read:

"Amateur astronomer La Vern Frost and a companion, Earl Perry, viewed a UFO through Frost's telescope as it hovered overhead during an unspecified time of the evening. It was described to be 'shaped like a perfect disc and glowing red' before it disappeared in the northern sky, climbing at a high rate of speed." (71.)

27 September. Ponca City, Oklahoma.

"Many were joyful, yet fearful."

The local newspaper printed:

"Startled picnickers and fishermen at Lake Pona rushed for home. Residents gathered in groups to watch and discuss the unusual sight. Business houses were deserted as customers and clerks alike went out into the street to watch the light. Many had field glasses and others used telescopes." (72.)

In the night sky was a strange blue and silver spheriod. The newspaper added: "...there were many who were joyful, yet fearful that they had seen a flying saucer." (xx) With so many concerned witnesses Vance AFB felt compelled to send a jet to investigate. The military said nothing was found when the aircraft arrived. (73.)

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Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

Cincinnati 27, Ohio

September 26, 1956

Major H. C. Shaw, C.O.
Air Technical Intelligence Command
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Shaw:

Sorry that we had so much telephonic confusion in my attempt to reverse charges. I, too, was in a "bad way" in that I was calling from The DuBois Co., whose policies also involve red tape in making long distance calls.

Reason for calling was in response to a call from the Air Filter Center this a.m. which directed me to your command. The officer with whom I talked said that I should send my "material" to your command. I explained mailing such would be inadvisable because I did not want to disturb the state in which the "angel hair" was originally placed in a jar. If this state of preservation is important then mailing, of course, would not be the best method. Purpose of calling, thus, was to get your advice.

Facts Concerning The Angel Hair:

Shortly before 5 o'clock p.m. Sept. 25, 1956, my wife, [redacted], sitting on porch with children, watched "something" white float down in front yard of home. While investigating the nature of this material, she noticed another smaller tuft of the substance falling, also landing on ground.

In its original state the larger specimen lay flat looking like strands of white asbestos fibre. It's size, flattened, was about 3" X 3".

When she touched the sensitive substance, she said it

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seemed to curl. She then gathered the substance on a stick and put it in an air tight jar. In so doing, a gossamer strand of the substance adhered to the lid and the stick which held the bulk of the cocoon-appearing fibre hung pendant in the glass jar.

A second and smaller specimen, was collected on a pencil. This was left exposed to the air.

I told my wife not to disturb the state in which she first deposited the substance. For this reason I believe mailing is not practical.

Of course, the substance may be worthless, but it does seem similar to other specimens I have seen, reputed to be "angel hair", and to other specimens I have seen in photographs.

I would like to make a chemical analysis of this substance, but shall wait until I hear from either you or Capt. Gregory.

Respectfully yours,



27 September Cincinnati, Ohio (3 00 a m)

A Cincinnati suburbanite weekly printed

"A Northern Hills physician and wife, who asked that their identity be withheld, told a story of witnessing an eerie demonstration of precision flying among a group of glowing, multi-colored objects. The couple said they were awakened about 3 a m when a pane in their bedroom window set up a vibration. 'I got up to find out what was causing the noise,' the doctor said. 'At first I thought someone was trying to get into the window. Then I looked out and saw these objects that looked like little balls zooming around the sky. It was quite a spectacle. The balls were all colors---red, green, yellow and several colors that I can't describe. Then the objects just disappeared before our eyes. It wasn't a gentle trailing off you might expect to see when watching fireworks pop in the sky---the objects just seemed to be snatched into the void.' The doctor said he and his wife watched the demonstration for almost a half hour." (74)

27 September Greenville, Michigan

"Like a perfect disc"

28 September Norwich-Sydney area, New York

An incident similar to the September 27th Ponca City case occurred in Binghamton, New York, on the 28th

Between 8 p m and midnight a multi-colored object hung in the sky over the New York community. Residents turned out in droves to view the phenomenon as the local radio station WINR broadcast periodic news flashes. The UFO was seen to pulsate, changing from red to green, to white, and back to red again. The cycle was repeated over and over until the strange object settled into a steady orange hue that persisted for some time. State Police headquarters was flooded with calls but the lawmen were at a loss as to what action to take so they contacted Rome AFB. The Air Force scrambled some jets but never shared any results of the attempted interception with the public. (75)

28 September Columbus, Ohio (11 20 a m)

"People will think I'm crazy"

A Columbus businessman and former Air Force pilot told the local newspaper he observed some mysterious objects stalking an airliner. The man had his father with him at the time as he watched the UFOs pass overhead but he still felt "people would think him crazy" for reporting the incident. There were 8 UFOs, cigar-shaped in appearance, and were brighter than aluminum skinned airliner. The UFOs, he said, followed the airliner for awhile and then suddenly stopped and reversed direction. The UFOs then turned to the south for a brief moment before heading west on an upward slant until they were lost to view because of distance. (76)

29 September Hopedale, Massachusetts

"Fastest thing I've ever seen"

A newspaper account read

"Charles Kaberry and Homer Bartlett were conversing in the back yard of the Kaberry residence about 3 p m when the former glanced skyward 'For a moment I thought it might be a child's balloon,' Kaberry related 'Then I realized I would not see such a balloon at the height it was moving and that such an item would not be moving so fast The object was far up in the clear blue sky, appeared to be circular in shape, and white Its speed was terrific Much faster than any jet plane I have ever seen ' Mr Barlett said the UFO was 'round like a ball and a silver color with the shine shining on it Its speed was the fastest thing I have ever seen in the sky, which was clear and afforded us visibility for several seconds of the subject '" (77)

29 September Middlebury, Connecticut (See below) (78)

No Case (Information Only)

29 September 1956
Middlebury, Connecticut

1956, Sept. 29-2pm-Middlebury, Conn.-dozens of white UFOs leaving cobwebs (exclusive) while traveling silently from East to West. Blue sky, Sun bright, no wind, temp 60° Air filled with tiny bugs, too (Not Gossamer-Spiders). Objects acted different than bugs. 3 AF Jets in sky, too, but NOT near Objects...(UFO Center)

The launch of NICAP

Clara John proudly related the launch of NICAP in the pages of her newsletter The Little Listening Post

'Many writing in re Washington's new National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena Many letters from foreign countries All happy' Say long overdue Letter from Kenneth Arnold, 'original saucer sighter,' speaks of being in a coming movie 'The Flying Saucer Story '" (79)

Also

"Keyhoe and Jessup also lectured in Washington Keyhoe says the National Investigations Committee came just in time --greatly needed

"On a new shiny brass sign at 1536 Conn Ave Washington D C are the words National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena -- Project Skylight --LLP went in! There a few brave pioneers are working long hours lured on by the vision of a new type research that will help throw light on some of the strange events around us

"With great care the Board of Governors is being selected --the sub-committee is working on the policy of publications, etc , gifts of books are coming in a beautiful coffee set on a little table that stands by the fireplace -- a gift from one of the new members NICAP Prospectus written by scientist Townsend Brown the Executive Vice-Chairman pro tem has been called a 'master-piece '"

(80)

2 October Trenton, New Jersey

"A hiss and a nauseous odor " "The greatest shock of my life "

Just before 4 a m October 2, 1956, a five-year-old living on Parkside Avenue in Trenton, New Jersey, had trouble sleeping so the child got out of bed and for some reason went to the window Looking out , the child saw a "big lighted ball with a tail" in the sky The youngster hurried to tell his parents in the next room but they quickly dismissed the vision as a dream and told the 5 year old to go back to sleep

That same morning Peter Borza, 38, a circulation route manager for the local Trentonian was delivering bundles of newspapers when he also saw something in the sky about 4 00 a m Mr Borza was driving his station wagon on Parkside avenue close to Cadwalader Park(near where the five-year-old lived) when he first spotted a white glowing body high up in the air

Both of aforementioned sightings were vital evidence to the reality of the prime incident that morning, the experience of Harry J Sturdevant, a night-watchman Mr Sturdevant was making his rounds in his patrol car of a highway construction site, guarding the equipment of the Herbert Elkins Company At about 3 45 a m Mr Sturdevant stopped his car and walked over to some concrete steps along the shore of the Delaware River at a point just across from Rotary Island, a bit of land 100 yards away He stood on the steps and gazed up at the Reading Railroad bridge about a mile up the river

Suddenly a red-colored spot of light appeared Mr Sturdevant said it came into view suddenly in the air above the bridge, and with astonishing quickness (mere seconds) the red light zoomed toward him and stopped about 15 feet above the water Hovering an estimated 50 yards from shore(about halfway to Rotary Island) the thing permitted Mr Sturdevant a brief look Mr Sturdevant said the object was a strange red-colored, smooth-surfaced, body about 100 feet long and 15 feet in diameter A hissing sound was heard and he was suddenly aware of an overpowering noxious smell The object then swooped passed him, coming close enough to give Mr Sturdevant a good dose of the foul odor In a matter of seconds the UFO soared upward approximately 500 feet where it "disappeared " Mr Sturdevant said it " went into thin air " (81)

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Eerie Fireball Skims Over River

Harry J. Sturdevant of 129 Edgewood Avenue is not a man who frightens easily. Yet he is still shaky as a result of an experience he had early this morning.

