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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.

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

-Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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NICAP and the Air Force.

The Air Force believed it was now ready for NICAP with UFO reporting procedures streamlined to channel information directly to the High Command where well briefed spokesmen were prepared to handle inquiries. The military was determined to win the public relations war, thus protecting the Air Force's image while eliminating Martian or Russian invasion fears.

Donald Keyhoe, guiding a shaky NICAP, hoped for a good UFO incident to get the organization off to a fast start. Some news from Oxnard, California, on March 23rd, seemed to promise just that, a radar/visual case, the best kind of UFO report.

March 21st. Highland Park.

Something that occurred at Highland Park, California, on March 21st may have a bearing on what took place two days later at Oxnard. It suggests that something mysterious may have been in California skies.

Northeast of Los Angeles a 44-year-old handyman sighted a bright green light stationary in a clear and windy sky over the city of Highland Park. The light was unusual enough to attract his attention during the 10 minutes it remained visible. The man said the light was as green as a traffic signal. (1.) The Air Force suggested the light might have been the right hand light on an aircraft's wingtip.

March 22/23rd. Camarillo Heights. (11:15 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.)

Mrs. Beaudoin.

About 11:15 p.m. the evening of March 22nd a Mrs. Robert Beaudoin had just gone to bed. Her home was located on Barbara Drive in Camarillo Heights, a suburban district of the city of Oxnard. Her husband, an Air Force officer, was out of town on a military assignment.

Shortly after Mrs. Beaudoin retired for the night the phone rang. The phone was in the kitchen so she was able to glance out the window as she talked. The caller was a Capt. Linsley who wanted to discuss some mundane matter. During the conversation Mrs. Beaudoin caught sight of something odd in the dark sky in the east. She told Capt. Linsley: "I'm sure I'm seeing my first flying saucer. Really, Carol [Carol Litten her 17-year-old daughter] is here, I'll call her." (2.) [There is no statement from the girl in BLUE BOOK files although she took part in subsequent events as a primary witness. This is another one of those annoying gaps in the record that challenge the Air Force's assertion its investigation of the incident was complete and therefore beyond reproach.]

BLUE BOOK files give Mrs. Braudoin's statement as to the appearance of the image in the sky:

"SOURCE [Mrs. Beaudoin] described the object as being round, but changing shape occasionally to that resembling a helicopter. Object was estimated to be about two and one half [inches?] in diameter. SOURCE stated that at one time it appeared to be about the size of a quarter held at arm's length and at another time stated it appeared about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. Object seemed to throb and pulsate. There was no sound. Object was sharply defined. Object alternately had and did not have a tail. A shiny, aluminum-like pole appeared at times on top of the object. Object was seen to move at great speeds and also to remain static. Sometimes it jumped around. The object gave off no smoke and did not appear to change brightness." (3.)

Capt. Linsley suggested that Mrs. Beaudoin call Oxnard Air Force Base to report the UFO. She immediately phoned the base and discussed the sighting with the Officer of the Day, a Lt. Ott. The Lieutenant happened to be a personal friend of Mrs. Beaudoin. Lt. Ott told BLUE BOOK:

"I had no reason to question her veracity; however, I did joke with her for a few minutes as to what she had been drinking. She became most indignant, stating that a large green iridescent object approximately the size of a plastic cabin on a helicopter [?] was orbiting and yoyoing Northeast of her home. She further stated that it seemed to be hovering over the North American plant at Simi.

"I explained to her how temperature inversions can cause reflections and weird optical effects, and the conversation was terminated. Five minutes later, at approximately 2330 hours, I received another call from Mrs. Beaudoin. This time she stated that two red lights had joined the green light and were zooming past it horizontally at tremendous velocities.

"I then called ART and asked if they were painting anything in that particular area. Lt. Martin (Director at ART) reported affirmatively that they had a stationary object in approximately the area designated by Mrs. Beaudoin. He stated that it was not a normal stationary object. (4.)

No doubt the radar contact encouraged Lt. Ott to pursue the matter. The officer called Mrs. Beaudoin back and asked if the object was still visible:

"She stated that the green object was hovering high (she estimated 45 degrees off the horizontal due east Northeast). At this time, she became very frightened, stating that the two red objects were on the deck [very low] and approaching very slowly. She asked that I call the local authorities and obtain help." (5.)

Since the woman lived in an isolated area, was a personal friend, and was frightened, Lt. Ott agreed to contact the police. (This decision does not seem to be a rash act under the circumstances, but Headquarters USAF would be angered by the involvement of outside authorities.)

Lt. Ott asked the operator to ring up the Highway Patrol but there was some trouble making a connection. The Ventura County Sheriff's office was a logical second choice. Lt. Ott testified:

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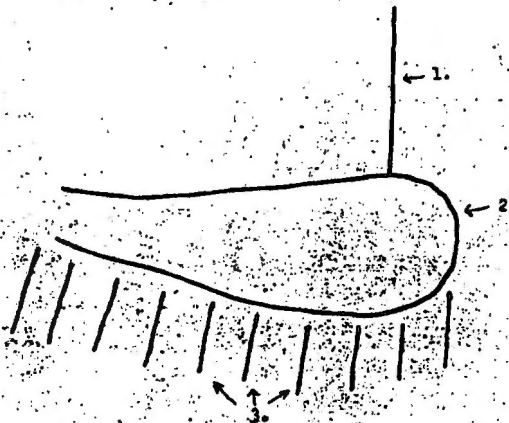
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Green Object (SOURCE's Memory Sketch, retouched)

- Pt. #1. "Shiny" pole, not continually visible
 Pt. #2. Body of object
 Pt. #3. Light rays shining down



"I contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's office instead. They had a car in the area, and contacted it by radio. The Deputy in the car reported that he had also sighted the object and contacted another unit in Camarillo. This unit also reported the same object." (6.)

The first police unit on the scene was Deputy Sheriff Nickol Rouce of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Knowing the county roads better, Deputy Rouce had no difficulty finding the Barbara Drive turn off, arriving at Mrs. Beaudoin's home at 11:57 p.m. Two Highway Patrol cars with officers Reed, Chalif, Willson and Winter missed the turnoff in the darkness and soon found themselves on the other side of the Los Pasos hills. The Highway Patrolmen finally stopped when they reached the Lawton Ranch where some unusual red lights could be seen. At first the officers thought a flying saucer had landed but after checking the area the "saucer" turned out to be a barn with four red lights on its roof. (7.) It took some time to back-track to Mrs. Beaudoin's.

Meanwhile, officer Rouce conferred with Mrs. Beaudoin and then scanned the sky.

What did officer Rouce see? Lt. Ott, still on the line from Oxnard Air Force Base, said that: "Rouce confirmed Mrs. Beaudoin's report in every detail. The objects had by then multiplied to one green and five red objects. All were in motion in an arc of the horizon of about 20 degrees, and constantly changing altitude. The red objects were extremely low, and the green object extremely high." (8.)

Strange as it seems, BLUE BOOK's investigative team, the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron (AISS) unit, wrote in its report on the case that Deputy Rouce's observation hardly conformed to Mrs. Beaudoin's sighting:

"Deputy Rouce observed from the same spot as SOURCE [Mrs. Beaudoin] but saw nothing unusual. He identified the objects reported by the SOURCE as nothing but stars rising in the eastern sky at their normal rate." (9.)

According to the AISS unit's final report on the case, the Highway Patrol officers, Reed, Chalif, Willson and Winter, were also: "...positive that there were only stars present and a little later the moon." (10.)

One problem with the star theory is that Mrs. Beaudoin reported the small red objects below the Los Pasos Hills horizon. That would be impossible if the lights were stars. The Air Force tried to get around any awkward problem by suggesting more than one theory to explain the sightings. Besides the star theory, it was suggested that a temperature inversion, and the woman's nervous condition teamed up to produce the dancing images. In the opinion of the UFO report's Preparing Officer, an officer assigned to Flight 1-C, 4602nd AISS, the inversion theory made sense:

"The presence of a temperature inversion during the time of sighting could possibly have reflected the red lights of the barn over the Los Pasos Hills to the point of observation during the earlier portion of the sighting, which could explain the location of the objects below the horizon. It is probable that later on stars were confused for the original red light sightings." (11.)

That left the larger green-colored UFO to be explained. That was done (?) by blaming the image on the reflecting of light off the green glass insulators on a power pole. (See memory sketch filed with BLUE BOOK records)

The other Ventura County Deputies. (12:22 a.m. to 1:37 a.m.)

Besides any statement by Mrs. Beaudoin's 17-year-old daughter Carol Litten, BLUE BOOK's report on the Oxnard case conveniently omits the testimony of three other Ventura County Deputies on patrol in the Ventura-Camarillo area. The Air Force's bag of tricks contains a stratagem very useful in the debunking of impressive UFO incidents. Anything not officially reported could be, according to their rules, disregarded. At times such omissions were ensured by not following up on leads provided by legitimate civilian sources.

According to a press report in the Los Angeles Mirror-News:

"Ventura County Deputies Dick McKendry, Bob Corshaw and John Murphy, on patrol in the Ventura-Camarillo area, reported seeing a reddish, glowing object in the sky near the air base [Oxnard] runway at 12:22 a.m.

"They said they watched it hover near the field and dart about the valley until 1:37 a.m. when it disappeared to the north.

"Two police officers at nearby Port Hueneme reported a similar sighting at about the same time." (12.)

The jets arrive. (2:12 a.m.)

The 669th AC&W radar site on Santa Rosa Island off the coast of California was working a pair of F-89 jet interceptors on practice runs over Los Angeles. During their return to Oxnard Air Force Base, the jets, call signs "Bloodstone Alpha" and "Front Page Whiskey," were diverted to the Camarillo area to check on the UFOs being reported there. The police on the ground at Mrs. Beaudoin's place tried to guide the jets by waving their powerful policemen flashlights. (13.) What happened to the UFOs? Lt. Ott offered a possible explanation:

"Although on several occasions the ground observers reported the aircraft close to the objects, no contact was made by the air crews. It developed at one time, though, that the objects accelerated vertically at tremendous velocities when the aircraft approached them." (14.)

The fate of the UFOs was also described by Mrs. Beaudoin. Her comments were similar, but not exactly like that of Lt. Ott's: "Upon arrival of interceptors from Oxnard AFB the red objects joined the green object and sped away in a direction up and to the east." (15.)

The 669th's radar target.

Did the radar site on Santa Rosa Island pick up any radar targets over the Camarillo district the night in question? One of the radar operators did indeed notice one blip he couldn't identify, but when the AISS agents investigated, it was learned the target appeared on the scope five hours before Mrs. Beaudoin made her sighting. This did not, however, mean too much since, as the site commander explained, it was the job of the 669th radar operators to watch the sea approaches, the waters of the Pacific, so they paid little attention to air traffic over the mainland. (16.)

WILLIAM J. SUYTAR
SHERIFF

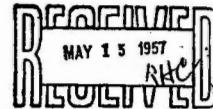


V. S. CUMMINS
UNDER SHERIFF

COUNTY OF VENTURA

OFFICE OF
SHERIFF
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

May 10, 1957



National Investigations Committee
1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Attn: Donald E. Keyhoe
Major USMC (Ret.)

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of April 25, 1957, please be informed that all the information that we had concerning this matter was turned over to the officials at the Oxnard Air Force Base.

We would be most happy to cooperate with you in having these officers available for interview by any duly authorized military officer that may wish to talk to them.

Our officers are trained and instructed not to include opinions of their own in their reports. Opinions are personal and often misleading or unintentionally colored.

Very truly yours,

William J. Suytar
WILLIAM J. SUYTAR, SHERIFF

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By restricting access to "duly authorized military officers," the Sheriff blocked Keyhoe from questioning deputies whose testimony clashed with the Air Force's explanation.

