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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.

WANTED:

Any material related to the summer 1947
flying saucer wave.

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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I would like to take special notice of Bob Gribble's gift of his newsclipping collection and source notes for the years 1800-1996. Bob wanted his material put to good use and I will make every effort to do so. Many of Mr. Gribble's items form a vital part of this booklet, as they will, I'm sure, of subsequent booklets and any revisions of previous works.

Loren E. Gross

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loren E. Gross", written in dark ink.

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December 1st-31st

Early December. Trindade Island, Atlantic Ocean. (daytime)

Trindade is a small rocky island in the Atlantic approximately 600 miles east of Rio. A speck of land in the Ocean, it was uninhabited until World War II when a joint U.S.-Brazilian anti-submarine base was established. Because of its location, Trindade became useful again in October 1957 when a mid-ocean site was needed for a oceanographic and meteorological post. The scientific facility was one of Brazil's contributions to the International Geophysical Year research effort. Balloon launches were conducted at the island to study conditions in the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

Coral Lorenzen of APRO would learn that remote Trindade would become, for some unknown reason, a hot spot for UFO activity. Early in December word reached Brazilian authorities on the mainland that something strange had happened late November at Trindade. The incident had occurred on a clear day:

"A balloon had been launched. Commander Bacellar was inside the radio station and everything seemed normal. But suddenly the signal frequency changed unexpectedly. Commander Bacellar sent a man outside to inform the theodolite operations operators that the balloon's instruments must have been prematurely parachuted. The technician came back seconds later, very excited, informing Bacellar the instruments had not yet been dropped. But Bacellar said, 'That is impossible. I am listening to a new signal. What's going on out there?' The technician answered, 'I don't know, sir, but they say there is another object in the sky near the balloon ...' There, high above the station, hovering near the balloon, was an ovoid object, silvery-white in color. Suggestions that the object might be Venus were immediately discarded---the elevation and azimuth of the object did not coincide with that of the planet. The balloon burst at the proper time and the unconventional object stayed in sight for three hours, eventually disappearing upward and out of sight." (1.)

1 December. Yokohama, Japan. (6:03 a.m.)

Shimmering chain of lights.

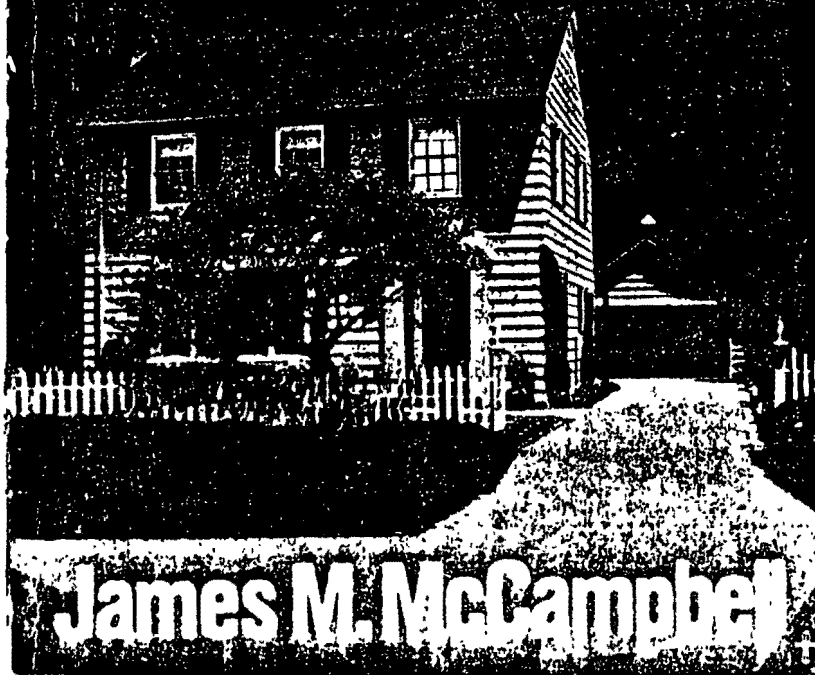
The wife of an American Army Colonel was driving through a military district near the Yokohama Naval Station at 6:03 in the morning on the first day of December. The woman had four passengers, but no one in her car noticed anything until a driver in another car suddenly pointed out something in the sky. And at a nearby service station motorists waiting to gas up were also looking skyward. These people were so excited they were shouting.

Overhead an elongated oval was slowly crossing the sky. The thing carried 6 to 8 shimmering lights that gave it the appearance of a "flying bus." The Colonel's wife estimated the object to be about a mile away, moving over a base housing area. At arm's length the object was three inches long.

Hundreds of people viewed the object before it abruptly disappeared. The Colonel's wife suggested that the UFO must have "turned off its lights."

UFOLOGY

*A Major Breakthrough in the Scientific Understanding
of Unidentified Flying Objects*



Levelland raises a very important question: "Can you study UFOs and do science?"

A story about the excitement appeared in the newspaper Stars and Stripes the next day: (2.)

1 December. Los Angeles, California. (3:00 p.m.)

"Flying Saucers! Flying Saucers!"

Mr. Ralph Benn was relaxing on a lazy Sunday afternoon when his kids came rushing indoors screaming, "Flying Saucers!" Benn grabbed his 8mm movie camera and was out the front door in a flash. In the sky Benn spotted six objects that appeared to be in formation: "...it was a lovely day and the sky was a beautiful, deep blue. The objects were oval in shape; their color a soft (dull) white....it did not [Emphasis in the original] appear to be reflected from shiny metal." (3.)

The editor of "SAUCERS" magazine, Max B. Miller, commented:

"Mr. Benn shot about 6½ feet of 8mm Kodachrome of the objects using his Keystone Capri camera. Film was exposed at 16 frames per second. An Elgeet 1½" f/3.5 fixed-focus telephoto lens was opened wide to photographically brighten what the photographer later said was a very dark sky. This proved to be a mistake, as most of the UFO footage---contrary to what the initial USAF report by Capt. Schaller indicated---was badly overexposed. Only four objects were caught within the field of view of the telephoto lens, though six were observed. These objects appear as fairly large, but undefined, blobs of light." (4.)

Excited about his experience, Benn called the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. The lawmen were not in the saucer business and referred Benn to some other agencies, but since it was Sunday, no one else could be reached. Finally Benn asked the telephone operator for advice. She came up with an Air Force Captain named Shapiro, Chief of the Pictorial Branch, USAF. Taking the advice of a telephone operator would prove to be a mistake. (5.) The Captain was definitely interested and asked to examine the film. Benn agreed and said the military could have the film undeveloped. (6.)

1 December. Mrs. Leita Kuhn not radioactive.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported the results of tests on the November 10th saucer sighter:

"Blood tests show no radioactivity in the body of Mrs. Leita Kuhn of Madison, Ohio, who said she saw a 'flying saucer' on November 10, it was announced yesterday.

"Tests were made at Geneva, Ohio, Memorial Hospital on Friday, and the results yesterday showed no radioactivity in her blood or in the marrow of her bones, doctors reported. However, still unexplained was the blurring of her eyesight and a rash that has broken out on her arms as the result of the encounter." (7.)

1 December. Cottonport, Marksville, and near Morrow Station, Louisiana. (8:21-8:40 p.m.)

"Starry-like thing." (See clipping)

'Object' Spotted at Cottonport

Bright Object Seen in Sky By Troopers

(Special to The Times-Picayune)
BUNKIE, La., Dec. 1—Two state troopers reported seeing a bright, round, star-like object in the air near Cottonport about 3:40 p. m. Sunday.

Troopers Pat Lemoine and Huron Roy said they were driving on Louisiana Hwy. 107 from Plaquemine to Cottonport when they spotted a bright object which appeared to be about 300 to 500 feet above the ground in the vicinity of Cottonport. They were some six or seven miles from Cottonport at the time.

Lemoine said the object appeared to be a huge mass of light, like a star, which was alternately dim and bright and sometimes had a red glow. It appeared to be taking a southeasterly direction toward Melville, he said.

The troopers radioed a third trooper, Eugene Hetherwick, who was driving on US Hwy. 71 between Bunkie and Morrow. Hetherwick reported he too saw the object but believed he did not get as good a view as the other troopers.

At least one person reported seeing a similar object from Cottonport.

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ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 1 — Three state troopers and two other men reported sighting an unidentified flying object in three separate places near here tonight.

The object was sighted at Marksville, Cottonport and near Morrow Station, on U.S. Hwy. 71. The first sighting was reported to state police Troop "D" at 8:21 by Troopers P. E. Lemoine and H. J. Roy.

Going Slowly

Lemoine described the object as having a "starry or moon" like glow. Although he could not verify the size of the object he said it was traveling very slowly and appeared to go "dim and bright."

"It was traveling in a southwesterly direction," Lemoine reported. He said it was definitely not an airplane and was not going more than 20 to 25 miles an hour. He said the object appeared to be following the highway.

Lemoine, who said he got very close to the object, was driving a car from Plaquemine to Cottonport at the time of the sighting.

Near Morrow Station

Several minutes later Trooper E. E. Hetherwick reported seeing the object near Morrow Station, 10 miles below Bunkie. Hetherwick said "it had a bright starry-like appearance with a revolving red light."

"It was about 300 to 500 feet above the highway and traveling south at a slow rate of speed," he added. He explained he followed the object for more than 10 minutes then lost sight of the glow.

"The object," Hetherwick said, "was to my left and about a mile away. It traveled a steady course, neither losing or gaining altitude. It made no noise and the light was much brighter than the ones used on the top of towers."

"The shimmering light definitely was an aircraft, but not an airplane," Hetherwick said. "It followed U.S. Hwy. 71 and appeared to be going toward Melville or Morganza." Hetherwick saw it at about 8:25 p.m.

May Be Balloon

The weatherman at Ryan Airport said it was possible that the object may have been a weather balloon and the red light may have been the light attached to the bottom of the balloon to track it while it is in flight.

At Marksville, Willie Bordelon, radio station announcer, and Maxie Brouillette reported sighting the object. Brouillette said he was entering Marksville from the north end of town and saw a large red light going off and on.

He said it would pick up speed and then stop. "It didn't seem too high, 1,000 at the most," Brouillette, also reported seeing the object traveling in a southerly direction.

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1(?) December. Noblesville, Indiana. (no time)

"Scarcely believe their eyes."

The most fascinating case of all?

Assuming the story is true, one can indulge in some interesting speculation. Undoubtedly the reader of these lines can think up some of his own.

- 1.) Because the military plane was unmarked, except for the single insignia, did it belong to a special air unit?
- 2.) Was this special air unit part of a secret UFO project?
- 3.) Since intercepting UFOs has been very hard to do, did this plane have special equipment to do the job?

- 4.) If the pilot, or crew, could not be seen, did this mean the canopy had a special coating?
- 5.) Did UFOs being reported back in 1957 have the ability to "vanish" like those reported in the 1980s and 90s?
- 6.) Was the Air Force aircraft a remote-controlled plane?
- 7.) Was the practice of using "unmarked" aircraft to chase UFOs a policy in use in the 1950s?

(See clipping below)

The two Noblesville men, both of whom requested they not be named, first sighted an unidentified flying object near the Hamilton-Boone County Line Road.

Reporting the incident to the proper authorities, they said their attention was first focused upon a U. S. Air Force plane, flying in tight circles only 300 to 500 feet off the ground.

The ship was unmarked, except for one Air Force insignia, and despite its low altitude the two Noblesville men could see no visible signs of pilot or crew.

But direct overhead the aircraft, circling in the open countryside, was a motionless disc estimated to be at 8,000 feet altitude or higher.

Both reputable businessmen could scarcely believe their sight when seconds after stopping their moving automobile, the round, silver disc, about the size of a man-hole cover, disappeared from sight in a cloudless sky.

*Ledger
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2 December. Lewdown, England. (3:00 p.m.)

"Like a large silver cigar."

According to the Daily Telegraph:

"A bright silvery object was seen hovering in the sky by villagers at Lewdown, Devon, yesterday. After about 30 minutes it moved off. The object was clearly visible at Exeter about 3 p.m. It was described as 'like a large silver cigar,' going very fast in a westerly direction.: (8.)

Early December. Plymouth, England. (no time)

A story in the Flying Saucer Review states that a Mrs. T.M. Donne and her nine-year-old son saw a strange UFO:

"They saw, on the Cornish side of the River Tamar, an object which looked like an aeroplane coming down in flames. Then, Mrs. Donne said, it stopped. She called her next door neighbour, Mrs. R. Hooper, and together they watched the object, which stood still for about four minutes.

"It then moved off in another direction, and out of the top came a grey cigar-shaped object, which made off at speed and disappeared. Then the other end started moving and disappeared also," Mrs. Donne added." (9.)

?Early December, Near Santos, Brazil. (no time)

Huge disc.

Brazilian UFOlogist Auriphebo Simoes, editor of the English language UFO bulletin The Flying Saucer, discussed some photos and makes other comments. For what its worth, here is what he wrote:

"A huge disc (50 meters wide, according to your editor looking like a singular lenticular cloud) has been expertly photographed by Dr. Achilles Grecco near Santos, and Tribuna da Imprensa of Rio, editions of December 4 and 6 printed large reproductions of the phenomenon. The thing is simply amazing and the authorities have already vouched for the authenticity of the photos. The mentioned newspaper was told by Commander Jose Geraldo Brandao that the Brazilian Navy ...keeps a voluminous classified file about saucers and acts in close agreement with the United States Navy, interchanging information of never-released sightings. Commander Brandao is the Liaison Officer. Thus, then, we have the first official statement that governments are secretly in contact about flying discs, while high-brasses state that there's nothing to the saucer problem, without even batting an eyelid. Why?" (10.)

Early December. El Cajon, California. (night)

"Little Green Men?"

Another wild tale about "space people" made news early in the month when an account was published by a California newspaper. UFO buff Gray Barker, who wrote a series of articles for Ray Palmer's magazine Flying Saucers, a news stand publication, repeated the story:

"Edmund Rucker of El Cajon, California, told the San Diego Union how some little green men, with large heads, dome-like foreheads and bulging eyeballs, floated out of a space ship, then addressed him in English.

"The witness had been a congenital doubter before his experiences of early December, 1957, when one night he was awakened by a peculiar roaring sound. He thought at first it was a passing airplane, but something odd about the noise aroused his curiosity. He got out of bed and was amazed to see an object resembling a strange kind of helicopter descending into his back yard.

"'Its windows were lighted,' he told The Union, 'and I saw strange looking heads there.' A side door popped open and the little creatures, about four feet tall, emerged.

"Apparently the space creatures knew Rucker was an Unbeliever, for one of them, speaking unaccented English, began haranguing him (but in a gentle manner) about his skepticism. The creature also told him he had known of his disbelief through mental telepathy.

"'He informed me that he and his crew were from the planet Venus, that their civilization is centuries ahead of ours, that they are friendly, peaceable and even philanthropic. When I asked the purpose of their visit to this planet, he said they were gathering scientific data.'" (11.)

Moreover, the little men, according to Rucker, grew uneasy when a rooster crowed so they climbed back into their ship and zoomed away. (12.)

3 December. Ellensburg, Washington. (7:00 p.m.)

Ball of fire. Motor sputters.

A CUFOS published UFO book says:

"Many residents of the Menastash Ridge area of Ellensburg saw a 'strange ball of fire' for 20 minutes. A truck driver reported that the light hovered over his truck, causing the motor to cough and sputter. His engine did not stop completely, however, so he drove away. The night was misty, but the object was so bright that it lit up the sky as if it were daytime." (13.) (Also see December 8th case)

3 December. Christchurch, New Zealand. (11:00 p.m.)

The newspaper Star-Sun printed:

"Four Christchurch people were mystified by a glowing object they saw in the sky last night. Standing near the St. Martins Library in Wilsons Road, about eleven o'clock, they saw it, about a mile up, over towards Tai Tapu. About the size of a basketball, it turned from white to orange and back again, appearing to enlarge and contract. It descended slowly about 500 ft., then moved to the left about 200 ft., and finally disappeared towards Ellesmere, clear of the hills. It was in sight for about twenty-five minutes." (14.)

4 December. Leland, Mississippi. (no time)

'Queer objects.' (See clipping)

REPORT SEEING QUEER OBJECTS

LELAND — A mysterious flying object, apparently similar to one seen over Lake Washington and Greenville a few weeks ago, was reported seen hovering a few miles north of here.

A Bolivar county businessman, who asked that his name not be mentioned, said he and the occupants of "four or five" other cars watched the flaming, oval-shaped object several minutes before it disappeared.

A few weeks ago a "cigar" or "watermelon" shaped flying object was reported seen over Lake Washington by three men and wives, and over Greenville the same night by several night shift employees of the Mat casting plant on Lake Ferguson.

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4 December. Uruguaiana, Brazil. (night)

Mobile source of light.

A correspondent named Luiz Stabile filed this story:

"The people of Uruguaiana, skeptical in the beginning, when the first reports on the appearance of strange phenomena in the sky above this city began to circulate, now are firm believers. Many have been fortunate enough to see, in the night sky, a phenomenon that is not at all common. It is a mobile source of light that radiates and ex-

traordinary luminosity. It is peculiar in that it not only increases and diminishes its brightness, but also undergoes transformations with regard to its hue and color, from blue to green. At times it also turns yellowish.

"The presence of this phenomenon in the sky lends itself not only to comment but it seems that it is also worrying many people who are already impressed and insisting that they have seen the Sputnik or perhaps its rocket or, better yet, a flying saucer." (15.)

(4?) December. The Benn film. A couple days later.

Contacting Captain Schaller of the Los Angeles Office of Information Services (OIS) turned out to be a mistake but it was not Ralph Benn's fault. He was just following the advice of a telephone operator. Instead of contacting BLUE BOOK immediately or informing the local Air Force AISS unit which conducted field investigations of the better UFO reports, Captain Schaller merely sent an Airman 3/C Fred Stall to Benn's house to pick up the film, and then, because local Air Force facilities were not equipped to develop the small civilian 8mm frames, had the film dropped off at Stera's Drug Store at the Corner of Sunset and Gover in downtown Los Angeles. The civilian developing service took two weeks. (16.)

(4?) December. Lagoa Vermelha, Brazil. (daytime)

The Devil's handiwork?

The following news account found its way into Air Force BLUE BOOK files where an English translation of it picked up some remarks by ATIC experts. (See the following pages)

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Estranhos objetos nos céus do Rio Grande:

O "DISCO-VOADOR" DEIXOU MARCAS DE CINZAS NO LOCAL ONDE PASSOU

Impressionante relato de um capataz de fazenda, na costa do rio Santa Rita, que liga Passo Fundo a Vacaria — "Redondo, mas com duas pontas, que nem lançadeira de máquina"

Por Frei Fidells Dalcin FIDELIS

LAGOA VERMELHA, dezembro (do correspondente) — O fato verificou-se há dias passados, tendo sido divulgado por alguns jornais. Foi somente na semana passada, porém, que conseguimos falar com o homem que se tornou personagem da história, isto é, do

homem que afirma ter visto de perto um "disco-voador". Osvaldo Nunes de Azeite é o seu nome e nos assistamos com ele durante os festejos comemorativos da inauguração do novo Grupo Escolar "Horácio Severo da Costa". Trata-se de um homem moço, foris, casado, de 30 anos de idade. Atracado e simpático, tem

uma enxada ao pescoço, em traços de gaúcho, entendeu-nos e contou a sua história. É capataz de uma fazenda que fica na costa do Rio Santa Rita, nas proximidades da estrada que liga Passo Fundo

a Vacaria. Em dias de boemia, em data que não soube precisar, foi dar cal a uma tropa de gado, como era de sua obrigação. Era meio dia e o sol estava bem quente. Deitou-se à sombra de um galho. (Continua na 10.ª página)



Frei Fidells, nosso correspondente, quando ouviu a história do "disco-voador" de Lagoa Vermelha.

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STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY ABOVE RIO GRANDE
THE FLYING SAUCER LEFT TRACES OF ASHES AT THE SITE IT VISITED

(Diario de Noticias, Porto Alegre, Dec 7, 1957)

[Photograph] Brother Fidelis ^{our} correspondent, listening to the account about the flying saucer at Lagoa Vermelha.

Impressive account by the foreman of a ranch along the Santa Rita River, which connects Passo Fundo with Vacaria.
- "Round, but with two points, as in the shuttle of a machine."

By Brother Fidelis Dalcin Fidelis

Lagoa Vermelha, December (from our correspondent). [Shortened translation].

The incident occurred some days ago and was reported by some newspapers. It was only last week, however, that I succeeded in speaking to the man who has become a historic personality, that is, the man who says that he saw a flying saucer at close range. Osvaldo Nunes de Melo is his name ..., a dark-skinned, stout man, married 30 years of age. He is a foreman at a ranch which borders the Santa Rita River, in the vicinity of the road from Passo Fundo to Vacaria. In November, on a day he does not remember, he was going to take some salt to the cattle. It was noon and the sun was quite hot. He stretched out in the shade of some trees and tried to rest a little.

After that, related the Gaucho, he rode through the fields on his mule. He went up a hill and then, below, he saw, as he says, "a strange bright object, a dark chestnut-color, like that of a leather jacket." It was round and had two points, as in the shuttle of a machine. He said:

"I wanted to see what kind of a thing it was and approached it, without getting of my mule. I saw that the object was rotating at a high speed and that it radiated a strong, glowing light. When I was quite close, the mule became frightened and refused to go on. I gripped my revolver and began to take aim, but the revolver began to drop as if it were very heavy. I tried again, but the same thing happened. I reasoned that I was not to shoot and I put away the revolver."

"But wasn't it an illusion, perhaps?" I interposed.

"No, sir. I am always armed. I may go out without money, but never without a revolver. I am quite experienced in its use. What I saw was real. I was not afraid. Later, I began to feel warm. I thought to myself, this is the devil's handiwork."

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I got off the mule and tried to pull her by the reins, but she did not want to go forward. It seemed that I was quite close to the object, close enough to touch it with my whip or hand, but the truth is, as I found later (from the marks left in the field) that I was more than 30 paces from it.

I saw some stones and threw them forcefully, expecting to hear the noise of each impact. I threw more and more stones, but heard no sound. Later I found them all halfway between the point at which I had stood and the location of the object."

"And the object was on the ground?" I asked.