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At 3 45 a m Inday Studevant was in the company of five in a trailer at Riverside

Drive and Lenape Avenue
when he saw a terrifying sight.

A large glowing object emerged from the sky over the Delaware River. It came within a few feet of the water and then as suddenly it appeared it took off again into the air.

It all happened so quickly that Stoudant was unable to get a complete description of the flying object. He recalls that it was very large—probably over 100 feet in length—that it did not have the wings of an airplane, that it made a humming sound, that it seemed

over the water and that it gave off an overpowering nonious odor.

Stardevant remembers the odor more vividly than anything else. It was so nauseous that he was afraid he was going to become ill.

After the mysterious object had disappeared Sturdevant telephoned the Trenton Times at about 4 a. m. and related to a night watchman what he had seen. He then remained on the job until 8 a. m. when he went home and told his wife of his experience.

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The sulfur or brimstone smell was like nothing he had ever encountered before, a very nauseating shock to his system, in fact it overwhelmed his senses and he couldn't even swallow without great difficulty. The pain was so intense Mr. Sturdevant collapsed and had to crawl to his patrol car. Pulling himself inside the vehicle, he could only sit behind the wheel in a motionless dazed condition. His eyes watered, and even his hearing seemed to be impaired. Worst of all his sense of smell didn't seem to be functioning. Mr. Sturdevant was a World War I vet who had fought in clouds of mustard gas during the conflict in Europe but this experience was even worse. All he had to do was to drive but a short distance to summon aid but he couldn't even manage that. He just sat in his car for a half hour before he felt well enough to control his vehicle. When he finally reached his small trailer he phoned the police to report a "flying saucer."

The next day Mr. Sturdevant was questioned extensively by two members of Trenton's detective squad, a Lt. Ernest Louis and a Lt. Adolph Miller. The experienced lawmen became convinced the nightwatchman was telling the truth.

Other persons who talked to Mr. Sturdevant included some very curious newsmen. One was United Press photographer Louis Gunkel, and another was a reporter named Emil Staboda who represented The Trentonian. The watchman wept as he related the event of the night before, declaring it was the "greatest shock of his life."

A story about the incident appeared in The Trentonian that afternoon which led to the discovery of Peter Borza's sighting and the "dream" of the little Parkside boy.

Like the detectives, the newsmen were very impressed by Mr. Sturdevant's emotional state. Staboda inspected the location of the sighting and found that the landmarks conformed to the nightwatchman's testimony. Said Mr. Staboda:

"During my eight years as a crime reporter on the Trentonian, I have run into many instances where a hoax was perpetrated or attempted. But never have I found any person as overwrought as Mr. Sturdevant was that night. His state was such that tears actually were streaming from his eyes. Something terrified him."

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Mr. Sturdevant returned to the spot on the Delaware River that afternoon and noticed that there had been some environmental damage. He said he found "the leaves as far as I could see had burned and fallen to the ground like burned tissue paper." (83)

The watchman's senses of taste and smell, and to some extent his hearing, did not return to normal. He could not work and remained under the care of a doctor for a year. The ailments required considerable expense so Mr. Sturdevant sought help from the New Jersey Workmen's Compensation fund but lawyers for the watchman's employer opposed the application. This impasse led to a hearing refereed by state official Leonard B. Willits. The Elkins Company lawyer charged that Mr. Sturdevant's problem "might be with his imagination, not his eyes, ears, and nose." (84)

Mr. Willits, however, sided with the watchman, stating "that it did not matter whether Sturdevant really saw anything. The important point was that the watchman thought he saw something and it was his duty to investigate." (85)

Emil Staboda of the Trentonian marvelled at the judgement saying "Such a decision almost amounts to an admission by the state that flying saucers do exist " (86)

This victory for Sturdevant was short-lived Filing an appeal, the Elkins Company had the award overruled by the Compensation Division Deputy Director, Roger W Kelly, who favored the idea the watchman had had a "hallucination " (87)

2 October Butler, Pennsylvania

"It circled for an hour " "The leaves of the tree died "

The mention of leaves dying on a tree as claimed by Mr Sturdevant brings to mind a news story that appeared the same (October 2, 1956) that concerned an incident that took place the month before Reporter John A Ammon wrote the following article

"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 2 1/2 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 [a catalpa]

"'I don't think there was anyone in it --it was too small It must have been controlled by radar or in some similar fashion,' McGrady said " (88)

For additional details Ammon paid McGrady a visit The layout of the buildings mentioned in the man's testimony conformed to the story Ammon examined the yard and the dead catalpa tree Here is the rest of the story as reported by Ammon

"It happened about a month ago [September 1956?] 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 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

"I looked and saw it coming under a telephone wire. It was about fifteen 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."

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

"He said he had 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."

"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. [There were a few 1947 small disk sightings that mention smoke being emitted].

"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." (89)

2 October Clara John and George Adamski

Clara John's happiness at being able to help establish an important new UFO organization was dampened by a letter from UFO researcher Lonzo Dove,

*It could be important to remember this little detail about the "pegs." Assuming McGrady was telling the truth, this detail may reappear in another sighting report thus providing some evidence of the reality of the event.

dated October 2, 1956 Dove, a specialist on the George Adamski story, claimed to have uncovered evidence the unknown ghost writer for Flying Saucers Have Landed was none other than Clara John! It was hardly the time to be associated with the biggest crackpot in the UFO movement Dove wanted Clara John to lend some aid in the investigation of Adamski's claims Dove pressed her to go public "Surely you do not deliberately wish a hoax to be left uncovered while innocent people unaware of these very facts are being placed into a position of embarrassing credulity " (90)

4 October

"Special Briefing on the UFO Program for General Lewis "

We have no transcript of the "General Lewis Briefing," just a few references to it BLUE BOOK files One reference said

"A special briefing was prepared for General Lewis and his staff a few days ago which included the problem of these private UFO organizations, and the increase in UFO publicity resulting from their activities The case file of the individual who supplied these specimens was submitted as a classic example [the best guess is that the individual was Leonard Springfield] (91)

Another ATIC memorandum said in part

"As stated in this briefing, the principal problems in the UFO program are, first, to improve operations with the object of reducing the number of 'unknowns' to as near zero as possible [Why use the word 'reduce'?" Does that mean anything goes?] and, second, to cope with the growing problem of public participation in the program Our recommended solution is to clearly assign the areas of responsibility to those elements most competent to handle them " (92)

5 October "We're swamped "

The headline for Springfield's UFO news bulletin of October 5th was "THE GREAT SAUCER BOOM " In a short editorial Springfield exclaimed "We're swamped!" Never had so many UFO reports flooded the CRIFO organization As far as Springfield was concerned, Michel's prediction about cycles in UFO sightings was coming true It was almost exactly a month after the Martian opposition (93)

Likewise, Gray Barker, writing in his Saucerian Bulletin, remarked "Saucer sightings are at one of their all-time peaks right now, confirming, to some degree, Michel's predictions " (94)

5 October Bridgeboro, New Jersey

"Erratic movements " (See BLUE BOOK document) (95)

5 October China Lake, California

"Row of luminous things " (See BLUE BOOK document) (96)

6 7 October Wethersfield, Essex, England

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Commanding Officer
United States Air Force
Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

This last Friday I saw something which I feel I should report, and since I don't know exactly who to report it to, am addressing this to your office, trusting it will be relayed to the correct person, office or organization. Am answering the questions in the order in which I find them in a copied Air Force form in one of the appendices in Major Donald E. Keyhoe's "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", April, 1954 printing.

For whatever these "flying saucers" are or are not, on my word of honor the following is what I actually saw, and the circumstances under which I saw them. This last Friday night, at about 10:48 P.M., was when I saw this group of "unidentified objects". The date--October 5, 1956. Time of day, as given above, 2248, Pacific Standard Time, or 0648, G.M.T., Saturday morning. My geographical location was at China Lake, Calif., within the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station civilian community, in one of the newer type dormitories the Navy has built. I was out in the patio of the hollow square-shaped building, this open square being about 75 feet square, with the surrounding building two stories, or about 18 feet, high. My position was about 30 feet from the south side of the opening, and, consequently, 45 feet from the north side.

This left about 135 degrees of open sky to my view in the north-south direction. The night was clear; no clouds; and there was no moon. The stars were very clear. All of a sudden I saw the things, a row of luminous things about as bright as the brightest of the stars (excluding Mars or any other visible planet), but looking like spots of light with faintly luminous rings about them, the rings being about five minutes or so of arc in diameter. They were arranged in a tightly grouped east-west row, and were somewhat irregular in this arrangement, though not too much so. And as they travelled, they wavered a bit, the way one would expect of a flock of birds.