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Sketch of Area of Sighting by Investigator

Overlay of Geological Survey Map, California, Camels Quadrangle. Scale: 1:100,000

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 Pt. #2 Southern Pacific Railroad
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 Pt. #4 SMI, CALIF EDR 1316

Pt. #5 SURGE'S Observation Point
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 Pt. #7 Approximate Location of Objects
 Pt. #8 Lawton Ranch

Scale of Miles

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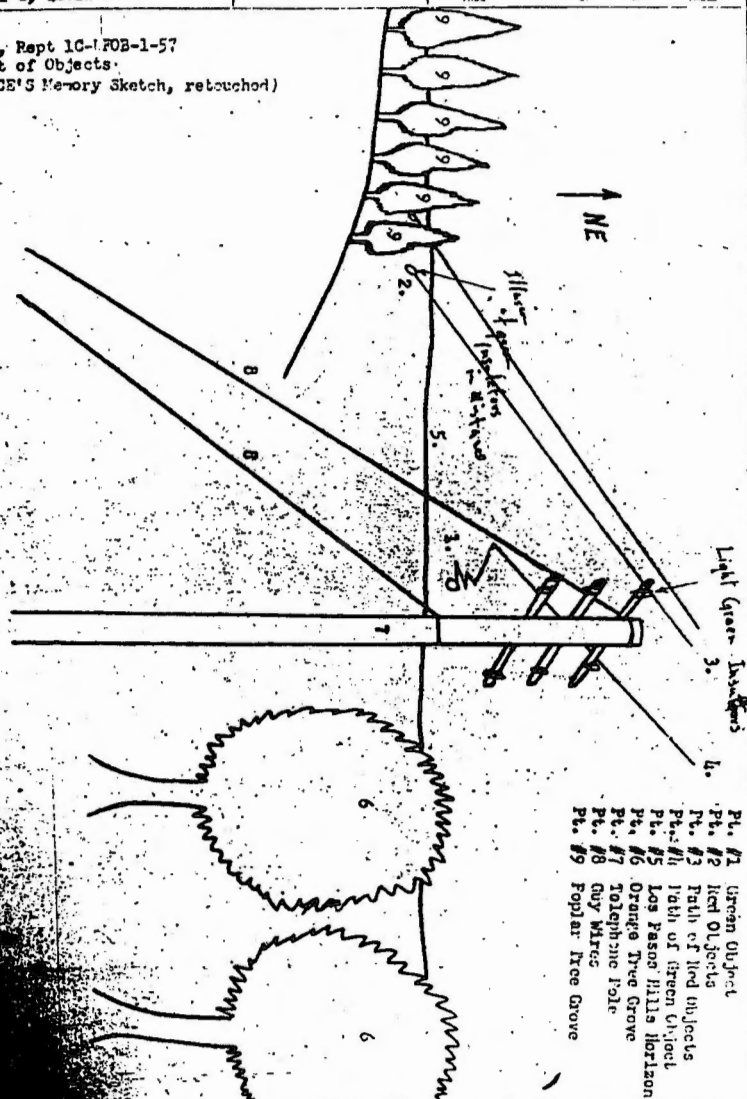
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Memory Sketch

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 23, 1957.

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April 1957 'Saucer' at Oxnard a Mystery

OXNARD AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UP) — A mysterious, fast-moving, flashing object was reported seen in the sky over Oxnard and Port Hueneme for half an hour early Saturday and the Air Force started an investigation.

Two military planes checked the reports which were made shortly after 12 a.m. (PST) but saw no object and nothing was picked up on radar at this base, according to Base Commander Col. E. F. Carey Jr.

The first report of the unidentified object, described as large, silent, red and flashing brilliantly, was made by the wife of Capt. Robert Beaudoin, stationed at this base, from her home in Camarillo Heights, authorities said. Three sheriff's deputies from the Camarillo substation and two policemen at Port Hueneme also reported it.

Air Base spokesmen said Mrs. Beaudoin called the tower here shortly after midnight. Since the base had an F-89 jet in the air at the time, it ordered the craft to investigate but its pilot reported seeing nothing, officers said.

WHAT WAS IN SKY OVER OXNARD BASE?

CAMARILLO, March 23 (UP) — of an officer stationed at the Police, deputy sheriffs and an Air Force captain's wife reported sighting a mysterious red object in the sky near Oxnard Air Force Base early today.

A jet interceptor, in the air at the time, was ordered to check. It spotted nothing. Mrs. Robert Beaudoin, wife

Col. E. F. Carey Jr., air base commander, said that a radar check proved negative.

Other reports agreed with that of Mrs. Beaudoin.

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THIS IS
SAT. A.M.



For a time the Air Force felt it had settled one of the most important questions concerning the Oxnard case and that was the question of a possible radar contact, but a civilian would ruin that comfortable notion on April 22nd.

23 March. Puyallup, Washington.

"Shaking with fear."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lammadee of Puyallup, Washington, were watching their television in their darkened living room when they noticed something in the sky visible through the window. In the southeast a strange glowing object could be seen moving through the heavens. The Lammadees rushed to the front door and out on the porch where they watched the sky object and listened for any sound. The thing was silent as it dropped toward the ground.

In the Summit area bus driver Tom Dimmitt saw the UFO as did several of his passengers. These witnesses also said the mysterious object was silent. (17.)

The nearest witness was a highschool student:

"Jim Geise, 15, was milking in his barn when his dog started howling. He looked out and saw a luminous, metallic ball -- 'round but still somewhat disc-shaped' -- rapidly but silently descend to 25 or 50 feet above the ground, where it momentarily hovered before swooping up again. Young Geise then 'raced into the house, his bucket of milk slopping, shaking with fear.'" (18.)

Meanwhile, down south in California.

23 March. 9:55 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.

Was there a UFO in Los Angeles skies? According to the Russ Leadabrand's newspaper column, plenty of people were seeing things. (See clipping) None of these reports were made part of BLUE BOOK's Beaudoin file.

27 March. Roswell, New Mexico. (8:35 p.m. MST)

A military aircraft encountered a trio of UFOs in the air near the town of Roswell. The objects were in view for 5-10 seconds.

Lt. Sontheimer, the pilot of the plane, was looking out the left window of the C-45 when he spotted 3 bright lights perpendicular to his line of flight and heading in his direction. The "things" were very brilliant white circular shapes "about the size of three landing lights" flying in a tight formation.

A teletype report said:

"THE PILOT OF THE C-45 CLAIMS THAT WHEN HE REALIZED THE OBJECTS WERE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH HIM HE IMMEDIATELY FLASHED HIS TAXI LIGHTS ON. ONE OF THE OBJECTS SHOT STRAIGHT UP IN THE AIR ABOVE HIM THE OTHER TWO CONTINUED ON PASSED IN FRONT OF AIRCRAFT. WHEN THE PILOT FLASHED HIS TAXI LIGHTS THE OBJECTS IMMEDIATELY BLACKED THEMSELVES OUT THEREBY DISAPPEARING FROM SIGHT." (19.)

27 March. The Air Force smells trouble. (See BLUE BOOK document) (20.)

Pasadena
Calif.THE INDEPENDENT
Tuesday, March 26, 1957

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Russ Leadabrand

BRIGHT RED LIGHT

Saturday night Pasadena has a visitor.

About midnight a bright red or red-orange object flew over the city at various speeds, and emitted a bright flashing light.

Hundreds of people lined up along Colorado street and stared up into the sky at the object.

The police switchboard here in Pasadena received calls from citizens who thought they should report what they saw.

Many people saw the object.

Yet as far as identifying it as anything—a saucer, an airplane, a blimp—I've had no luck at all.

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THE EARLIEST REPORT came from K. E. Jefferson of Pasadena, who saw the object at 9:55 p.m. Saturday night over Downey.

At 11:30 the Pasadena Filter Center received their first civilian report.

The Filter Center, according to Commanding Officer Joe Fry, notified their radar contact.

Reports continued to come into the Filter Center.

"Between 2310 (11:10 p.m.) and 2350 we had many reports," Capt. Fry told me. "We had reports that indicated that the UFO was orange-red, flashing a bright white light."

Some of the callers claimed they heard the 'sound of reports' when the light flashed from the object," Fry added.

The Pasadena Filter Center filed a complete report with the Norton Air Force Base, in San Bernardino, their parent organization.

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I CHECKED with Norton. Major Thomas Bowers, Information Services Officer of the 27th Air Division at Norton was the man I talked with.

"We had a number of civil-

ian reports that night," the Major told me.

"They came from Los Angeles, Pasadena and eventually the Oxnard area."

"Were you able to identify the object?" I asked the Major.

"Negative," he answered.

"We were not able to pick up the object on radar. No Air Force personnel saw the object."

The Major did volunteer the information that he had heard that a plane from the Oxnard base had been sent to investigate the flying object.

"I rather imagine it was a plane that they (Oxnard) had in the air at the time," Major Bowers said. "I have not received any report of a scramble from Oxnard. I would have received such a report if a plane had been sent up from the ground to investigate."

That took care of the Saturday night intruder as far as the Air Force was concerned. Major Bowers told me that a full report of the Saturday night sighting was being forwarded to the Air Force Technical Intelligence Center—an organization within the Air Force that is still investigating UFOs.

"I believe the Technical Intelligence people are working out of Wright Patterson," Major Bowers added.

Hundreds of Southlanders saw something in the sky Saturday night.

Possibly we will never know what it was.

SAT.
P.M.

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Captain G.T. Gregory	
PHONE	
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	ROBERT E. O'CONNOR Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant

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28 March. Reseda, California.

"Cigar shape." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (21.)

29 March. Radcliffe, England. (10:18, 11:00-12:30 p.m.)

In the booking office at Besses O' The Barn station was Albert Holt who was working alone the evening of March 29th. Glancing out the window he observed something in the sky:

"A glowing object shot into view at great speed. It hung quivering in the sky and then shot away again. About 30 seconds later it again appeared a short distance away." (22.)

This "glowing object," according to Mr. Holt, was a bluish-grey thing with a "banana-shaped base and top," whatever that meant. Before he could recover from this experience, Mr. Holt noticed another object as it came into view. This second object agrees more with what others have reported: "This UFO was circular in shape and changed colors, giving off a glow that shifted from red, to green, and then to white." (23.)

29 March. Wickenburg, Arizona.

"Playing a game of tag."

This next case fits the pattern of reported UFO behavior:

"Six silvery flying objects, dazzling in the bright sun, were observed through binoculars by Herb E. Allen, of Monrovia, Calif. He reported the UFOs were 'playing a game of tag,' during which one of the objects dived toward the earth, then swished 'off into nowhere.'" (24.)

29 March. About 50 miles east of "Papa 3" check point (Atlantic Ocean).

The Capt. Ken Brosdal incident.

A strange fact that relates to the "meteor" case of March 8th was the appearance of another unidentified object in the sky over the Atlantic in the same general area on March 29th. The Air Force missed any press account and had to settle for a page cut from a civilian UFO newsletter, New York's CSI Bulletin, the information then placed in military files. Since the material was not obtained from an "official" source, it was put among the paperwork located at the end of the month in BLUE BOOK records. The Air Force creates some confusion about the date of the Ken Brosdal incident. The BLUE BOOK record shows a date change in this fashion: "8 ~~XX~~ March 1957." The number "29" was crossed out with two "Xs." If the military wanted to "play down" the March 8th case, this date change was no real help since it called attention to the similarities between the two UFO cases. Another odd thing is that the prime witness to the March 29th manifestation was PAA Captain Ken Brodal, one of the witnesses to the March 8th episode.

The story as reported in the CSI Bulletin:

'March 29 1957: Piloting Pan American Flight #206A from Nassau to New York, Captain Ken Brodal and two of his crew watched a UFO both visually and on radar as it 'dogged' them at their speed, moving in the same direction, southeast of their plane. At about 7:30 p.m. their position was 74° 20' West, 30° North; they were flying at 16,000 feet through the tops of cumulus clouds. John Wilbur, the engineer, was in the co-pilot's seat; co-pilot George

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Jacobson was navigating, and saw the object first." (25.)

CSI then quotes a statement submitted by Capt. Brosdal:

"About 50 miles east of Papa 3 - a check point between Nassau and Tuna - the co-pilot, engineer and myself saw a very bright white light. It seemed to grow in intensity to the point where it would be about three or four times as strong as Venus rising and would then subside. This happened three or four times; meanwhile, I 'came to' enough to check the radar screen. Sure enough, a target showed up at 3 o'clock, 45 to 50 miles away. Using the cursor on the face of the radar, I checked the angle of the sighting and it checked with the visual angle.

"The light appeared to be stationary (on the scope), or moving in a northeast direction the same as us). We watched the light visually for about four or five minutes, and on radar for twenty minutes." (26.)

The CSI editor added:

"Neither the light nor the blip had any definite shape; the radar image indicated that it was larger than a normal aircraft. The scope was tuned to a 50-mile range. What impressed Captain Brosdal most was the intensity of the light in its bright phases. After perhaps four cycles of brightening and dimming, the light faded out slowly and completely. Captain Brosdal did not alert the passengers, and apparently no one in the cabin of the plane saw it." (27.)

April.

Cosmic News.

A couple of teenagers in Strongsville, Ohio, published a short-lived UFO bulletin titled Cosmic News that ceased publication during the Spring of 1957. James Moseley characterized the work as "religiously-inclined strongly pro-Adamski sheet." (See cover of the March-April issue)

2 April.

The "Air Force" investigates the Puyallup UFO case.