"It gyrated at great speed. I felt very warm and was wet with perspiration. Also, I was almost blinded by the reflection of the light. I saw hardly anything. Several times, I stopped down trying to see better, but in vain. It seems to me that it must have been standing on the ground.

I did not know what else to do. I decided to call my neighbor. I got on the mule and went off, always keeping the object in mind. I went down the first hill and looked back. There it was. I went up the second hill and looked again. I no longer saw anything. It had disappeared.

I decided to go back, but again the mule hindered me. I returned on foot and examined the spot where I had seen the strange object. At the site, I saw a big circle, some 30 m in diameter, covered with a layer of ash."

"Wasn't the spot burned?"

"No. It only had the color of ashes. Never again did my mule want to enter the area. I tried several times, even in the presence of my employer. I offered a bet of 50 centos, open to anyone. At the house, I told my employer about the matter. Mr. Vidal spread the news and people began to say that it was a flying saucer. After they showed me a magazine with a photograph or sketch quite similar to the object I saw."

"You had never heard of a flying saucer?" *Note*

"Never. can't read Mr. Vidal's I had never heard anyone speak of such a flying saucer and did not imagine it existed or that it could fly. The truth is that at first, from a distance, I thought it was a plane, but I soon saw that it wasn't. If I had known that the object could fly, when I noted that it had disappeared, I would have looked up into the sky to watch its course.

Many people began to make fun of me and to call me a liar. I became irritated and even quarreled with some. Finally, I was ready to kill anyone who might contradict me. After all, I did not spread

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the news that I had seen a flying saucer. It was Mr. Vidal who went around telling about it. I never said that I had seen a flying saucer and I did not know that it could fly. I never imagined it could exist... As I said, I thought to myself: "If there is a devil, this must be it!"

Several persons listened to Mr. Osvaldo's account, among them several educated persons, such as teachers, priests and students. All agreed that the man was sincere and incapable of deceiving anyone.

4 December. "Request for expedient action."

Pressure had been on Captain Gregory of BLUE BOOK to provide an answer to the Levelland case.--not an easy task if one wanted to give a prosaic explanation. Finally, on December 4th, Captain Gregory had little choice but to come up with something. Writers and researchers for a proposed "3-hour TV program" on UFOs were due at ATIC on December 5th. That gave the BLUE BOOK chief just 24 hours.

A "request for immediate action" was sent to his scientific staff outlining the situation and suggesting his advisers sign off on the "ball-lightning" theory. (See Disposition Form)

Civilians apparently gave the military the ball-lightning idea. It wasn't too hard to find ball-lightning (Kugel Blitz) references in various November news stories. In the middle of the flap Dr. Harvey Nininger, curator of the American Meteorite Museum in Arizona, told the press ball-lightning could be the cause of the UFO reports because the natural phenomenon was "a big ball of fire that moves slowly." (17.) The remark put it too simply but then Nininger was an expert on meteorites and not lightning.

Other experts jumped on the bandwagon. The theory became the explanation of choice since other conventional solutions required too much a stretch, and, it should be said, it was evident ball-lightning had characteristics similar to what was being mentioned in UFO reports. For example, ball-lightning can cause some electromagnetic effects, bright colors, and exhibit erratic behavior.

Two University of Houston professors, one a physicist named H.K. Reynold, and the other an instructor of psychology, J.L. McKarey, teamed up to "solve" the "Levelland question." Dr. Reynold's blamed ball-lightning for physical manifestations, while Dr. McKarey said people were too subject to mass suggestion. It was not surprising to them, therefore, the public was seeing "spaceships."

Not everyone in the Air Science Department at ATIC wanted to indorse the ball-lightning hypothesis. A handwritten note found in BLUE BOOK files took issue with a quick acceptance of the ball-lightning explanation. (The note has been typed up to make it easy to read. The name of the letter-writer was censored by the Air Force)

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY INFORMATION

FILE NO.	SUBJECT	DATE	COMMENT NO. 1
	Request for Air Science Division Review of Lovelland Case	4 Dec 57	
TO	FROM		
APCIN-4B4 Dr. Wiley <i>Wm</i> Dr. Robinson <i>W</i> Dr. Byers <i>W</i> Mr. Griffing <i>ED</i>	APCIN-4B4/Capt Gregory/gtg		
1. It is requested that expedient action be given to a review and comment as to the validity of a hypothesis advanced by undersigned with regard to subject case. This urgency is based on: a. the constant demands by USAF for the final conclusions, and b. to conclude the case for possible presentation to a nation-wide audience on a TV UFO program covering three weeks, sometime in January. c. Producers and writers of this 3-hour TV program will be here tomorrow. The undersigned is responsible for recommending the cases to be used, and as technical advisor. 2. A brief background of the incident and action taken is given below to assist you in this matter. a. The Lovelland case of 5 November 1957, was the incident that triggered off a flood of reports and inquiries to the Air Force, with sensational publicity in practically every paper in the U.S. b. Within three weeks this Division has received approximately 500 official UFO reports as result. This should be compared to 250 for the previous 6 months. See p. 3 of attached Department of Defense sheet recently released. (Incl 1) c. In brief, the case involved an oval or globular light described as bluish or greenish-white to red in color. The principal observers stated that the object stopped their car's ignition. (The "ignition stop" was the prime pattern of a large mass of reports that soon followed; obviously another UFO example of "mass suggestion".) d. For three days the undersigned was in constant telephonic contact with the field investigators, providing guidance or possible clues. On the third day, as result of pressure from both the press and public, the Assistant Secretary of Defense requested that ATIC immediately submit a preliminary analysis for release to the press, a most difficult requirement in view of the limited data. Upon approval of General Watson's office this was done. See part III, TWX dated 8 November 57 (Incl 2). e. The final report of investigations was just received, and embodies some of the conclusions discussed with the field teams during operations. (See Incl 3) 3. A careful study of the report indicates the presence of "lightning" or lightning discharges in the majority of cases. In the opinion of the undersigned, the phenomena was most likely to have been caused by the fourth possible hypothesis given to the Department of Defense, a rare form of "ball lightning". What is not generally known, is that			

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ball lightning can hover above the ground, and blue-white light (the color most reported) is a characteristic color. (See brief excerpt from an authoritative source from research done on the subject.)

4. Request that applicable personnel of Air Sciences Division, in collaboration with other ATIC units necessary, determine or give their viewpoints in regard to the following "missing factor" of the hypothesis:

a. What effect does nearby lightning discharges have on the electrical circuits, or voltage potential?

b. Could oil vapor (from the nearby oil fields) suspended in the water droplets in the air be ignited to cause an explosion, or a ball of light somewhat similar to a flash-bulb light? Mist, heavy clouds and a very low ceiling existed at that time.

5. Formal request in writing is made because the case file will undoubtedly be sent to Washington and/or turned over to the TV group, tomorrow.

6. To satisfy both the demands of Headquarters USAF, and to possibly incorporate this in the material required by the aforementioned writers and story researchers due in tomorrow, your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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George T. Gregory
GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain USAF
UFO Project Officer

Letter to Captain Gregory:

"To Capt. Gregory. [5 December 57]

"Subject: Concerning the scientific basis for explaining the Levelland case sightings.

- "1. No two sightings were made at the same time. Therefore no single explanation need be sought for all of them.
- "2. It appears that ordinary lightning, in one form or another, close at hand, may serve well to explain most of the sightings. The low cloud ceiling known to have existed during several of the sightings might have led to brilliant reflections from some of the cloud formations. This might account for some of the rare 'object' appearances. St. Elmo's fire (brush discharge appearance) might have been seen in a case or two, but not necessarily 'ball' lightning (In spite of occasional reference to ball lightning in supposedly reputable publications, it is not felt that ball lightning is sufficiently respectable scientifically to be brought into use in explaining any of these sightings,* particularly where ordinary lightning appears to furnish an adequate basis for explanations). It should be remembered that lightning is not so common out there as it is in most places.
- "3. It is not unlikely that the ignition of an old car could be put out of order by water (blown or splashed onto it). A faulty voltage regulator could account for the discharge of a battery.
- "4. Specific replies to the question of paragraph (4) above are:
 - a. None: the engine is in a para... [? not readable] cage when the hood is closed.
 - b. Exceedingly unlikely. There is a very low probability that oil vapor in the rain could be ignited. However, a flash from a natural gas 'burn-off stack' is a possibility. This flame would be yellowish though because of [not clear]..., and this color should be recognized by people accustomed to seeing these gases burning.
- "5. [This portion was not reproduced properly. There is no clue as to content]
- "6. The full physiological and psychological conditions should be taken into account whenever possible. For example, the 'trigger' sighting (the first one) seems explainable by simple* lightning and a water puddle. [Siado's?]. First of all, how many people watch an ampeter when driving and all is serene? [Only Texas Tech freshman Newell Wright mentions his ampeter and he didn't go public with his sighting until Sunday which hardly makes him a "trigger."](If he had a car with a red light

* Emphasis mine --L.E. Gross.

indicator this would be noticed --but even then, an erratic voltage regulator would cause a discharge!). If the car is old, water blown or splashed under the hood might cause the car to stop. How could he see the battery, etc. without a battery source of light such as a flash light? After image in his eyes for some time, especially if they were dilated by night adaptation. After some time, the image cleared up, the heat of engine dried off the water, and the car again started easily. Thus ordinary lightning and ordinary events might have given rise to all the observations of sighting #1.

(Signed) (...name deleted) 4E4." (18.)

In spite of the negative assessment by the Air Force advisor(whose name has been deleted from the official record) Capt. Gregory never gave up on the Ball-lightning answer to the Levelland case. To this day Ball-lightning is still the official explanation. (See Hynek note page 16)

The reader of this book should ponder the curious circumstances concerning the UFO/Ball-lightning situation.

There were hundreds of observations of UFOs by police, aircraft pilots, weathermen, scientists, military personnel, etc. UFO reports mention odors, sounds, and electromagnetic effects. Pictures had been taken of UFOs and radar contacts logged. Broken branches and impressions in the soil by UFOs have been documented. Moreover, people all over the world were reporting UFOs that were similar in shape and behavior.

In contrast, Ball-lightning has very rarely been reported. There is very little data in scientific files.

The question should be:"DOES BALL-LIGHTNING EXIST?" *

'Haunted cars.'

One aspect of the Levelland manifestations that received special attention was the car-stoppings. Dr. Donald Menzel's suggestion that a 'nervous foot' was responsible for car-stopping didn't make many converts, and the fact that such an idea lent no support to the Ball-lightning theory lessen any chance of strong support from BLUE BOOK.

While 'pro-UFO' buffs were quite willing to accept reports of car-stopping, they had to be vexed by one particula account: Ronald Martin's.

The Martin report.

A 18-year-old truck driver named Ronald Marin was stopped on highway 116

* A military document, Report by the Director of Intelligence, USAF, to the Joint Intelligence Committee on Unidentified Aerial Objects, date 1949, paragraph 15, states: "It appears that the subject of 'ball lightning' occupies an undetermined status and authorities are not at all convinced that such a phenomenon actually exists." For more information on this document see Jan Aldrich's article, "Top-Secret 1949 Document," in the Spring, 1998, issue of the International UFO Reporter.

The phenomena reported seen causally interlocked with the meteorological conditions prevailing at that time; viz, low ceiling (400 feet), fog, mist, light rain and periodic lightning flashes. Our knowledge of such well-attested phenomena as ball lightning and related electrical discharges is not sufficient to pinpoint the exact cause of the present sighting. But there is no need to hypothesize "space craft" etc. in this matter since lightning flashes, alone, in a foggy, low-ceiling nocturnal meteorological setting, is sufficient to produce weird effects, especially to imaginative minds.

Couple with this the possibility that conditions were propitious for the occurrence of St. Elmo's fire or of the ball lightning (which authorities have described as exhibiting "hissing tongues of brilliant blue and white light several inches long") type of electrical discharge, and we have the proper stage setting for the sightings reported.

Coming now to the phenomena of motor stoppage, etc. This was reported in three (3) cases. One case momentary - loud noise on radio and momentary flutter of car light (typical of electrical storms). The other two cases indicated definite stoppage. Might it not be possible, if indeed these occurrences were causally connected with the phenomena reported (rather than ascribable to coincidence -- after all, two car engines stopping, one hour apart, in a lightning storm with high humidity, does not strain coincidence) to ascribe stopping to sudden deposition of moisture on distributor parts, especially if moisture condensation nuclei were enhanced by increased atmospheric ionization.



J. Allen Hynek

The official explanation for the Levelland excitement.

near Levelland when a ball-shaped fireball dropped down on the road, blocking the forward progress by his vehicle. The truck's engine quit and the headlights went out. When the UFO left, the headlights came back on, and to Martin's amazement, the truck's engine re-started by itself! Martin told reporters: "One thing I can't understand is how it could stop that combustion engine and then start it again when it took off." (19.)

Who is going to believe such a story? Are we dealing with "ghosts?"

A possible explanation.

The Ronald Martin account drew the attention of another Martin, a Martin Shapiro, who was a radio engineer that lived in Massachusetts. Years after the series of UFO reports from Levelland, an encounter very similar to Ronald Martin's took place in New Hampshire. Mr. Shapiro looked into this case and was able to gather details not available from Levelland news stories that described Ronald Martin's experience.

The New Hampshire case.

It seems that on the night of January 15, 1965, on State Highway 4A, near the town of Wilmot, a UFO hovered at low altitude close to the car of a Mr. Charles W. Knee. The car's engine stopped. In fact, everything electrical on the vehicle stopped working. Mr. Knee coasted to a halt, put the gear shift into "park," and left the ignition key in the "on" position. When the UFO flew away, the headlights and the radio came back on, and to the astonishment of Mr. Knee, the engine re-started by itself. To quote Mr. Knee: "The thing that scared me most was when the car started." (20.) Mr. Knee had garage mechanics check his car completely, top to bottom. The car, a 1964 F-85 Oldsmobile station wagon with just 20,000 miles on it, was in good condition. There had been no previous problems with the vehicle's electrical system.

When Shapiro read Mr. Knee's story, he remembered Ronald Martin. Investigating the Knee case, Shapiro offered a solution based on the Levelland incident. (See note by Shapiro)

Perhaps the most important thing about Levelland is the possibility one could study UFOs and do science! Dr. James McDonald, reviewing records of cases like that of Ronald Martin and Charles Knee, made some recommendations: "Particularly badly needed are measurements with frequency scanning equipment to determine what portions of the electromagnetic spectrum provide maximum opportunity for detecting UFOs." (21.) Furthermore, he wrote: "I stress magnetohydrodynamic because of the large number of phenomena that point to strong magnetic fields accompanying UFO operation." (22.)

4 December. Cushing, Oklahoma. (7:25 p.m.)

City official awed.

4 December. Glasgow, Scotland. (11:15-11:40 p.m.)

"Suddenly they shot off westwards at a terrific speed."

More reports from England. (See clipping)

THE EFFECTS OF A STRONG ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD
ON AN AUTOMOBILE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

It is assumed that a strong electromagnetic field would cause all relays to close and all generators and starter motors to "freeze" magnetically. With the relays closed, the starter motor would be connected directly to the battery and with the starter motor "frozen" it would effectively short circuit the entire electrical system causing the lights to go out, the radio to stop playing and the motor to stop due to the shorting out of the battery voltage fed to the ignition system.

If the electromagnetic field were removed before serious damage to the starter motor or the battery occurred, it should be possible to restart the automobile.

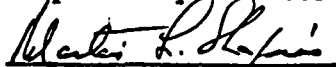
If the automobile should restart by itself it could be a result of one of two possible means:

- 1) If the starter relay remained engaged long enough to turn a good engine through one compression stroke, it might start.
- 2) If the engine stopped under compression, with the ignition points closed and if the vaporized gas were still under compression when the electromagnetic field were removed, the ignition would fire once causing the vaporized gas to explode which in turn would move the piston and possibly start the engine.

Both of the above means are dependent upon a key still in the "on" position, a warm engine, a well-lubricated engine and a tight engine that would maintain compression.

In the recent N.H. case, the automobile was a fairly new Oldsmobile which probably met these conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martin Shapiro
Radio Engineer
NICAP Massachusetts
Subcommittee

Six Residents Watch Cigar-Shaped Phenomenon Move Overhead

City Official Awed by Mysterious Sky Object

THAT "whatnik" was in Cushing again last night. Water Plant Supt. Claude Gibson, who confesses to having been "initially skeptical about these things people have reported," is convinced now.

"Don't ask me what it was, but it was something," the veteran municipal official said. "We — and I say that because there were six of us — first sighted it about 7.25 p. m. Wednesday, and we watched it travel across the sky until it disappeared out of sight about 8:20 p.m."

Gibson says he is definitely sure it was no airplane. It wasn't shaped like one and it had none of the physical characteristics of an aircraft as we know them, he added.

The superintendent, who lives at the municipal water station seven miles northwest of here, said he watched the phenomenal object along with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Farrall and their two daughters. None had ever seen anything like it.

Gibson said the luminous cigar-shaped object, approximately four-feet long, moved across the night sky from the southwest, finally disappearing in the northwest.

"It would have been a beautiful thing to behold if it hadn't been such a mystery," Gibson said after telephoning the Daily Citizen newsroom early today to see if there had been any news on strange sights in the sky overnight. He said it had a bright red hue at the top and

bottom.

It was something like a slender tongue of fire, he explained. Like a cigar shape? a reporter asked.

"Now you are getting the idea," Gibson answered. "We might have called somebody, but we all were so awed we just stood and watched. It looked pretty far away, and we wanted to see what happened to it. We don't know, except it suddenly went out of sight after traveling across the sky."

Gibson's report was one of many recently concerning strange objects in the sky. The local water superintendent said he and the five other Wednesday night witnesses thought at first it was some type of missile, except it was visible for almost an hour and considering the speed of modern rockets it is doubtful it could have been observed over such a period of time.

"All I know is that it was the strangest thing I've ever seen," Gibson concluded.

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MYSTERY 'OBJECTS' OVER GLASGOW

Express Staff Reporter

MYSTERY "flying objects" flashing across the sky—and trailing sparks behind them—were reported by watchers in all parts of Glasgow late last night.

Up to 12 objects were seen grouped together at one time. Others saw nine, some only four.

They were described as . . . "Bigger than stars; golden yellow in colour; voiceless; and travelling at a tremendous speed."

The report came from Govan in the south, Bridgeton in the East

and Bishopbriggs, north of the city.

The objects were seen between 11.15 p.m. and 11.40.

Harold Kammin, 23, of Cardin-street, Govanhill, first saw them at Whitcraigs, between Giffnock and Newton Mearns at 11.15 p.m.

"It was quite frightening," he said. "I am not one for imagining things. They were there all right."

"I saw them three times — at Whitcraigs, then when I was on the city-bound tram, and again at Pollokshaw-road at Allison-street. To be sure I was not seeing things I pointed them out to a passer-by. He saw them too."

Six miles north of him, four youths in a car on the Lenzie-Bishopbriggs road saw the objects.

Said 17-year-old Ian MacLeod of Bishopbriggs: "We saw nine objects—like large shining yellow stars. They were stationary when we first spotted them."

"Suddenly they shot off westwards at a terrific speed, trailing sparks behind them."

"There was one object which was bigger and brighter than the others and appeared to be following them at a set distance. All vanished within 30 seconds."

NO NOISE

Ian's friends are Kenneth Marshall (17) and David Cairns (17) also of Bishopbriggs, and Hugh Gillies, 18-year-old Merchant Navy man, of Kirkintilloch. They saw the objects at 11.35 p.m.

A few minutes later two men watched the mystery cluster of lights over Bridgeton Cross.

Mr. John Milligan, aged 28, a tailor's presser, of Main-street, Bridgeton, was talking with his friend, Edward Kennedy (28), upholsterer, of Dalmarnock-road, when they saw four objects travelling east-to-west.

"There was no drone or whine, no noise at all from them."

said Mr. Milligan excitedly. "Otherwise we might have dismissed them as an aircraft."

"Then four more objects appeared near the first group."

Mrs. Mary Berry, aged 45, of Hamony-row, Govan, and 10 of her neighbours saw them, too.

Immediate inquiries were made by the Air Ministry after numerous telephone inquiries were made about the mysterious objects. But they yielded nothing.

In Edinburgh a spokesman said: "A check has been made but we have no report of unidentified objects in the sky."

5 December. Jackson, Mississippi. (no time)

"Spinning whatnik."

A Jackson railroad worker's sighting appears in the press:

"The Jackson 'whatnik' was reported by W.B. Britt of 2922 Barwood Drive. He said he spotted the object in the south skies over Jackson shortly after noon Thursday.

"Britt said he was in the north yards of the Illinois Central Railroad on Mill Street when he and an unidentified IC worker watched the object for about five minutes.

"It was disc-shaped and appeared to be spinning," said Britt.

"It disappeared traveling south and just as it went out of sight there was a bright ball of fire that must have hung there 10 or 15 seconds. As the ball of fire grew smaller it got brighter, so bright I almost had to quit looking at it." (23.)

5 December. Word is received about the Coraopolis case.

Now that the Levelland reports had been "solved," Capt. Gregory could turn his attention to other problems. Two cases that really bugged him were the Coraopolis and Tonapah incidents. With a major "3-hour UFO TV program" in the works, it wouldn't do to have the two cases blow up in his face. On December 5th, when the TV people were visiting BLUE BOOK, news was received concerning the Coraopolis case. Capt. hoped it was good. It wouldn't do have a secretary to an Air Force Fighter unit to go public with a UFO report at that time, especially with BLUE BOOK unprepared to comment. The teletype reply to Gregory read: "NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE. SOURCE DESIRES NO PUBLICITY AND TREATING INCIDENT AS CONFIDENTIAL." (24.)

The lame response from the Fighter unit was hardly what Capt. Gregory wanted to hear since it prevented any attempt to have an explanation handy if the woman ever went public. Angry, Capt. Gregory scribbled a remark on the teletype message from the Fighter unit: "This is a hell of an answer [Emphasis in the original] from an intelligence officer asked to get more info." (25.)

5 Decemner. Taos, New Mexico.

Mystery "booms" and the Special Weapons Service.

There is no direct tie to UFOs but there is something of possible interest in a Taos news story datelined December 5th. It seems a series of mysterious booms had alarmed the Taos, New Mexico, area, for a week. These booms were not minor noises. Windows were smashed and cattle and horses stampeded. Many people living in and around Taos blamed the booms on jet planes operating out of Kirtland AFB but a military spokesman insisted there was: "...no reason for any unusual amount of air traffic or jet noise in the Taos area last[prior to December 5th] last week." (26.)