As I watched them, they swept across the visible portion of the sky from my viewpoint, from north to south, covering the distance from limit to limit in about 8 or 9 seconds of time. They were separated from each other by only about 1/2 of their diameters center to center between adjacent ones, and there were about eight of the objects altogether. They travelled practically due south and missed the zenith, or overhead point, by about five degrees of arc, passing to the west of this point.

This is all I have to report, since it includes just about all the facts involved that I can recall.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

SC: 0333

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 October 1956		2. LOCATION Bridgeboro, New Jersey		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/2045Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION forty - forty five seconds one		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE erratic	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round black-grey object, size of a nickel at arm's length. Object was spinning with edges blurred. Object appeared to move sideways, and appear rather thin at 45dgr angle in erratic movement. Object was seen at about 2 to 3 miles elevation on 90dgr azimuth and disappeared at 2 to 3 miles elevation at 45dgr azimuth. At first, object seemed to rise slowly, then move right at a 45dgr angle and then to the left at a 45dgr angle. Movement up & down was erratic. Obj seen visually for 40 to 45 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Object observed for 45 seconds initial observation from inside building through window. Went outside to observe object. Possible bird (?). No data for conclusion.	

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 FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUMMARY: (1) (A) SHAPE: ROUND, (B) ROUND, SIZE
 COMPARED TO A MICHEL WHEEL AT AROUND LENGTH (C) COLOR BLACK-GREY.
 (D) NUMBER ONE (E) NO FORMATION. (F) SPINNING WITH EDGES BLURRED.
 (G) NO TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (H) NO SOUND. (I) APPEARED TO MOVE
 SIDEWAYS, AND APPEAR AFTER THAT AT 45 DEGREE ANGLES IN ERRATIC
 MOVEMENTS (2) (A) OBSERVER NOTICED OBJECT THRU OFFICE WINDOW
 AND THEN WENT OUTSIDE. (D) OBJECT ELEVATION WAS ABOUT 2-3 MILES ON
 90 DEGREE AZIMUTH. (C) ANGLE OF ELEVATION WAS ABOUT 2-3 MILES ON
 45 DEGREE (D) FLIGHT PATH AT FIRST IT SEEMED TO RISE SLOWLY, THEN
 MOVED RIGHT AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE, AND THEN TO THE LEFT AT A 45 DEGREE
 ANGLE MOVEMENT UP AND DOWN WAS ERRATIC. (E) ITS DISAPPEARANCE WAS
 IN EAST DIRECTION, 1 TO THE HORIZON. (F) 40-45 SECONDS. (3) (A) GROUND
 VISUAL. (B) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED. (C) "NOT APPLICABLE" (4) A 1645
 8 OCT 1956. (D) DAYLIGHT (5) FRONT OF DELTA TOOL CO BATT, ABOUT
 30 DEGREE ANGLE FROM A HIGH TELEVISION POLE IN EAST DIRECTION.

Bridgman, MS

PAGE TWO (REP 222)

(3) () CIVILIAN T [REDACTED] (7) (A) VERY CLEAR AND WARM, NO WIND
NEW JERSEY, OFFICE EMPLOYEE. (7) (A) VERY CLEAR AND WARM, NO WIND
(8) SURFACE WINDS IN EAST DIRECTION, 12 TO 15 KNOTS. (C) UNLIMITED
(9) 15 TO 20 FEET (10) NO CLOUDS (7) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA (8)
OBSERVED NOTICED 3000 FEET DISTANCE ABOUT 2 MILES. S OAK AS LOW AS
1000 (9) NO ACTIC (10) NO AIR TRAFFIC OBSERVED OR IN AREA (11)
NO COMMENTS (12) "NOT APPLICABLE"

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 October 1956		2. LOCATION China Lake, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local 2249 PST GMT <u>06/0648Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION about 9 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE N to S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer states he submitted report apparently after reading Keyhoe's book FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE. Observed a row of luminous 'things' that traveled from N to S. They appeared to waver like birds in flight.				11. COMMENTS A/C ruled out due to duration. Observation most probably meteor sighting although light reflection on birds is also a possibility. Case evaluated as probably meteor sighting.	

ATTC FORM 329 (REV 16 SEP 53)

More strange radar targets over England

A brief summary of the report on a BLUE BOOK file card, which is all we have in the way of information, says "Numerous GCA observations which included targets the size of a B-36 on October and more numerous targets the size of an L-20 on 6 and 7 October. No unusual weather on either night " (97) (See October 9th)

7 October Brain Field, Connecticut

"V and T formations "

(See UFO BLUE BOOK document) (98)

8 October Clara John answers Dove

In a panic tone Clara John implored Dove to keep her name out of any investigation of George Adamski. In a letter to Dove on the 8th, she wrote that such action would be "in opposition to her interests and wishes " (99)

Her exchanges with Dove didn't discourage her from giving Adamski a friendly mention in her publication The Little Listening Post

"Saucer author Adamski writes re the new committee (NICAP) here. Also commends 'Sticker Barrage' [a UFO promotional stunt]. Says 'I am feeling better than I have for years ' Tells of fire hazard under which they have on Palomar Mountain. Says correspondence so heavy and postage so high he is writing another book to answer the questions " (100)

9 October Rapid City, South Dakota

"Flipping over, doing 'falling leaf' maneuvers " (See below) (101)

Trinity Men Hear Of Flying Saucers

Rev. Albert H. Baller will speak on the phenomena of flying saucers tonight at a meeting of the Men's Club of Trinity Methodist Church following a supper in the parish hall.

Mr. Baller, an author and inventor as well as minister and lecturer, is a member of several aerial phenomena research organizations throughout the world and has studied the subject for several years.

Case (Information Only)

9 October 1956

Rapid City, South Dakota

1956, Oct. 9 - Rapid City, S.D. - 5.15pm - Maneuvering UFO seen by 3 Engineers. Traveled N, about 120mph, flipping over, doing 'falling leaf' maneuvers, climbing slightly as it flew from sight. It was about 20 x 8ft., made no sound, observed for a min. or so.

9 October Little Easton, Essex, England "UFO report destroyed

After NICAP became a viable group it discovered a UFO report that was marked "destroy ". It was dated October 9, 1956 and was not part of BLUE

FROM: 656th ACW Squadron, Saratoga Sp 1023, A.V. DATE/E - 07/2350Z Z

(a) Shape Circular
(b) Size compared to a known object Quarter (dollar)
(c) Color Light Green
(d) Number six(6)
(e) Portion, if more than one T and T formations
(f) Any discernible features or details Lead object was brighter.
(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s) None
(h) Sound if heard describe High Pitched Hum
(i) Other pertinent or unusual features changed colors green to red.

(a) What first called the attention of the observer to the object(s)?
Visual search

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed
36 degrees and 36 Degrees

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance
36 degrees and 36 degrees

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s)
Vertical flight up and down

(e) Manner of disappearance of object(s) up until out of sight

(f) Length of time in sight two and one half minutes

(a) Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-visual, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar) Ground visual

(b) Statement of optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, etc. and description thereof) Binoculars 7 power.

(c) If sightings made while airborne, give type aircraft, identifi number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station. N/A

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting 07/2300
(b) Light conditions: Night, day, dawn, dusk dusk

(a) Civilian - Name, age, mailing address, occupation
 West Hartford, age 29, - not an employer
 West Hartford, age 15, Student

- (5) Military - Name, grade, or organization, duty, and estimate of reliability N/A

Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

- (a) Observer's account of weather conditions FL 10
 (b) Report from nearest A/S or US Weather Bureau office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at:

Surface	West 11	20,000'	250-55
6,000'	270-30	50,000'	220-90
10,000'	270-10	50,000'	250-50
16,000'	250-40	80,000'	260-15

- (c) Ceiling 1,000 Ft. Scattered
 (d) Visibility 15 Plus
 (e) Amount of cloud cover one tenth
 (f) Thunder storms in area and quadrant location. None

- (8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting Falling stars

- (9) Interception or identification action taken two F-86D's diverted from routine training flight to area. No visual contact.