A most curious story appeared in the Tacoma News (Tacoma, Washington) on April 2nd concerning an investigation of the encounter young Jimmy Geise had with a UFO back on March 23rd at Puyallup, Washington. The news story in the Tacoma paper by reporter Krna Rence repeatedly referred to a trio of men that questioned Jimmy as "Air Force" investigators. These so-called "official representatives" were said to be from the "aerial Phenomenon Research Group" headquartered at an address on Findlay Street on Seattle's north side, a group that issued a 'monthly publication on the latest UFO news." Could it be that Jimmy and the rest of the Geise family didn't know the difference between the military and some determined UFO buffs, a bunch of civilians with packages of UFO material and pictures of previous UFO incidents? Perhaps, it was Krna Rence's error?

Article in the Tacoma News Tribune:

"When Jim Geise saw that weird sky object come down in the family

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pasture a week ago Saturday night, he launched one of the busiest weeks of his life.

"And, says the Air Force, the whole thing is nothing to laugh about.

"The Tacoma News Tribune's story of the incident had scarcely gone out on the Associated Press wire last Monday, after Jim's mother called, when the Geise telephone rang. It was the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group of the Air Force calling from its Findlay St. headquarters on Seattle's north side. Newspaper, radio and television people kept the wires hot.

"Equipment brought.

"As fast as they come, the Air Force research men--three of them, grim and unsmiling--drove to the Randolph Geise farm on Waller Road. They brought typewriters and suitcases of scientific equipment and forms for Jim to fill out.

"They asked him every question one could imagine,' says the mother of the 15-year-old Puyallup High School youth. 'A typical one, I remember, was: 'If you were going to try to build an object to duplicate the one you saw, what material would you use --wood, plaster, metal...a metal which would glow.'

"Although this incident was the first reported in the Northwest of the appearance of this particular type of craft, the Air Force researchers told the Geises several such had been reported in the Midwest and other areas. The descriptions coincide closely.

"Florida Incident Described.

"Perhaps it is just as well you ran,' they told Jim, and went on to describe an incident in Florida. A woman was walking along a road, it seems, when transfixed with fear by one of the glowing objects hurtling toward her silently. With the occupant, if such there be, apparently unaware of her presence, the craft knocked her to the ground. There were witnesses. When the woman was reached, she was found dead and with severe burns on her body.

"About 11 o'clock at night, the research men took their scientific equipment and car with powerful lights to the pasture, where the object came down. They tried to approximate the conditions of the weird appearance to re-construct the scene. They asked him to draw the object as he recalled it. He was shown many photos which have been taken of 'flying saucers,' asked to identify the one most like he saw.

"Officials firm.

"The official researchers were firm on one point: Whatever the objects may be, they are not craft launched by the U.S. Air Force. And they expressed doubt that any nation in the world is sufficiently far advanced over the United States to have built aircraft which land, take off and travel swiftly in complete silence. One of the men said there is virtual proof that three planets are inhabited.

"Many calls were made to various parts of the city to learn whether television reception was disturbed about the time of the appearance. Several, not knowing the purpose of the questioning, answered yes.

"Our family usually watches the Saturday night hockey game' says Mrs. Geise, 'but there was so much static we turned it off.' The Air Force representatives said much static always accompanies the mystery crafts' reported appearances."

"Many Confirm.

"Many have confirmed Jim's 'vision' Mrs. Harry Lammadee, So. 45th and J. Sts., called to say they were watching television in their darkened living room when they saw the strange glowing object in the south-eastern sky. She, her husband and her parents went out to the porch to try to hear it, but there was no sound. She said it seemed to go down in the vicinity where the Geises live.

"Driver Tom Dimmitt of the Waller Road bus said three of his passengers in the Summit area had sighted it, all had commented on its silence.

"E.G. Eling, Tacoman who has worked with the author Adamski on two documentary books on unidentified aerial phenomena, came to interview Jim, brought him a package of material and pictures about previous incidents. He called Adamski in Los Angeles and announces that the author will include a detailed story of Jim's experience in his forthcoming book.

"Envelope Arrives.

"On Saturday a bulky envelope arrived from the Aerial Phenomenon Research Group, containing fascinating material which Jim has taken to high school and his older brother, Don, will take to his engineering classes at the College of Puget Sound. 'These serious Air Force documents seem to remove any doubt of the government's concern over the mystery,' says Mrs. Geise. Seattle research group issues a monthly publication on the latest news. The next issue will contain Jim's story.

"Wednesday the youth was a member of a 'youth and the news' panel on Puyallup Radio Station KAYE, when the school speakers discussed unidentified object.

"Experience Related.

"He has told his experience to all the general science classes at Puyallup High during the past week and has been besieged by curious, interested people.

"As Mrs. Verne Fogle, one of the associates of the Geises in Waller Road Grange, remarks: 'If it were anybody but Jim, I wouldn't believe it. But I've known him from a little boy. He's no flighty dreamer. If he says he saw it, he did!'" (28.)

Why did these "Air Force" agents say such strange things?

As the reader can determine, there is no indication Air Force identity cards were flashed, or military uniforms worn by the "official" investigators. How, then, did the impression arise that it was the Air Force that was asking all the questions? It is possible the Geise clan just assumed anyone investigating UFOs had to be Air Force agents. A troubling fact is that the people investigating apparently were representing a known UFO group, the "Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence," an organization headquartered on Findlay Street in Seattle. Why then, did another name appear in the news story, namely: "The Aerial Phenomenon Research Group of the Air Force?"

The military was especially sensitive to anyone pretending to be "Air Force agents." Official reaction was only a matter of 24 hours.

5 April. The Air Force investigates the investigators.

The 20th District Office of Special Investigations based at McChord AFB, Washington, submitted the following to its headquarters in Washington D.C.:

"(1.) Inclosed is a photo copy of a newspaper clipping which appeared in the April 2, 1957 edition of the Tacoma News Tribune.

"(2.) On 3 April 1957 the Deputy Commander, McChord Air Force Base; Public Information Officer, McChord Air Force Base; Director of intelligence, 25th Air Division; Commander Flight 1-A, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron and Major Kenneth J. Ayers, former Commander of the Ground Observer Center, Seattle, Washington, all advised that they had no knowledge of any such organization or of any official Air Force agency with a similar name.

"(3.) Colonel James C. Stewart, Deputy Commander, McChord Air Force Base requested further inquiry be made into this matter because of the alleged representation of an official Air Force agency. The matter therefore has been referred to the Seattle office, Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigation since this falls within their investigative jurisdiction. Results of investigation conducted by the FBI will be promptly forwarded to your office upon receipt.." (29.)

There can be little doubt this incident in Washington State helped to poison the relationship between the Air Force and civilian UFO organizations at a critical time.

4 April. West Coast of Scotland.

"Object of some substance ---not a freak."

(See statement by Group Captain W.P. Whitworth)

This case would cause quite a stir in England.

4 April. "Soviet spies?" (See clipping)

Behind the Iron Curtain.

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**Air Ministry takes serious view of 'too-fast-for-a-plane'
blips and orders probe on—**

RADAR SKY RIDDLE CLUES

By Sunday Dispatch Reporters

THAT mystery object in the sky which was seen only on radar screens was too fast, too big, and too manoeuvrable (it turned at an "impossible" angle) to have been a plane.

This conclusion was reached yesterday by experts studying the clues of the sky riddle which was recorded exclusively by scientific apparatus that cannot lie.

Full reports of the incident have gone to the Air Ministry in London. Their experts take a serious view of them, it was stated officially yesterday.

The blips on the radar screens were reported from an R.A.F. station at West Freugh, near Luce Bay, on the south-western tip of Scotland.

(Information Only)

4 April 1957
West Freugh, Wigtownshire
Scotland

1957. At an RAF station near West Freugh, Wigtownshire, in southwestern Scotland, three radar operators at two posts independently tracked an "unidentified object" which "flashed across their screens traveling at 60,000 feet. The operators said the object suddenly dived to a height of 14,000 feet, made two whirls, then vanished to the south. It was last reported seen heading toward the Isle of Man." (UP declared that "officials refused to say in which direction and at what speed it was traveling.") "We do not know what the object was," an Air Ministry spokesman said. "Intelligence experts are studying the report and a detailed statement may be made next week." (UP also stated that "a mystery object spotted on radar screens in Scotland may have been a Soviet reconnaissance plane.") Royal Air Force officials said no planes were in the area at the time. Unofficial sources described it as "too fast, too big, and too manoeuvrable for a plane." Full reports of the incident were turned in to the Air Ministry in London. It was stated officially that "their experts take a serious view" of such reports. No further details have been forthcoming. — N.Y. Journal-American, Apr. 6 (INS); N.Y. Sunday News, Apr. 7 (UP Apr. 6); N.Y. Sunday Mirror, Apr. 7 (AP Apr. 6); Newark Sunday News, Apr. 7 (AP); London Sunday Dispatch, Apr. 7.

Final Jet. "The Marge"
on flight tests. Some say the
"mystery" is true.

REPORT ON U.F.O. PICKED-UP ON RADAR SCREENS AT R.A.F. STATION,
WEST FREUGH, NEAR STRANRAER, ON 4TH: APRIL, 1957.

1. I was the Station Commander at R.A.F. West Freugh when two radar units (connected with bombing trials carried-out in Luce Bay) tracked a U.F.O. on 4th: April, 1957. The radar units were manned by civilian operators, employed by the Ministry of Supply.
2. The radar operators were expecting a bomber from R.A.E., Farnborough, for bombing trials in Luce Bay, but this aircraft was delayed. However, one radar operator left his radar set "on" and when scanning, the U.F.O. was picked-up.
3. If my memory is correct, this radar was situated at Balscalloch, near Corsewall Point, north of Stranraer, and the radar operator was puzzled about the object on his screen, which was at a height of approx: 51,000 ft , 20 - 25 miles away, N-West of Stranraer, over the sea, and absolutely stationary in space. The operator therefore called-up his fellow-operator, situated at Ardwell, about 14 miles South, and asked him if he had anything unusual on his screen. The Ardwell operator switched-on his set and within a few moments he too located the object, in the same position. After remaining stationary for a short time, the U.F.O. began to rise vertically, with little or no forward speed, rising rapidly to approx: 60,000 ft:. At the time of the radar-sighting, there was unbroken cloud over the whole area, at approx: 1,000 ft:, and the U.F.O. was not seen or heard by anyone, though the radar response was strong and neither operator had trouble in following the object. At approx: 60,000 ft: the U.F.O. began to move in an Easterly direction, slowly at first but then accelerating fast and moving towards Newton Stewart, losing some height. Near Newton Stewart, the U.F.O. made a very sharp turn to the South-West, still at very high speed and losing height to approx: 15,000 ft:, and finally heading in the direction of the Isle of Man, and then disappearing from the radar screens.
4. I believe that one of the radar operators said that the sharp turn made near Newton Stewart would have been impossible for any conventional aircraft. Also, in the later stages of the radar tracking, there were indications that there were a small number of "satellites" in the vicinity of the U.F.O., but the response from them was very indistinct.
5. I cannot remember the exact time over which the radar operators tracked the U.F.O. but I believe it was approx: 4 minutes, from the first sighting until the U.F.O. disappeared from their screens.

W.P. Whitworth

(W.P. Whitworth)
Group Capt:, R.A.F., (Ret'd)

New York Daily News April 4, 1957



What's On?



Are Soviet Spies Back Of 'Saucer Contacts'?

By BEN GROSS

Could Soviet Russian spies—intelligence or psychological warfare agents—be behind some of the American excitement over flying saucers? Two broadcasting personalities, who have devoted many hours on the air to discussing UFOs (unidentified flying objects), believe this to be a possibility.

One of them is Long John Nebel, who conducts the off-beat program, "The Party Line" (WOR-Radio, Mon.-Sat., 12 Mid.-5:30 A. M.). The other, Ivan Sanderson, a noted zoologist, botanist and geologist, who served with distinction in British Naval Intelligence during World War II. Both expressed their views on the air recently.

"A number of people lately have announced contacts with persons alleged to have come to earth from other planets via spacecraft," said John. "George Adamsky, among others, has written a book about it. And Howard Menger, a sign painter of Highbridge, N. J., has reported on my program that he has had conversations with beings from

Venus who landed in his apple orchard.

"Some of these who tell such stories can't be dismissed as liars, psychotics or conscious charlatans. Menger, for instance, appears to be utterly sincere.