Of interest to UFOlogists is the small paragraph added to the very end of the boom article: "Any unusual air activity or noise should be reported to the Office of Information Services, Air Force Special Weapons Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque." (27.)

The "Special Weapons" name must have meant atomic devices since the Manzano Nuclear Weapon Storage Facility is at Kirtland. "Unusual air activity" would include UFO sightings one might assume.

5 December. Tulsa, Oklahoma. (10:30 p.m.)

Tulsan unnerved.

A newspaper published:

"'You read and hear about mysterious flying objects, but you don't think much about them I suppose, until you see one yourself.'

"So said Dr. Charles Eitel of 2948 East 44th Place today---Dr. Eitel told his story to the Tribune..." (28.)

The doctor's account:

"'My 15-year-old daughter, Patsy, was looking out her bedroom window last Thursday night at 10:30. She called to me to 'come and look at this light.'

"'I went and looked and saw a glowing circular object hanging in the sky. It seemed to be about 700 feet high and about 200 feet out from the back of the house.

"'It had dropped down, Patsy said, from the time she first saw it. It did not move, just hovered there. It could have been a lot farther away than I estimated, because there was nothing with which to compare its size. We watched it about five minutes before it suddenly took off and went straight north. Its front edge glowing brightly as it picked up speed,'" (29.)

6 December. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Brazilian UFOlogist Walter Buhler called attention to an item in the Rio newspaper Tribuna da Imprensa. In the December 6th edition it was stated that Brazil exchanged UFO information with the United States through the American Navy attache. The Brazilian contact was a Commander Jose Geraldo Brandao.

6 December. Salvador, Brazil (1:00 p.m.)

About 550 miles southwest of Recife is the city of Salvador where another Brazilian Army unit was stationed. A Brazilian press account states:

"In this city, too, strange phenomena were observed in the sky and they are increasing since the launching of the Sputniks. Yesterday a sighting was made by both officers and men at the regional headquarters. At 13 o'clock, while the men were practicing, it was found that a planet, perhaps Mars or Venus, was quite near to the earth. The discussion attracted the attention of Major Firimino, chief of the Communications Service who decided to study the object through binoculars. He concluded that it was not one of the known planets, not only because of its shape, which reminded him of two superimposed bells, but also because the distance from the earth was relatively small.

"Major Firimino suddenly cried out and had officers, including Col. Ovidio, Majors Luiz Artur and Alonso, Captain Joalbo and Ramos and the men looked at the sky. He exclaimed that the object was divided into two parts and that lower one first seemed to move towards the earth and then moved towards the south. For some time, the remaining part of the object stayed in the same position, unchanged, and then followed the other one.

"The newspaperman Newton Calmon, who came to the site, was present during the last phase of the observations and heard the explanation that the metal body looked like aluminum. Today, however, the military men refused to make any statement to the press." (30.)

6 December. Tucson, Arizona. (5:24 p.m.)

"We were afraid nobody would believe us." (See clipping)

2 Tucson Women See 'Saucer-Like' Object

Two Tucson women reported last night that they had seen an unidentified flying object about 40 miles south of Tucson as they returned from a shopping trip in Nogales.

Mrs. Sally Anderson, 40, of 4633 E. 18th St., and her daughter, Carol, 20, a former paleontology student at the University of Wisconsin, said that at three different times they saw a saucer-like object hovering in the sky not far from Tumacacori National Monument, near the Cayetano mountains.

The women were at first reluctant to identify themselves, because, they said, "We were afraid nobody would believe us."

The object was first sighted by Mrs. Anderson at 8:24 p.m. She said it appeared as "a quick flash," which she said she saw for about 10 seconds. Her daughter failed to see it at this time, and said she didn't believe her mother at first.

The object reappeared at 8:26 p.m., at which time both women observed it "for about two minutes," Miss Anderson stated that

she saw it very clearly, although it was quite high.

"It was saucer-shaped, and when it came closer there seemed to be a red glow on its bottom. At one time it banked, and there appeared to be a dome in the center of its upper surface. It would hover for a while, then move a bit, and then rise out of sight," she said.

"It couldn't have been a plane," Miss Anderson said, "because it hovered so much. And it was much too early for stars to be visible. The light was quite a large spot."

The saucer made one last appearance, at 8:31 p.m., when the women said they watched it for about half a minute.

7 December. Lynnfield, Massachusetts. (night)

Witnesses "visibly shaken."

~~Boston GLOBE~~ Flying Spoon Blinks, Vanishes 2 Youths Report

LYNNFIELD, Dec. 7 — Two North Reading youths reported seeing an unidentified spoon-shaped object silhouetted against the sky while driving on Summer st., near Edgemere rd., last night. Roderick Tardoz, 19, of 96 Pine st., and Robert Cook, 18, of Stevens rd., described the object as much larger than a blimp. They said it was noiseless.

Two large white lights on either side of the object shone down on the ground, the youths said. Next to these, they saw two red lights, one of them flashing. A third red light kept blinking on what they thought was the tail.

Both agreed that the object was stationary.

The youths reported the sighting to Lynnfield Police Sgt. Norman Grady. He said the pair appeared "visibly shaken" when they entered the station.

They told him they noticed a light shining above them while driving. Looking out the side windows of their car, the youths spotted the object some 150 to 200 feet above them.

They said they stopped their car and got out, watched for a few seconds, then returned to the vehicle. Moments later the object disappeared, the youths stated.

Sgt. Grady reported the incident to State Police and officers at two nearby police stations.

7 December. Near Adelaide, Australia.
(afternoon)

Hovered over powerplant.

From downunder came this:

"During the afternoon, a group of 35 men had watched a strange object directly above the Osborne powerhouse for approximately 45 minutes. They described it as silver-coloured, circular, and it appeared to be about 10,000 feet." (31.)

7 December. San Mateo County, California. (7:15 p.m.)

"Calls came in thick and fast." (See clipping below)

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UFO (Saucers?) Stir Peninsulans

The San Mateo sheriff's office and Moffett Field received a flurry of telephone calls about 7 o'clock last night from peninsula residents who reported luminous "flying saucers" overhead.

A South San Francisco woman, homeward bound on Bayshore Freeway shortly after nightfall, made the first call about an "unidentified flying object" in the western sky.

Three more calls were received by the sheriff's department at 7:15, and five minutes later, the "saucers" and calls were coming in thick and fast.

Observers at Moffett and at San Francisco International Airport said they saw no UFO's, and their radar screens had remained dark during the hour.

The Weather Bureau reported, however, that the planet Venus shone 50 to 100 times brighter in the peninsula sky last night as a result of a high pressure area which cleared the atmosphere.

Kenneth R. Bell, 35, of 101 Mariposa Ave., Brisbane, told San Mateo Deputy Sheriff Vern Baldrige that he saw "two round saucers, flying at a speed faster than jet planes" as he was driving home.

Bell, a typewriter salesman, said he saw a "blinking light" on the bottom of one of the saucers. He watched the lead object veer westward and disappear behind the coastal mountains. He said:

The second circled overhead, then continued south.

The salesman returned home in time to point out the second object to his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson of 107 Mariposa Ave.

8 December. Near Svea, Minnesota. (4:00 p.m.)

"About the size of a semi-trailer."

Some news stories appeared in the Ellsworth paper about this case but the best job of reporting on it was by Harold Wills of the Red Wing Republican-Eagle:

"A 'flying saucer,' according to credible witnesses, was spotted in the Red Wing area at 4 p.m. Sunday. The saucer, which was visible to several Red Wing area residents, was travelling at approximately 50 miles per hour north of highway 63 between Hager City and Ellsworth, in the vicinity of the Svea store.

"Among those who witnessed the flying object were the Royce Moline family of Red Wing, who had been visiting in Ellsworth and were en-route home.

"According to members of the Moline family, all of whom saw the saucer, they were driving along highway 63 when they noticed several cars pulled up on the should of the highway. The occupants of these cars were all watching something in the field to the north.

"Moline slowed his vehicle, and he and his two sons began searching for the object which had attracted the attention of the occupants of the automobiles.

"The Molines spotted a round, red, disc-like object, flying slowly along, about 20 feet from the ground. The saucer was absolutely circular, and had a small car or cabin hanging beneath it. Both saucer and cabin were either painted 'orange-red' or were emitting a reddish glow, according to the Molines.

"What was apparently jets beneath the vehicle gave off a red glow, which lighted the ground underneath. No windows were visible the Moline family stated.

"Size of the saucer, according to all three occupants of the Moline car, was 'about the size of a semi-trailer.' The saucer was about 100 yards from the highway.

"It flew slowly along for a few minutes, allowing the elder Moline to scan it with binoculars before it began moving towards Red Wing. The flying object was just as visible through the binoculars as with the naked eye, according to Moline.

"When the saucer pulled away from the field above which it had been operating, Moline started his car and tried to keep pace with it. The craft was flying at 'between 50 and 60 miles per hour,' Moline said. The speedometer in his car registered 60 miles per hour when he was keeping abreast of the saucer, which gradually began to increase its altitude. The other cars also chased it.

"Just before the saucer reached the woods on top of Hager hill, it zoomed upwards and headed in a westerly direction, Moline said. Its antics were also observed by his two sons.

"According to Wayne Moline, 15, the saucer had pulled away from view by the time the Moline car reached the bottom of Hager Hill. Young Moline looked back and up in efforts to discover the saucer, but could not locate it.

"Other witnesses to the phenomenon include several farmers in the Svea store area. Reports were circulating in the store in the Svea store area. Reports were circulating in the store this morning by those who had spotted the flying object Sunday afternoon.

"According to the witnesses, the saucer was perfectly visible all the time it was in operation near the highway. The sky was clear overhead, with no clouds in view, ruling out the possibility of its being a mirage.

"The saucer was in complete view all the time the elder Moline studied it with his binoculars. It apparently was definitely not an apparition, if the witnesses' stories can be believed.

"Contrary to all previous saucer reports which described the flying objects as hovering noiselessly overhead, or near the ground,

this particular saucer was heard roaring, by all witnesses who saw it.

"That the Moline family was not interested in getting publicity for themselves is evidenced by the fact that they did not report sighting the saucer. It was reported to this newspaper by Goldie Cambell, adjutant of the Red Wing American Legion Post. The Moline family and other witnesses later bore out the report received from Campbell." (32.)

8 December. Bonanza, Oregon. (afternoon)

"I've never seen anything like it before." (See clippings)

UFO Sighted In Bonanza

George Conner, 725 Mitchell, reported observation of an unidentified flying object late Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of Bonanza.

Conner reports that he was just beyond Lorella when his wife noticed a luminous elongated object in the sky. It was a clear day and at first it appeared to be out of a cloud. He described it as "tear shaped."

He reports that it appeared to be over some hills which were two or three miles away, and when first spotted was stationary in the sky. Conner stopped the car, got out and tried to get a picture of the object. He reports that in the short time it took him to stop the car and get out the object had moved away. It appeared to be traveling at incredible speed, he said, and was about the same height in the sky as the sun.

When last seen the object was reported traveling in a southwest direction. Conner was not certain whether he had been able to capture the object on film because of the sunlight angle.

There should have been many others, he surmised, who also saw this object and can report on it. So far, Conner's is the only report.

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Men Report Seeing Object

W. E. Guyer, 2525 Vine Street, Tuesday corroborated the report by George Conner, 725 Mitchell, of an unidentified flying object in the Bonanza vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Guyer reported to the Herald and News today that he and his son were driving in Poe Valley about a mile from Olens when they noticed an object in the sky in the approximate location reported by Conner.

Guyer says that at first it appeared to be a jet with a huge vapor trail immediately behind it, but upon closer observation it looked like a round object which was shooting a candle-like tapering sheet of white-hot flame out the back.

He estimated the object as about 20,000 feet high, and speculated that it was flying about 500 or 600 miles per hour at the time he observed it. "I've never seen anything like it before," Guyer said.

He insisted that the object was round, and that he observed it for approximately five minutes before it disappeared into the southwest sky.

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8 December. London, England.

Project Y, or the "A.V. Roe saucer."

It seems whenever a UFO flap excited the nation, project Y received space in the newspapers. Perhaps the Roe saucer was a real effort? But then it may have been just something to make the Russians think twice. A reporter for the London Sunday Dispatch approached the managing director of the A.V. Roe company, Sir Roy Dobson, to ask about progress being made on the supposed revolutionary aircraft. Sir Dobson replied: "We are engaged in something in which the American Government is closely interested." (33.) And: "I don't want to talk about it." (34.)

8 December. Montana-Canadian border. (3:50 p.m.)

Is such a complex explanation the answer? (See BLUE BOOK file card)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 December 1957		2. LOCATION Montana - Canadian Border		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 3:50 P.M. GMT 08/2250Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ X-Ray-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE F-89 Pilot		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE W to South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pilot at 40,000 feet going into a turn from West to South, leaving heavy contrails notice a ball of light with black streak on the inside of his turn and about 1/2 to 3/4 mi away. Obj appeared to stay with pilot after he returned to another heading. He then lost it.		11. COMMENTS Plots on UFO report show following: a) sun was to his front & right & at almost same level when he went into turn. b) heavy horse-shoe shaped (thick) contrail was to his left. Conclusion: Probable reflection of sunlight off his a/c intersecting with a shadow (black dark) thrown on the contrail slightly behind him & to the left as he moved, which would appear as a spot moving with him. (See Dr. Menzel's work)			

ATIC FORM 520 (REV 16 SEP 57)

8 December. Woodward, Oklahoma. (5:30 p.m.)

Car stalled..

Our source states:

"A disc-shaped UFO with a dome and three 'pads' on the underside suddenly came toward a car with three people inside. The car began to die and finally stalled out as the UFO hovered overhead at 200 feet. It was emitting a high-pitched whining sound. The witnesses said it was over 50 feet in diameter. The whine increased in pitch after about two minutes, and the UFO rose vertically out of sight. The headlights came on and the engine of the car started by itself." (35.)

Disc jockeys of the Earth-human variety loved Buchanan and Goodman's 1957 novelty hit "The Flying Saucer." It's snappy humor from splicing together a few seconds of excerpts from the top 40 tunes to tell a flying saucer landing story was just the thing for the teenage crowd. It helped take some of the seriousness out of the saucer flap.

While Buchanan and Goodman did well with their venture, not so successful was the Cleveland, Ohio, Cosmic Record Company's song: "The Answer To The Flying Saucer UFO." Problems, probably legal, forced the dumping of the tape, master record, and 10,000 copies into Lake Erie.



Vinyl 45 RPM record (less than actual size)

8 December. 53 miles north of North Bay, Canada. (6:00 p.m.)

A report from Canada:

"...residents in various parts of Northern Ontario saw an object streaking thru the sky. An Ontario Northland railway conductor said he saw it 53 miles north of North Bay. He said it headed for the train, then veered away, leaving a streak of fire. It was greenish in color. A Trans Canada Airlines pilot said it was not a star. One observer said 8 spikes protruded from the object, three on top, three on the bottom and one from each side." (36.)

8 November. Between Tiflet and Monod, Morocco. (sunset)

"The light's behavior and appearance did not conform to that expected of the usual range of airborne objects." (See Naval Intelligence report)

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FROM		SUBJECT		EVALUATION	
Fleet Intelligence Center, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean		Personal Observation		A-1	
PROJECT				REGULAT NO.	
Unidentified light, sighting of					
BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF CODE PAGE PAGE, ENTER GROUPS, CODEPAGE)					
Encl: (1) Overlay indicating geographic positions (2) Sketches of light and its movement (Figures 1-3)					
SUMMARY. For approximately 15 minutes on 8 December 1957, reporting officer observed a large bright light in the sky over Morocco. The light's behavior and appearance did not conform to that expected of the usual range of airborne objects.					
Basic Data involved in the sighting.					
Time: Between 1715Z and 1730Z, 8 December 1957. Time of Sunset - 1716Z					
Place: Morocco, between Tiflet and Monod. See Encl. (1) for details of position.					
Position of light: Approximately 20 Degrees above the horizon to the SW of observer					
Description of the light: Its length appeared to be equal to the diameter of the moon or the length of an RSD at 1 1/2 miles. The color was yellow to orange; color and intensity were uniform over the area of the light. The edges of the shape were well defined, but not as definite as those of a metal object. Figure (1) is a sketch of the lights shape during the first part of the observation.					
Narrative description of sighting. While riding in an automobile at approximately 1715Z on 8 December, reporting officer sighted a bright light in the sky to the SW. It first gave the impression of being sunlight reflected from a jet vapor trail; as if a jet had just entered a contrail level. It appeared to be on a NNE course and gradually descending, because its thicker end was pointed in that direction and slightly downward. While watching this light for from 2 to 5 minutes, it was noted that it did not develop as a vapor trail should. Its intensity appeared to increase, but its length relative to its width remained constant. Reporting officer called the attention of his wife and daughter to the light. His daughter, age 11, had already been watching it.					
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After another minute or two, the light descended rapidly towards the earth, describing an arc as in Fig. (2). This movement was very rapid and definite. The thicker end of light was pointing straight down and while the light could be observed, it dropped approximately 10 degrees or half of the distance to the horizon. All observers were convinced at this time that the light was either a meteorite or a returning Soviet satellite. At this point, a row of trees blocked the view for approximately 30 seconds.

When the view was again clear, the light had regained its former altitude, was in a horizontal position, and appeared to be heading in the opposite direction, in that its thicker end was now pointed ESW. However, the car was now stopped and it was possible to determine the bearing of the light from the observers. Its bearing did not change, but the light decreased in intensity, became slimmer and gradually faded from view. This gave the impression of movement straight away from the observers. However, the light's disappearance may well have been due to lack of reflected sunlight as the "object" entered the earth's shadow. Time of disappearance was approximately 1730Z.

Weather Conditions. Fleet Weather Central, Port Lyautey, has provided the following information on weather conditions between 081715Z and 081730Z for the vicinity of Rabat, the approximate area of sighting:

Temperature: 62°F	1000 ft.	350°	8 knots
Sky conditions: Clear	10000 ft.	100	2
Visibility: Unrestricted	20000 ft.	120	35
Wind: Northerly 10 knots	30000 ft.	140	50
Temperature	40000 ft.	145	36
Inversions: About 11°C at 1200 feet	50000 ft.	240	18
(Above temperature inversion considered	60000 ft.	275	9 knots
insignificant for optical illusions)			

Source Information: LTJG [redacted] is currently attached to the Fleet Air Intelligence Augmenting Unit and has had over two years experience as an Air Intelligence Officer.

Preparing Officers Comments. The fact that such sightings are usually due to natural phenomena is well established. However, since the reporting officer is not qualified to determine the cause of the phenomenon observed, this report has been prepared in the hope that it may be of some use to those engaged in analyzing unidentified object reports.

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LTJG USNR

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6. Report does not indicate whether the observer, using intelligence facilities available to him as a Fleet Intelligence Officer, made checks or queries of aircraft, radar or other military operations units to determine if aircraft or missile were in the area. These investigations can be better conducted in the area of origin than from the XI.

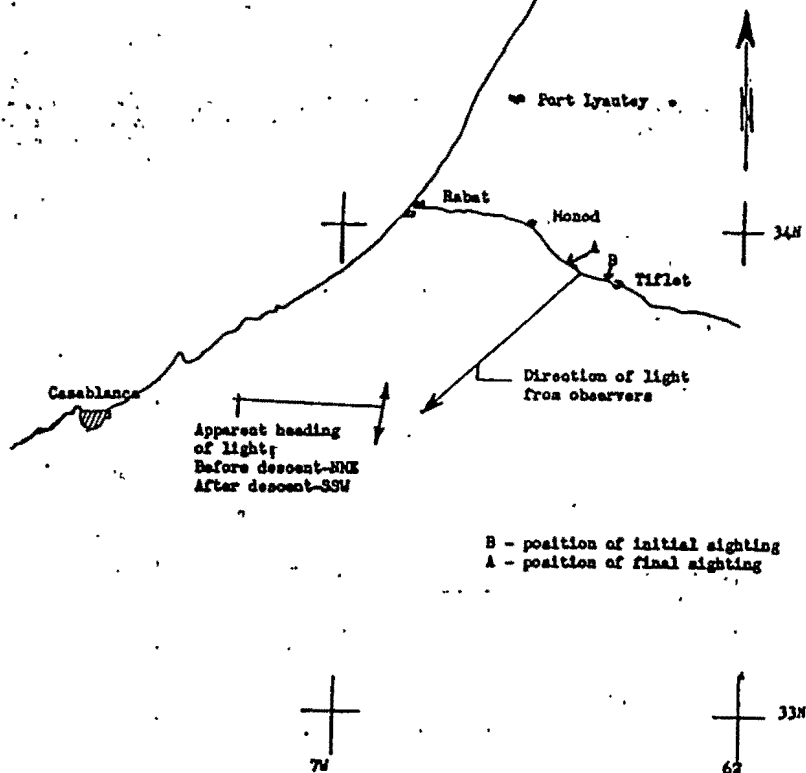
7. Object was not a meteor or a returning satellite as implied. The time duration of 15 minutes rules these out. Meteors are seldom seen for longer than 6-9 seconds; the earth entry velocity of the satellite would be between 18-20,000 MPH.

CONCLUSIONS: From the limited information given, and lack of investigative data, no firm conclusions can be made regarding the identity of the light, other than that it appears that the planet Venus and a jet afterburner contrail were separately seen, and mistaken for a single phenomenon. This was probably due to the fact that the observations were intermittent, and changes in the objects' bearing resulting from the travel of the car.

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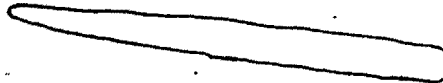


Figure 1. Shape of light and its orientation before descent.

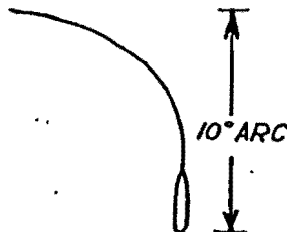


Figure 2. Arc described by light's descent.



Figure 3. Shape of light and its orientation while fading from view.