- (10) Location of an air traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. 3-RC 121 Aircraft. Numbers-- AF 55126, AF 53552, AF 23421

- (11) Information concerning officer preparing UFOB report:

- (a) Name and position title. JOHN J. HUFFSMAN, 1st Lt, USAF, Senior Director
 (b) Comments and preliminary analysis of preparing officer:
Negative radar contact with objects.
Aircraft in area where objects were spotted believed to be same

- (12) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs. NONE

 REPORT R.C.I. BY: JOHN J. HUFFSMAN, 1st Lt USAF DATE/TIME 2360Z 7 Oct 56
 (Name and Grade) (Initials)

ACTION TAKEN Immediate report not submitted per instructions of COC duty officer, 26th Air Division (Defense), Roslyn Air Force Station Roslyn, New York.

records with those files that were made available on microfilm There could be a connection with the Essex report dated 6-7 October (See reproduced page from NICAP publication) (102)

9 October Springfield, Ohio (3 30 p m)

"An astounding sight "

An excited woman phoned Springfield's CRIFO headquarters on the 9th to say she and four other people viewed six "objects" zooming across the blue sky The woman assumed the pinpoints of light were solid bodies although they moved strangely The lights darted from side to side, and up and down, during the quick passage Three of the "things" appeared to have something connecting them, a sort of silverish streak

Swarm of red objects "Flopping over and over "

The really astounding sight, however, came some time later when a swarm of red objects appeared in the eastern sky, the objects silently moving in a straight course even though the objects seemed to be flopping over and over" as they proceeded to the west (103)

10 October Villamassargia, Sardinia (10 30 p m)

Luminous globe Luminous airship

The editors of England's Flying Saucer Review wrote that they were assured personally the following fantastic incident was true The witness who assured them was a young Sardinian farmer by the name of Guiseppe Fenu

On the evening of October 10th on the way home after attending the cinema, Mr Fenu noticed a phenomenon in the clear, moonless sky A luminous globe passed overhead in a north-south course Shortly thereafter a trio of objects of a similar appearance passed overhead These three were in formation (the formation was not described) The trio remained in the area for about 30 minutes and then interacted with another object that appeared

A luminous "airship" about 60 feet long, came into view Mr Fenu said the cigar-shaped body had a long bluish neon-like glowing strip along its side which was intersected by dumber vertical strips The globes began to fly orbits around the "airship "

How the UFOs disappeared was not mentioned (104)

11 October Crane, Indiana

UFO over U S Naval Ammunition Depot? (See BLUE BOOK document) (105)

11 October ATIC and Springfield

Stringfield contacted ATIC, home of BLUE BOOK, requesting a meeting with military authorities on October 11th concerning the UFO question, an inquiry that was not welcomed A BLUE BOOK document states that "He was told with some firmness that we could only consider UFO incidents and the reporting of this phenomena over the phone On other matters he would have to contact USAF Office of Information Services " (106) The BLUE BOOK people wanted to end any of Stringfield's illusions of a "special relationship" with the Air Force investigation

Stringfield was not, however, put off that easy As M/Sgt Oliver D Hill explained, Stringfield got his requested meeting because he " stated he had

UFO INVESTIGATOR

AF-UFO REPORT ORDERED DESTROYED

Evidence that the Air Force destroys some official UFO reports has been given to Prof Charles A. Maney NICAP Board Member by an AF source. The photocopy below reproduces the top part of an Air Intelligence Information Report covering a UFO sighting by two AF officers. Though the report is not unusual the "Destroy" order--which the source said was not uncommon--indicates a form of censorship previously unknown to NICAP.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		DESTROY
U.S. 10 October 1956		
55th Fighter Bomber Squadron (Squadron Intelligence)		10 October 1956
DONALD E. KETCHUM, 1/Lt. USAF		10 October 1956
Capt. James J. Pollack USAF		10 October 1956
ALN 200-2 12 Aug 56		
LNUB		

Key points of sighting.

AF witnesses Capt J.J. Pollack USAF Flight Commander 55th Fighter Bomber Squadron Lt J.S. Beisheim USAF Squadron Armament Officer

Summary Two glowing objects were sighted near the squadron base at Little Easton Essex England 9 Oct 1956. Larger UFO was the size of a pea held at arm's length (about one-half the size of the moon similarly measured). Object pulsed emitting five or six rays with smaller rays between. At times a longer broader ray appeared possibly a trail or exhaust. Second object smaller descended and approached the first one then disappeared. Flight Commander Pollack was rated as very reliable by the Squadron Intelligence Officer First Lieut D.W. Ketchum USAF.

As stated above it is the Destroy order not this sighting which is important. The destruction of similar officially verified reports will reduce the number of AF pilots and other competent observers who are on record. Regardless of the purpose deletion of such UFO records can only result in misinforming the public.

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REPLY IN PER TO:

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Ser 2085

21 November 1956

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From Commanding Officer, U S ^{Central Postal Directory} ~~Naval~~ ^{Aviation} ~~Aviation~~ Depot, Crane, Indiana
To Commanding Officer, Eglin Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana

Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects report of investigation of

Ref (a) 9ND INSTR 3820 1A dtd 2 February, 1956

1 Subject report has been compiled in accordance with reference (a)

2 On the night of 11 October 1950, one person reported seeing an unidentified flying object while he was driving north on Highway 45 which is along the western edge of the Depot of a distance of approximately one mile

3 The witness reported that the object was seen at 10 45 (2245), on the right side of the highway approximately one hundred (100) yards from the road. The object was described as a large, glowing, red or amber 1 1/2 to about seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) feet in the air, circular and about forty (40) feet in diameter. The witness reports stoppage for approximately 30 seconds to view the object, which left, going across the Depot at a speed comparable to that of a shooting star. The witness reports that the sky was clear, no other aircraft were in sight, and the object made no noise.

4 The name of the witness is [REDACTED] His age is 18 and he resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Crane, Indiana.

5 The witness denied the use of alcoholic beverages. A neighborhood
6 cre, indicates that the witness is a normal person from above average
7 environment who is not subject to illusions. The father of the witness
8 reported seeing an unidentified flying object over the Depot on the evening
9 of 17 31 December 19, This sighting was reported in CO MAD "CRANE ltr
10 A02(2)-ME Pan Ser 2045 of 9 October 1956, to CO Bakalar AFB.

6 This report was prepared by the Legal Officer attached to the Depot, from information obtained by the Depot Criminal Investigator. There are no comments nor any preliminary analysis of possible causes of the sighting other than pointing out that the sighting by the father of the witness less than a month beforehand might have been suggestive. There was no report of hovering aircraft over the Depot on 11 October 1956.

R C TURNER, JR.
Acting

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CNO
Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier
Commandant. 9KD

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two specimens he believed originated from 'flying saucers ' This office was then placed in a position whereby it could not refuse the investigation of the incident " (107)

12 October Sgt Hill visits Stringfield

When Sgt Hill met Stringfield in the UFO buff's home in the suburbs of Cincinnati the evening of October 12th, the BLUE BOOK representative was annoyed by Stringfield's leading questions which were posed before they could get to the real reason for the meeting According to Sgt Hill, Stringfield asked

"How do I report my sightings to ATIC? Who pays for the calls--- ATIC or myself? How may I arrange interviews with the project officer? Am I to report all sightings to ATIC?" (108)

Sgt Hill says "At this point, I interrupted him and explained AFR 200-2 on the procedures, format of reporting, and the conditions under which ATIC authorized the payment of phone calls " (109)

Getting down to the business at hand, Stringfield handed over two items One was a sealed jar that was supposed to contain a sample of "Angel Hair " The other item was a metal fragment found in an abandoned gravel pit

After returning to ATIC Sgt Hill was careful to include in his travel report "The undersigned did not engage in, nor forced into, any discussions on the Air Force position and approach to the UFO controversy which could be used to the detriment of the Air Force or ATIC " (110)

12 October Denver, Colorado (5 30 p m) "Mystery meteor?" Cows?

One might assume the following report is due to a meteor, the altitude given a poor guess as is usual in meteor cases, however one wonders about about the report from the city of Golden tacked on the end of this account Was there any cows in the corrals?

Our story

"A mysterious ball of fire whizzing through the sky followed by a loud explosion sent police and firemen on an unsuccessful search for a meteorite Denver and suburban police and fire stations received hundreds of calls from persons who saw the strange object about 5 30 p m Tom Nalty, assistant fire chief at station 15, said he saw a 'teardrop' object fly over the firehouse at about 2,000 feet at a high rate of speed It was headed southeast and had a glowing reddish head and a blue tail, he said Ralph Churches of Golden, said he saw a bright red object hanging about 200 feet over one of his corrals " (111)

13 October Over west Orange county, California

Pilots see "saucer "

A group of F9F-6 Gruman Panther jets streaked over west Orange county the morning of October 13th The four plane flight was from Marine Air Reserve Squadron #241 based at the Naval Air Station, Los Alamitos The jets were in an in-line formation when Lt Lawrence Ball spotted something 'I saw a shiny, definitely circular object pass above and going in the opposite direction " (112)

Another pilot confirmed the "saucer" observation Major Herman Bushong was quoted as saying "It definitely had no appendages, was circular, like a disc, and gave off a reflection " (113)

A third pilot-witness also confirmed the "saucer" description Major Lloyd Chamblin said the UFO was " silver and definitely circular It had no appendages of any kind " (114)

14 October Ft Thomas, Kentucky

Balloon or UFO? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (115)

14 October "Aviation News" L A Examiner

(See paragraphs 3 and 4) "Adverse publicity " (116)

15 October Fernley, Nevada.

"Mystery rocket "