"All of their stories have certain similarities: The alleged spacemen appear only at night; their craft land only in out-of-the-way places; and they warn their contacts never to approach them while carrying any weapons or even flashlights."

"Furthermore, these 'space visitors,' preaching a doctrine of brotherly love, are reported to harp constantly on the suggestion that we should abandon our experimentation with atom and hydrogen bombs. Also, they are said to be giving secret instruc-

The Russians were not
amused. (See April 15th)



Long
John



Ivan
Sanderson

tions of some kind to their earth people contacts.

"But most suspicious of all is this: Persons who say they have had such contacts insist that occasionally they recognize 'people from other planets' working in our factories and riding along our highways in cars. How do they identify these individuals as being from outer space?

Swear Secrecy

"Well, they tell you that this is a secret. But some have gone so far as to say there are hidden means of identification, including 'code words' involved."

Therefore, Long John posed these queries: "Would true spacemen intent on benefiting humanity behave in this fashion? On the other hand, how would Russian psychological warfare agents behave?"

"Just in the manner you have described," said Sanderson. Why?

Landing Places

First of all, to establish secret landing places for their craft in out-of-the way places in this country. Secondly, to gain the services of well meaning and highly credulous dupes. And, thirdly, to undermine subtly our will to protect ourselves with nuclear weapons.

Sanderson, who has made a name for himself on radio and TV, and is now appearing weekly on the Garry Moore program, argues that it would be silly to dismiss all reports of such contacts with "spacemen." "There is now quite a considerable mass of such reports," he said. "Some of these alleged contacts have been witnessed by as many as six persons at a time, in one case even by a Princeton University physicist. So there is a definite possibility that some form of craft have landed here, unknown to the authorities."

"It must be remembered that our radar screen has two wide loopholes: at the rooftop level and straight up. If any other country has developed very fast aeroforms than can go up to the limits of the atmosphere and then descend straight down, these craft could hop OVER our radar screen."

"Also there is published evidence, plus personal notes given to me by a former engineer of the Messerschmidt airplane factories in Germany to the effect that the Russians right now have such a plane or aeroform. This engineer worked on the prototype and actually saw it fly."

Ultrasonic Device

But there's still another puzzle: How do these people recognize persons as being from outer space, considering that the latter are reputed to "look exactly like earthmen"?

Sanderson suggested that foreign agents posing as space visitors might be equipped with some ultrasonic device which signals their contacts. "Many of us know about ultrasonic dog whistles," he pointed out.

Fantastic? Yes. But as Sanderson said: "It's something for those charged with our national defense to ponder—and to investigate."

The April issue of the Polish technical and scientific journal Horizonty Techniki (Horizons of Science and Technology published by the National Technical Institute, Warsaw) contained an unusual book review by former Polish army officer and engineer Witold Rychter. The literary work in question was Leonard G. Cramp's Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer. Rychter took special interest in the photographs of Adamski's "scout ship," and a similar supposed craft reported near Darbshire, England. The Polish "expert" was impressed by the photos. (30.) More noteworthy, however, was the continuing absence of any mention of UFOs in the Soviet media (print or electronic) which made this Iron Curtain item news.

Meanwhile, back in North America.

5 April.

Vancouver B.C., Canada.

"Rose-colored saucers."

Our source:

"Two rose-colored saucers in unison. Mrs. Frank Irene Sirianni, of Dunbar St., Vancouver B.C., saw two luminous, rose-coloured saucers shortly after 8 p.m. on April 5. They made no sound. She watched them for about two minutes from Broughton Street in Vancouver. They were in unison, one half-way off center below the other, and they remained that way as they moved off slowly." (31.)

5 April. Glasgow, Scotland.

"Balloons or UFOs?"

The UFO magazine Flying Saucer Review gives additional information, reporting on something in the air over Glasgow:

"On Friday, April 5, the day after the West Freugh sighting, Mr. John Anderson, an iron moulder of Culloden Street, Glasgow, saw two objects 'like two silver threepenny bits' hovering over the city.

"Mr. Anderson said: 'At first I thought it was a trick of the light, then I realised that there was not a cloud in the sky. I knew I was looking at two flying saucers. They disappeared suddenly.'" (32.)

The seeming "open" attitude of British authorities contrasted with the situation in the U.S.

5 April. Keyhoe blasts the Air Force. Says Senator Russell "gagged." (See clipping)

5 April. Dallas, Texas.

"Red halo."

Our source:

"On Friday evening, April 5th, Mrs. Mary Agnes Ferraro of Dallas, saw an oval-shaped object about 45° off the horizon, between the constellations Leo and Hydra, moving in a Southwest direction.

UFO REPORTS SAID 'HUSHED' BY AIR FORCE

3 Years of 'Sightings' Said
Kept Secret, and Even a
U. S. Senator 'Gagged'

Philadelphia, April 5 (AP)—A retired Marine Corps major says the Air Force has "hushed up" results of flying saucer investigations and "gagged" a United States senator.

Donald E. Keyhoe, director of the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, made his charges in an interview over a Philadelphia radio station last night.

Keyhoe declared he would formally ask the Air Force to turn over to his organization the 97 per cent of the unidentified object reports which he said the Air Force says have been satisfactorily identified.

Keyhoe disagrees with the Air Force statistics and insists that almost 20 per cent of the sight-

ings must be classed as unidentified.

Keyhoe, former business associate of Charles A. Lindbergh, says his committee includes Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Adm. Delmar S. Fahrney, and Gen. William S. Kepner. The committee, he said, has been set up to evaluate saucer sightings and publish some answer to the question.

"I frankly don't expect the Air Force to give us the reports," he said. "They have hushed up results of their investigations and haven't released a sighting report for the past three years, despite the fact there has been a steady flow of such reports."

Keyhoe said that Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) had been "gagged." Keyhoe said Russell had seen a flying saucer but had been told by the Air Force not to disclose any information.

He charged that the public had never been told that Air Force jet fighters have fired upon unidentified flying objects. He also stated that he had a report of a radar sighting which showed a mid-air collision between a jet fighter and an object it was sent to intercept.

"Neither the plane nor the pilot were ever seen again," Keyhoe said.

The object moved back and forth, or oscillated about 6 times, then it shot off SSW and vanished about 20° off the horizon.

"The object was oval-shaped, white, in the center, surrounded by a red halo. Its brilliancy was 10 or 15 times that of Sirius....Several days later two Air Force officers called on Mrs. Ferraro and heard her report." (33.)

5 April. Report submitted.

On April 5th the Air Force's investigation of the Oxnard excitement was considered "complete" and the results forwarded to higher headquarters. If they thought that was the end of it, they were sadly mistaken.

6 April. Washington D.C.

"Pink saucers." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (34.)

7 April. Tahunanui, New Zealand. (3:30 p.m.)

"An 'egg' motionless in the sky."

The best UFO cases continued to come in from the South Pacific. In broad daylight the following was seen:

"Mr. F.T. Hall and a number of children saw from the front garden of Mr. Wilson's property of Beach Road an egg-shaped object stationary in a clear blue sky. Suddenly the object made off at high speed in horizontal flight towards Separation Point. The object appeared clear-cut and solid, said Mr. Hall who served overseas with the New Zealand Air Force during World War II. He is a keen amateur astronomer. The object was further described as being pure white in color, greatest diameter about half a full moon; the chief witness was greatly impressed with 20 miles in 30 seconds. Duration of observation approximately one minute." (35.)

7 April. New Plymouth, New Zealand. (11:30 p.m.)

"Very Scared."

At New Plymouth, a town on the west coast of New Zealand's North Island, an incident took place that prompted a letter to the editor of the Taranaki Herald:

"Sir, on Sunday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. when coming past Bell Block Airport, my friend and I saw an orange light about the size of a light bulb in the sky. It came from the direction of the city of Waitara and seemed to circle around us. Whilst it was circling it was going up and down like a spring. When we put the car lights on and started to move off, it turned to a bright red and shot off in the direction of New Plymouth. It was only a matter of seconds before it disappeared completely. While we were watching it we heard a sound for all the world like someone banging a piece of iron.

(Signed) 'Very Scared.'" (36.)

A drawing was enclosed showing: "...the frontal outline of a cigar-form object with the light in the nose cone." (37.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 April 1957		2. LOCATION Washington, D.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 07/0047Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civ		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four to five sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE S turn E turn North. ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects circular, 1/3 size of dime, color dull pink, objects in trail sound a boom like distant thunder after objects went out of sight.				11. COMMENTS Objects present appearing like meteors. Total sighting 4-5 seconds consistent with this analysis. Appearance of going away from observer then toward observer was optical illusion. Meteor entered fm below plane of ecliptic and was overtaking.	

8 April. "Special Radar Watch." (See clipping)

8 April. Another Congressional inquiry.

Charges of Air Force censorship drew Congressional interest. As usual, the Air Force insisted no problems existed. (See letter as reproduced in the UFO Investigator by NICAP) (38.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

Office of the Secretary

8 APR 1957

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

I further refer to your expression of interest in behalf of Mr. Jerome Sigler of Helena, Montana, concerning unidentified flying objects.

Reports of unidentified flying objects are not withheld from the press. On occasions queries from news media representatives are directed to the Air Force. Answers are provided on any reported unidentified flying objects which have attracted national attention. Periodical reports are not released due to the fact that there have been no significant changes in the past two years on this subject.

Pilots are not muzzled and their reports, if of any significance, are forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where they are further evaluated. Since the last published release in 1955 on unidentified flying objects, there has been no need to release further statements.

Your continued interest in Air Force activities is appreciated.

Honorable Lee Metcalf
House of Representatives

Sincerely yours,
JOE W. KELLY
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison

Keyhoe lost no time testing General Kelly's assertion that nothing was being withheld, and that answers would be provided if queries were made. The NICAP director wrote General Kelly, asking for official details on four UFO cases that were nationally reported in the press. Keyhoe was prepared to wait for a reply. It would be a long wait. (39.)

10 April. Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. (10:00 a.m.)

"Great silver cigar."

The children of Taradale School see a "thing."

According to a press account:

"About 30 of them were in the playground during morning break at 10 a.m. yesterday when they saw a long silver, cigar-like object glide horizontally over the Redcliffe Hills. It suddenly turned upwards and disappeared behind the clouds. The children, many of whom

RADAR WATCH GOES ON FOR THE 'BLOB'

Express Staff Reporter AP. 8th 57

RADAR-SCANNERS kept special watch yesterday for further sightings of a high-flying mystery object spotted by radar at West Freugh, Stranraer.

Meanwhile full reports and pictures of the mystery "blob" are being flown to London today.

Air Ministry intelligence experts will be told that the object was flying at 60,000ft.—more than 11 miles.

The experts will have two independent reports to consider. For the blob was seen on three radar screens—one 20 miles from the others.

Operators Jim McVey and John Kolosky—civilian employees of the Ministry of Supply—saw the object on their screen last Thursday.

They contacted another radar post 20 miles away. Its crew had spotted the "blob" too. A stand-by set was also switched on—and also recorded the "blob."

The object was travelling "very fast," was "very big," and turned at an amazing angle—too acute for a plane.

'IMPORTANT'

Could the radar screens have lied? No, said Wing-Commander W. P. Whitworth, commanding officer of West Freugh R.A.F. station last night.

An Air Ministry spokesman confirmed that the reports are rated as important.

He said last night: "The matter is being investigated at top level and no theory has been rejected so far."

It may have been a Russian reconnaissance plane returning from the Arctic. But usually such planes keep far to the north of Scotland.

Was the object a scientific balloon? The Air Ministry earlier hinted that it was, but the spokesman said:

"We now only include that among other possibilities."

WHAT IS IT? "GREAT WHAT" IS IT?

Many years ago a freak known as the "Great What Is It?" was a fair-ground attraction, and the public were asked to decide for themselves whether the "animal" was a man or a monkey. Many came to the conclusion that it was a fraud. Nowadays there is another "Great What Is It?", but it is not shown in a booth. Sometimes (and most often) it is seen in America, sometimes in England and sometimes in Galloway. If people in earlier days had scope for wonderment, they had always something tangible to look at, but in these modern times the "Great What Is It?" is less accommodating. Very few people see it at the same time and usually it appears for only a brief period. No wonder the bulk of the population shrug their shoulders disbelievingly.

But what of the "blob" that was seen on the radar screen the other day at West Freugh and checked by another station? Radar cannot register a mirage or a queer shaped cloud. The Freugh report set newspapermen agog all over the country—and possibly beyond—and also aroused a great deal of speculation among flying men and those people who are always looking for something sensational. By those who believe in "flying saucers" or Martian visitors the unidentified object was regarded as further proof that their theories are correct. By the disbeliever "it" was dismissed as just another fantasy. Those in the medium band thought it might be an aeroplane off course or one of these rockets that sometimes do not behave as they are meant to do. It might even be something from Russia.