8 December. Between Coulee City and Soap Lake, Washington. (9:00 p.m.)
Cars stalled.

The special thing about this case is that the car's dome lights went on!
Our source states:

"Eight people traveling together in two cars saw a 'huge, fiery object' pass overhead from north to south. The two cars stalled out and their headlights also failed as the UFO came overhead. In addition, the inside dome lights came on, even though they weren't turned on. The cars remained stalled until the object had passed out of sight." (37.)

9 December. Herts, England. (midday)

What did they see? A fireball or a disc?

England's Flying Saucer Review tells us:

"On Monday, December 9, school children at Hampden School, South Oxhey, Herts, England, saw an object hovering in the sky at midday. Some described it as a ball of fire and others as a glittering silver disc. It eventually moved slowly away." (38.)

9 December. Victoria, Texas. (5:30-6:00 p.m.) (See clipping below)

9 December. Deming, New Mexico.

The Deming Graphic informed its readers on the 9th it had received a communication from a civilian UFO investigation organization based in Seattle, Washington, Bob Gribble's Aerial Phenomena Research Group. Director Gribble wanted more information on some UFO reports made in the area back in early November (the 3rd and 5th) which had escaped notice (The value of Gribble's efforts have been unappreciated. NICAP and APRO, although more famous, did not cover everything. Gribble and his group filled in many gaps in the UFO record. Much of the material used in writing UFO history for this time period come from Gribble's files).

The Graphic clippings are reproduced on the next page.

10 December. Jaboticabal, Brazil. (no time)

Smashed grass. (See below)

§ JABOTICABAL, São Paulo State, Dec. 10, '57 (Credit: "Folha da Manhã", Dec. 14, '57, & CICQANI)—Authorities were told by a farmer that an object water-melon-shaped, full closed and with ab. 10 ft. high to 13 ft. length, HAD LANDED AT 22 YARD DISTANT OF HIM. SEARCHING THE SPOT THE AUTHORITIES HAD FOUND SMASHED GRASS.

Strange Object Spotted in Sky

An unidentified object described as cigar shaped was seen crossing the Victoria sky between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Monday by observers in separate sections of the city.

Observers, who themselves did not know that others had seen the object, agreed it was silver grey to whitish in color, traveling in a northerly direction against the prevailing wind and was definitely not an aircraft.

One observer described it as shaped like a 3-by-4, long and narrow, and that it seemed to pick up speed as it faded from view.

The object was under observation for over five minutes, they said.

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Strange Object Seen In Luna County Skies

Unidentified objects like those sighted recently in West Texas skies have been seen near Deming, it was revealed here last week.

At least two Deming citizens and TV cameraman and world traveler Russell B. Day reported seeing the objects in this area Nov. 3 and Nov. 5.

A strange light described as being bigger than a star, yet smaller than the moon, was seen at the same time the same night in the same location by three men in the Ground Observer Corps tower atop the fire station here and a Deming couple and their two boys 40 miles away on the Hatch road.

According to Mr. Day, who is associated with Cliff Roberts, famed Los Angeles TV picture news commentator, it was about 7:30 p.m. last Sunday night. "It was bright and clear," he said. "There was a hazy moon."

"I was scanning the skies with Bob Tobey, local radio station operator, Mr. Day stated, "when this object appeared, coming over from Hatch." His account continued, "we watched it come on for awhile with the binoculars on it. It was very slow because there were no clouds."

"I started shooting with my motion picture camera. Through my finder it appeared to be the size of a thumbball, about 50,000 to 75,000 feet up, an orange glow turning to yellow. I followed it with the camera until it disappeared behind the Hatch Mountains. It was going very fast, faster than a jet, but, shooting with fast film, I managed to get about 40 feet, or 25 seconds worth."

The same night, Kenneth Clear, salesman for the Jack Kennedy Auto Co., was returning to Deming with his family. At 8 p.m. and he was about two miles out of Hatch on State Road 24.

According to Mr. Clear, a big light suddenly appeared a mile in front of the car and to its left. His account continued, "It was going the same speed as we were about 45 mph, and we followed it for some seven or eight miles. We pulled off the road and stopped to listen for its motors, but there was no noise."

"After eight or 10 miles, I tried to get a closer look by pulling up a side road, but the object shot away at the speed of a bullet and disappeared in a few moments."

"It was a clear sky," Mr. Clear stated, "so it wasn't hard to get a good look at it, but never saw anything like it before. There was no comparison with the stars, there were no shooting stars."

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Research Group Asks Reports On Flying Saucers Over Luna

Despite the debunking of the flying saucer theory recently by the U. S. Air Force, following a rash of "sightings" in the southwestern New Mexico areas, reports of at least one organization are continuing its investigation.

All persons who witnessed any area during the entire past of November have been asked to contact the Aerial Phenomena Research Group in Seattle, Wash.

In a letter received by the Graphic this week the Research Group stated: "Several reports of unidentified flying objects seen over cities in your section of the country since Nov. 3 have recently arrived at our office." The group's director, Bob Griddle, requested that his newspaper send any reports it has published concerning these phenomena and also make other witnesses to contact the national headquarters.

The Graphic has made the story of unidentified flying objects seen in this area in its Nov. 11 issue. The reports made by two Deming citizens, Kenneth Clear and Frank Pierce, and famed TV cameraman Russell B. Day from Los Angeles were headed, "Strange Objects Seen In Luna County Skies." It told of sightings "the nights of Nov. 3 and Nov. 5 south of the village on the Hatch and Silver City roads."

Mr. Griddle describes the Aerial Phenomena Research Group as a "non-profit organization whose purpose is to investigate and determine the nature of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena." Making no bones about where they stand, the research group contends flatly that in all probability, unidentified flying objects are interplanetary.

In a statement expressing its views, the organization states, "There is now sufficient information based on data compiled from eyewitness accounts that a high percentage of aerial phenomena such as those popularly described as unidentified flying objects are, intelligently viewed and evaluated, whose parts of origin are outside earth's atmosphere."

This is the conclusion reached by the result of a study begun by Aerial Phenomena Research Group in Seattle, Wash. Jan. 1, 1951 into the field of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena, a release accompanying the letter stated.

Commenting on this study, National Director of Aerial Phenomena Research Group Robert J. Griddle said: "Although the accounts considered in this study did not contain scientific measurements or exact sighting, it was possible to establish certain valid conclusions by the application of statistical methods in the treatment of the data."

Deming NM
Graphic
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STRANGE OBJECTS

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lights. It definitely was not a plane or a helicopter."

Two nights later, according to Frank Pierce, a merchant at the Kennedy Auto Co., he and his wife saw "a very bright light appear before them as they drove home from Hatch. It was between 7:30 and 8 p.m., he said.

"The light seemed to be moving back and forth across the road near Cook's Park like a group of buzzards. There was no noise, but the brighter the light got, the faster they moved."

"They were no closer overhead at times the glow glowed out our windshield. When the lights got dim, the objects seemed to stop in mid-air. Then, they faded out."

Mr. Day, who has spoken before several clubs since he arrived in Deming, said he drove here from Los Angeles a week or so ago with his soundman, Jack Pittman, "on the basis of these rumors." He was returning, he said, to numerous reports of strange objects in the skies of this area. Mr. Day said Mr. Tobey has been scanning the heavens every night since his arrival from the GOC tower, hoping for just such a break.

In addition to shooting a movie film of the object he saw Nov. 3, Mr. Day also did a movie of interview Mr. Clear last Wednesday at Kennedy's to confirm his own sightings. The series, he said, was to be shipped to Los Angeles Thursday and shown on Mr. Roberts' TV program, "I, S. TV News," over CBS-TV, over the weekend.

According to Mr. Day, although he talked to many pilots while doing Air Force work on the subject of unidentified flying objects before, he had not been able to pinpoint the individual experiences with film and confirmation. "We are checking these stories from every possible angle," he said, "but no logic or reasoning is possible now."

"Anyone's guess is as good as anyone else's right now," the TV cameraman said, "because no one really knows anything about it."

10 December. Near Queretaro, Mexico. (8:45-9:08 p.m.)

Huge jump.

Captain P.A. Gilberto de Alba, First Officer Victor Manuel Mora, and Stewardess Estela Cruz, were witnesses to a sky phenomenon on December 10th. Captain Alba, piloting plane XAFUAW of Aerolineas Mexicanas, told the press that during a flight between the cities of Leon and Queretaro he looked over to his right side where co-pilot Mora was making an entry in the plane's log book. At that moment a flash of light lit up the cockpit. Captain Alba scanned the night sky to see where the ray of light had come from. He spotted a round, illuminous object above Queretaro rising fast. Stewardess Cruz and two passages were alerted to confirm the sighting. Miss Cruz considered the sight a fantastic spectacle. The "Thing," if it was above Queretaro, would have been about 65 miles away. Captain Alba believed the luminous object to be approximately 600 feet in diameter but there was no way to know for sure.

At one point the UFO shot straight up, jumping from the airliner's altitude of 12,000 feet, to an altitude of about 35,000 feet. The UFO accomplished this feat in a matter of seconds.

During questioning after landing it was suggested Captain Alba had seen a balloon or the planet Venus. Captain Alba refused to consider any such explanations because the UFO climbed vertically at incredible speed. Co-pilot Mora and Stewardess Cruz, both present at the interview, agreed with Captain Alba. (39.)

The UFO was in view 23 minutes. From 8:45 p.m., when the flash of light was first seen, to 9:08 p.m., when Captain Alba landed his plane, the UFO was in plain sight. (See clipping)

10 December. Barra Do Pirai, Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil. (10:00 p.m.)

Headlights scare UFO? (See below)

§ BARRA DO PIRAI, Rio de Janeiro State, Dec. 10, '57 (Credit: "Tribuna da Imprensa", Dec. 12, '57, & CICOANI)—Ab. 10:00 p.m. a strong gleam illuminated the road between Barra do Pirai and Dourandia. Just on the moment, some occupants of a truck wiped out the lights; then, an object came quite near to it and stopped some ft. above the ground. It was disc-shaped, full luminous, and appeared to be ab. 30 ft. in diameter. WHEN THE DRIVER LIT AGAIN THE TRUCK THE UFO SHORTLY DARTED OUT, LEAVING BEHIND A LUMINOUS TRAIL.

(The translation does not make things very clear. The driver turned off his headlights, apparently, and then let the UFO approach. The driver then turned the headlights back on.)

10 December. Canada and UFOs.

The position of the Canadian government concerning UFOs during this period was stated in a classified memorandum from the Department of National Defense. UFO researcher Gregory Kanon, a Canadian, said the following regarding this particular document and other similar ones:

"These and other Department of National Defense documents have (until now [1975]) successfully remained buried for over 15 years at the Public Archives Record Centre in Ottawa. Although the documents are currently unclassified, their release to the general public is severely restricted." (40.) (See documents)

MEMORANDUM

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DIRECTORATE OF OPERATIONS
 10 Dec 57
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ACAS.

Unidentified Flying Objects

1 Reference the request from the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs on behalf of the High Commissioner at London, dated 27 Nov 57.

2 The RCAF has no official policy concerning the subject. There is no office within NDHQ commissioned to deal with the reports of these phenomena, although DAI seems to be the gathering place for them. There is a recorded instance in October 1950, where A/C Bryans, then AMAP, ordered that reports would be filed, but that investigations would be played down. There has never been a serious investigation of any report on file at AFHQ.

3 The Chief of the Radio Division in the Department of Transport, Mr. W.B. Smith, (against the advice of his superior) has had himself appointed chairman to the Canadian Committee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, headquartered at Washington, DC. It would seem that External Affairs should be directed to Mr. W.B. Smith for answers they seek.

4 A memorandum to this effect for DM's signature is attached.

(R.B. Ingalls) G/C
 Director of Air Intelligence

11 December. Continental Divide AFS, New Mexico. (12/0213Z-12/0625Z)

"Meteors?" "It is obvious that they do not believe this explanation."

A 2/C George Veylupek was a dog handler who worked sentry duty at the Continental Divide Air Force Station in New Mexico. The station included the 769th AC&W radar site.

At 0213(December 12th Zulu time) airman Veylupek was outdoors. The sky was clear with unlimited visibility. Surface winds were calm. In the northern sky a bright spot appeared. At first Veylupek thought he was observing a falling star, and that was nothing to get excited about. To Veylupek's great surprise, the "meteor" suddenly reversed course and moved in level flight! Soon after another object appeared. The sentry dog handler alerted radar operations. Personnel emerged from the darkened scope room to make a visual check. A group of ten men were now watching for "meteors."

Over a period of four hours up to two dozen objects were seen. All observers agreed on the appearance of the objects: "Objects oblong, size of pencil eraser, color of cigarette ash, [grey?]...no formation, sharply defined leading edge. Tail approximately the length of the object." (41.)

The objects flew on a seemingly level flight and were visible for three to five seconds and disappeared when over head or slightly before. The objects abruptly disappeared like a "light being switched off." BLUE BOOK commented:

"This report prepared by commander and operations officer. There is no positive knowledge of the cause of these sightings. Observers will not definitely identify objects as meteors and will not positively discount such an explanation. It is obvious, however, that they do not believe this explanation." (42.)

11 December. "Many parts of the Pacific area." (See clipping below)

PUZZLES IN THE SKY ^{Sidmouth} ^{Jan 12-11-17} ^{Australia}

MORE and more reports of strange lights in the sky are being received from many parts of the Pacific area.

The latest sightings are claimed in Melbourne and Japan, and Mt. Stromlo Observatory, near Canberra, revealed yesterday that many people had reported "a strange object" in the sky last Friday morning.

Two 15-year-old boys, Norman Tatchell and Lennie Killender, both of Brunswick - Rd., Kani Brunswick, were walking along Ewing-st., East Brunswick, at 7.35 p.m. yesterday when suddenly they saw . . .

"... something that was like a big electric globe moving about above us. It circled around for about 20 or 30 seconds and then shot off to the north-east."

"It wasn't a meteor"

A TOKIO report says that a large luminous object "as bright as the moon" and accompanied by a "sizzling" sound was seen early yesterday.

The Tokio Observatory believed the object might have been a meteor, but meteorologists who saw the object said it was quite different from a meteor.

Ten readers rang The Sun shortly after 10 last night with reports of a bright, glowing object above the southern horizon.

But, according to Mr. E. H. Charles, of the Amateur Astronomy Society of Victoria, the light was the planet Venus, unusually conspicuous because of ~~new shining~~ conditions.

11 December. Chestnut(?), Louisiana. (no time)

UFO almost sets car on fire?

Ray Palmer's Flying Saucers magazine states:

"A mysterious UFO which 'resembled the rising sun,' according to Mrs. Mary Louise Tobin, a school teacher from Chestnut, La., almost set a car on fire. Mrs. Tobin was driving on State Highway 1 last December 11, when, after spotting the object, she noticed another car, parked in the vicinity of the UFO, smoking as if it were on fire.

"People were getting out of the smoking auto. The driver, an elderly lady, came over to the Tobin car, bringing along a little girl who had suffered burns, apparently from the intense heat of the saucer. By that time the object had gone away, and the damaged car stopped smoking. It would not start, however, until Mrs. Tobin pushed it with her car. Unfortunately, newspaper accounts, from which this was taken, did not give the name of the burned child nor of the elderly lady." (43.)

11 December. Sao Francisco, Maranhao State, Brazil. (no time)

"Grass scorched." (See below)

§ SAO FRANCISCO, Maranhão State (Northern Brazil), Dec. 11, '57 (Credit: "O Dia", Dec. 14, '57 & CIGCANI)—From Tebocanha village, São Francisco County, came the news of a UFO who was sighted just at the moment it attempted the landing. WITNESSES RAN TO THE SPOT, BUT FELT A STRONG HEAT WHEN IT WAS CLIMBING. THE GRASS OVER THERE BECAME SCORCHED.

11 December. Prince George, British Columbia.

"The Salzburg space traveller."

Staff writer Ron Powell of the Prince George, British Columbia, newspaper The Citizen, interviewed a local resident who felt compelled to relate an unusual personal experience. Powell found the man's claims fantastic and tried to catch the fellow making mistakes on minor points. Powell could not, to his satisfaction, prove the man was lying. The editor permitted the story to be published in the December 11th edition of The Citizen:

"I was working for the United States Occupation Army in Austria. On May 15, 1951, I was driving for QM Colonel Cousin. He commanded me to drive Mr. Haste to Linz from Salzburg. Mr. Haste was teaching evening classes to United States soldiers in Linz. My job was to drive him from Salzburg to Linz three times a week.

"This particular day I came back as usual from Linz at about 11 o'clock at night and arrived at the motor pool five miles north of Salzburg. I started for home, leaving the car at the motor pool. I took a short cut, and on the left side was brush. It was dark, with moon.

"Suddenly someone came out of the brush and came close to me. I could only see the outline in the dark, but he seemed to have a helmet on. He was about my height, maybe a little shorter. He had something in his hand and he pointed it at me. I thought it

"After the click he waved his hand quickly and I went to put my arm up in front of my face but I was paralyzed. I felt like falling down, but I didn't. He put a black square plate on my chest and Strapped it around my back. I could hear a dog barking in the distance, but I couldn't hear him walking. He must have walked very easily. I could see his outline as he walked around me.

"After he strapped the plate on me he walked in front of me, and pointed the thing in his hand at the plate on my chest rather than at my head like before. He walked away and pulled me after him. I couldn't move or walk, but just pulled me along after him. I wasn't actually in the air, but my full weight wasn't on the ground. It seemed as if I was light.

"Behind the brush was a small field. In the field, hidden from the road, was a round object about 150ft. in diameter. It was dark, and I couldn't tell what it was. My first thought was that a spy had captured me for some reason.

"The thing that led me sort of rose from the ground and took me after him to the top of the object. He did something, either stepped on something or pushed some button, and a door opened and he pulled me after him down into the dark. I was plenty scared and I wondered what would happen next. I got down into the dark and I could finally feel a floor under my feet.

"I knew that where I was was either glass or plastic, because the stars could be seen shining up above. Then I saw the outline of what looked like a door, and he pulled me through into what I later found was a room of glass or plastic.

'He kept his finger, or what I thought was his finger but later saw was some form of pencil-shaped object, pointed at me until I was inside the room. He kept it pointed at me all the time, then when I was in the room he took it off me and I sank down to the floor. He went out and I could see his outline. There was a sort of shaking sensation, and I knew the door to the room had shut.

'The next sensation I had was a sensation of rising up into the air. I had never flown in my life. In a few minutes I could see the left half of the moon shining. I was scared, but I figured I was dreaming. Then I started to feel my hands and feet again. I sat up, and then I got up on to my feet. By this time we were in the sunlight.

'I looked across the ship and I could see the person that had brought me there. He was standing over by the wall, and there were some levers there. He looked like a person, like we are. A little bit shorter than me.

'To me at that time he looked like a devil. He had no hair at all. I could see through the sort of glass helmet. His head was sort of cylinder form. A very high forehead, with bug eyes. You could see lots of little eyes in the two big eyes. It seemed to me it looked like the eyes of a fly. No nose at all, just two holes. He had a very small slit for a mouth. It looked like he had skin, it was sort of white. There were two holes for the ears. His skull was very large.

'The torso was round kind of like a tin can. The legs were of proportionate length. His arms were a little bit shorter than our arms, I would say. His hands seemed to be three long fingers. I couldn't see any neck, but he was wearing material that was like silver but wasn't shiny. This covered all of him except the head part which had on the helmet. He didn't look at me at all.

'The main part of the ship that I could see from the room I was in appeared to be round and the walls were like glass, but you couldn't see through them. The floor was made of glass or plastic. In the middle of the floor, under the glass, was a black plate, something like I had strapped on my chest. From the corners of the plate, which looked to be about ten feet square, black beams ran to the walls of the ship.

'I could see under the black plate and there seemed to be a duplicate room on the other side of the ship. I could see the same kind of levers on the wall as the Thing was standing beside.

'As soon as we came out in the sun, I could feel burning heat, but he pulled a lever, and a covering like blue water came over the roof. Then the sun was normal, but I could still see through it.

'My first thought was that I was dreaming, and then my second thought was that I was dead and that my soul was rising up.

'The ship was not rotating or going sideways, but kind of gliding straight up. I could see the Sun like a ball of fire, and the Moon like was like a silver ball, but the rest was darkness. Suddenly, as I looked up, the Moon was right above us and it seemed to come down at us. Suddenly we were both standing on what had been the roof. We seemed to be about a quarter of a mile above the Moon.

"I could see clearly the craters on the surface of the Moon. There were lots of them. The ground seemed to be a greyish colour, and I could see rocks and hills. We were in the sunny part of the Moon. The ship glided to the right and into the darkness.

"Then the driver stopped the ship. I could feel it sort of waiting. It was dark all around outside, but the sun seemed to shine into the ship. I saw the Thing take one of the pencil things that he had pointed at me, and he pointed it downwards. I thought at that time that he must be from the Moon and that he was signalling someone down below.

"There was no noise from the ship or from the signal. After about five minutes we started to move again to the right. My first thought was that I'm going back to Earth. But I could see the outline of America and Asia, and I could see clouds.

"The Earth and the Moon were going away from me very fast. Then I began to think that this was from another planet.

"Suddenly another planet seemed to loom up in front of us, and I thought we were going to crash into it. I was sure of this but the driver suddenly stopped it again, but there was no jerk. I realised then we were still quite a way from the planet, and then we started to glide sideways down towards the ground.

"I looked out over the land and it looked like paradise.

"As we went down I looked over the land, and on one side there were red fields. On the other side there were what looked like grey-green fields. Some places in the fields were what looked like big chimneys rising from the ground. It was bright daylight and the sun was shining with no clouds in the sky.

"We were approaching the red fields and I could see rivers with blue water in them. The rivers ran straight and at intervals there were bridges built across them and I could see roads. The bridges were just like our bridges.

"From up high I could see no sign of life.

"Then we glided to a field that was filled with saucers like I was in. There appeared to be hundreds of them. They were of different colours, grey, gold and silver. But there were no black or red ones.

"The driver stopped the ship about a quarter of a mile above them by just pulling a lever. Then we went straight down until we were about 20 or 30 feet from the ground, and he parked the ship on a high platform.

"As we went down I could see the same kind of people were in them like my driver.

"When we got on the platform the driver pulled a lever and the glass slid back, and he went outside. He put the pencil-like thing to his chest and slowly dropped to the ground like a falling leaf. He then started to walk very fast along to the third or fourth saucer. He pointed the pencil at his chest again and sort of jumped up inside the ship. He was inside that ship for about 10 minutes. I could see that the Thing in the other ship was smaller than the driver of the ship I was on.