According to a military teletype message

"1/LT (deleted) AND HIS WIFE TRAVELING TO THE WEST COAST ON US HIGHWAY 40 ORIGINALLY OBSERVED THE OBJECT WHILE THEY WERE APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF FERNLEY, NEVADA CONTINUING TO TRAVEL AT APPROXIMATELY 55 TO 65 MILES AN HOUR, THE OBJECT WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THEM UNTIL THEY WERE 19 MILES NORTHEAST OF FERNLEY

"APPROXIMATELY 3,000 YARDS DIRECTLY OFF THE HIGHWAY AND APPEARED TO BE HOVERING OVER A SMALL HILL BY ESTIMATING THE HEIGHT OF THE HILL, LT (deleted) DETERMINED THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT TO BE 5,000 TO 7,000 FEET, HOWEVER, HE READILY ADMITTED HIS ESTIMATE WAS ONLY A GOOD GUESS SHORTLY AFTER GETTING OUT OF HIS CAR TO BETTER OBSERVE THE OBJECT, IT COMMENCED TRAVELING IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION AWAY FROM LT AND MRS (deleted) JUST AFTER IT STARTED TO MOVE LT (deleted) WAS ABLE TO FOCUS HIS BINOCULARS ON THE OBJECT AND GET A MUCH CLEARER SIGHTING IT WAS THROUGH THIS STUDY THAT HE DETERMINED THE OBJECT TO BE CIGAR SHAPED AND SAID HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE OPENINGS OR APERTURES ON THE FUSELAGE BUT DUE TO THE RAPID SPEED OF MOVEMENT, HE COULD NOT GET AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SUCH OPENINGS ACCORDING TO LT (deleted), THE OBJECT BEGAN ITS FLIGHT FROM A HOVERING POSITION AT 250 TO 300 MILES PER HOUR AND ACCELERATED RAPIDLY TO A TREMENDOUS SPEED WHICH HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE FROM THE START OF MOVEMENT UNTIL THE OBJECT WAS OUT OF SIGHT APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 SECONDS ELAPSED OBJECT TRAVELED ON A LEVEL COURSE ON A CONSTANT HEADING UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT LT (deleted) AND HIS WIFE THEN CONTINUED TRAVELING TOWARD FERNLEY, NEVADA, UNTIL THEY WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES FROM FERNLEY AND STOPPED AGAIN TO LOOK BACK AT THIS TIME WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE SAME OBJECT WAS OBSERVED IN APPROXIMATELY ITS ORIGINAL POSITION THIS SAME SIGHTING WAS AGAIN MADE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF FERNLEY, NEVADA ALTHOUGH THE ESTIMATED ALTITUDE AND VAGUE DESCRIPTION OF THIS OBJECT LEAVES NUMEROUS QUESTIONS UNANSWERED, THE FACT THAT THIS OBJECT WAS OBSERVED ORIGINALLY IN FRONT AND THEN BEHIND THE OBSERVERS IN

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 October 1956		2. LOCATION Ft. Thomas, Kentucky		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1330 GMT 14/1830Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object quite low, large size of nickel at arm's length. In NE stationary. Gun metal grey color. No wings or tail.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation	

AFSC FORM 320 (REV 26 SEP 53)

HEADQUARTERS
27TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Norton Air Force Base California

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SUBJECT: Negative of UFOB

TO Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado

1 Reference is made to Air Intelligence Information Report (Form 112) No. IR-01-56, dated 8 August 1956, with source [REDACTED] San Bernardino, California. A photographic negative of the "Identified Flying Object" was attached to this report. A specific request was made in the report to the effect that this negative should be returned to the source at the address given in the report. At the time of the initial investigation, the observer was reluctant to give up the negative and did so only upon the express assurances of the reporting officer that subject negative would be returned as soon as possible. As of this date, subject negative has not been returned as requested, the source is now concerned about the possibility of never receiving this negative.

2 On 14 October 1956, an article appeared in the "Aviation" column of the Los Angeles Times newspaper based upon the possible significance of the Air Force's retention of this UFOB negative. This article has been clipped from the newspaper and is attached to this letter.

3 It is possible that considerable publicity adverse to the best interests of the Air Force could result from this situation if subject negative is not returned to the "source" as soon as practicable.

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c/scraper Clipping

Chas M Young

THE COURSE OF TRAVELING 30 MILES, SEEMS TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF IDENTIFYING IT AS A STAR EFFECTED BY UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING OR CONFIRMING DATA ON THIS SIGHTING NO DETERMINATION AS TO POSSIBLE OR PROBABLE CAUSE CAN BE MADE AT THIS LEVEL " (117)

16 October Analysis of material allegedly from "flying saucers "

In a disposition form dated October 16th, Colonel Gilbert, ATIC's Deputy for the Science and Components Division, released the results of tests conducted on the specimens submitted by Leonard Stringfield The metal fragment was determined to be foundry slag, and the "Angel Hair" just a bit of rayon residue The tests had been a waste of time Providing a brief background on the source of the specimens in his report, Colonel Gilbert was even harder on Stringfield than other BLUE BOOK officials The Colonel even took a swipe at Donald Keyhoe

"Subject specimens were submitted by an individual who is the head of one of the largest private UFO organizations in the country

"Official case files have revealed that this self-appointed UFO investigator, and analyst, since 1952 has repeatedly attempted to embarrass the Air Force by unfounded statements to the press He has publicly accused a high-ranking ATIC officer of admitting the existence of interplanetary space vehicles

"He has a large following of 'flying saucer' adherents, is the editor of two UFO publications, appears to be a close friend of both Frank Edwards, a radio and TV commentator, and Donald Keyhoe The latter is well known as a UFO writer who has had a long standing argument with the Air Force regarding the UFO question " (118)

16 October Shabani Station, Rhodesia

Moving at great speed, a large circular body soared over the Rhodesian countryside at 4,000 feet The object passed over Shabani Station going in a northwest direction It was 5 o'clock the morning of October 16th In the rail yard at the time was Stanley Wilson manning the locomotive of a goods train, and George Brown, employed at the yard as a shunter Both men observed the passage of the UFO Last seen, the object was travelling in the direction of Bulawaye (119)

17/18 October Near Wheelus AFB, Libya

More radar "ghosts " Can UFOs cloak themselves?

(See the six pages from BLUE BOOK files that follow) (120)

19 October Valentine, Nebraska

"Luminous Yo-Yo "

A strange glowing body appeared over Valentine, Nebraska, the night of October 19th A policeman on night patrol spotted it, and so did Ellenor Brinda, on station at the local GOC post She characterized the thing as a "lighted yo-yo " She did so because of the way the object jumped in the sky (121)

NICAP The dream takes shape

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Country: Libya
Subject: -UFOB's Detected Near Wheelus AB on
17/18 October, 1956
Source: 633d AC&W Squadron and 431st Fighter
Interceptor Squadron

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ATIC # 303680
AF #: 1043041
Rpt. #: IR-1-56
Agency: 7272d Air Base Wing Combat
Operations Center
D.R.: October 29, 1956
D.I.: October 17-18, 1956
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On 17/18 October 1956 within a three (3) hour period, commencing at 17/2217Z, two (2) different tracks of unidentified slow flying objects were carried by the 633d AC&W Squadron, Wheelus Air Base Libya. F-86D aircraft made radar contact with the objects and made repeated intercepts with the E-4 weapons system through all phases to Solash without any visual contact being made by the F-86D pilots. No satisfactory explanation of these occurrences could be determined. This incident is considered important because of the positive and repeated radar indications of an object in the air.

1. Description:

1. Objects were never sighted visually. Both gave a bright return on ground and airborne radar.

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2. Description of course of objects:

d. Flight description and maneuvers:

(1) The first object was picked up on the ground radar scope at 17/2217Z October, 1956, at NJPD 5047. The object maintained an approximate altitude of 9,000 feet and held a heading of 210° until 2303Z at which time, and at NJPD 2805, the heading was changed to 170°. Ground radar contact was lost once just prior to the change of heading and final contact was lost at 2303Z.

(2) The second object was picked up on the ground radar scope at 17/2317Z October at NJQD 0739. The object's initial altitude was 5,400 ft. Altitude at disappearance was approximately 3,800 feet.

7. Weather:

a. Pilots stated that there was no ceiling, a visibility of ten (10) nautical miles and a ten (10) knot wind from the North.

8. During this season migratory birds are flying South across the Mediterranean.

9. Interception and Identification action taken:

a. Two (2) F-86D aircraft were diverted to location of first object. Both aircraft made radar contact with the object with the E-4 weapons system and

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proceeded through to Splash with no visual contact at anytime. When the unknown object made its heading change to 170, ground radar contact was lost momentarily.

b. Two (2) F-36D aircraft were diverted to the second object. At 2357Z F/Blue 1, flying at 5,000 feet, made radar contact on a heading of 050°. F/Blue 1 was two (2) nautical miles from the target at the time of the initial contact. At 2358Z F/Blue 1 got a Judy on a heading of 050° one mile from target. At 2359Z F/Blue 1 got a Splash. At this time the object and fighter were 35 nautical miles from the ground radar on a bearing of 045°. F/Blue 1 did not get a Tally-ho.