The Air Ministry, we are told, will make an announcement in due course. In the meantime one can only say that "it" has fully qualified for the label of another "Great What Is It?"

Report From Air Ministry Still Awaited

Considerable speculation and comment took place over the week-end and continued for several more days as to the identity of an object picked up on the radar screens at West Freugh R.A.F. Bombing Trials Range on Thursday.

R.A.F. officers and officials of the Air Ministry at once took up the problem posed by the blob, which suddenly appeared on a radar screen and was checked by another radar station some twenty miles away. The blob was caught and held for some time. An immediate report was made to the Air Ministry, which was followed by a full written statement.

At the same time a picture taken by an amateur photographer was published in a London newspaper of an object in the air, and to add to the complication there was a story from a Glasgow man who saw two objects in the sky as he was travelling in a tramcar. He described them as two discs hanging overhead. They were motionless for a minute or two and then disappeared. He thought at first it was a trick of light, but when he learned of the strange object caught on the radar screen at West Freugh he wondered if it was the same phenomenon.

All Radar Stations on Look-out

Meantime all the radar stations in the country were instructed to keep a look-out for any strange objects. The watch was cancelled on Saturday, as obviously the same object would not then be within seeing distance.

It was noon on Thursday that two of the civilian operators on duty at West Freugh picked up an unidentified object which remained on the screen for some time. The circumstances surrounding the appearance of the object were reported to London and immediate action was taken by officials at the Air Ministry.

Shapeless On The Screen

Wing Commander W. P. Whitworth, Station Commander at West Freugh, said the radar was being used to pick up a plane due from the South of England when the strange object appeared and lasted on its "track for some considerable time." It was an object of some substance, but was, of course, shapeless on the screen. There was no question, he said, of the radar playing tricks for the object was checked by another screen some miles away.

Wing Commander Whitworth would not say at what speed or in which direction the object was travelling or at what height it was caught. It had been watched, however, for some time.

An Air Ministry spokesman said that the mystery would be fully investigated before any official statement was made. The most likely explanation was that the object was a runaway balloon, a meteorite, or a high flying bomber.

Up to the time of our going to Press the Air Ministry had not issued any statement.

No one in Wigtownshire saw the object with the naked eye and apart from the blob on the radar screen, nothing was seen of it either over Luce Bay or over the Irish Channel.

Meantime high ranking officers at the Air Ministry were checking the information as it became available.

Possibilities

On Sunday there was a newspaper report that the mystery object had been identified as a weather balloon sent up from Aldergrove, Northern Ireland. This, however, was denied later.

According to unofficial sources the blob was "caught" at 60,000 feet and among the points to be checked and counter-checked along with the radar screen results, were the flying saucer story from Glasgow, the photograph taken in Jersey and the weather balloon from Aldergrove.

The object might, of course, have been a Russian reconnaissance aircraft out of its usual run over the Arctic.

It was while the Air Ministry experts were investigating the picture of a flying saucer taken over the Channel Islands, that the report came from West Freugh. The flying saucer picture, which was stated by experts not to be faked, was taken by a man in Jersey after it had been first sighted by a nine-year-old boy. It was seen by several people and the picture showed an elliptical object with three apparent port-holes. It circled, according to the eye witnesses, for about five minutes and was made of an aluminium substance.

Previous Appearances

There have been previous reports of unidentified objects being seen by local people. In November, 1954, Miss McDowall, Auchtermule, saw what she described as a long red cigar-shaped object to the south-east, flying in a northerly direction. It made no sound and was much larger than an ordinary aeroplane. Another Stranraer lady around about the same time saw a similar object in the sky when on a visit to Stirling. During 1949 Mr Andrew Torbett, Barnultoch, saw a strange object in the sky. From the Stewartry a few years ago came reports of flying saucers having been seen over the Galloway hills.

are model aircraft enthusiasts, are positive the object had no wings, tailpiece or cabin, and they say it made no noise whatsoever. Several observers reported seeing a 'great silver cigar' in this region last year. The object was also sighted from Bay View and suburban Napier." (40.)

10 April. London, England. (4:50 p.m.)

Three independent witnesses see saucer.

Our source:

"...a saucer was seen flying over Kensington, London, by Mr. James Collins of 20 , Dancer Road, Fulham. He stated it was elliptical and oscillated slightly. The object was also seen by Mr. B. Kell, of 34, York Street, London, who was off Kensington High Street at that time. He also described the object as elliptical, adding that it was like two saucers rim-to-rim. He said the object seemed suspended in mid-air, swaying slightly in a pendulum motion.

"An object, presumably the same one, was also seen late that afternoon over Hammersmith by Mr. J. Colly, of Bridge Buildings." (41.)

10 April. Near Norfolk, Va. (2:05 a.m.)

"A round bright light, and then a dull silvery object."

Herbert L. Nichols was a graduate of Columbia University and went on to a career as an engineer, author, and publisher. The morning of April 10, 1957 Mr. Nichols was a passenger on a National Airlines plane:

"I was in the rear west window seat of the El Pacifico plane, National Airlines Flight 720 northbound. At about 2:05 a.m. I saw a light below us, moving oppositely to our course, but slightly more toward the west. It followed the line of a highway, but when it went over a small town I could see that it was above it. The light was round, large, and bright without being dazzling.

"Just after passing over the town it went out abruptly. A moment later a dull silvery object was very faintly visible by direct reflection from the moon. Its brightness was then similar to that of the reflection of the moon in rippled water, not as bright as on still water. This reflection was faint and brief enough so that it might have been an optical illusion.

"The speed of the object was comparable to that of a southbound plane that passed to the west slightly below us a few minutes later, and that was marked by flashing red and white lights. The air was perfectly clear, with a few very high clouds. Plane height had been stated to be 18,000 or 19,000 feet. A few minutes later we passed over a city which I believe to be Norfolk, Virginia.

"The light was definitely in the air, and it was too large to be an airplane light, and was perfectly steady in intensity. Its color was a clear white like an automobile headlight. It was in sight for at least five seconds, and perhaps three times as long.

"The light was probably smaller than a dime at arm's length, but was large enough to appear definitely circular in outline. The unlighted machine was at least as large, or possibly larger, and gave an impression of roundness also. But it was then very indistinct, and protrusions would not have been visible." (42.)

11 April. Cohasset, Massachusetts. (7:00 p.m.)

A local newspaper printed:

"Mrs. Stoddard Marsh said she witnessed about five jet planes chasing 'a very brilliant, gold disc, one-quarter the size of the full moon' shortly before 7 p.m. The silent object, viewed for less than one minute, 'was moving very fast, making sharp turns.' Mrs. Marsh said the jets returned and remained over the area for about an hour. A National Guard Spokesman from the Logan Airport suggested the possibility that the UFO may have a 'target' jet, flying considerably higher than the other planes." (43.)

Something over New York State back in 1955. (See clipping from an April 1957 issue of a Westchester newspaper)

14 April. Vins sur Caramy, France. (3:00 p.m.)

"Giant top." "Alternating magnetic field?"

This case is so odd it might have been omitted if it had been a single witness report. Of special interest is the violent vibrating of the metal road signs that indicated a rapid alternating magnetic field. (See clippings cut from the New York CSI bulletin) (44.)

French investigator Jacques Bergier said of the apparent powerful electromagnetic effect:

"Certainly it would take a very low frequency to shake a road sign so that its oscillations are visible. The 'metallic' noise produced confirms this: at more than 20-30 vibrations per second, the 'noise' would have been heard instead as a 'musical note.'" (45.)

Air Force advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek wrote that the case certainly deserved a high strangeness rating but doubted it was a hoax. The incident was labeled as such by BLUE BOOK experts. Moreover, the Air Force commented:

"While no credence is given to this report, previous experience with incidents of this nature dictates that USAF files should indicate that some official action had been initiated, in the event any official or public inquiries are made regarding this incident." (46.)

Since Hynek did not personally investigate the Vins sur Caramy case, he withheld any unqualified endorsement. In his book, The UFO Experience, Hynek remarks: "Perhaps the reader will wish to exclude it from the rest of the evidence, using it only as illustrative of official attitudes toward the UFO phenomenon. But the case fits in with the rest." (47.)

The story:

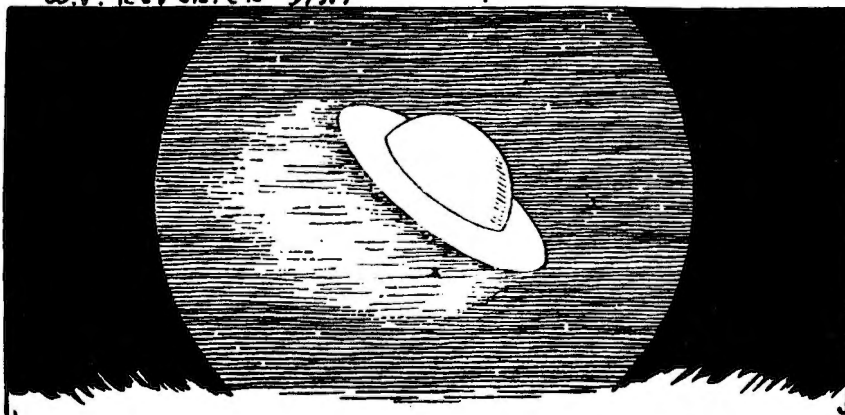
"On Sunday, April 14, 1957, at 3:00 p.m. Misses Garcin and Rami were walking along route D.24 at approximately 1 kilometer to the

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Yonkers Folk Get Good Gander at Saucer

Personally I've never seen a flying saucer or anything which resembled one, but that doesn't prove that there aren't such things as UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) as they are called. After talking with my old friend, Maj. Don Keyhoe, who has done much investigation and writing on the

subject, I'm willing to admit that there's a lot going on in the space around the earth that more folks don't know about than DO.

Not very many persons have had a real good look at one of these "UFO's", but a day or so ago I talked with one such lucky person from Yonkers who not only saw one, but saw it through a telescope, saw it twice, and also has witnesses with him who saw it. This unusually well attested sighting was reported in this April's issue of a magazine called "Orbit".

I called my observer friend on the phone and had a long and mighty interesting talk about this Yonkers Saucer. He prefers that I do not use his name but the facts are especially clear and I thought you'd like to learn about them. The first time he spotted the object was on Aug. 28 1955. He was then employed by the Westchester County Control Survey, working in connection with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. (He is now employed by the N. Y. Board of Education.)

"Leo" as I shall call him, was using his new Balscope Senior 30-power telescope and looking in a southwesterly direction, roughly toward New York City. The moon had risen but was behind him and his house thus not in his line of vision. Suddenly he spotted a fuzzy bright object through the scope and hastily focused upon it. His first thought was that it was Saturn rings and all, but he promptly realized that his instrument was not powerful enough to "reach" Saturn, even had it been in that location.

The object was about the size of a dime at arms length, milky

white in color and tilted slightly as I have sketched from a sketch sent me by Leo. From the under side (away from the observer) a very faint but distinct pale blue halation was visible. The telescope showed that the object was moving slowly, was clearcut and uncluttered with "windows", gadgets or lights. The only thing to be seen was the sharp outline, a faint dark line at the base of the "turret", and the faint glow from the underside. Leo's wife and two neighbors watched the object for fully a half hour until it vanished behind neighborhood obstructions.

Two nights later it was again spotted, higher in the sky, smaller and tilted at a sharper angle. This time it was watched by nine persons and was in view for over a half hour. Still the same milky white color, the sharp, clear image and the faint bluish glow from the underside.

A check with the Hayden Planetarium revealed that Saturn could not possibly have been seen either from that direction or with that power telescope. The Planetarium astronomer suggested Leo might have seen a reflection from the moon, but when the Yonkers man pointed out that the moon had been hidden behind the house at the time of the sighting, the expert said, "I'm afraid I can't help you in the matter."

Neither can I, but it certainly is an interesting report and full of exciting conjecture.

APRIL-MAY 1957 - THREE LANDING OR NEAR-LANDING CASES IN FRANCE

In News Letter #9 (p. 25) we mentioned the excellent accounts of three 1957 sightings in France, personally investigated by Jimmy Guieu and Marc Thirouin, whose reports were published in Ouranos #21. The first case was the landing at Vins, in Provence (department of Var), on April 14 (NL #8, p. 13). The second was the extraordinary object seen at Palalda in southwestern France (department of Pyrénées-Orientales) on April 22, not previously described in this News Letter. The third was the "little-men" report of May 10, at Beaucourt-sur-l'Ancre (department of Seine-et-Oise), north of Paris. (See NL #8, pp. 15-16.)