"While he was inside the ship I looked around at the other saucers and I could see the same type of people.

Suddenly, quite a way away I saw two ships that had people from Earth on them. One ship was sort of dirty looking and there was one man, one woman, and two kids in it. In another saucer nearby that was kind of golden I saw one man and one woman.

"I was going to wave at them but I felt scared. I was waiting for them to wave but they didn't wave. After I saw them I thought that I would have to stay here with them now.

"Way off in the distance by the river I could see things moving. They were dark, but I couldn't see what they were. Maybe they looked like a herd of beef, but I couldn't tell for sure.

"Down on the ground I could see big red flowers growing. They looked something like our sunflowers. There were some green patches between them, but there were the flowers as far as the eye could see. The earth could be seen in patches too and it was just the same as our earth.

"I got to thinking that I must be on Mars. I remembered what I had learned in school about being red, with canals, and it seemed to me that this must be Mars, although I wasn't 100 per cent sure because I kind of lost location of things when we had left the Moon.

"Then the driver of the ship came back from the other ship. He got back inside and closed the door again. Then we took off the same way we had come. We went up and up into the darkness and then I could see a moon that looked like a tin ball. We came quite close to it, and I could see it was smooth and silvery, without any signs of craters on it.

"I didn't know where we were going then. I thought we might be going farther yet. After about ten minutes, I could see what looked like half of our Moon and I realized we were approaching the sunny side of Earth.

"I was very glad to see that it was Earth. But we came at it with such a terrible speed that I thought for sure we would crash. The driver stopped the ship again when it seemed we hit the atmosphere, and he glided down towards Earth. I seemed to know he was going to take me back to where he found me, but I had the impression that he was going to kill me because he would want to keep it secret.

"We came into the darkness and then went down to the ground and I knew we were back at the same place he picked me up.

"I was really afraid he would kill me. He opened the door and took the small pencil thing and pulled me out the door the same way he pulled me in. He guided me right back to the road. At that time I could walk, but I was very light and he was just pulling me.

"He took the pencil from my chest and pointed it at my head. At that moment a dog started to bark at us from about a quarter of a mile up the road and it seemed to have startled him, because the pencil-thing clicked and nothing happened to me.

"I knew from the first experience I should be paralyzed, so I just pretended to be so that he wouldn't know. He took the plate off my chest and went back to the ship.

"I stayed the way I was until I saw the outline of the saucer going off into the distance. Then I ran home.

"My wife was still up and she saw me all excited. She asked what had happened and I told her: 'Nothing. I'm just sick.'

"I couldn't tell her about the experience because she would have thought I was completely crazy. I noticed the time when I got home and it was 12:20 a.m. The whole trip had taken about an hour. I think when the Thing pointed the pencil at my head it was to make me forget what had happened, or else to kill me, I don't know which.

"I have never told anyone else about this for two reasons. First, no one would ever believe me, and they would want to lock me up as a crazy man. Second, I am sure those people on Mars know everything that is happening here, and if I had told people about it before they would have taken me away again, or killed me.

"I'm telling this now in order to help people to know what is going on in space. My heart is bothering me now, and I feel I won't be living too much longer, so I have nothing to fear from those Martian people.

"From this experience I've had, I feel those people's culture and scientific knowledge is much ahead of ours. They don't need satellites to launch their spaceships and they have conquered many of the problems of space we are trying to conquer. They seem to power their ships with rays, but it's not with motors like ours.

"My experience and seeing those other Earth people on that planet show me those creatures have a great knowledge of the people here and are much ahead of us. This creature treated me only as an animal.

"After that incident I couldn't stay in that country, and in October of that year I came out to Canada. I have finally felt I want to make this story public.

"With two satellites up circling the globe now, maybe a few more people will believe my story. Anyway, I have told you it just as I remember it happening ---and it is as clear as yesterday." (44.)

Records show no UFO reports from Austria on May 15, 1951, but some 300 inhabitants of Neuchatel, Switzerland, did see something on the 12th, some three days before. A strange object spewing a milky-colored wake sped across the sky in spurts of speed in a sweeping curve. The object then flipped over and shot straight up at high speed. (45.)

Flying Saucer Review receives the "space traveler" report.

It was Dr. P.M.H. Edwards of Victoria, British Columbia, who sent in a clipping cut from The Citizen to Charles Bowen of England's Flying Saucer Review. Bowen's first reaction was to: "...reach for a very large pinch of salt." (46.) The claims made were fantastic and the man telling them had refused to give his name. There was no other witnesses and no supporting evidence. The story, as a result, received very little attention.

11 December. Near Barranquilla, Colombia. (night)

Three luminous objects were identified as flying saucers were sighted by the crew of a passenger plane. Captain Voelk radioed to a ground station that a trio of luminous objects were spotted crossing the sky at an estimated 20,000 feet altitude. Co-pilot Afonso Gomes said the objects passed by at a very high speed, perhaps as fast as 2,000 mph. (47.)

12 December. Ralph Mayher and the CIA.

PFC Ralph Mayer, a Marine photographer, captured a UFO on movie film back on July 29, 1952. The footage was loaned to the Air Force and for some reason "disappeared" while in the military's hands. Later the Air Force denied ever having the film. This "seizure," if we can call it that, like other such incidents which involved entire films or selected frames, had made UFO researchers suspicious of the way the Air Force treated photographic evidence.

The Mayher film may have faded into history as a case of "Mayher's word vs the U.S. Air Force's" had not the Marine kept some of the best frames in his possession. The huge November 1957 UFO flap caused Mayher to take steps to make his pictures better known. He now worked for a television station in Cleveland and UFOs were big news. Mayher released one of his UFO frames to the press. The picture turned up on the newswires on November 6th at the height of the UFO excitement. This coincided with interest in UFOs by someone in Congress.

"A request from the Hill."

The same day Mayher's UFO picture appeared in newspapers across the country, two agents from the CIA's Domestic Contact office in Detroit paid a visit to the ex-Marine. (48.) The agents claimed that the Air Force had "lost" the originals given them earlier and replacements were needed. The claim the Air Force had "misplaced" the film had the effect of taking the boys in blue off the hook as being seen as a kind of thief, as well as directing Mayher away from the actual fact that it was the CIA that really wanted the frames (A declassified CIA document admits the Air Force still had the originals). The agents left nothing to chance and told Mayher the interest of the CIA in the frames was not to be disclosed to anyone. According to Mayher, the agents made a verbal promise that the results of any tests on the frames would be given to him. Mayher agreed to lend the five frames he had to the CIA for a limited time (two weeks).

This was an opportunity for the agency to seize all of the Mayher film but that did not happen, probably for two reasons. For one thing the CIA apparently had already conducted tests on the footage given the Air Force and the five frames Mayher had probably couldn't tell them anything new. Secondly, the CIA seems to have been very sensitive to any mention of agency's interest in the film. As an employee of KYW-TV, Cleveland, Mayher was well placed to give the CIA public relations headaches.

The CIA's Detroit office probably was not aware of all the details of the Mayher case. Evidently action was taken acting on orders from someone very important outside the agency because we do know the Mayher inquiry was initiated by a phone call from someone in Congress (the Hill).

Within days the CIA returned the borrowed frames to Mayher. Mayher was happy the agency had showed an interest and told the CIA's Detroit office he was planning a regular TV show which would feature UFO information. He wanted to use the results of any test on his film as part of a future program. Since he had been promised test results, verbally, Mayher expected something, however the Chief of the Detroit office put a damper on that: "...it was very doubtful but that I would pass on the request to headquarters." (49.) In other words, his reply amounted to a polite "no." Mayher then tried another way to get some mileage out of his CIA adventure by requesting permission to make known

the agency's interest in the film. Mayher was dreaming. The Detroit Chief reported to CIA headquarters: 'My immediate reply was in the 'negative.' This was accepted graciously by (...deleted). (50.) (Mayher's name was deleted in declassified CIA documents but there is no doubt who is being referred to). Mayher then asked if he could write to the director of the CIA and ask for the evaluation of his film. The Detroit Chief said it was the right of every American citizen to write anyone he wanted. That ended the exchange.

The Detroit Chief signed off on his message to headquarters with the remark: 'This memo is being forwarded for any interest it may have and to prevent any repercussions or flaps.' (51.)

12 December. Eatonville, Ontario, Canada. (about 7:00 p.m.)

"Illuminated object."

Canadian police (the OPP) were called in to investigate a bright glowing body that was seen zooming around over Ontario:

'The OPP is investigating an unidentified 'illuminated object' which darted over Eatonville 30 miles east of Chatham, Ontario, Canada, December 12, 1957. It was headed in the direction of Windsor.

'Witnesses could give no explanation of the strange sight, but said the phenomena was 'much brighter and lower than any star.'

'It was first spotted about 7 p.m. by Mrs. Robert Moore of RR 2, near Blenheim. She said it drew an arc over Eatonville and continued in a western direction.

'"'At first I thought it was a star but it was a hundred times brighter.'

'"'It was the size of a football and appeared quite low in the sky.'

'District radar units reported height at from 35,000 to 40,000 feet.

'Const. Ted Wickens of Chatham, and John McPherson of Ridgetown OPP were sent to the scene and both saw the object.

'Wickens said he saw the object in flight for over 20 minutes.

'"'It was far too bright for a meteor or star.'

'Telephone lines into OPP headquarters in Chatham were jammed with calls from persons who sighted the object and civil defense units from as far away as Peterboro." (52.)

12 December. Kent and Essex, Ontario, Canada. (7:30 p.m.)

"Whirling, flaming orange 'saucer'."

Apparently the same "saucer" seen at Eatonville put on a show on both sides of Lake Erie. (See clippings)

13 December. Mexico City airport, Mexico. (9:40-9:55 a.m.)

A letter accompanied by some drawing was sent to the "Pentagon, Washington D.C." by a Mexican citizen. The material ended up in BLUE BOOK files. The case is listed as "unidentified" but that does not mean it is a good example of a mysterious incident. The UFOs were supposed to have been seen by many

Windsor (Ontario, Canada) Daily Star, Fri. Dec. 13, 1957

Strange Saucer Object Seen by Police, Pilot

Orange Ball Flies Over Kent, Essex

T.C.A. Flier Spots
Whirling Mystery
Over Lake Erie

A whirling, flaming orange "saucer" was reported to have swooped across Lake Erie Thursday night, thundering over both the Chatham-Windsor area. Dec. 12

Witnesses reported seeing the object streak across Lake Erie after it had been spotted in Cleveland, Ohio. The massive object then flashed into Kent County, watched and trailed by police from every detachment in southern Essex County.

At 7:10 p.m. it dropped even lower, moving toward Windsor across Essex County.

Capt. J. A. Miller, a pilot for Trans-Canada Air Lines, piloting flight 239 from Toronto to Windsor, said he was startled to find he had company in the sky when he gazed through the window of his cabin at 7:12 p.m.

He described the object as "a bright, orange flaming disc" flying at about 2,000 feet and moving at a rapid rate of speed.

Capt. Miller said he experienced no sensation of fright at the sight, but noted it was headed in the direction of the plane, coming in from Lake Erie.

At Windsor airport, he told T.C.A. employees there that the object suddenly swung back toward Lake Erie and disappeared "in a flash of orange smoke."

Police radios crackled for more than half an hour as reports flowed in from cruiser cars who had reported sighting the object.

Provincial police in Chatham and Ridgeway were insistent that this was the real thing. One report, unconfirmed, said the saucer was seen to drop to the earth in the Eatonville district between Blenheim and Ridgeway.



CONST. TED WICKENS PINPOINTS "SAUCER"
—policeman sees mystery object over Eatonville

5th January 1958

Dear Mrs. Lorenson

We were able to trace the TCA airline captain mentioned in this report. He was most co-operative, not in the least bit reluctant to talk. He confirmed that the newspaper report was fairly accurate, adding that he himself had the object under observation for no longer than seconds, he gave us the exact position in which the sighting took place. He added that he was convinced that what saw is what is generally known as a "u" and that this was not the first occasion he had sighted objects in the sky that he was unable to identify.

However, provincial police at Essex, who said they were unable to find the saucer, said it was reported to them that the object sped out toward the lake, ascending with great rapidity and disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

Capt. Miller noted that the

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Pilot Sights Object Over Kent County

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CHATHAM, Dec. 12 — An unidentified meteor-like object, zigzagging across Southwestern Ontario skies for 30 minutes early tonight, gave residents on both sides of Lake Erie a case of jitter.

Spontaneous, flying saucer, or just plain optical illusion, the phenomenon was witnessed by two provincial police officers, one Trans-Canada Air Lines pilot, and scores of Kent County residents from Wallaceburg to Eatonville, on the lake shore.

Went's Meteor
Capt. "Dusty" Miller, of 17 Wendall Ave., Toronto, piloting TCA Flight 239 to Windsor, spotted the object at 7:20 p.m. while 12,000 feet over Wallaceburg.

"It was quite bright, and orange in color," the pilot said. "I saw it for about five seconds and it was travelling in a descending path. Then, it just went out."

"It wasn't a meteor," he said. "I was a member of them, (Continued on Page 2)

and the object was seen by a number of people in the area. The pilot was first acquainted with the phenomenon through an Eatonville family, Mrs. Robert Moore, her son, Neil, and his family watched the object from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Police Pounded
At Ridgeway, Constable J. A. MacPherson was dispatched to investigate. From OPP district headquarters in Chatham, Constable J. A. MacPherson also went to Eatonville. All both officers reported sighting the "light" but were unable to offer an explanation.

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people at a busy airport but we have the testimony of only one person. Air Force experts also suggested the possibility the UFO formation was a balloon train. The witness insisted, however, the UFOs were discs and not ball-like objects. The UFO formation spun around, and as it did so, the objects banked at a 45° angle which clearly showed the UFOs had a disc-like profile. According to the witness the objects glowed with very bright colors. (See drawings. The shading is apparently meant to indicate different colors)

14 December. Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (12:30-1:00 a.m.)

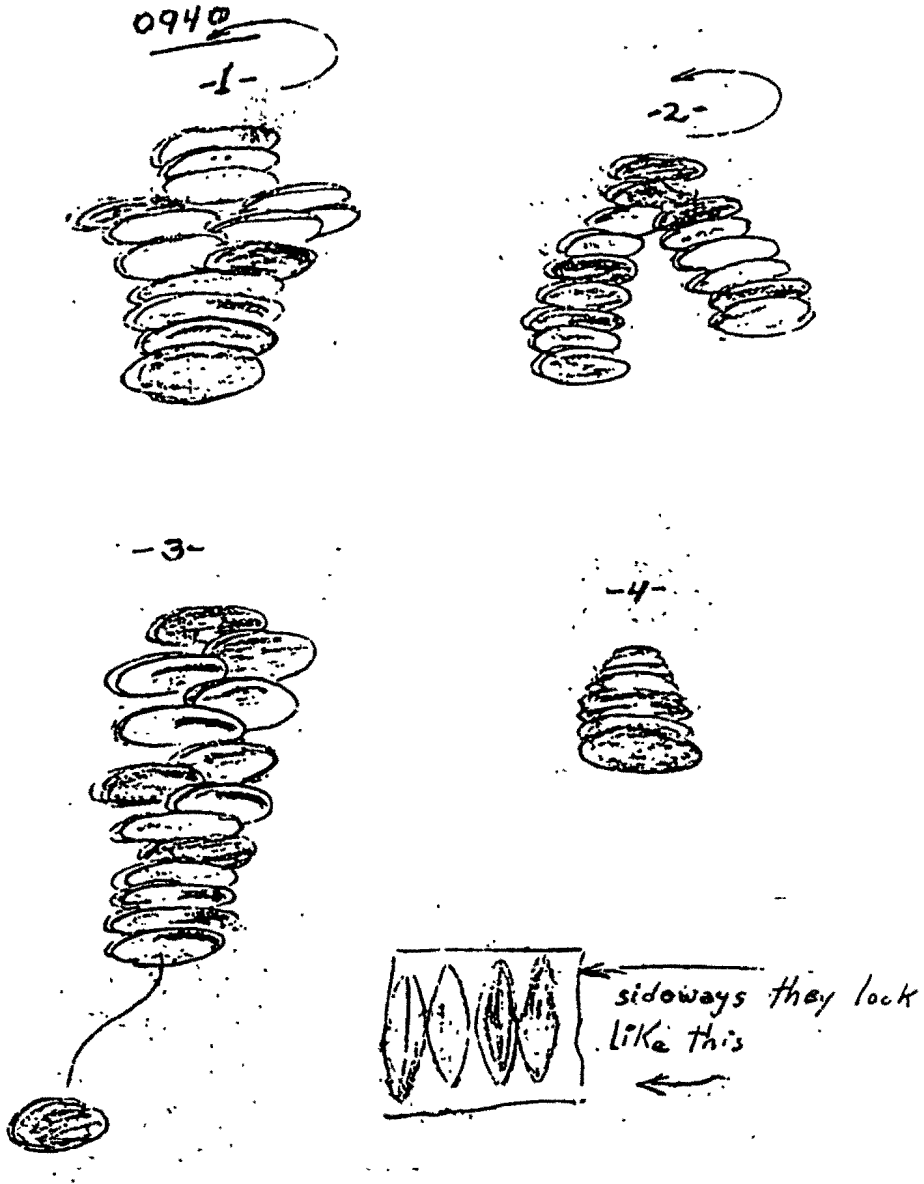
Orange object in a grey cloud. (See article below) (53.)

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First saw the object while driving in Menocher Blvd, about 100 yds. west of Goucher Street-Menocher Blvd. intersection. (which is about 2 miles due west of—Johnstown City Hall). The time was sometime between 12:30-1:00 A.M., Saturday, Dec. 14, 1957. When I first saw it (the object) I slowed my car down to about 10 miles an hour. It appeared (the object) at the time to be over the Southmont residential section of the city. (due east from Goucher-Menocher intersection) I judged it to be at about an altitude of 1500 ft. The object was of huge size; diameter of about 150-200 ft. (estimate) Some idea of what the object looked like can be obtained by taking a transparent basin full of soapy water and putting a orange (a half) and holding it in such a way that the orange shows beneath the soapy top of the water at a slight angle. I might add that at the time I saw the object it was surrounded by a dull grey cloud that was ragged looking (of no definite shape) of a size roughly about 20 times as big as the disc-like object. The object was of a bright orange color. I noticed no contours to the object, thereby assuming the object to be perfectly smooth. I continued on down the highway toward the city (all the while keeping the object in sight) until I reached Westmont Senior High School (exactly 1½ miles due east of Johnstown City Hall) where I noted the fact that

the object was now on my left, looking to be over the Dalsytown residential section of Johnstown (Northeast from my position at the High School) at about an altitude I estimated to be about 3,000 feet. The object would hold its position for about 7 or 8 seconds. Then it would accelerate rapidly away from me. (I judged this by the fact that its size seemed to diminish rapidly.) As I reached the "Ye Olde Country Club," (about 250 yards down the highway from Westmont High) I judged the object to be over the Giestown-Richland Township residential section of the city. (due east from my position.) The last I saw the object was when I was at the Barnett Street-Menocher Blvd. intersection. I stopped at a point further down the highway from the intersection (about 1¼ miles from Johnstown City Hall due south) for the purpose of further observing the object. It continued to go in the direction of Windber until I lost sight of it. I could not judge the object in relation to any stars because the cloud around the object obscured the sky. I would further add that the object was at all times a bright orange, some times the density of the color of the object would change, but not to any appreciable degree. Further, the object was at all times tilted at a slight angle and the cloud at no time reflected any of the object's light.

Names withheld by request.



Drawings by the witness.

14 December. Frederecia, Denmark. (Between 1:00-2:00 a.m.)

"Mother Ship?"

Denmark, which was undergoing a UFO flap, recorded an unusual sighting on the 14th. England's Flying Saucer Review used the expression "Mother Ship" when it informed its readers about the incident. Whatever the thing was, it was quite a sight:

"On the evening of December 14-15 at about between one and two a.m., three young men returning from a gathering at Alminde, near Kolding, Jutland, saw in the sky---there was no moon---a huge lighted object. Its rays were red or orange and its shape was oval. They saw this object come toward the earth. They watched for about 18-19 minutes. The object lay on its side, leaning 10-15 degrees, and a dark streak seemed to cross it. The huge space ship quivered incessantly and moved slightly all the time, but suddenly it was still and from its centre came two small objects. They drifted away in a northerly direction and soon disappeared completely while the big mother ship turned over and lay on its side and quivered some more. The observers then realized the big ship was further away than they first thought. Perhaps it was over the town of Fredericia or water. Later the big ship flew upwards while a fan-shaped tail of light spread after it.

"The space ship was seen further along the coast, where it was photographed. The photographer saw the object for five to six minutes and it seemed to him to be about 10 times larger than the moon and very high in the sky." (54.)

14 December. Bedfordshire, England. (7:30 p.m.)

Impression of a light shining down.

A Mr. John Jordan owned a mill that generated its own electricity, 110 volts D.C., and that might be why it was of some interest.

Returning home at 7:30 p.m. the evening of the 14th, Mr. Jordan noticed:

"...a round white light over his mill which gave him the impression of a shining down. He estimated it to be 12 inches in diameter. The object which looked like a landing light of an aircraft, hovered above the mill and from its stationary position reached a speed of about 100 m.p.h. in 5 seconds travelling in a northerly direction towards Sandy. It kept a level course and then came to an abrupt stop." (55.)

14 December. Langdon, North Dakota. (night)

"Mostly magnesium oxide?"

Some news from North Dakota was of special interest to APRO Director Coral Lorenzen. She explains:

"A strange bit of metallic substance picked out of the ashes of the burned haystack at Langdon, North Dakota, turned out to be a bit of a poser. A lighted green object was seen to fall into a haystack by farmer Ed Waslashi on the night of December 14. The material eventually found its way into the hands of Professor Nicholas N. Kohanowski of the University of North Dakota, who examined it. In a press re-

lease which found itself as far away as the Jornal do Brasil in Rio de Janeiro, the professor said the metal was light, porous, mostly magnesium oxide, and not a meteorite nor clinker or ordinary fuel. This particular incident was of extreme interest to APRO, for Dr. Olavo T. Fontes was at that time winding up his investigation of the Ubatuba Beach fragments..." (56.)