(1) F/Blue 2, flying at 5,000 feet, got a radar contact at 2359Z on a heading of 100° at a distance of four (4) nautical miles bearing 042° at 32 miles from ground radar. F/Blue 2 had a Judy when he was 32 nautical miles from the ground radar at 047°, a Splash 34 nautical miles at 050° from the ground radar. He did not have a Tally-ho.

(3) The last two intercepts were as follows: F/Blue 1 got a contact at 0046Z two miles from target on a heading of 085°, (bearing from ground radar 029° at 28 nautical miles) a Judy one (1) mile from target on a heading of 085°, (bearing from ground radar 030° at 29 nautical miles) and a Splash at 0047Z (bearing from

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ground radar 035° at 30 nautical miles). F/Blue 2 got a contact two (2) miles from the target on a bearing of 090° (bearing from ground radar 029° at 28 nautical miles) and a Splash at 0045Z (bearing from ground radar 035° at 30 nautical miles). This Splash was the last radar contact with the object by any type radar. The altitude of both fighters on these two (2) passes was 3,800 feet. Neither fighter achieved a Tally-ho. Due to low fuel conditions both aircraft were released for landing.

(4) F/Blue 1 stated that just before each Splash the fighter aircraft would be just above, just below, or between clouds, but never in a cloud. The fighter scope return was described as very bright. No evasive action was taken by either of the objects at any time.

10. There was no other air traffic in the area.

11. Comments of Preparing Officer:

a. In view of the available data, no definite explanation for these objects can be made. One possible explanation is that the objects are flocks of migratory birds. However, it is considered unlikely, in view of the 9,000 foot altitude of one of the objects plus the probability that repeated passes of the fighter aircraft would be likely to change the course of the flock or disrupt it altogether. Too, the likelihood of the E-4 system maintaining lock all the way

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through to a Splash signal on a target of this nature is considered improbable.

b. Because of speed of movement and weather conditions a temperature inversion is not considered probable cause of indications.

Extract of a 5 page document.

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The fact that the visibility was 10 miles and the pilot saw nothing (visually) when he had closed to less than a mile is an indication that there was no material target, it is most likely that some sudden change in the atmospheric characteristics not necessarily temperature inversion as such - may have caused the return. Birds can give radar returns, but we concur that birds would be unlikely to maintain a given course, (or remain in the vicinity of aircraft) for so long a period of time

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Selected for the NICAP Board of Governors were radio commentator Frank Edwards, Leon C LeVan, Christian minister, Albert H Baller, Christian minister, Charles A Maney, professor of physics, Talbot T Speer, businessman, and Abraham M Sonnabend, president of the Hotel Corporation of America (who urged Donald Keyhoe to establish a national UFO organization years before in 1953) And then, there were three men with military backgrounds Col Robert B Emerson, a trained physicist, Rear Adm Delmar S Fahrney, ret , who was a pioneer in missile development, and Brig General Thomas B Calron, ret

Other people holding positions of responsibility included Mrs Gladys Rose Hackett, a dynamic 54-year-old widow who joined with Margaret Naylor to perform the myriad office duties that were required Mrs Hackett was no stranger to the UFO mystery, having previously produced a publication in Baltimore titled The Maryland Saucer Magazine She was invited to offer her talents to NICAP because Duncan C Campbell, Federal Housing Administrator and UFO enthusiast, had introduced her to Townsend Brown Campbell had been selected to be NICAP's treasurer Since working with NICAP on a day-to-day basis would interfere with Campbell's regular business schedule, a retired chiropractor by the name of Garrett C Rush was appointed assistant treasurer

To fill the treasury, Brown obtained the services of Martin H Heflin, a public relations specialist It was Heflin's job to publicize NICAP and to raise funds for operating costs Heflin had his work cut out for him Brown planned for a \$85,000 annual budget to cover salaries and general expenses

While the women did much of the paperwork, a John A Kendrick, a law professor at George Washington University, was actually NICAP's official secretary (122) (123)

There were two weaknesses in this line up and only time would tell what they would mean to NICAP's success Kendrick happened to be a personal friend of contactee George Hunt Williamson and Mrs Hackett, although for the moment vital to the survival of NICAP, was little too enamored with contactee ideas (Clara John's association with the notorious George Adamski was the kiss of death to holding any position in NICAP She evidently knew that and fended off Dove's inquiries that would establish any connection with the Californian That might be why she stayed in the background but then she already had her own little group and newsletter)

Monitoring the birthing of NICAP, M K Jessup offered the opinion that NICAP would have floundered by the end of the year were it not for Mrs Hackett As for Brown's appointments, Jessup found fault with the man's refusal to name any UFO authors to serve as a NICAP administrator (perhaps that reflects Jessup's own ambitions) More on the mark was Jessup's observation " the organization had every appearance of being designed for the pecuniary gain of a few promoters " (124)

Finally, Jessup added another remark of special interest " an effort was made to staff the Board of Governors with anti-UFO personnel It is believed that only the unselfish efforts of Major Keyhoe prevented Mr Brown and his associates from doing this['] " (125)

22 October Dewey Fournet speaks out

The NICAP development may have encouraged Dewey J. Fournet, who was formerly the Intelligence Liaison Officer in the Pentagon for project BLUE BOOK, to take a stand. Fournet stated his position to UFO researcher Max B. Miller of Los Angeles in a letter written on October 22th. The former Air Force officer expressed disappointment with the current public relations effort by the Air Force to play down UFO reports which was in contrast with the way the information was treated when he was involved with the UFO problem a couple of years before. Fournet declared "this revised policy is not only unjustified but could eventually be detrimental to our nation's welfare" (126)

23 October NICAP's first press notice The military takes note

NICAP was now starting to attract attention. The Air Force's Counter-intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, authored a document that mentions NICAP's birth.

"On 23 October 1956, the Washington Daily News, Washington, D C, printed an article which alleges that subject organization had been founded recently. The organization, at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N W, Washington D C, was headed at that time by one T. Townsend Brown of Leesburg, Virginia. Brown termed the organization a 'privately supported fact-finding body serving the national interest'" (127)

When NICAP's certificate of Incorporation was assigned a number in the U S Office of Deeds, and received a seal to fix to, he certificate as authorized by the Superintendent of Corporations, NICAP's existence became official. As noted by the military document mentioned above, NICAP's establishment was publicized by the Washington Daily News so authorities had no excuse for being unaware of the new UFO organization debut.

23 October

Flying egg zooms vertically out of sight (See teletype report) (125)

24 October Jackson, Mississippi

Strange objects over Mississippi (See teletype report) (129)

"World's First Flying Saucer Exhibition"

The seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere which explains why Desmond Leslie was invited to South Africa in October to speak at an Agricultural show. It seems that the co-author of Flying Saucers Have Landed was asked to speak at a flying saucer exhibit arranged by a Miss Ann Grevier and a Mr. Charles Laubscher, both UFO enthusiasts. The saucer display was part of the Johannesburg Witwatersrand Agricultural fair. Like state fairs in the United States, the main theme of the fair may have been farm products but entirely unrelated things could be found in booths set up for public viewing. Apparently the saucer exhibit gained acceptance because Mr. Laubscher happened to be General Secretary of the fair's sponsoring agency.

Arriving in South Africa Leslie had low expectations. Perhaps, he thought, the saucer exhibit was nothing more than a few UFO photos in the corner of a cow shed. But, as he walked through the grounds of Milver Park, he began to get a different feeling. The show was no small affair. Buildings covered a 100 acres and each pavilion he walked by seemed to get bigger and bigger as he got nearer to where the saucer exhibit was supposed to be. Finally he arrived. There was no missing

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 PD 3B THIRTY (30) POWER SCOPE PD 3C NONE PD 4A 0450Z 23 OCT 56 AND 1220Z
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(1) A BEAD SHAPED AND OBLONG

B PEA

C METALLIC SILVER

D 4 TO 6

E GAGGLE

F NONE

G LOOKED FOR BUT NOT SEEN

H NONE

Jackson, Mississippi

1956, Oct. 25 - Vicksburg, Mississippi - 4.30pm - Oval-shaped metallic Object seen to dive upon a commercial Airliner then zoom up & disappear! Shining silver in color. It traveled East'...