The stories are noteworthy not only for the events but for the quality of the investigations presented in Ouranos, from which we quote below. Readers who are at home in French are urged to read the original accounts, for the magazine presents sketch maps and photographs, together with a number of other interesting details omitted here for lack of space.

Vins-sur-Caramy - April 14, 1957

Our report in NL #8 was taken from the Nice-Matin of April 20, as reprinted in the Courrier Interplanétaire of May 15, 1957. From the Ouranos account it is clear that the newspaper story was incorrect regarding several aspects of the affair.



The object seen landing on Route D-24 (corresponding to a state highway in the U.S.) was described inaccurately by the paper as "a metallic construction, circular in form, 3 ft. high, about 6 ft. in diameter, with a swelling on the upper surface; the witnesses spoke of a 'giant top'; surmounted by antennas resembling radar apparatus." As the sketch shows, the object was conical, with a convex top, and rested on its point. It was about 5 ft. high. From the surface of the cone there projected at right angles many little rods, apparently metallic, which were in rapid vibration.

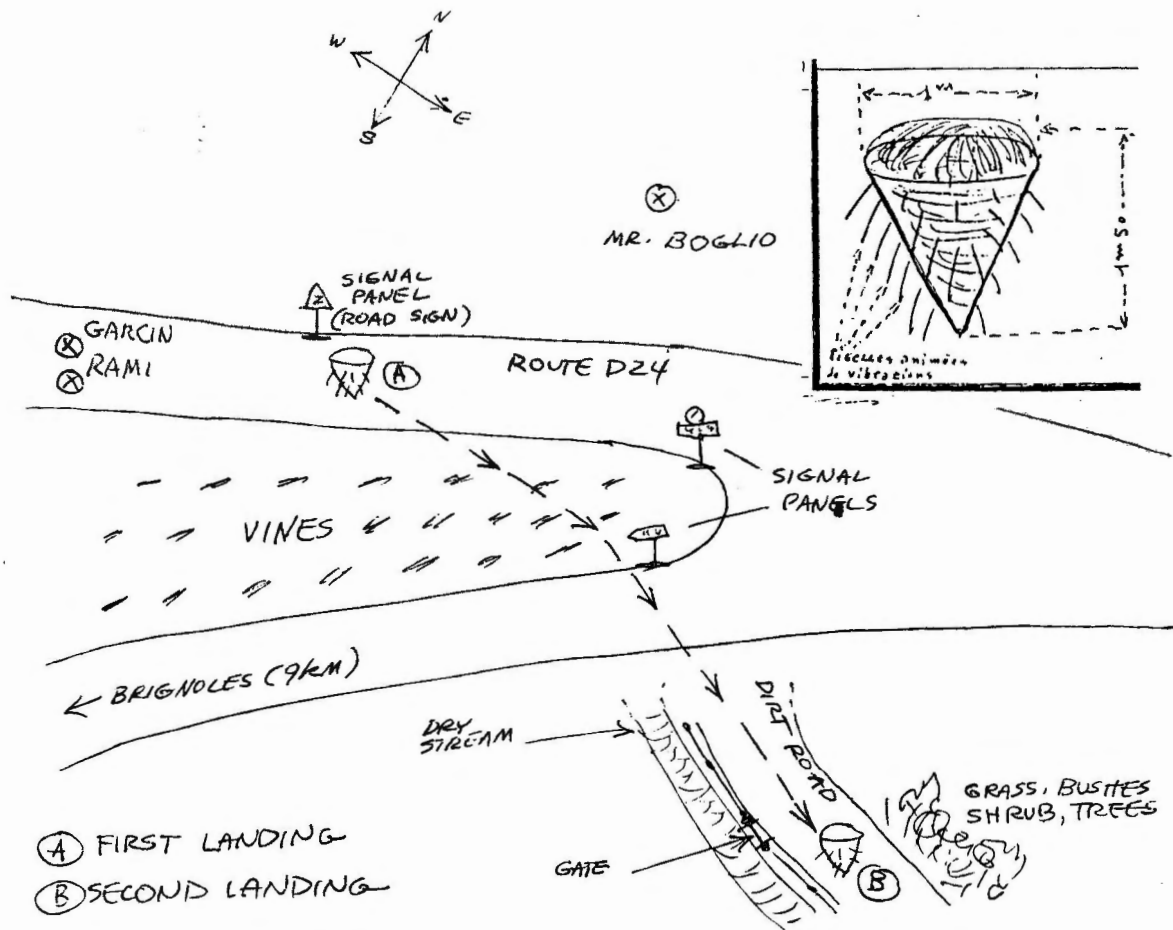
The object itself made no sound at any time; but as it settled down on the highway, a deafening noise came from a metal road sign about 12" x 30", mounted on a post about 5 yards from the landing spot. This sign shook and vibrated violently, further terrifying the two women who were about 100 yards away - Mme. Rami, wife of the village constable, and her friend Mme. Garcin. (Contrary to the newspaper account, both of the women heard the noise.)

The racket was also heard by M. Jules Boglio, tending his beehives on a hill about 300 yards to the north. Thinking that two cars had collided, he ran toward the highway, and as he ran he saw the object take off. Again there was the loud metallic vibration from the sign. The "cone" swerved eastward, traveling only 15 or 20 feet above the ground, and dropped down again on a dirt road about 200 yards from the place where it had landed the first time. During this brief "hop" it passed above another road sign, which vibrated as noisily as the first. (Note: the Nice-Matin story indicated that the women were on the dirt road when the object appeared first. This is incorrect; they were on the highway.)

The thing then took off again, "pitching from side to side," and flew toward the southeast at moderate speed. The entire affair had lasted about one minute.

Mme. Rami immediately notified her husband, and the constable went to get the police from nearby Brignoles. The two landing spots were examined: on the highway, the ground beside the road seemed to have been violently "swept," as if by a powerful blast of air. On the dirt road the traces were even more conspicuous; the earth was "scoured away" in a circular spot about four feet in diameter.

Three days later Jimmy Guieu, with M. Pierre Ayraud of Radio Monte-Carlo, visited the Brignoles police station as the first step in their investigation. They were shown the official police report on the case - which made it clear that the witnesses were above all suspicion of having perpetrated a hoax.



Drawings by Jimmy Guieu

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 April 1957	2. LOCATION Vins Sur Caramy, France		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <i>Unreliable</i>
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1500 GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE landing	☒ Other <i>Unreliable</i> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
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east of Vins-sur-Caramy. Suddenly, at approximately 100 meters from where they were standing, a curious metallic apparatus landed. The apparatus was dull metal colored and cone-shaped and the nose of the apparatus was vertically pointed downwards. The apparatus was similar to a large spinning top with a convex peak. The maximum height of this apparatus is believed to be approximately 1.50 meters and the maximum diameter was approximately 1 meter. There were metallic-like tigela (Aime Michel in his book Flying Saucers And The Straight-Line Mystery, page 207, described "tigela" as a: "...sheaf of multicolored luminous rods.") that were parallel to the walls of the cone-shaped apparatus that were rapidly vibrating.

"At the time of the machine which was maneuvering to land, the witnesses heard a deafening noise. This noise was made by a signal panel that was rotating that was situated at approximately 5 meters from the landing point and oscillated and vibrated in a brutal manner. Misses Garcin and Rami, frightened, let out a cry of surprise and terror and the same time of the noise.

"Alerted by these shouts and screams, Mr. Boglio, who had been caring for an apiary in the hillside, came running as there was thought that there had been an automobile. It was then that he saw the apparatus take off and once more engage in the strange vibrations. Then the apparatus made a skip over the route and making a turn towards the east, (approximately at 5 or 10 meters of altitude) it once more landed on a slight little patch at approximately 200 meters from its first landing point.

"After its turn, the apparatus once more began utilization of the dignified signalling device which was subjected to brutal oscillations and violent vibrations that produced an awful noise, a 'resonance' that was extremely remarkable. During the evolutions of the object, all of the witnesses saw the panels vibrate in a violent manner as if it had been subjected to repeated violent shocks at a very rapid rate.

"Afterwards, the apparatus took off, pitching from side to side and all the time very silently towards a south-east direction, and at a very moderate speed. There was no moment when the apparatus itself did vibrate. The complete observation lasted approximately 1 minute.

"Miss Rami warned her husband, who later accompanied by the policemen from Brignoles went to investigate the area. And, at the place of the supposed landing, the police do say that they did encounter a spot of land that was marked (on the path of the route that was supposedly followed) and the police did state that this piece of land did seem to have been swept under the effect of powerful blowers. On the path that was swept of land (second landing), the traces were still very clear. The ground was 'flushed' on a diameter of approximately 1.50 meters." (48.)

14 April. Brig. General Arno H. Leuhman. "A dead issue?!"

Air Intelligence chief General Leuhman was not safe from questions even on vacation. Miami News reporter Sanford Schnier caught up with the officer at the Americana Hotel. The result was the following article:

'United States Air Force Intelligence still has uncovered 'absolutely nothing' on alleged flying saucers after checking out hundreds of thousands of leads in the past 10 years, the head of that service's information office said here today.

"Brig. Gen. Arno H. Leuhman, vacationing with his wife Constance at the Americana Hotel, said that 'There's no valid evidence or information whatsoever that there are flying saucers. And personally, I don't think there are objects visiting from other planets.'" (49.)

Up to this point, the General's statement was a standard denial but the Intelligence chief didn't stop at that. The Miami newspaper reporter filled out his story with additional remarks by the General that really put the knife to "believers." The story continues:

'He said he was 'surprised' that Floridians were still excited about the subject. 'I thought it was sort of a dead issue. Our intelligence group checks out everything -- the funny reflections seen at night, the lights seen from the rear end of jet planes, the meteorological balloons, explosion sounds, everything including the hoaxes.'

"'One thing's sure, what they supposedly 'see' is not a United States project. If it was, Aviation Magazine would probably have printed a detailed diagram of it long ago,' he joked.

"Leuhman, 45, and a West Point graduate, said that the Air Force will continue to check out all leads called in by citizens." (50.)

Across town Norbert Gariety, editor/publisher of the Miami-based UFO bulletin S.P.A.C.E., could hardly contain himself. Gariety lost no time drafting a message addressed to the General, challenging the Intelligence Chief to a public debate. After mailing the challenge to the General's hotel, Gariety supplied copies to Miami's two major newspapers: The Herald and the Daily News.

Leuhman ignored Gariety but the Daily News thought enough of the local UFO expert to ask for an interview. Gariety told the Daily News the people of Florida must be "surprised" themselves over the General's claim the UFO problem was a "dead" issue because the residents of the Peninsula State, according to numbers on file, were currently making UFO reports at a rate far above the national average. Gariety quoted Professor Hermann Oberth and ex-BLUE BOOK Chief E.J. Ruppelt that the UFO mystery could not be easily dismissed, ending his argument with references to the newly formed NICAP organization of retired high-ranking Generals and Admirals, scientists, and respected authorities in various professions. (51.)

It use to be that men like Leuhman needed only to flash their stars to impress the public and win UFO arguments, while UFO advocates were dismissed as eccentric loners. No more. An important lesson for the Air Force to come out of the Gariety incident was that NICAP didn't have to be a large organization, or do important research. Just the fact that NICAP existed made it a threat. Many UFO buffs, like Gariety, might not be affiliated with the Keyhoe-led group, but that did not keep them from making use of NICAP to boost their pro-UFO views.

15 April. Elgin AFB, Florida.

Another "surprise" for General Leuhman.

The same day General Leuhman was calling the UFO problem a "dead issue,"

two civilian technical representatives for the Philco Company had to rub their eyes in disbelief as they caught sight of a UFO stalking a B-47 bomber during a landing approach to Eglin AFB. (See BLUE BOOK paper-work) (52.)

Mid-April.

Keyhoe: "We had decided on our publication for members. Detailed reports would be covered in the UFO Investigator. This would be supplemented by special news bulletins, labeled confidential when necessary." (53.)

15 April.

Russians disguised as Venusians?

Believe it or not, Long John's and Sanderson's incredible suggestion about flying saucers and Russian spies back on April 4th drew a comment from a Moscow newspaper. The Moscow Evening News printed:

"'Flying saucers' have again appeared in the skies of America. Heaven knows, this is of course a great sensation, for in the past few years saucers, plates, and other mysterious flying kitchenware have periodically visited the airspace of the U.S.A. --well, if not the air-space they have at any rate visited the pages of certain American newspapers which are crazily enamoured of the sensational.