Coral noted:

"...the that the Langdon metal fell in December put it within three months of the explosion of the object over Brazil. Unfortunately, however, attempts to learn more about the Langdon material met with frustration, for repeated letters to Kohanowski brought no response whatsoever." (57.) (See clipping)

Prof Says Object From Sky Either Rocket Part Or Hoax

GRAND FORKS, N.D., Dec. 15 (AP)—A geology professor at the University of North Dakota said Sunday a preliminary examination of material which reportedly blazed out of the sky is either part of a rocket or other man-made object or is a hoax. *Page A9*

Russian-born Prof. Nicholas N. Kohanowski said the substance—extremely light and porous—"is not a meteorite, nor is it a clinker or any ordinary fuel."

He said its composition was "mostly magnesium oxide."

Kohanowski said a colleague, Prof. Brent Wells, head of the geography department at the university, investigated the site where the material reportedly fell 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Wells said it struck in the midst of a haystack which was still smoldering early Sunday.

The substance was brought to Kohanowski by Bob Gilmour, a reporter for the Langdon, N.D., weekly newspaper, who said it was given to him by farmer Ed Was-laski of the Langdon area. Was-laski said he spotted a greenish-light falling 6½ miles northeast

of Langdon about midnight Friday night.

Was-laski told Gilmour he found a 20-foot square area burned out with gray clinkers scattered over a wider space.

Kohanowski said he hoped to complete his tests tonight. So far, he has not turned in a report to any government agency.

Kohanowski came to this country in 1933 after fighting in the Russian civil war with the White Army.

Tucson, Arizona
Arizona Star.

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14 November. Columbia City, Indiana. (5:40 p.m.)

Five disc-like objects.

The local newspaper printed:

"Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Geyer of R7 saw five flying saucers Saturday at 5:40 p.m. They were travelling east on Road 14 about a mile west of Road 9. They observed to their left about 1,000 feet off the ground, five disc-like objects travelling at a terrific rate of speed in a westerly direction.

"Mrs. Geyer first noticed the objects and Mr. Geyer stopped the car.

All five objects in the air stopped, too. The objects were brilliant white similar to fluorescent lights. They stood motionless for about five minutes and looked like they were tied together in a chain about a block apart. As they started their car to leave, the objects disappeared.

'Mr. Geyer has had four years experience with planes and said the objects definitely were not planes. He is wondering if anyone else observed the 'saucers.'" (58.)

16 November. Old Saybrook, Connecticut. (2:00-3:00 a.m.)

'Near Landing?'

CSI New York was reluctant to accept the story but it was pointed out that the woman witness was the holder of two degrees from Yale University. The fact that the witness was highly educated was enough to get the claimed experience published in an issue of the CSI Bulletin.

It seems a Mrs. Starr spent the Winter months at a small house (cottage) in a marsh close to Long Island Sound. She lived alone and there were few people in the area at that time of year. Unfortunately, because she was so isolated, there was no one else to lend support to her claims.

When a bright light lit up Mrs. Starr's bedroom at 2:00 a.m. the morning of the 16th, it awakened her from a sound sleep. There was a road out front but it was little travelled so she did not expect any traffic, especially at that hour. Curious, she went to the window and peered out.

Here is the rest of the incredible story:

"Looking out, she saw, just coming to a stop ten feet from the house and parallel to it, a huge machine 20 or 30 feet long, dark gray or black, with brilliantly lighted square portholes. Her first thought was, a troop carrier was off course and about to crash west of her garden. But the object was now motionless, hovering five feet above the ground. It had no wings, fins, or other external structure.

"Behind the lighted 'windows' were two forms that passed each other, walking in opposite directions. Their arms were upraised (apparently the right arm of each) and no hands were seen. They wore a kind of jacket, and she thought they were stewards, carrying trays--except that their heads were unusual. They were square or rectangular, of a reddish-orange, with a brighter red 'bulb' in each. (The witness suggested the possibility of some kind of helmet.) The feet were out of view below the portholes. Then a third man entered from the left, and Mrs. Starr leaned forward to try to see his face more clearly than the others.

"As she did so, the portholes faded and the entire shell of the object began to glow with scintillating brilliance. Immediately, there rose from the nearer end a kind of 'antenna,' about six inches long. It oscillated and sparkled; Mrs. Starr thought it must be signaling for direction.

"For almost five minutes the glow and the sparkling continued; then the antenna lower and the craft began to move. Mrs. Starr expected it to circle the toolshed to get away; but it seemed to be a double-ender, and moved to the right, back in the direction from which it had come. It made a very sharp right-angle turn--Mrs. Starr thought it would hit her blue spruce, but it did not; 'they had a good navigator,' she says. It had turned a dull bluish-gray again, and instead of portholes, small circular lights outlined the entire rim. Its shape now appeared to be oval, and as it dipped, or 'undulated,' to follow the contour of a shallow depression just beyond the garden, she saw that it was very shallow in depth. Over the marsh it tilted teeply, and shot up into the sky at the speed of a jet take-off, but in complete silence, as throughout the entire affair.

"Except for the 'men,' Mrs. Starr had seen nothing inside the craft (such as chairs, instruments, or the like). And it was not until she began to consider the dimensions of the object that she fully realized how strange its occupants were. For it had been above her clothes line, which is four and a half feet above the ground, yet she had clearly seen, across and beyond it, the white door and eaves of the toolshed. The craft being so shallow, how tall were the 'men?' They could not have been more than four feet high at the most.

"Although Mrs. Starr did not see the object until it was under her window, she thinks it may have approached the house from Long Island Sound, on a south to north course (See map.), because there had been other experiences, for example, the local paper carried a report of a hotel caretaker who had seen about 40 oblong reddish objects, brighter than stars, with one seeming larger than others, scattered over a wide area of sky and moving north to south until they disappeared, after five minutes, into a cloudbank." (59.) (See drawings of Mrs. Starr's experience as taken from the CSI Newsletter)

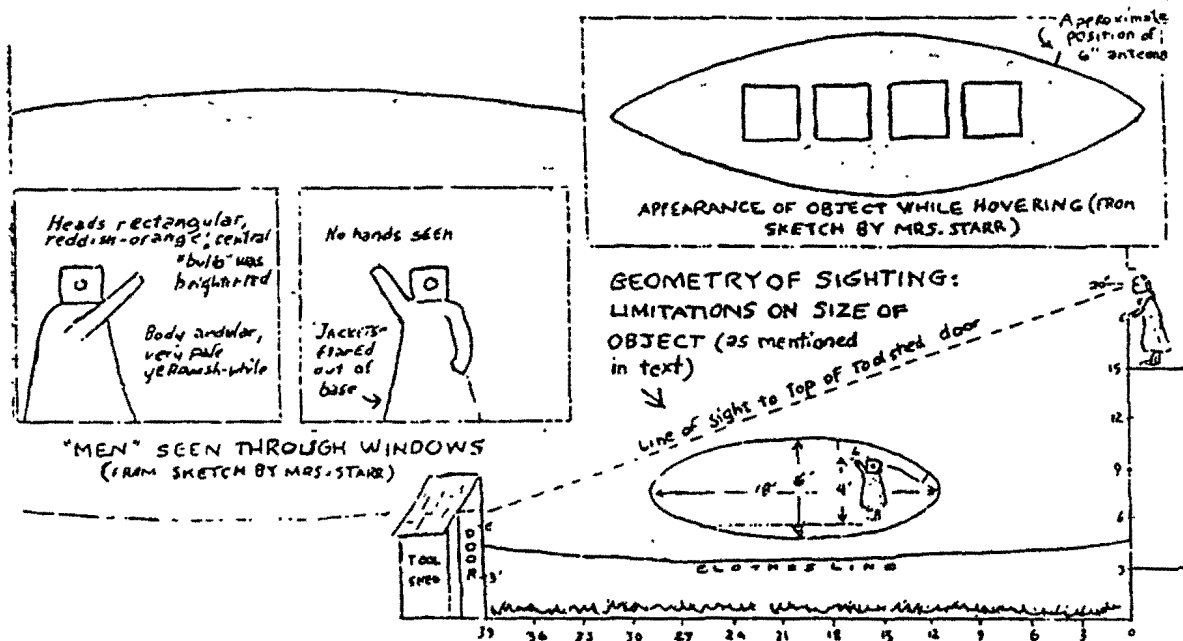
16 December. Crockett Sa, Brazil. (8:45 p.m.)

Object follows train.

The Central do Brazil agent for Crockett Station was questioned about a UFO that appeared in the sky over the city. The agent said the strange object, which had an estimated diameter of six inches,* followed a cargo train from Miguel Bournier Station to Crockett Sa. The UFO glowed brightly and seemed to be at a height of about 5,000 feet. The object was seen at 8:45 p.m. on the 16th of December. The UFO gave off an intense orange light that was so strong the faces of the witnesses took on an orange tint as they gazed upward. The UFO appeared round-shaped and maneuvered from the right to the left. The meaning is not quite clear in the translation, but it seems that the UFO had a spot of gray color on it, like dull aluminum. According to its location in space, the orange light was shining strongly or feebly over the spot.

The sighting lasted 10 minutes and during that time some 20 people viewed the UFO. A few of the women witnesses panicked. (60.)

* At arm's length?



18 December. Scenic, South Dakota. (5:40 a.m.-6:50 a.m.)

"Half mile in diameter?" (See clipping)

Oacoma Man Sees Flying Saucer, Half Mile In Diameter, In Hills

CHAMBERLAIN — "I used to laugh at flying saucer stories. I don't anymore. As far as I'm concerned, flying saucers are here."

So says Howard Hendrickson, Oacoma, who reports having seen a flying saucer while driving to work Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Hendrickson, who is employed to the scenic vicinity by the state highway department, was enroute from Scenic to the work site near there when at 5:40 a. m. he first spotted the object. Scenic is in Pennington County, southeast of Rapid City.

He said the object passed directly over his car at an alti-

tude of approximately 200 feet glowing with an intense greenish-white light which Mr. Hendrickson described as "like 3000 watts into an incandescent torch."

After recovering from his initial fright, he followed the saucer as it moved in a southerly direction, at a speed of about 20 to 25 miles per hour.

In describing the object, Mr. Hendrickson said the saucer was tipped on its side, and the bottom, which was the only illuminated portion, lighted up the area in line with the bottom with a saucer "as bright as day."

He said the object was at least a half mile in diameter and "filled the windshield" of his car as he followed it along the backlands roads.

The top was dome-shaped, as on a flying pan, with what looked like the body of a big bomber sitting on top. Somewhat in front of this portion was a dome. He said nothing was illuminated except the bottom, and he couldn't be sure if there were windows in the "bomber body" portion or not. With the exception of the lighted portion, the object was silver-colored.

Mr. Hendrickson said there was not a whisper of sound.

He was able to attract the attention of other witnesses who saw the object briefly as the light turned to a deep orange at about 6:00 a. m. and in less than 60 seconds rose vertically and disappeared.

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Drawing in the
Chamberlain, South Dakota
Register.
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18 December. Caracas, Venezuela. (6:10 p.m.)

A jog?

Sputnik II came under great scrutiny the world over. The news media kept everyone informed of the satellite's orbit. Scientists were even more interested and were making photographic studies.

There were various reports of objects "in orbit with the Russian moon" but these "spurious Sputniks" were explained as meteors, errors in observation, or more reasonably, parts of the Russian rocket's final stage achieving a temporary orbit. However, a Dr. Luis E. Corrales of Caracas, Venezuela, found an odd luminous streak on a photograph plate exposed on December 18th. A blow up of the negative puzzled the professor. He released a statement to the press the next day:

"It cannot be a double exposure, for the stars also would have registered double images on the plate, and they didn't. It cannot be an internal (camera) reflection, for the path isn't the same size as the one left by the sputnik. It is not a scratch on the plate, for examination by examination by magnifying glass reveals that it is a precipitation of the emulsion on the photographic material, which is accomplished by light alone. The camera photographed something we can't identify...if the luminous trail running parallel to the satellite's trail is the path produced by another body, and it became luminous during a short period of time, we would be making a hypothesis hard to prove." (61.)

What was very strange was that the time exposer negative showed that the image made a "short jog," --a flight deviation! (62.)

19 December. Fairchild AFB, Washington. (12:51 a.m.)

Turning Light Seen at Air Base Tower

An airman at Fairchild Air Force base reported sighting a rotating light in the air shortly after midnight. The state patrol reported the sighting. The airman identified as "airman 2/c" Leonard J. Bennett, sighted the light at 12:11 a.m. Patrolman Donn Olson was sent to investigate and the state aeronautics administration was called. Bennett said the light was 50-70 feet off the ground when he saw it for only a few seconds, the patrol reported.

Spokane Daily Chronicle

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1957

This light was observed by my wife and my father for several nights, the much earlier about 5:00 to 5:30 Pm. It seemed to be like a flash light held upside down with just the light shining down. I have seen smaller lights usually following jet planes, the lights come and go probably 40 or 50 feet below the planes. I witnessed this on two different occasions. They are not part of the planes, as I have watched other planes in the same part of the sky, and they did not have lights following under them. It certainly was not an optical illusion, as it was in December about the middle of the month, cold and clear, at around 7:30 Pm.

James Arnett

on 12/19/57

19 December. Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland. (2302Z-2310Z)

"Red egg."

The information regarding the UFO movements apparently have been misinterpreted. A teletype message that described the sighting states that the object was first spotted at 2302Z and at that time it was stationary. The message then states that the UFO moved 1 1/2 miles northeast at 2310Z. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (63.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>19 December 1957</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland</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>19/2302Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ No image. ☐ No		6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>8 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>ONE</u>		9. COURSE <u>NE</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object egg shaped, size of pea, color red, sighted visually and by radar. Object reported stationary yet moved 1 1/2 NM in 8 minutes. Object still in view at time of report. Films taken and no object appeared on film.				11. COMMENTS Winds from WNW. Object moved to NE, not balloon unless upper air currents shifted. Duration, description & flight pattern consist with balloon analysis.	

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20 December. CIA headquarters reviews the Mayher situation.

The CIA's Detroit office received a memo regarding its mission of obtaining UFO movie frames from Ralph Mayher. Headquarters approved of Detroit's handling of the matter, quickly passing over the subject of the film's value. It was said they had no evaluation results to share with Mayher, however, the higher ups did inform Detroit the frames were: "...reviewed at a 'high level' and returned to us without comment." (64.) The agency did not want Mayher to know that, as little as it was, and it suggests that an analysis had been conducted some time before and was on file. The film could not have been examined very carefully if it had merely been "reviewed."

Paragraph Two of the memo deals with the CIA's interest in UFOs. Headquarters wanted to steer attention away from any idea the agency wanted the film by saying the request for the footage came from outside the CIA. Moreover, nothing other than the original request was on file therefore it was assumed the case was closed. Further inquiries by Mayher, Headquarters said, should

be sent to the Air Force for a reply.

Detroit told headquarters about Mayher's plans to create a TV show which would invite saucer-sighters to tell their stories on the air. Headquarters admitted it was Mayher's right as an American citizen to speak his mind, but no mention of the CIA would be permitted, especially on a "TV UFO" show.

The CIA's need to conceal and protect its interest in the UFO problem had been plainly stated in memos written back in 1952 and there was no reason to believe the situation had changed to any great degree. Two memos in particular come to mind. One was dated August 1st issued by Edward Tauss, the Acting Chief, Weapons & Equipment:

"It is recommended that CIA surveillance of subject matter [UFO], in coordination with proper authorities of primary operational concern at ATIC, be continued. It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public." (65.)

A second memo issued by Phillip Strong of the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence on August 14, 1952, said:

"It must be mentioned that outside knowledge of agency interest in Flying Saucers carries the risk of making the problem even more serious in the public mind than it already is, which we and the Air Force agree must be avoided." (66.)

Similar sentiments surfaced in March 1966 during the big UFO "Swamp Gas" flap in Michigan. The pressure on authorities was huge for a time. One example illustrates how intense the situation had become. Fred Beckman, who taught at the university level, knew little about "Flying Saucers," or UFOs, but the uproar over the Michigan excitement triggered his interest. He contacted UFO author/investigator Jacques Vallee who had impressive intellectual credentials. Over lunch both men planned to discuss the UFO mystery. This was right after Air Force scientific advisor J. Allen Hynek had given the news media the now famous "Swamp Gas" explanation for the incidents in the Wolverine State. The "Swamp Gas" explanation was a public relations disaster for the military. Few believed in the "solution." Hynek was viewed as a hopeless skeptic.

When Beckman met Vallee for lunch, he was greatly surprised to find "skeptical" Hynek sitting at the same table. What was Hynek doing socializing with a "pro-UFO" person like Vallee? It turned out that Hynek had reached a critical point in his 18 year career as the Air Force's "prosaic answer man." Hynek told Beckman: "The straw has hit the camel's back." (67.)

That March in 1966 it wasn't Donald Keyhoe who suggested Congressional inquiries. The New York Times reported:

"Gerald R. Ford, House Republican leader, injected a new element by calling for a 'full-blown' Congressional investigation. Such inquiries have been proposed many times before, but never by one of Mr. Ford's stature in Government." (68.)

The indorsement of Congressional interest in UFOs by someone the likes of Gerald Ford drew some candid admissions from official Washington. Reporter Evert Clark wrote for the Times:

"Congress has been and still is reluctant to investigate the idea that there is more to the UFO than mistaken sightings of natural or manmade objects.

"To refuse to investigate, however, opens Congress to the charge, often made by fervent believers, that the Government knows what the saucers are but is 'covering up.'

"Mr. Ford suggested that the House Armed Services or the Science and Astronautics Committee hold the investigation.

"A spokesman for the Science Committee said the number of 'reliable witnesses' who had reported seeing saucers was small compared to all the people who thought they had seen them.

"'You have to take anybody who says he's seen one, and you know what that means. Since we handle space, we already get enough people in here who want to tell us how you can fly to the moon on a washboard or something...'

"The committee, however, does not laugh at those who believe they have seen saucers, he said.

"'That might be like laughing at the guy who thought of the submarine for the first time.'

"Nevertheless, there is some fear in both committees that a 'full-blown' investigation might frighten much of the public, no matter what findings resulted, by seeming to indicate concern in Congress." (69.)

21 December. The Benn UFO photos.

The pictures taken in Los Angeles three weeks earlier by another Ralph, a Ralph Benn, generated quite a different reaction from local Air Force officers in contrast to the CIA's response to the Mayher film.

A Colonel Dean Hess, it should be remembered, was quite outspoken for a military PIO officer. A Korean War ace, Colonel Hess had fearlessly asked the Secretary of the Air Force back on November 6th for a complete investigation of UFO reports "so the public may know." (70.)

Benn told Max Miller, editor of "SAUCERS" magazine, of his experiences three weeks after he took movies of the objects in the sky over East Los Angeles. Benn related how a Captain Schaller, U.S.A.F., from the Los Angeles OIS office, phoned him. Benn said:

"He appeared well pleased, perhaps even slightly excited, and described the film as being of 'excellent quality and the best I've seen, and I've seen quite a few!' He added that Colonel Dean Hess was excited about the film and would call me." (71.)

21 December Ponta Poran, Brazil. (6:30 p.m.)

"The Shadow of the Unknown." The beginning of a long series of local observations.

The witnesses:

Mrs. Ivone Torres de Mendonea; her three sons, Fernando (9 years of age), Helena (7 years of age), and Luis Augusto (three years of age). Also in

car was Mrs. Torres' servant Miss Bruna. Driving the vehicle was a Mr. Marcio Goncalves, a mechanic by trade.

UAOs* "study" a vehicle full of people.

Unlike the Levelland incidents, the objects in this case were not in a hurry to leave. In fact they seemed quite curious about the vehicle and its occupants.** All of the witnesses except the two youngest children were personally interviewed by APRO's investigator Olavo Fontes. Everyone's testimony agreed in every detail. Mrs. Torres, the most eloquent of the group, is the person quoted in the following story taken from Coral Lorenzen's book.

The account tells us:

"We had left my farm and were traveling back to Ponta Porã in a jeep driven by Marcelo. In places the road is very deserted, running almost parallel to the frontier of Paraguay. The time was 6.30 p.m. The night had come early because of the low-hanging clouds covering the whole sky, heralding bad weather and rain. Suddenly, far away to the south, I spotted a large ball of light about the size of the full moon. It appeared to be close to the ground, but it couldn't have been another car because it was out of the road and far from it; it couldn't have been a star because it was very low—besides, no star could be seen through those thick menacing rain clouds; and it couldn't have been a house because only a few exist in the region (none at that particular spot), all of them illuminated by feeble kerosene lamps. What was that thing? It must be a 'flying saucer,' I said jokingly. We rapidly discussed and discarded all the possibilities and the hypothesis of some natural optical phenomena, unknown to us, was our first guess. But the light started to move rapidly in our direction, and then we saw it wasn't one light, but two; that is, two spherical, luminous objects flying side by side. They approached the jeep silently, gradually increasing the gap between each other so that, when near, each object was flying along one side of the road. Both of them followed

a horizontal course but oscillated from one side to the other in a strange wobbling motion. They appeared also to be spinning around their own axes. Then one of them stopped in mid-air and dived toward the ground—stopping again a few feet above it, and about 60 feet from us. The other kept moving, maneuvering in circles around the jeep, sometimes getting very close. The one that came down did it performing a 'dead leaf descent,' i.e., it came down in a very peculiar pendular motion I had never seen before. We couldn't see the outlines of these two 'things' very clearly because of the very intense light they emitted. We could see, however, that they were shaped like a spheroid, encircled by a kind of ring at the equator—just like the planet Saturn. Both were of the same size and of two colors; the upper hemisphere was a fiery red, also the ring; but the other hemisphere was surrounded by a bright silvery-white glow. In spite of this, we couldn't tell if they were solid objects or not because all of them was light-glaring, dazzling light, magnificent and extraordinary, hurting our eyes, variable in intensity and throwing blinding jets of light against the car.

"The whole 'crew' of my jeep were obviously scared by the eerie spectacle. The road was deserted, anything might happen—and that was no phenomenon to be studied and examined rationally. The children (except Fernando who was para-

* Coral Lorenzen felt the expression "Unidentified Aerial Object" (UAO) was a more accurate term than "UFO." There is some truth to that but UAO never took hold among the public or UFOlogists.