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(2) A HAPPEN TO GLANCE UP WHILE DRIVING A CAR

B 35 DEGREES FROM VERTICAL 35 DEGREES FROM SOURCE TRAVELING

NORTH EAST

C 55 DEGREES TO 70 DEGREES FROM VERTICAL 35 DEGREES FROM NORTH

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GRADUALLY WENT OUT OF SIGHT GRADUALLY CHANGED GREY COLOR

25 TO 15 SECONDS

GROUND VISUAL

NONE

N/A

24/1830Z

B DAY

(5) 90 12 WEST 32 19 NORTH

(6) A MR. [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHER

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(7) A CAVU 2 WISPY CLOUDS

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16000 FT 33 DEGREES 36 KNOTS

22000 FT 34 DEGREES 12 KNOTS

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its entrance Leslie describes his impressions

"I entered a dramatically darkened hall to be confronted by a 100-ft world map, on which tiny red lights flashed to mark the site of every known landing by spacecraft Overhead, a stream of saucers guided me into a colossal hall dominated by a giant 30-ft long illuminated mother ship discharging scale saucers

"A huge cutaway of Cramp's sectional view of the interior of a saucer* took pride of place on the end wall The other exhibits were progressively instructive, starting with models of the solar system and the galaxies, the concept of an intelligently inhabited universe, and then historic evidence from prehistoric and Biblical times to this present day Huge models, some of them moving, all cleverly lit, swung overhead Suddenly, a voice boomed out, 'Stand where you are,' and viewers were treated to a 10 minute very dramatic reconstruction of the Mantell case "

(130)

Leslie was asked to give two lectures a day At each one an estimated 3,000 people attended The final total for the multi-day lecture series was an astonishing 160,000!

23-25 October Mystery lights over England

While Leslie was busy far way in South Africa, UFOs were busy in the skies of England Two bright lights, apparently attached to "something quite out of the ordinary," maneuvered above the towns of Rugby and Thurlaston Not much could be seen in the darkness of the night but observers said the two lights seemed to be located at both ends of a larger object, a body not visible due to the lack of moonlight or other sources of illumination The witnesses making the reports were both former R A F men who hadn't the slightest idea what the UFO could have been The men ruled out shooting stars or aircraft One of the R A F men was an ex-squadron leader

On the 25th came confirmation there was something truly mysterious in the air An R A F fighter was passing over Coventry on a night time flight when the plane's pilot spotted a pair of amber-colored lights which were fore and aft on an unidentified dark body Earlier sightings mention yellow-orange lights which compare well with "amber " Starting at 25,000 feet, the R A F fighter pursued the UFO to higher altitudes but quickly fell behind in the chase since the UFO was able to maintain a tremendous speed that the British plane could not match (131)

Russia

While UFOlogy in America was given a big boost by the creation of NICAP, civilian efforts along the same lines had its start in Russia Officially UFOs didn't exist behind the Iron Curtain but like in Capitalist countries

* Cramp, Leonard G Space Gravity and the Flying Saucer New York, N Y
British Book Centre, 1955

there were many people who weren't so sure

Yuri Aleksandrovitch Fomin, an engineer and senior instructor in the Department of Automated Devices of the Moscow Technological Institute, was one of the first, if not the first, to seek out western UFO literature about aerial phenomenon and collect UFO reports being made in Russia (132)

25 October Coventry, England Saucers? (See clipping)

26 October The contactee crowd

A fan of the contactee movement entertained an out of town guest A Mrs Lillian Desguin wrote

"Eventually Desmond Leslie arrived from England to make his pitch for Flying Saucers Have Landed After all, he was a co-author and equally interested in its success The lecture was to be given in the new Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio, on October 26, 1956

"The day of the program I received a call asking if I would help sell tickets that evening I've never learned to say no, so that's what I did

"During the day I threw together a batch of chop suey, put a pile of plates on the table, and thought maybe someone would come home with me They did, we had about 14 people, including Desmond Leslie, Bryant and Helen Reeve (who wrote Flying Saucer Pilgrimage), Monroe Courtright, editor of the Westerville Public Opinion, and Roy Metz, a local lawyer

"Desmond did quite a bit of playing around on the Steinway " (133)

26 October Anita, Iowa

"Flipping over and over " (See BLUE BOOK file card)

This flipping motion has been reported a number of times before Oddly enough, this motion does not interfere with the object's ability to travel in a straight course which poses many questions as to how the propulsion system works in such an arrangement (134)

28 October Panama City, Florida and Tyndall AFB, Florida

Details are missing for this case which is unfortunate since it appears to be an interesting case A teletype message accompanying the BLUE BOOK file card reveals no more than that data given on the card The Air Force made this comment "No known objects could account for sightings " We have to agree (135) (See BLUE BOOK file card)

28 October Long John of WOR

Disc-jockey, talk-show host Long John Nebel worked the 1 to 5 30 a m shift on WOR New York which was affiliated with the national Mutual radio network In the Fall of 1956 Long John received some mail about a supposed extraterrestrial which the talk show host dismissed as the ravings of a lunatic The flying saucer business was all bunk to Long John but he had many hours of air time to fill so he thought he would give the subject a try His "Party Line" show did deal with the "off-beat" so why not devote a program to the saucer mystery?

Long John's first guest was Gilbert Holloway, author of some "New Age" type booklets of limited notoriety, and then on October 28, 1956, a bigger

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Coventry, England - Oct. 25, 1956

SAUCERS? ASKS RUGBY MAN

MR. ERNEST BOOKER, 46 years old former Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force would like the answer to two questions. Was he the only person to see strange lights crossing the sky south of Rugby just after 9 p.m. on Tuesday night, and were the lights he saw flying saucers?

Mr Booker who teaches at Binley Secondary Modern School and lives at 40 Lower Hillmorton

Road Rugby was quite surprised to find no mention of it in yesterday's evening newspapers.

It was then that he decided to inform "The Coventry Evening Telegraph" of what he saw, hoping that other readers might also have witnessed something

Mr Booker who has been flying since 1933 and was a trainer of instructors, flew nearly every type of aircraft used by the R.A.F. during the war. He has more than a passing knowledge of lights, heights and aerial phenomena. And he is quite certain that the lights he saw were like nothing he has ever encountered before.

MADE NO SOUND

He told a reporter that on stepping out of the door leading to his garden he saw two very bright lights moving across the sky towards Coventry at a height of perhaps 1,600ft. Yet close as they seemed to be, no sound accompanied them.

The lights could not have been attached to balloons drifting with the wind because the wind was blowing in another direction, and

they would not have been on gliders," said Mr Booker. "I watched them for a few seconds, and once they disappeared into light cloud, then I ran indoors and fetched my wife. Unfortunately when we got outside again the lights had gone."

Mr Booker said the lights were travelling at "a comparatively leisurely speed" and were brighter than normal aircraft lights. When one changed course the other followed.

The former squadron leader added that there was no question of the lights being shooting stars "or anything like that," and that he had an open mind about the existence of flying saucers.

Inquiries at Elmdon airport revealed that nothing unusual had been reported to them. Neither was the air traffic controller at Bitteswell aerodrome able to offer any explanation.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1 DATE October 1966		2 LOCATION Anita, Iowa		12 CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3 DATE-TIME GROUP Local 01 26/2055Z		4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar			
5 PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6 SOURCE Civilian (GOC)			
7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two minutes		8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9 COURSE stationary	
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One bright silver disc, thick in the middle & thin on the edge, the size of the head of a pin at arm's length. Obj was stationary, but kept flipping over & was seen visually & through binoculars for two minutes.				11 COMMENTS Insufficient data	

ATTC FORM 329 (RMV 26 SEP 52)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1 DATE 28 October 1956	2. LOCATION 1. Panama City, Florida 2 Tyndall AFB, Florida		12 CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (Miser) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1 29/0002Z GMT 2 29/2250Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 1 Military & Civilian 2, Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. thirty seconds 2. ten to fifteen sec's.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four one	9. COURSE see below	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) four red-orange cigar shaped obj's, size of pea at arm's length. Obj's staged in vertical position one on top of others moving back and forth. 3 obj's converted w/one above, then went into a diamond formation. Obj lost fm view by intervening obj. Obj was observed visually for thirty seconds. 2) One white obj size of five sent piece at arm's length. Obj appeared as a flash of white light. Obj moved in slight arc at first & then straight down. Obj disappeared beyond horizon. Obj seen visually for 10-15 seconds. No Report In File.		11. COMMENTS Description, flight path, manner of disappearance, and data to indicate this sighting was caused by a meteor	

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name in the saucer movement had his say on radio, the Californian George Van Tassel at that time on a lecture tour of the Eastern U S. Certainly a better guest than Holloway, Van Tassel was able to blab for hours about his "Space Conventions" at Giant Rock Airport, his personal contact claims, his so-called "College of Universal Wisdom," and last but not least, his supposed "Longevity Machine" (A little working model of this alledged marvelous device was, Tassel claimed, rejuvenating lizards and toads)

The saucer discussions were a hit with Long John's listeners even though the talk show host personally still considered chit chat over coffee about spacemen supreme nonsense. Since it was impossible to ignore the good ratings, Long John planned more invitations to personalities populating the sub-culture of UFOlogy. Van Tassel did his bit by offering to bring along the "New Jersey Adamski" to be interviewed. Long John took Van Tassel up on the offer.