"Now at last, however, it has been definitely established that the flying saucers are not interplanetary craft bringing unknown beings to our earth. Soviet spies, it seems, disguised as denizens of Venus, are allegedly emerging from these secret flying machines on to the American Continent! From the mouths of John Nebel and of Sanderson, commentators on the Columbia and Mutual, America's two largest broadcasting companies, the American people have recently heard the news of this shattering discovery.

"Analysing numerous flying saucer reports, both these commentators ---each quite independently---have arrived at one and the same conclusion and have hastened to warn their listeners of the 'new danger' threatening America from the direction of the wily Soviets.

"To lend greater credibility to his story, John Nebel invited a resident of a small New Jersey township to take part in his programme and describe his own meeting with 'Beings from Venus' who landed in his orchard.

"The time allowed to radio commentators being usually very brief, neither Nebel nor Sanderson went into details when divulging their great discovery, but further, irrefragable, proof was given by them to a reporter of the New York Daily News, which journal had kindly offered its pages for the popularisation of so notable an achievement of research.

"Both commentators, says this paper, point out that there is one well-known similarity in all reports of encounters with people from space: they all preach brotherly love, and firmly insist that we should stop making A and H bomb tests. Only one thing was lacking ---the discovery that, under the guise of beings from Venus, Soviet agents are propagating the manifestly anti-American concept of Brotherly Love!!

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SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.)

In compliance with AFR 200-2, the following UFOB report is submitted. This report pertains to an Unidentified Flying Object sighted near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

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Description of the object:

- (a) An elliptical egg shape
 - (b) Object at first appeared size of a drag parachute from a B-47 when viewed at a distance of one half a mile. When the B-47 and object separated, its size was unable to be estimated as it was then realized that the object was at a great distance from the B-47.
 - (c) Dull drab aluminum color with little reflectivity.
 - (d) One.
 - (e) N/A
 - (f) Negative.
 - (g) None.
 - (h) None.
 - (i) There were not any markings or straight plane surfaces. The observers would have thought the object to be a weather balloon if it had not subsequently moved.
- (2) (a) The observers were returning to Eglin Air Force Base during the lunch hour and noticed a B-47 coming in for a landing on the downwind leg. They then noticed an object at the same azimuth and elevation as the B-47 and their first reaction was that it was a drag parachute. Then the aircraft continued its approach and the observers realized that the object was at a much greater distance than the B-47 (which was about one half a mile from the observers). They stopped their car out of curiosity and then believed the object to be a weather balloon as it was stationary. The object next began to accelerate, at first rather slowly, and then with a greatly increased rate. When the object moved out of the viewers sight, it appeared to be going at least Mach 2 or 3.
- (b) 45 degree elevation, 120 degree azimuth.
 - (c) 80 degree elevation, about 90 degree azimuth.
 - (d) When the object accelerated, it resembled a pull up of a supersonic aircraft from level flight. The maneuver was similar to an arc of a circle and the object appeared to reach a speed of over Mach 2 or 3. An analogous description of the flight maneuver would be the path of an arc of a sweeping searchlight.
 - (e) The object moved out of sight of the observers.
 - (f) 15 seconds of which the object's maneuver lasted about three seconds.
- (3) (a) Ground-visual
- (b) N/A
 - (c) N/A
- (4) (a) 1800Z 15 April 1957.
- (b) Day.
- (5) Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

- (6) (a) Civilian - [REDACTED], Age: 31
 Address - [REDACTED], Fort Walton Beach, Florida
 Occupation - Philco Technical Representative, 3201st Communications Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
 Civilian - [REDACTED], Age: 29
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(1) Clear sky and unlimited visibility.

(2) The following weather report was obtained from Detachment #10, 4th Weather Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The readings were taken at 1500Z April 1957:

Surface - wind from 030 degrees at 5 knots
 6,000 feet - 330 degrees at 13 knots
 10,000 feet - 310 degrees at 28 knots
 16,000 feet - 310 degrees at 36 knots
 20,000 feet - 290 degrees at 34 knots
 30,000 feet - 290 degrees at 47 knots
 50,000 feet - 290 degrees at 56 knots
 80,000 feet - 260 degrees at 13 knots

(c) Ceiling - unlimited
 (d) Visibility - 10 miles plus
 (e) None
 (f) None

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) There were numerous aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting. However, in the line of sight from the observers to the object, the B-47 was the only aircraft present and it subsequently landed.

(11) The two observers appeared to be mature, sincere and reliable individuals. They have spent many years in the vicinity of Air Force bases and are accustomed to the various activities of the Air Proving Ground Command. The preparing officer, however, can not offer any explanation for the sighting and, since the time involved (15 seconds) was quite brief, it is believed that this unidentified flying object is not of any particular significance.

"Sanderson, whom the Columbia announcers refer to with respect as a former British Naval Intelligence officer, has expressed the opinion, based upon his wide experience in these matters, that 'the envoys from other planets behave entirely like Russian psychological warfare agents.'

"So the flying saucers are dropping Soviet agents in the U.S.A. disguised as inhabitants of other worlds and with the mission of inducing the U.S.A. to abandon their A and H bomb tests. It is hard to say which is the greater, the monumental 'out-of-this-world' stupidity of this story or the inhuman wickedness of the apologists of an Atomic War. These folk are trying to discredit the U.S.S.R., which has conducted a tenacious struggle against the American militarists' preparations for a new world war...

"In their frantic endeavour to justify, before the American people and the peoples of the world, their own rejection of these Soviet proposals, the ruling circles in the U.S.A. are letting out all the stops. And here we have the result---in these stories of flying saucers over the American Continent, along with which are being put out press and radio canards which are poisoning the peaceful and tranquil atmosphere ---an atmosphere fatal for those who are trying to build their own security and well-being on the blood of the nations.--YU GENERALOV." (54.)

17 April. Guieu investigates the Vins Sur Caramy case.

Police from Brignoles (Var) were quick to investigate, filing a report with the French Air Police, the Minister of the Interior, and other official organizations. The news media got wind of the case and descended on the area to interview witnesses.

Civilian French UFO investigator Jimmy Guieu, representing the Ouranos organization, showed up on April 17th accompanied by M. Pierre Ayraud of Radio Monte-Carlo, a broadcaster who regularly aired UFO programs.

Guieu approached the local police and found them cooperative. It was not so easy with the witnesses. They had 'gone into hiding' after 40 hours of hounding by the news media.

Locating the site of the UFO's appearance, Guieu tested the metal road signs for any trace of magnetic activity, placing a compass at different places on the poles. He found some suspicious deviations.

Guieu also exchanged views with a policeman that had escorted him to the "landing sites." The policeman suggested that a secret weapon was responsible for the incident. Guieu objected, doubting any country on earth could build such a device.

When the locals learned that Guieu's inquiries were being supervised by the police, the witnesses emerged from hiding to be questioned. (55.)

19 April. UFO news from Japan.

A Yokohama-based UFO group contacted American researchers concerning an incident that took place in the Pacific Ocean. According to the "Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan" the following occurred:

"At 11:52 a.m. of April 19, a Japanese fishing boat Kitsukawa Maru was enroute to Japan from the South Pacific Ocean. The bosun and four crew members spotted two metallic very silvery

craft descending from the sky and suddenly dived into the sea, at about 143°-30' N and 31°-15' E. After the craft submerged, there occurred a violent turbulence.

"The bosun thought at first the objects were jet planes, but they had no wings and were approximately 10 meters long. His ship searched in the water but did not find any wreckage." (56.)

The objects may have been some sort of missile. We may never know, but there was some interesting UFO activity in the Japanese region during this period. In fact, on April 20th some red-ringed balls were reported over the city of Nagoma at 12 noon. Balloons? A much better sighting, however, had been made back on March 13th when a black-grey cigar-like object appeared over Tokyo. A number of witnesses sighted the object in the south about 3:45 in the afternoon. The reported movements of the UFO suggest the sighting might be a real unidentified aerial body consistent with many other stories: "It hovered for a few moments at first, then moved slowly on a definite course, and then it turned on end vertically and went straight up into the clouds." (57.) (Oddly enough, March 13th was when a "huge silver cigarette" was reported over Scarborough, England.)

21 April. South Africa.

According to England's Flying Saucer Review:

"The Cape Times reported that a large object which shot off multi-colored lights was seen from a house in Cambridge at about 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. It was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Graham Tyler, of Empire Avenue, and later by their neighbour, Mr. D. Bowie.

"Mrs. Tyler stated that she and her husband watched the object for about 10 minutes. It was low in the sky. They said it turned and they saw a dome on the top of the circular light." (58.)

21 April. Montlucon, France. (1:45 to 2:30 a.m.)

The "jellyfish."

It came out of the eastern sky moving in a strange way, approaching by "fits and starts."

The time was 1:45 in the afternoon on a clear day. Mme. Gilberte Asserres and Mme. Rolande Prevost were witnesses to the UFO's approach. The object in the heavens, resembled a sphere cut in half, gave off a brilliant golden light from its hemispherical top. From its flat bottom something extended that appeared to be: "...luminous vertical filaments alternately green and violet in color," hence the "jellyfish" description. (59.)

The two French women found the brilliant light irritating to their eyes during the five minutes the UFO was in view. There was no connection with the moon since the lunar disc, in the first quarter, was clearly visible but in another part of the sky.

While in view the UFO, on one occasion, appeared to be "twinning vertically," or to put it another way, split into two objects, one above the other. (60.) Was it a UFO or an optical illusion?

22 April. Suffolk, New York.

"Saucers Seen Over Suffolk?"

A headline in a Long Island newspaper alerted residents of that area that UFOs may be lurking in the skies. Bannered across the front page was: "SAUCERS SEEN OVER SUFFOLK." The story said:

"...a farmer by the name of Michael Pace, Flanders, reported seeing 23 saucers illuminated by blue-green lights, flying at an approximate height of 1,000 feet and traveling at 200-300 miles per hour. The objects were also reported by Michael Mollik and Michael Lopez also of Flanders. The local Air Force base said they had no idea of what the objects could be. They are investigating." (61.)

22 April. Taegu, South Korea.

"Zig-zagging eggs."

Our story:

"Four smoking objects were seen over Taegu, South Korea, on the night of April 22. They were egg-shaped with smoke trails. They zig-zagged across the sky. One of the four objects was red-orange colored, but the others were greenish-blue. Under observation for 5 minutes. No sound. (62.)

22 April. Palada, France. (1:00 p.m.)

"Flaming whirlwind."

A third 'whirling' mystery in less than nine days took place far to the south of France in the Pyrenees-Orientales province that borders Spain. Guieu rushed to the scene and compiled the following report:

"On Monday, April 22, 1957, at 1:00 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. (---deleted by the U.S. Air Force BLUE BOOK censor) could be found in a little wooden cabin on the far side of their wine vineyards after lunch. Mrs. (---deleted) was washing the dishes when all of a sudden she heard a terrible racket and noise all around the little cabin. She ran outside and when she glanced up, she observed an enormous whirlwind of blue and red flames that at approximately 10-15 meters of altitude began to descend on the vineyards.

"Frightened, Mrs. (---deleted) asked her husband to come and join her and see what she was frightened about. The 'thing' had the aspect of a cone of flames that were whirling around the 'thing' itself at a slightly turning speed, but the 'thing' did not displace even slightly from its bearing.

"The flying object stopped for approximately 1 minute at 5 meters from the western part of the field. It maintained itself at an altitude of approximately 5 meters from the ground. In the course of the first stop, the vine stocks were strongly agitated, and so was the ground as they underwent a sort of aspiration that was directed in an upward direction (therefore, towards the apparatus) and the apparatus was meanwhile violently whirling. The object whose giration on the spot was accompanied with a deafening sound, recovered the flight above the field, and then descended towards the south at approximately 400 meters from the first stop at 5 to 10 meters from a clump of trees (cherry trees) in a gap in the ground near a bridge.

"The gyrating cone created a violent turbulence (?) that brutally and roughly made the leaves and the branches of the trees shake. The latter, according to the witnesses, were bent in several manners. Their branches and leaves seemed to be on the point of being yanked out. The cone of red and blue flames once more started on its slow course and trajectory and then climbed the direct side of a hill (at approximately 30 meters from the ground), then having reached the top of a hill, it rapidly ascended into the sky at a very rapid rate of speed and disappeared. The latter disappeared in a North-Easterly direction.