** APRO surmised that the pilots of the strange craft were not prompted by morbid curiosity. Instead, the pilot may have wanted to test the emotional and physical reactions of the people in the jeep.

lyzed with fear) started to cry. I was trembling, frightened beyond reason, but still was able to talk to the driver: 'Marcio, for the love of God, do not stop the car. We must run away—we must go away from this place. Please keep going, our lives may depend on it. . . .' Fortunately my driver is a man of courage and was able to follow my orders. The jeep started to run more rapidly. But that nightmare was not to end so easily because the two flying objects followed us, moving along the sides of the road (we were passing through a field with a few scattered trees), sometimes at our right side, sometimes at the left—sometimes coming very close to us, sometimes running away to come back again. They stayed around us all the time, flying close to the ground at our side, behind, over or ahead of us, distant or very close—apparently making a careful study of the vehicle and its passengers.

"We began to realize, with the passing of time, that the two UAOs were not maneuvering at random. There was a purpose behind their movements. The maneuvers were coordinated: while one of them remained in the air, throwing beams of light at the car, the other dived at high speed toward us (like a plane), was gone, and appeared again to repeat the maneuver. There was also another tactic they used sometimes: one of them moving in front of the jeep and sending jets of light toward us (as if to attract our attention), while the other appeared to 'study' us from behind—coming very close. The light they emitted was so bright that when one of them was in front of us the vision of the driver was affected several times and he almost lost control over the vehicle. This light was fiery red in color.

"That strange chase lasted for two hours. It was ended only when the jeep entered the town of Ponta Porã. For two moments along the trip the car was stopped. I gave the orders to the driver to do so, in spite of my terror, the first time to make an evaluation of our situation, and to verify whether the UAOs were also interested in a stopped car. Their reaction was instantaneous. They approached rapidly and one of them landed beside the road, while the other remained motionless in the air, throwing a beam of light to illuminate the spot where its companion was landing. This

light was of a different kind, white and very intense. It was focused over the jeep, too, several times, at regular intervals—maybe transmitting a signal of some sort. Sometimes it came like a jet (a narrow beam), sometimes it seemed to come from a searchlight, but we couldn't locate its source because of the glare.

"That first landing was apparently vertical, but I am not sure. The blinding lights prevented a more accurate observation of the maneuver. The UAO remained on the ground for about five minutes. It was my impression that it touched the ground, but Marcio says it was floating in mid-air slightly above it—I don't know. That landing gave us a good opportunity for a better observation because the glow around the object lost most of its brightness at that moment. We were able to see that the strange craft was a huge metallic sphere about 15 feet in diameter; it was encircled at the center by a large metallic ring, just like the planet Saturn. But the ring appeared to be rotating. We saw no portholes, doors, or protruding parts on the surface of the sphere—nothing, not even the holes through which the searchlights should be shining. The whole surface of the spherical object showed only a polished, silvery metal—nothing more. There was no sound, no heat, no smell. The thing was so alien that my driver, in spite of his interest, had not the courage to approach the strange machine. We then started to move again—and so did the UAO. It took off vertically and joined the other in the chase that started again.

"When the jeep was approaching the town, the two UAOs moved away. Apparently their "study" was finished. We then decided to stop again, this time to fill up the gas tank which was almost empty. Marcio got the gasoline can and began to pour the fuel into the tank. At this very moment the UAOs made a startling appearance. They came suddenly, moving at tremendous speed. In a few seconds they were again flying over the jeep. As before, one of them landed beside the road while the other hovered in mid-air, flashing a powerful beam of silvery light over the area where its companion was coming down. It was exactly the same maneuver of the first landing. But the second landing lasted for about 15 minutes. At the end, the

UAO took off rapidly and joined the other. They climbed up into the sky, but remained in sight until we left the place to arrive at the town a few minutes later. Then they were gone. . .

"We arrived at my home in Ponta Poran in a highly nervous state. Our faces showed effects of the shocking adventure, that nightmare on a calm dark night when everything should be normal. I left the children at home and went back to the road. This time I was together with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Elvira Torres. My cousin Mr. Silvio Eschaguo and his wife, together with Marcio and brothers, followed us with another jeep.

"We arrived at the spot where one of the UAOs had landed (the second time) still in time to sight one of them. It

was on the other side of the frontier—very far—flying away to the west. Elvira saw it clearly. The passengers in the other jeep, however, were not so lucky. They arrived too late to see the alien craft. But they saw another thing—as strange as the UAO itself: an odd 'luminous haze' floating in the air just at the place of that second landing. I don't know how to describe it, but it seemed to be a kind of phosphorescent mist that hovered on the ground beside the road. At some distance, it looked like a large balloon on the ground, motionless, glowing faintly in the darkness. We all approached that eerie phosphorescent mist—but no one had the courage to put a hand on it. We watched as it slowly dissolved in the faint wind that blow from the north, until it was gone. We don't know what it was.

(72.)

Before Christmas. Bryson City, North Carolina. (evening)

A minister by the name of Newell McMahan was directing a rehearsal for a Christmas program. It was just before the holidays (exact date not remembered). His house on Hughes Bridge Road was filled with old school chums (McMahan had 10 years of college --two earned degrees), and a group of teenagers from a youth group associated with the Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

It was evening and the sky was cloudy. There was a chill in the air. A light wind was blowing out of the east.

The program rehearsal had just ended when one of the Pastor's friends burst into the house to exclaim: "Come and see this thing!" (73.)

An orange, cigar-shaped, object was visible travelling just above the trees that covered the mountains. The object, according to Pastor McMahan, appeared to be some sort of craft, a solid-looking thing that moved silently. The thing was coming out of the west. The UFO then proceeded to circle the valley under its own power (Bryson City was situated in the valley). As he expressed it, Pastor McMahan was: "...awed, excited, somewhat frightened, and very curious." (74.)

The UFO moved at a slow speed which Pastor McMahan compared to a single-engine airplane like a Piper Cub. At times the UFO would stop, and then speed up, but mostly it seemed in no hurry.

During its circuit of the valley the pastor and some others left the house to get a better look. At its nearest approach, Pastor McMahan estimated its distance as a few hundred feet. He judged the object to be 50-75 feet in length and 4-5 feet in diameter, sharply outlined, and having a dull finish.

Eventually the object disappeared over the horizon. (75.)

21-22 (weekend) Lake County, Ohio.

"Is Lake County being observed by denizens of some planet?" (See clipping)

Saucer Sightings Flood In

Four Resident Report Seeing Similar Object
By LOU THOMPSON

Is Lake county being observed by denizens of some planet or is the morning star becoming brighter for the celebration of Christmas?

That's the moot question in the mind of Lake county civil defense director Kenneth Locke, who has reviewed no less than four reports regarding unidentified flying objects over the weekend.

Span in Mentor, Painesville and Madison by residents, an unidentified flying object was not only reported but described by four residents of the county.

Earnest and Alva Marrow of 317 Broadmoor rd., Mentor township, state they watched a flying object for approximately an hour Friday night. According to their reports, it appeared to be about three feet in length, was "real bright with a light on top," and appeared to be flying at approximately 1,500 feet.

The Marrows first viewed the object which way flying over Andrews School. "It seemed to be bobbing up and down and occasionally turned on its side. Then it looked as though it were going over the Willoughby court house," reported the Marrows.

Second Report

Richard Jarvis of Erie st., Painesville, noticed a similar object in the sky, which he states he watched for 45 minutes.

"It was slowly moving north on the horizon and after 45 minutes or so it sunk out of sight on the north," reported Jarvis. Jarvis notified James Freeman of the Ground Observers post of Painesville, who also admitted seeing the object.

Freeman reported, however, that when he pointed the cannon filter center, he was told that his unidentified flying object was the morning star.

Mrs. Lelta Kuhn of Madison didn't think the object she saw was a morning star, however, when she notified authorities to come have a "look-see." Mrs. Kuhn described similar sightings to that of the Mentor and Painesville reports.

Director Ken Locke doesn't discount the reports of Lake county residents, one bit. "I just don't know," he commented. "I won't believe it until I see it."

Willoughby, Ohio

News-Herald.

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22 December. Colonel Hess phones Ralph Benn.

As promised, Colonel Hess contacted Benn on the 22nd. The PIO officer was pleased with the fact Benn released the film to the military before having it developed. Benn recalled the conversation this way:

'He said that in his opinion, this was the best UFO film he had seen, and this included the two sequences used in 'Unidentified Flying Objects'.'* Colonel Hess told me the original film was my property and would be returned to me. Then he explained that he had 'taken the liberty of sending the film back to Wright-Patterson AFB, where they have the facilities to analyze and make copies of the film.' He also stated that he had phoned the Pentagon, and the Air Chiefs of Staff were especially interested when they learned that the person who taken the film had not yet viewed the results. In a subsequent conversation with Colonel Hess, he said that I would also receive a 16mm enlargement of my original footage." (76.)

22 December. Ponta Poran, Brazil. The next day.

Mrs. Torres tells what happened the day following her frightening experience of being chased by an unknown object:

'Next day, the whole town was excited about the sighting. The skeptics were a little shaken, mostly, because of the fact that on the same day several people living in the surrounding areas came to Ponta Poran also reporting the sighting of strange lights in the sky the night before." (77.)

A comment made by Mrs. Torres indicates she was aware of recent UFO news stories. Either that, or Dr. Fontes asked certain questions, which is very probable, but the APRO article does not indicate Dr. Fontes broached the subject:

'The UAOs that chased my jeep that night emitted no sound or heat. Their proximity didn't interfere with the motor of the jeep or with the headlights or any other electrical instrument of the car. My watch was not affected either. Besides, none of the persons involved in the incident reported the feeling of any abnormal sensation during it, not even when the UAOs were very close to us." (78.)

22 December. Montrose, Colorado. (7:00 p.m.)

"Circular with a red glowing top."

(See clipping on next page)

* The 1952 Tremonton, Utah, footage and the 1950 Montana film. Benn's film showed objects moving in pairs just like the two more famous films.

'Flying Saucer' 'Is Seen in City'

About a dozen Montroseans saw another "flying saucer" here late Sunday evening.

Ernest Rose, a Montrose resi-

dent, told the Daily Press Monday he and several others saw a "object" hanging in the western sky near Horsefly about 7 p. m. Sunday.

Rose said he was going to the country to get some chickens. When he arrived he noticed a "bright star" between the bald hills and Horsefly.

Training binoculars on the object, Rose described it as "circular with a red glowing top."

He said it appeared to have a ring of red light around it.

"It disappeared, then came right back," Rose said. "When it did disappear, it looked like someone just turned on the lights."

Rose said he was sure—as were others that saw it—that it was not just a star.

"I always wondered just what one of those flying saucers would look like" Rose said. "Now I do."

Montrose, Colorado
Daily Press.

24 December 57.

Speeding Light Is Seen in Sky

A Roundup woman reported seeing fast moving unusual aerial light between Lavina and Broadview about 6 p.m. Christmas day.

Mrs. James L. Jarrett of Roundup said she and her husband were driving south on the state highway and were being followed by two friends in another car when she spotted the light.

Mrs. Jarrett said the light was moving south at high speed almost parallel to the two cars, but by the time her husband could stop the lead vehicle, the light began to ascend vertically.

She said the light, blue-white in color, appeared about the size of a silver dollar and diminished in apparent size as its height above the earth increased.

Mrs. Jarrett said that the object was seen by her husband and the two occupants of the following car.

The Billings Air Defense Filter Center reported that no "flash calls" on an unidentified object had been reported from that area.

25 December. Billings, Montana.
(6:00 p.m.)

The Airport Traffic Control Tower at Logan Field also said that no unusual sighting reports had been logged during Wednesday evening. The Air Traffic Communications Station at the field likewise made a negative report.

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Another big headache for Captain Gregory.

The Los Angeles Office of Information Services (OIS), USAF, made some major mistakes in its handling of the Benn movie film. Instead of immediately forwarding the footage to BLUE BOOK, the Benn case was taken care of locally before bringing in the higher echelons, or even the nearby AISS unit, the Air Force's UFO field investigation people. The Los Angeles OIS sent A3/C Fred Stall to Benn's home to pick up the film. Since no local Air Force facility was equipped to develop the small civilian 8mm frames, Airman Stall dropped off the roll of film at Stera's Drug Store at the corner of Sunset and Gower in downtown Los Angeles. The civilian developing service took two weeks.

Captain Schaller and Colonel Hess of the Los Angeles OIS viewed the film as soon as it was ready for showing. Being no experts, both officers made a superficial evaluation. They thought the film was great, hence the highly favorable comments made to Benn over the phone.

BLUE BOOK finally gets a peek.

Just before Christmas the developed film arrived at Wright Field. ATIC's Major Robert Buckmaster (Photo Branch), and Captain Gregory, examined the Benn footage under magnification.

Major Buckmaster commented for the record:

'Objects in question appear to be real and it is believed they are four balloons attached to each other.

'Objects are at a great distance from photographer and the distance became greater as they were photographed.

'Objects appear to be floating and retain throughout the film basic relationship to each other and appear to rotate in the relation clock-wise." (79.)

Captain Gregory added: "Film too short [four and a half feet out of 25 had UFO images] and slightly out of focus and over-exposed." (80.)

Because the highly favorable comments about the Benn UFO film made by OIS Los Angeles now appeared unjustified, Captain Gregory came under heavy pressure to clean up the public relation mess quickly, but due to the ineptitude of the OIS no complete written report on the case had been compiled and forwarded with the film. (81.) In fact, even Mr. Benn noticed this oversight, complaining to UFO buff Max Miller that he had not been asked to fill out any detailed questionnaire. (82.)

It would take awhile to question Benn and get enough data to come to a firm conclusion about the case. In the meantime Benn was free to boast about his "great" UFO movie that appeared to have the Air Force's official blessing. The Air Force was now vulnerable to various allegations, true or not, because policy guidelines were not followed, a nagging problem that kept Captain Gregory off balance during the November flap and right up to the end of the year.

26 December. Sheffield, Alabama. (8:30?/9:00? p.m.)

"My little five year old daughter still talks about the big white bird she saw." (See clipping)

Official requirements for submitting photographic UFO evidence are stringent. (See list)

BLUE BOOK was also required to make a copy regardless of the assumed value of the film: "...in accordance with policy to have a copy of all photos and film on UFOs to insure against future claims, allegations or other issues." (83.)

19. Reporting Physical Evidence. Report promptly the existence of physical evidence (photographs or material):

a. Photographs:

(1) **Still Photographs.** Forward the negative and two prints. Title the prints and the negatives, or indicate the place, time, and date of the incident.

(2) **Motion Pictures.** Obtain the original film. Examine the film strip for apparent cuts, alterations, obliterations, or defects. Include in the report comment on any irregularities, particularly if received from other than official sources.

(3) **Supplemental Photographic Information.** Negatives and prints, in themselves, often are insufficient to provide totally valid data as to permit firm conclusions. (See AFM 200-0-4)

classified document receiving, limited distribution.) Information that will aid in plotting or in estimating distances, apparent size and nature of object, probable velocity, and movements includes:

- (a) Type and make of camera,
- (b) Type, focal length, and make of lens,
- (c) Brand and type of film,
- (d) Shutter speed used,
- (e) Lens opening used, that is, "f" stop,

- (f) Filters used,
- (g) Was tripod or solid stand used,
- (h) Was "panning" used,
- (i) Exact direction camera was pointing with relation to true north, and its angle with respect to the ground.

(4) **Other Camera Data.** If supplemental information cannot be obtained, the minimum camera data required are the type of camera, and the smallest and largest "f" stop and shutter-speed readings of the camera.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

OFFICIAL:

Strange Objects Said Sighted In Shoals Sky

The skies over Muscle Shoals are still being patrolled by unfamiliar craft with incredible speeds, behaving in peculiar manner, according to reports coming in.

The latest observation reported comes from U. O. Hester, Jr., an amateur astronomer and Florence State student, who said today that he saw an object of this type on Dec. 22.

Mr. Hester was using a four inch unmounted telescope propped on a car at 3602 13th Avenue, Sheffield, home of Mrs. Hester's parents, when the object appeared within his sights.

"The scope was pointed in an easterly direction and I was looking for Orion, when I saw what appeared to be a light coming from a southeasterly direction," Hester said.

He said it came from behind the WLAY radio tower, and "at first I thought it was a plane."

After it passed the tower it turned west and changed from white to a pinkish glow. As it approached he saw that it was round or slightly oval in shape and was some kind of craft.

"It came on until it was directly overhead and started circling, banking as it turned. Its speed at this point was terrific. While banking it appeared to be more of an oval."

Hester said he would not attempt to estimate the object's speed or size. He was watching it now without the telescope and it appeared to the eye almost the size of the moon.

He said it looked like a big lighted bird.

"My little five year old daughter still talks about the big white bird she saw," he said.

But Hester could see it was not a bird—unless it was a bird wearing neon. It was not a plane either. At least not any known type of aircraft. He said it was much too fast and certainly not the right shape.

After completing the circle the object straightened up, headed north or northeast "at a great speed." Despite the effect that the whole object was made of light, he could see when it was near that it had solid outlines.

The time was about 8:30 or 9 o'clock and the object was in sight about 10 minutes.

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27 December. Outskirts of Evans City, Pennsylvania. (10:00 p.m.)
Yellow globe zig-zags and twists through trees. (See NICAP report)
28 December. Near Winters, Texas. (night)

The Beaumont paper printed:

"ABILENE (AP) --Highway Patrolman Marion Gotcher says he saw a strange bright light zipping about in the sky near Winters Saturday night.

"'It wasn't a meteor,' he said. 'It was just as though you were looking at a brilliant locomotive light a long way down the track.' He said the light appeared at about 3,500 feet and he was certain it was not an airplane.

"Two officers from Dyess Air Force Base interviewed him on the subject but had no comment." (84.)

Observer Marion Lang
age 14
High School Student
109 Siegal Street
T A 1 2508

Interview Date 12/29/57

Report No. M-18-1-19-2

Time: 10:00 PM est.
Place: Pleasure Isle Summer Resort.
five miles from Evans City North East
Observer: Marion (Taffy) Lang.

Coming out of the cabin for a breath of fresh air and walking to the edge of the cabin, she noticed a spherical source of yellow light doing loop the loop in lazy fashion. This object was approximately 40 feet to 50 feet high and away. Taffys sister opened the cabin window on the same side as Taffy was observing and saw the object too. The object seemed to be dog - fighting with something invisible. It dove in circular patterns, coming at its closest to the ground, around 25 ft. It zig-zagged in around a shroud of trees coming out into the open for a few seconds and then into the trees. Emotionally upset, she retired to the cabin where here she and her sister locked all doors and windows. The object was in view for about ten minutes. Taffy and her sister did not look out from the cabin anymore. Taffy and her sister did not witness departure of the object since fright induced them to stay indoors, until their parents returned from keeping bar next door. They (parents) came home two hours after sighting when they were told of the phenomena.

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18. Was the object —

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

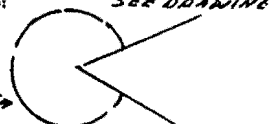
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? YES -



OBJECT - ZIG ZAGGED AND
 TWISTED THROUGH TREES
 ON SHORE OF CREEK

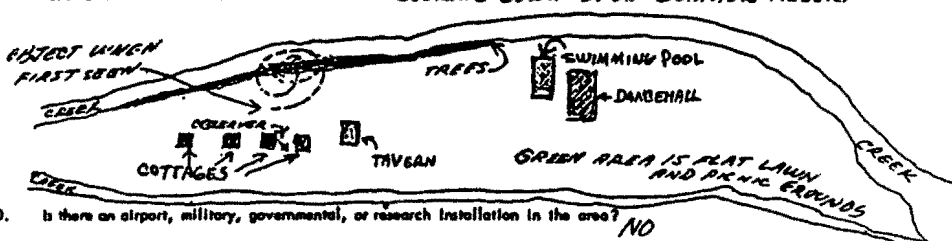
20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead
 b. Pew
 c. Dime
 d. Nickel ☒
 e. Half dollar
 f. Silver dollar
 g. Orange
 h. Grapefruit
 i. Larger



Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? OUT OF CORNER OF EYE. BRIGHTNESS IN
 RELATION TO BLACK BALCONY
 22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? WENT OUT OF CABIN FOR BREATH OF AIR
 23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? DID NOT RETIRE TO CABIN IN FRIGHT DID NOT SEE
 24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. APPROX. 30 MPH EAST
 25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. NO
 26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). 40 FT - 50 FT.
 27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? 45° Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:
 28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. JUNE LANG (SISTER) 101 SIEBEL ST.
 PITTSBURGH 4, PA.
 29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s)
 appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other
 landmarks within a mile. LOOKING DOWN UPON SUMMER RESORT



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? NO
 31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
 NO
 32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.
 33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.
 NO
 Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. NO
 34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (☒)Please keep my name confidential. (☐)

35. Date of filling out this report:

Signature: *William Lang*

28 December. Livermore, Maine. (2058Z)

Air Force records state in a brief summary:

"Small, round object, red and white, very bright and moving very fast. Went straight up and then down and then in a straight line. Disappeared in clouds. [No other detail given. Sighting evaluated as "aircraft."] (85.)

28 December. Elizabeth City, North Carolina. (2142Z)

Air Force records state in a brief summary:

"Red, cigar or football shaped object, size of football 20 yards from observer. Speed equal or greater than a jet aircraft. [Elizabeth City is about 30 miles due south of Norfolk and a considerable distance from Bryson City, North Carolina, where Pastor McMahan reported his "orange cigar" before Christmas.] (86.)

A young Richard Hall takes on the Air Force. (See clipping)

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More Investigation

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

... The rash of UFO sightings has died down. The Air Force has again put forth "explanations." ... Serious cases (Texas, New Mexico, over the Gulf) have been brushed aside as "exaggerations or misunderstood natural phenomena." Consistent reports of an oval-shaped "glowing object" constitute a unique phenomenon; require a reasonable explanation. ...

Idea that the object or objects resulted from "hall lighting," "Sputnik," "hot-air bubbles" ... etc., are guesses which usually entail exceptional weather conditions. Ignore the consistency of the reported

shape. The weather conditions, then, have been "exceptional" for 10 years. Similar oval-shaped objects have been reported since 1947 (actually in all kinds of weather).

Most intriguing was the stalling of automobile engines. ... This evoked guesses that (1) rain soaked ignition systems, (2) ball lightning stalled the engines, (3) observers, in excitement, stalled the engines, (4) there were routine mechanical difficulties.