30 October "The Strange Affair at Highbridge "

The early morning hours of October 30th an estimated 1,500,000 Americans across the country were turned in as Van Tassel and Long John shared the microphone with a sign painter from Highbridge, New Jersey, a fellow named Howard Menger who stole the show. Menger claimed fantastic personal encounters with "space beings" near the city of Highbridge. This includes supposed saucer rides similar to George Adamski's wild tales. It was typical "New Age" clap trap. In this case it was a 500-year-old beautiful blond with long hair and wearing a one piece ski suit. These supposed space people were from a supposed Utopian society on the planet Venus where angelic nobility and altruism reigned.

In spite of the fantastic story Menger managed to project an All-American image, humble and seemingly sincere. He asked for a lie detector test (a request he later retracted) and insisted there was a half dozen witnesses to his space people encounter.

Reaction to Menger was little short of incredible. Menger soon had three people handling the mail and phonecalls to his home while station WOR received some 10,000 letters from around the nation. Nearly all of the inquiries were from "believers". Crowds flocked to Menger's home in Highbridge. Hundreds milled around outside the modest New Jersey bungalow, while on one occasion 150 people were counted inside the six room house.

The phenomenal public response earned Menger more TV appearances on Long John's show (136)

News from INFINITY

For some reason BLUE BOOK included some information from an obscure UFO bulletin in its records for this period. (See following page)

Ruppelt Contactees and "Little Men "

The book by ex BLUE BOOK chief E J Ruppelt, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, continued to do well in the book stores. The volume was a great comfort to UFO buffs since it gave instant respectability to the UFO subject, avoiding as it did any conclusion while offering many examples of puzzling cases for the reader to ponder, suggesting that the military was as mystified as anyone else. Ruppelt's writings were as close as one could get to an official admission UFOs existed, but was Ruppelt really an objective observer of the UFO scene?

No Case (Information Only)

17 October 1956
Long Island Sound, New York

We haven't room to print the whole thing, but here are:

SOME INTERESTING UFO REPORTS

...From our Correspondents...

(1 of the Purposes of INFINITY is to fill in the gap caused by the News-Blackout on Sightings... The Editor.)

1956, Oct. 17 - Long Island Sound - "A 'plane' disappeared into the water," a Woman phoned the Municipal Airport. Coast Guard found nothing. No planes missing, so she never saw anything. Official conclusion... (AP)

No Case (Information Only)

23-24 October 1956
England

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1956, Mid-Oct. - Bournemouth Bay, England - About Midnight - Ten, bright, pear-shaped UFOs seen hovering over Boscombe Pier. Changed color from white to blue. Seen by man and his wife.

1956, Oct. 23 - Near Coventry, England - Huge flying Object pursued by RAF Fighter Aircraft at about 25,000ft. Two very bright, amber Lights, 'apparently fore & aft on some very large Object', drew away from his ship at tremendous speed! No navigation lights," said Pilot, who gave up the hopeless chase...

1956, Oct. 24 - Thurleston, England - Two exceptionally bright, yellow-orange Lights heading S, turns sharply E and away! "Seemed to be attached fore & aft to something quite out of the ordinary. Made no sound. Seen by former RAF man. It flew toward Rugby

1956, Oct. 23 - Rugby, England - 9pm - 2 very bright LIGHTS at around 1,500ft. No sound! Wind blowing opp. to their direction of travel! Lights traveled at "a comparatively leisurely speed". When one changed course the other followed! Flew toward Coventry

No Case (Information Only)

(Infinity, Barlow)
October (Miscellaneous)

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- 1956, Oct. 26 - Okinawa - Morning - Jets scramble to intercept UFOs on Radar.
2 jets collided - 1 Pilot was saved by boat!!
- 1956, Oct. 26 - Parnell, New Zealand - Night - Fall of heavy lumps of Mortar,
Brick & Volcanic-Rock striking cars, windows, people!
(This strange event occurred last year, too!)
- 1956, Oct. 24 - S. Guilford, Australia - 7 52am - A cylindrical Fireball with a
trail of sparks & smoke seen heading for Sea! This bright,
silver-colored UFO was seen by many as it fell seaward!!
- 1956, Oct. 20 - Yaradea, S Australia - Blue Rain fell! Fell again the 21st!
- 1956, Oct. 18 - Ojo de Agua, Mexico - Chunks of ICE fell & smashed buildings!!
- 1956, Oct. 16 - Rhodesia, Africa - 5am - Large, round UFO going NW at highspeed!
- 1956, Oct. 16 - Essex, England - A LIVE EEL fell from the sky! 20 inches long!!
- 1956, Oct. 14 - Adelaide, Eng - Blue Rain, accompanied by thunderstorm, came soon
after an Atomic Test at Maralinga (300 miles away)! Central
Japan recorded "Abnormally high" Atmospheric-Shocks 13hrs.!!
- ***MORE UFO & PHENOMENA REPORTS AGAIN NEXT ISSUE!***

One peculiar thing about Ruppelt was his interest in contactees. He admitted having developed some curiosity about such people during his tour of duty with project BLUE BOOK since the military was bombarded with inquiries about Adamski, Fry, Bethurum and a host of others. While Ruppelt was working on his serious, "pro-UFO," book, he found time to attend Van Tassel's spacecraft convention held on March 12, 1955. He took notes on all the characters at the Mojave gathering and justified his presence at the event by asking questions of Dick Miller and George Hunt Williamson about their technical approach to contacting UFOs by using short wave radio and pulsating infrared beams, although his questioning of the men seems superficial. (137) This is not to imply Ruppelt believed a single word he heard at the convention, but to point out that the mixing of contactee stories with serious data is a favorite tactic of debunkers. Ruppelt now had plenty of information about the contactee crowd but what use would he make of it? Well, he omitted any treatment of the subject in his 1956 book (And why not? The data would have added nothing of value to the part history, part memoir) but he did prepare a magazine article in 1958 which was never published. When his contactee notes did finally appear in print it shocked everyone in the UFO community, but that is a story for another time period.

Ruppelt's interest in contactees was not a one day lark according to UFO researcher James Moseley.

"Shortly after his book had come out [February? March? 1956] I visited him in California where he lived. I had learned of his whereabouts from a television producer and rang him up. He seemed affable and quite willing to talk with me." (138)

Moseley continues

"Since there was a great deal in the conversation which was either personal or off the record, let me get over this particular subject by saying that my main impression of Ruppelt was that he was an ardent saucer believer! Whether his book, one of the most sensible and definitive in its area ever published, was heavily edited, or whether he had the good sense to tone down his own beliefs, I don't know.

"The most amazing thing about his enthusiasm was his great interest in contactees. After his initial mistrust of me abated, I spend most of our interview not asking him questions, but giving him data I had collected on the contactees and especially on the little men [Why the little men?] " (139)

Late 1959 Near Eapukurau, New Zealand

"Rayed" by a blue beam

According to the Central Hawks Bay Press, as retold by an American UFO magazine, there occurred a most unusual incident, in fact the story is more of a 1990s experience than one typically related in the 1950s.

"W R Kibblewhite, whose farm is located 12 miles from Eapukurau awakened with a cramp in his knee in the early hours of the morning. He said he got up and was walking around the room, trying to work off the cramp.

'He had turned away from the windows on which the blinds were up and was ready to go to bed when he noticed a bright flash in the mirror he was facing and which itself faced the window. Thinking someone was shining a light at him through the window, he turned, noted to his surprise and with some alarm that a very thin beam of light, about three inches across, was shining down into the room diagonally from the sky. Following the beam with his eyes he saw it was coming from a circular object in the sky, 'about three times as large as a star,' and bluish in color. A bright center of the object seemed to diminish in brilliance toward the edge, which ended in a halo effect, so that there was no clearly defined edge.

"As soon as he caught sight of the object he saw a blue flash, and a large bluish beam shot down from the object, into the room and right on him, replacing the small beam of light. It must have been on him about three or four seconds, he believed, when he stepped out of it and it disappeared as if a searchlight had been turned off." (140)

Here is where the man's testimony becomes very strange for a 1956 UFO report.

"While the beam was on him he said he experienced a very odd sensation, 'as if someone was staring at me.'" (141)

Equally strange was the description of the beam, a description more familiar to reports made decades later.

"Probably the most amazing part of Kibblewhite's narrative was his detailed description of the beam of light. He said it was a bluish-silver color, 'the like of which I have never seen before'.

"There was no diffusion of light around the beam, as there is from searchlight beams. It was exactly round, its edges were clear cut, just like a pipe. It converged only slightly and the beam seemed to be opaque, he said he could not see through it as one could an ordinary beam of light. When he looked toward the blue star-like object the light from it did not dazzle him.

"After he stepped out of the beam the object from which it originated began spinning, then disappeared." (142)

A second report

When Mr. Kibblewhite's experience was published in the New Zealand press, a Mr. R. B. Reehal who lived in the town of Puketa notified authorities he had had a similar experience the same evening at 11:30 p.m., which was 2 hours and 40 minutes before the farmer's encounter.

"Reehal also had been awakened by a beam of light shining into the room. He jumped out of bed and ran out on his veranda, where he could see the beam of light shining down through some popular trees. It came from an object identical in description to that seen by Kibblewhite." (143)

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