This 200-foot, egg-shaped, flying (and grounded) object has now been "explained". The Air Force says they "found only three persons" who saw it. ... The "three" who saw it included two sheriffs, two highway patrolmen, constable, truck driver, electronics engineer, two military police patrols ...

As the recent documentary movie "UFO" illustrates, this poor "misunderstood natural phenomenon" is also oval-shaped on movie film. The recent reports demonstrate the need for more careful, impartial, civilian investigation. In short, we need less speculation and more investigation.

RICHARD HALL.

29 December. Kaitaia, New Zealand. (2:56 p.m.)

Silver discs in the sky.

The local press mentioned:

"KAITAIA, Mon. (Sp.) ---What were the small silver discs that flew from north to south yesterday afternoon?

'Three were seen at East Beach, near Waiharara, and about the same time one was noticed from Kaitaia.

'The objects were seen at East Beach by Mrs. J. Matijevich, of Waiharara, Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson of Whangaroa, and Mr. Joe Babich, of Waiharara.

'Mrs. Matijevich said that she had been looking upwards at the planet Venus, which was plainly visible, and she drew attention of others to it.

'''Suddenly, at 4 minutes to 3, I saw something else,' added Mrs. Matijevich.

'''I saw a small silver disc sailing briskly across the sky and I told the other people to look.'

"It disappeared in six or seven seconds in the glare on the horizon.

"Then two more were seen at two minute intervals. They flew almost directly overhead.

"About the same time, Mrs. S. Vincent, in Kaitaia, saw a similar silver disc crossing the sky." (87.)

29 December. Kaikohe, New Zealand. (afternoon)

Other witnesses:

"KAIKOHE, Tue. (Sp.) ---The two silver discs seen in the sky by Waiharara and Kaitaia residents on Sunday afternoon were also seen by 11-year-old Robert E.G. Mossit, Cameron Street, Kaikohe.

"Robert noticed 'a moving object glinting in the sky' as the disc came in from a northwest direction.

"A moment later a further similar object, moving at a fast pace, appeared from the same direction.

"He called his sister, Miss Patricia Mossit, home from Ardmore Teachers' Training College, and together they watched one of the discs pass the other almost directly overhead.

"Both objects, which the two thought were Sputniks I and II, were visible for about three minutes, before disappearing away to the south." (88.)

30 December. Drakestown, New Jersey. (about 7:00 p.m.)

"I wish I hadn't seen it."

The story of the "Drakestown visitors." (See clipping)

Year's end a New Year's Eve dinner.

Strange Craft, Three Visitors Are Reported At Drakestown

By Edna Slack and Carl Darby

DRAKESTOWN — George Chowanski, a 36-year-old auto mechanic who moved here two years ago from Jersey City, to raise his three children in a quiet home atop Schooley's Mountain, used to scoff at stories of Unidentified Flying Objects. Now he is firmly convinced there are such things.

In fact, says Chowanski, a luminous object five feet high and about 15 feet long, curved through a grove of trees 100 feet from his back porch last December 30. He called his wife, Stella, 34, from the kitchen and, terrified by the strange craft, she darted back into the house and locked the door. Chowanski, stunned with disbelief, has kept his experience to himself until he reluctantly agreed to discuss it with NEWS representatives yesterday.

Deadly serious about what he saw—and devoutly wishing he hadn't seen it—Chowanaki changed from an affable, talkative person to a quiet, withdrawn individual until Carl Darby, head of the service department of the garage, drew the story out of his employee and convinced him the landing of the strange craft was too important an event to remain hidden.

Darby, a licensed pilot and flight instructor, believes that Chowanaki actually saw a flying saucer. Chowanaki doesn't label the phenomenon. He just knows he saw "something."

Three Creatures

Under questioning in the kitchen of his home, Chowanaki told the NEWS that not only did he see a craft land, but he also saw three "individuals" emerge from the bottom of the craft, walk about in a clearing, while one of them bent over to pick something up. He—or it—seemed to carry a heavy object to the craft.

The incident lasted about two to three minutes. The craft then slowly rose and spiralled through the tall trees and out of sight, according to Chowanaki's story.

The father of three is worried about the effect of the news of his experience on him and his family. He says "I suppose people will think I'm crazy. I suppose there will be lots of sightseers and government men here, asking a lot of questions. If I had read it in the paper I'd think the guy was crazy, too."

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"I WISH I HADN'T SEEN IT"—George Chowanaki, of Drakestown points to the spot about 100 feet behind his house where he saw a strange object with a luminous glow and three strange beings land Dec. 30 at about 7 p.m.

(NEWS photo by Seaman)

Strange Craft

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"But I know what I saw. I saw it and I wish I hadn't."

Mrs. Chowanaki is bitter about the event. "I don't want to talk about anything. I want to forget it ever happened. It's all she will say."

Want to Forget

And anyone talking with the couple will feel a cold chill at the determination with which they want to put the story of the visitors to Schooley's Mountain out of their minds.

Recounting Chowanaki's story, he relates that he and his wife and their three children finished dinner Dec. 30th. Stella went to work on the dishes. He went to the woodshed at the back porch to cut wood for the parlor stove. He does this nightly.

His two dogs began to bark and howl, although the isolated farm was still. The night was clear and quiet.

Pausing to see what the dogs were upset about, Chowanaki heard a whirring noise "like the electric shaver the barber uses on the back of your neck." It lasted about a minute and Chowanaki became aware of a "luminescent glow, then a shape like a saucer which seemed to hover about two feet above the ground."

The next day Chowanaki went over the site of the "landing" but could see no signs of the visitors. "I know it sounds corny—little green men and zzzzzing noises. But that's what I saw."

He stirred his cold coffee and shook his head. His wife sat story-faced. "I sure wish I hadn't," he repeated.

The December issue of Writer's Digest appeared on the news stands. In it was Terry Clarke's article on the Jim Stokes UFO story. Ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt took an interest in the case and wrote Clarke sometime after the fact. Clarke, who followed Stokes' career, had more to say about Stokes.

Was Stokes truthful?

Concerning Stokes' credibility, it seemed enough for the military and civilian contractors with whom he worked:

"Following that report, Air Force headquarters in Washington issued a statement indicating they felt he was psycho. However, officials at Holloman Air Force Base (the Air Force Missile Development Center under ARDC) still maintained, even after the Air Force release, that they had no other choice but to believe Stokes' story. In fact, he has been promoted several times SINCE the sighting and now holds a civil service rating of GS-12 as an electronics engineer and is now in charge of the new Solar Furnace project here, having formerly been with the Arobee-hi-altitude research project at the time of the sighting, which has now been phased out.. (89.)

Coral Lorenzen, writing to Donald Keyhoe, also had something to say about the Stokes story:

"As to other witnesses, we are quietly checking into this angle, but have uncovered nothing definite except that someone other than Stokes did call an El Paso paper to report the identical incident on the same afternoon. I say 'other than Stokes' because his Texas drawl is easily recognized. I am inclined to think that your surmise concerning military silencing is correct." (90.)

Clarke shared Coral's lack of success in finding witnesses but he had an idea linked up with Keyhoe's thoughts about the actions of the military. Clarke wrote:

"The only explanation I can find for this may have been that there is an access road to White Sands Proving Ground and if there were other witnesses, they may have been White Sands employees and decided not to talk for fear of losing their jobs." (91.)

New Years Eve.

The Lorenzens, Jim and Coral, had known Stokes for a long time before his sighting. After being questioned by the military they found Stokes a changed man. Coral was brothered by Stokes getting all excited about his UFO sighting that day and then the very next evening changing his story to viewing mere "atmospheric aberrations."

On New Years Eve the Lorenzens were out on the town and just happened to run into Stokes at a supper club. It was agreed to have dinner together.

Stokes seemed to be a mood to talk so Coral asked him directly about his abrupt change from UFO to possible natural phenomenon. Stokes told Coral: "I had to say that. They wouldn't let me alone until I did." (92.)

The strangest part of the Stokes case follows. Coral tells us:

"...what he told us we cannot divulge, because we gave our word. However, Stokes is mad---I think he's lost some of his respect and fear of officers. I hope that someday he may be avenged---he's been labeled a hoaxter and I firmly believe he was telling the truth.

"I wish it were possible to talk this whole situation over for a few hours (and it would surely take that long) for I feel that we are not dealing with a very easy problem. We, I feel, have made the mistake that the Air Force is the group holding back the information, and I know now that we were very wrong. One of my members has been 'visited' ---but he had the nerve to put down everything that was said and sent it to me [Yet another claim important information was shared with someone who has no apparent need to know]. What he said, if it were given nationwide publication, could actually cause a panic---and I'll frankly admit that I do not feel I have the moral right to do so.

"I do not believe the Orson Wells panic could even compare with what would happen, not only in this country, but throughout the world if the truth should seep out. On the other hand, however, there is no doubt that every individual on the face of this earth has a right to know." (93.)

APPENDIX: A few notes on ball-lightning.

Probably the first attempt to explain UFOs as manifestations of ball-lightning was by Carl Benedicks, a Swedish scientist. In the journal Arkiv For Geofysik (12 September 1951) is an article titled: 'Theory of the lightning-balls and its application to the atmospheric phenomenon called 'flying saucers.' He suggests some ideas although he had done no research to support his position.

The merits of Benedicks' theory should be judged by his peers. No attempt to do so will be made here. We will, however, record the summary of the article as written by the its author. Emphasis in all cases is in the original.

Summary:

"1. Starting from the description of lightning-balls ('ball-lightnings') by Arrhenius and others, a theory has been given for this phenomenon (partly published already in 1937).

"2. The main assumption to be made is the presence of water in the atmosphere. In the track of a linear lightning the temperature is so high (say 5000 C) that the water vapor existing there is completely dissociated to hydrogen oxygen (oxyhydrogen: 3500 C is sufficient for this). The oxyhydrogen cylinder formed in the track of the lightning must have tendency to contract, first to a series of smaller balls (forming what is called a pearl-lightning) and finally to a few larger lightning balls.

"3. According to the theory, the cause for the contraction lies in the presence of a surface tension occurring between two gas-masses of quite different temperature (and composition). Such a surface-tension is not treated in any known exposition of capillarity, but the author has satisfied himself that for example the inner flame of a gas-burner is governed as to its shape by a contracting force, analogous with a surface-tension. This surface-tension must produce a highly smooth surface, causing a strong reflecting power of the surface ('metallic' appearance).

"4. Such an overheated mass of oxyhydrogen ought to have a considerable length of life, since its loss of heat necessarily must be small, particularly on account of the strong reflecting power of its surface preventing its energy from being transmitted to the surroundings. The mass of gas must be expected to take the following final shape: spherical in stationary air, elliptically drawn out in flowing air and flattened ellipsoidal if rotating.

"If such a mass of oxyhydrogen as a whole gets a sufficiently low temperature (below 3500 C) it must become explosive. If the temperature sinks locally, a local chemical reaction must take place there (formation of protuberances) which exercises a mechanical reaction force on the mass of gas as a whole. This causes a rapid displacement of the whole ball of oxyhydrogen, its mass being very small.

"This theory can be considered to explain the characteristic properties observed on the lightning balls.

"5. The knowledge about lightning balls and their theory thus aquired affords the possiblility to explain the mystery of the 'flying saucers' along strictly physically-chemical principles without having to resort to hypotheses ad hoc.

'The only thing which so far has not been fully established is the existence of a surface-tension on the bordering surface between masses of gas of different temperature, a question which however can be experimentally decided without any real difficulty.

"As an eventually important practical conclusion, it may be pointed out that a pilot should refrain from too intimate a chase of 'flying saucers.'

'The author is grateful to Fil. Lie O. Tenow for detailed discussions.

Stockholm Laboratory. C. Benedicks

April 1951." (xx)

Letter found in the Dr. James McDonald files:

3-5-67

Dear Martin:

Thanks for phoning about the car-stopping problem. I first heard the ignition-core-saturation hypothesis last June. The tough one is the light-failure. Relays might do it, but not all cars have relays. Also it's not yet clear to me that a strong external DC-field (H) might not lock the relay in the on-position just as readily as off-position. But I've not run that to ground.

In Page's E/M there's a bit of discussion on magnetic shielding by paramagnetic and ferromagnetic shells. I guess you're right about B and I guess that's what counts. Furthermore, even H itself is not going to be reduced much for the geometry of the hood of a car or for the geometry of the steel can in which the ignition coil sits in most US cars. Briefly, the thinness of the steel relative to the mean "radius" of the shell tends to make even the H-shielding effect quite small. Have to talk this over further with Walt Evans since he was the one who suggested that one would get appreciable reduction due to the hood.

I'm going to DC on April 18th to discuss UFOs at ONR, and hope then to speak to people at NSF, Academy, and maybe NASA. Hope we can get some agency outside USAF to take a look at this fantastic problem.

Enclosed is a clipping from today's paper. I gave Dick Orville the article that preceded it, but just in case he doesn't get it back in the press of travel, I'll also run off another copy of that one too. I couldn't pass over that 1966 summary they released a couple weeks back without speaking out.

Three of Gordon's people are coming down next week. Then I'll know more about what they've been doing of late.

I enjoy watching Hynak going farther and farther out on that limb all the time. You'd think he had had nothing to do with the 18-year delay in getting at this problem!

Regards,

JEMcDonald

Some notes made by Richard Hall during a meeting with Condon Committee investigators. Exact date missing but it was held sometime in 1967.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ RE: E-M EFFECTS & INSTRUMENTATION PLANS

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m., broke for lunch, and resumed thereafter, lasting a total of 3 hrs. 45 min. Main panelists were two representatives of Ford Motor Company, F.J. Hooven (Special Consultant to General Manager) and David F. Moyer (Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Manager). Others: Dr. E.U. Condon, Dr. Joseph Rush (in charge of CU project plans for optical instrumentation), Prof. Berndt Matthias (speaker on ball lightning earlier in week, prof. at Univ. of California, San Diego); Bob Low & others.

Following account will follow the general flow of conversation rather than putting it in logical order.

One of first points from Ford reps was that more data is needed in E-M cases regarding the type of car and type of transmission. One or two skeptics present occasionally interjected that maybe some of the headlight failures were only illusions caused by a brilliant light source drowning out the headlights. One cited the vagueness of many reports. RH said he would check back through NICAP's E-M cases and try to dig out some of the details they need; said in some cases headlights were observed out by others outside the car and couldn't be explained as illusions.

Question was asked, what is the greatest distance known with any reliability in which E-M effects were reported. RH said greater than might be expected; that we first tried to relate E-M effects with closeness, but that also reported at fairly great distances. Some figures to be obtained from NICAP reports.

~~After a digression on oxygen deprivation, gasses, etc. that might cause failures,~~ After a digression on oxygen deprivation, gasses, etc. that might cause failures, Hooven was asked to imagine anything that might stop a car electrically (he felt that electrical interference of some kind was far more reasonable than stray gasses, etc.) Hooven replied that he couldn't conceive of anything that

would stop a car, especially the low impedance headlight circuits; so what easier to rationalize motor failures (high voltage circuits). The reversible process (motors restarting by themselves as sometimes reported) are especially difficult to account for. Most domestic headlamps now use circuit breakers rather than fuses (this is one point for investigators to determine).

Matthias raised the possibility of effects of ultrasonics, that the might temporarily disrupt circuit breakers. Moyer said circuit breakers were well-protected, energies required would cause fire, etc., and have other obvious effects. Fact that European automobiles had been affected (Michel's cases) was mentioned.

Condon inquired about information on tests actually made on cars to see what did affect them (jokingly terming this approach experimentation, not related to real science). Someone suggested there may be Civil Defense data telling effects of radiation on cars, since CD cars would have to operate in radioactive areas. Question was asked about possible effects of strong radar on cars. It was agreed to try to obtain such this type of data as background.

The Antarctic magnetometer case was mentioned; Condon asked if any other magnetometer cases; RH said he wasn't aware of any. Condon said not surprising since so few magnetometers in existence. Man from ESSA or NCAR said about 150 sites existed said he knew of no odd readings one in Fredericksburg, Va. ~~maximum~~ obtained. RH cited parallel of "no radar," "no Smithsonian photos," and raised question of whether such unusual data might be rationalized or ignored. Got some support on this from others present. Brief discussion on attempts to match up UFO reports near magnetometer sites, then check back through records for odd readings. Idea died out.

Hoover said he and Moyer had been toying with idea of a tape recording device with telemetry for magnetic/electric readings which might be circulated to police agencies. Discussion on value of police off-

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icers as witnesses ensued, with skepticism voiced by some. Condon said state police probably better in general. (Low had previously expressed his preference for pilots, FAA types, & willingness to let NICAP develop police net).

Some discussion on magnitude of a stationary (static) magnetic ~~fixed~~ field required to stall auto engines. General agreement that it would have to be very large, about 20,000 Gauss (far beyond normal experience). Discussion of constructing huge magnet and running car through field. Considered impractical. Moyer said huge magnet would saturate the hood of car, then go inside, eventually producing flux in the coil such that couldn't get any spark. Condon asked about data on sensations an individual might have in such a field. (Wadsworth, who made basic presentation of types of E-M cases reported, had mentioned "numbness" and "paralysis" cases). Matthias cited personal experience of ^(painful) effects on fillings in his teeth while he was moving in a large magnetic field.

Question of more experimentation raised. Condon said no definite decisions had been reached. Considering cameras, diffraction gratings, and now E-M sensors had been suggested. Condon said any field equipment would have to be cheap and foolproof. Amateur interest could be exploited, and perhaps even some devices could be marketed. Discussion ensued re: distribution of devices to NICAP, the general public...and some problems of mass distribution (such as a flood of poor information

Dr. Rush said he would ask Sky & Telescope, Scientific American and other similar mags to cooperate, publicize and help distribute.

Condon asked RH the chances of getting to the site and recording something while a sighting was still in progress; how often did our personnel arrive in time to see something. RH estimated that in recent years perhaps 12 times a year (e.g., recurring sightings in Exeter; Ft. Smith

LA Subc. where members have seen a UFO reported to them...) Condon and Rush both found this greatly encouraging, though RH later had doubts about his own estimate.

After some skeptical remarks by one of the CU panelists to the effect that, "how did we know the E-M reports were ~~not~~ ^(not mistaken observations) to begin with," Hooven and Condon both took the position there was no point to the present meeting at all if we made that assumption. Hooven disputed the position that, "if we can't explain it, it couldn't happen." He cited some examples from the history of science to make his point, and envisioned scientists of 200 years ago looking at the marvels of today, unable to understand the many new principles and inventions evolved since their time. (It was particularly pleasing to have Condon express the positive approach at this point).

Since a debate had been going on about what types of instrumentation should be developed, and whether they should be distributed selectively or generally, RH suggested development of a gadget to put on cars such that if an E-M case occurred data would be obtained regardless of the type of witness, and not requiring his knowledge of the mechanism. In the process, RH used the unfortunate phrase of making the gadget "standard equipment" on cars, bringing a loud groan from the Ford people and throwing the discussion off the track momentarily. RH quickly amended this to mean distribution to a large sample of car-owners, for example, all NICAP members. Condon picked up the idea, labelling it the "black box," and seeing certain advantages to it. The device would be used in certain specified ways, following rules A, B & C without introduction of error by the witness, and would tend to offset the weaknesses of general distribution as stated strongly by Matthias.

Question was raised about frequency of day vs. night E-M cases, and RH could not answer. Said NICAP could follow-up on older cases and try to obtain some of missing data. Also want to study older cases to find

any containing ranging information. RH said many definitely included this information.

Low again raised question of possible Ford experimentation to determine actual effects on autos by magnetic fields, etc. Hooven suggested a study of battery and headlights alone, but Condon objected on the grounds that they would want the more complete environment (i.e., total auto) to be sure nothing was overlooked.

Anti-gravity was briefly mentioned as a possible real cause behind E-M cases; a system which might have E-M side effects. (The extra-terrestrial hypothesis obviously was being taken seriously).

AFTERNOON SESSION

Began by summing up morning session; realization that so far they had been dealing basically with NICAP raw material, few other sources. At one point during a discussion of the present rate of reports (RH had said NICAP was getting 100 a week) Condon asked Low, "How many are we receiving from the Air Force, about 10 a week?" Low replied that right now they were receiving "more than 10 a week."

Dr. Rush summed up his ideas and present plans on quantitative measurement. Agreed they would equip NICAP teams, at least, and circulate gear as widely as possible as long as objective use factor taken into account. Perhaps put some fancier gear in select locations. RH said NICAP had considered a kit from time to time (compass, diffraction grating & other simple devices) & Rush has similar plans for Colorado investigators.

More discussion on logistics and range of distribution, from very popular to highly selective. Condon said they would study the range of possibilities further, and asked members to do so and make recommendations.

Hooven raised possibility of querying Ford dealers (6000) re: UFO reports in general and E-M effects in particular. Or (fewer) regional representatives.

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Rush summed up by saying that a "coordinated variety of instrumentation" was the biggest need. Low emphasized that a little good data would be infinitely superior to droves of mediocre data.

At this point, discussion came down to believability of occupant reports, communication attempts; ~~xxxx~~ have any radio signals been reported? It was agreed that some of these would provide ultimate proof, but obvious problems with kooks, etc., inhibit attempts in these areas.

Main conclusions were that data gathering needs improving and specific means would be worked out to accomplish this; dissemination problems for devices need to be ironed out; Ford will work on ideas and designs for instrumentation.

NOTES

Low at one point made the statement that in 1953 a "private company" (presumably a reference to RAND) had spent \$600,000 on a UFO study, and it was worthless.

Toward the end of the meeting, Hooven mentioned a photo in Feb. issue of Sky & Telescope, pg. 123, showing an unexplained object in front of the sun, and a follow-up letter in March issue. Discussion about whether it was a UFO, a revival of the Planet Vulcan, or what. Some argument that it couldn't have been a satellite, but disputed by Low who mentioned the many classified payloads in orbit.

CHECK-LIST FOR E-M CASES (Evolved by RH from meeting notes)

Year, make and style of car.
Headlights--fused or circuit breakers?
Were all cars in area of sighting affected, or selective effect?
If headlights reported out, was this observed from outside car?
Ranging data.
Day or night? (Lighting conditions)
Sequence of various effects.
Any effects on battery?
...to be enlarged...

R.H.

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