"At no time did the witness see the so-called 'apparatus' itself, all they claim to have seen was the turbulent mass of whirling flames that were red and blue and were in the form of a cone and the point of which was directed towards the ground, and the peak of the latter was approximately 5 meters long.

"The witnesses could not be exact in relation to the form of the apparatus as the latter was completely covered with flames that were oscillating in all directions and whirling, but they did think that the ensemble on the whole seemed to have a cone-shaped aspect.

"At the place where the UFO stopped at the first time in the vineyards, the ground jarred and was shaken. Even though the apparatus was only 5 meters from the ground, we found no trace of burned spots on the ground or any hardening of the ground. Therefore, one is not really dealing with 'flames' but with some kind of phenomenon of ionization." (63.)

22 April. A busy day for NICAP.

"Rumor Navy forced Fahrney to quit."

Rumors swept through NICAP that the U.S. Navy had forced Admiral Fahrney to resign as Chairman of the Board. In a special bulletin released by NICAP on April 22nd it was said Admiral Fahrney's wife was ill; that and the pressure of business, meant the ex-missile chief had to step down. The Admiral, however, expressed a desire to remain a NICAP member. In a telegram to the Director, Donald Keyhoe, Fahrney stated:

"I sincerely believe that serious factual investigations by NICAP should continue and I have faith in your leadership to carry out this programme. Also, I am under no compulsion to resign, this being due solely to personal reason. Best wishes for the success of NICAP.

(Signed) Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney,
U.S.N. Ret." (64.)

The loss of Fahrney was not a big blow to NICAP. The organization had plenty of Admirals and Generals to spare and Fahrney had already helped to achieve the prime goal of the group at the time, which was to launch NICAP.

Better news for NICAP.

On April 22nd Keyhoe got a lift when apparently NICAP got confirmation of radar targets over Oxnard back on March 23rd. (See letter)

OXNARD

Copy of letter of Jimmie Hill, Central Tower Operator, Long Beach, Calif.
Municipal Airport, to Dr. D. A. Waterbury, 413 North Market, Marion, Ill.

April 22, 1957

Dear Dr. Waterbury,

I'll try to give you what information I can concerning the U.F.O. As you know, or I assume you do, I work in the Control Tower at the Municipal Airport here. I've forgotten what day it was, but the time was about 2350 (11:50 p.m.). I was watching the radar scope at the time when I noticed a target on it about 15 miles northwest and moving northwest. At first I thought it was a jet, then I noticed it was moving much faster than anything I had ever seen on the scope before. It was traveling at a very rapid rate of speed when at about 40 miles northwest it came to an abrupt stop and reversed course all within a period of about 3 secs. It then traveled back along its course for about 20 miles and reversed course again and disappeared off the scope at 50 miles northwest (our radar only reaches out 50 miles). Approximately 5 mins. later 2 more targets appeared and disappeared off the scope in the same direction as the first; and these we had time to clock their speed. They traveled 30 miles in 30 secs which figures out to 3600 MPH. A minute or so later a fourth target appeared in the same area as the other 3, 10 or 15 miles northwest, and went off the scope to the northwest at 3600 MPH. Our radar does not give height of aircraft so I couldn't give you the height, however they had to be about 10,000 ft. or lower because our radars maximum height range is about 10,000 ft. Also radar does not give the size of aircraft.

A couple of days later I read in the paper about a woman some 40 miles northwest of here sighting some strange flying objects in the sky at exactly the same time of day on the same day of our radar sightings. If she hasn't thrown it away, Mrs. Darter has the clipping on that. That's all the information I can give you. Hope it's of some use. I was convinced before this, but more so now.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jimmie Hill

5845 Gardenia Ave.
N. Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Major Keyhoe.

I'm afraid I cannot add anything more to my report to Dr. Waterbury and I'm sure he relayed all the information I gave him. The time of the UFO's was approximately 2350 (1150 pm) to about 2400 (midnight) As far as using my name on the subject, it's alright with me.

Sorr I can't be of more help.

Sincerely

Jimmie Hill.

23 April. The Army clamps down.

During April a NICAP member discovered a special order concerning UFO reports, an order that was issued by U.S. Army officials. The order had the following section devoted to secrecy:

"Persons involved in sightings will not discuss or disseminate such information to persons or agencies other than their superior officer(s) and other personnel authorized by the Acting Chief of Staff, G-2, this headquarters." (65.)

Passed on to Keyhoe, the document confirmed the NICAP Director's fears about censorship. Keyhoe noted with special interest that the Army document was dated January 31, 1957, or about two weeks after Admiral Fahrney, as NICAP Board Chairman, made a nationwide appeal for UFO reports. Was there a connection? Keyhoe wrote to Army officials asking for an explanation.

23 April. Harrow-Weald, England.

Evaluation: "Characteristic of an aircraft?"

A man and his wife were outside their home the evening of April 23rd looking at the sky searching for a comet. The couple lived in Harrow-Weald, England. The weather was ideal for scanning the heavens. There were no clouds in the moonless, star-strewn vault of blackness overhead. Only slight surface winds were noted.

While standing watch, the man and his wife spotted a fast-moving, round-shaped, red-colored, light. The light was at 45 degrees elevation from the horizon traveling on a straight course. The light passed by Jupiter and appeared to be three times the size of that planet. After passing Jupiter, the light began maneuvering, making abrupt angle turns, the changes sharp and defined, accompanied by a shift of color from red to bright orange. The sighting lasted about 50 seconds.

The incident was reported to American military authorities in England. An investigation was conducted and the results forwarded to project BLUE BOOK in the U.S. American Air Force investigators in England determined that no American aircraft had been in the area within ten minutes of the sighting. After checking with London air control, American investigators learned that no RAF aircraft could have been responsible. Here is the comments filed with the paperwork:

"THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL LIGHTS AS CARRIED BY AIRCRAFT, THEREFORE IT WOULD NOT BE A KNOWN AIRCRAFT. OBJECT TRAVELLED TOO FAST TO BE A BALLOON. OBJECT COULD NOT BE A GROUND LIGHT BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE IT TRAVELLED AND THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE SKY TO REFLECT GROUND LIGHTS. OBJECT WAS NOT A METEOR DUE TO ERRATIC COURSE TRAVELED." (66.)

This "pro-UFO" talk didn't suit Capt. Gregory at Wright Field. The BLUE BOOK chief sent a special message to England to explain why the comments of the UFO report's preparing officer were not considered. (See message) The official solution for the case was given this way: "...sighting was characteristic of an aircraft and case is evaluated as an aircraft." (67.)

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 objects against night sky), typical of hundreds received during the
 ten-year existence of UFO Project, and later found to be aircraft.

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 sound heard or additional lights observed, not considered valid.
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23 April. Several miles east of Russellville, Indiana. (11:00 p.m.)
 "Buzzed and bombed by a monstrosity." (See news clipping below)

NEWS, Indianapolis, IN - April 27, 1957

'Buzzed' by Saucer, Say 4 Teeners

Continued to the News
GREENCASTLE, Ind.—Four teen-agers today reported they were buzzed and "bombed" by a giant flying saucer.

The incident occurred on Ind. 234 as Jerry Brattain, 17; George Bennett, 17; Bob Coleman, 18, and Jackie Glover, 18, were returning from Russellville.

The boys said they parked their car a few miles east of Russellville about 11 p.m. Tuesday when they saw a huge red light in the sky. The ship moved over the car and hovered there at an altitude of about 200 feet.

"It wasn't shaped like anything we had ever seen," said Glover. "It appeared to be about 50 by 100 feet in size, equipped with large white lights on each side. Several other colored lights also were visible."

The youths said they flashed a spotlight on the object, which in turn buzzed the group.

The "bomb," resembling a firecracker, landed in the car at Brattain's feet and bounced

and exploded against Glover's cheek. He was not hurt. Yellow and purple paper fragments of the "bomb" were found in the car.

"We were flabbergasted at the monstrosity as it hung in the sky over our car," said Glover. "It shot upward at great speed and then moved north like a bolt of lightning."

Glover and Brattain said they were buzzed by the same saucer, or one just like it, Monday night when they were returning home from Russellville along with Jay Johnson.

Putnam County Sheriff Joe Rollings said his office had received several reports from residents in the northwest part of the county that they, too, had seen "saucers" resembling the type reported by the teen-agers.

The sheriff advised against "saucer hunting" and particularly requested young people from frequenting the scene of the purported sightings.

25 April.

Keyhoe and the Air Force square off for another clash.

Not showing all his cards, NICAP Director Donald Keyhoe confronted the Air Force over the March 23rd Oxnard case. Trying to skirt BLUE BOOK, Keyhoe wrote a letter directly to the Commanding Officer of Oxnard AFB, listing numerous requests regarding information on the incident. (See letter below)

'National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
 Washington 6, D.C.
 April 25, 1957

"Colonel E.F. Carey, Commanding Officer
Oxnard Air Force Base
Camarillo, California.

Dear Colonel Carey:

As the Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, I am writing you in regard to a UFO sighting near Oxnard Air Force Base on March 23. We have been reliably informed that four UFOs were tracked by radar in this area, shortly after midnight on March 23. The indicated speeds were as high as 3600 mph.

We also have been informed that an Air Force jet fighter pilot under your command was vectored to intercept the UFO and that he later gave the Base operations and intelligence officers a detailed description of at least one of the UFOs.

The National Investigations Committee would appreciate receiving a copy of the pilot's report and also a copy of the radar report. For your information NICAP was established to collect, evaluate and publish authentic information on the subject of unidentified flying objects and we believe the March 23rd report to be in the public domain.

If the report has been classified then I request following the recent published suggestion by Representative John Moss, that we be furnished the following information:

1. What is the classification of the reports?
2. By whom were they classified?
3. By what authority were they classified?

A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The Committee will greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Keyhoe, Major USMC (Ret.) DIRECTOR OF NICAP." (68.)

28 April. Off Cape Colville, New Zealand. (4:30 p.m.)

"Extraordinary skycraft trails smoke, does violent sky dance."

This is one of the better UFO cases to come out of New Zealand at this time. (See article) (69.)

28 April. Modesto, California. (9:30 p.m.)

"A non-believer in flying saucers."

A local newspaper reported:

"School bus driver Charles G. Reynolds, a former 'non-believer in flying saucers,' was watching the Arend-Roland comet at 9:30 p.m.

Extraordinary Skycraft Baffles Veteran Seaman

FANTASTIC MANOEUVRES, SPEEDS AND TRAILS WITNESSED

(Editor's Note.—CSI first learned of this intriguing observation of a "ufo" in early June. However, it was not until the 25th July that our Bay of Plenty representative, Mr. Samuel E. Rix, finalised his inquiries and provided us with copy of Mr. Matheson's remarkable testimony. Some time had elapsed before Mr. Rix had learned of the observation as Mr. Matheson had only told one or two members of his family and the Auckland owner of the "Rosa." He was alone during the observation and feared that very few would accept the account of his experience. It was only after a lot of persuading that Mr. Matheson agreed to make an account of his observation public. Your Editor contacted the Auckland owner of the "Rosa" in the person of Mr. Bert Fleet of Ponsonby. Mr. Fleet clearly recalled Mr. Matheson somewhat reluctantly telling him of his experience and that he questioned Mr. Matheson at some length. Mr. Fleet, an engineer employed by the Auckland Electric Power Board, vouched for the soberness and integrity of his friend, Ron Matheson, whom he has known for some years. Inquiries made of the naval authorities in Auckland revealed that the naval vessel H.M.N.Z.S. "Mako," M.L., captained by Lt. Cdr. J. Cole, was the vessel mentioned in Mr. Matheson's report. During a phone conversation with the commanding officer of the "Mako," the officer was able to recall sighting the "Rosa" at Whitianga and hailing her as his vessel overhauled and drew in close to the "Rosa" just after dark in the Hauraki Gulf. Lt. Cdr. Cole explained that he was concerned for the safety of the small vessel as the seas were becoming very rough in the Gulf area. Lt. Cdr. Cole assured your Editor that no unusual observation was reported to him on the date in question nor, as a matter of interest, at any other time as yet. Discussing the relative positions of the two vessels at the time of skipper Matheson's observation, Lt. Cdr. Cole pointed out that his vessel was still on a northerly heading and their view to the west would be effectively screened off by the Coromandel Coast and headlands, especially at the comparatively low elevation of 15 degrees recorded by Mr. Matheson. You will note in reading Mr. Matheson's testimony that at the time he first sighted the sky trails and shortly later the object, he was steering his vessel around to a westerly heading into the Hauraki Gulf. Checks made with the Whenuapai Meteorological Office for reference to the weather patterns recorded for 4 p.m. 28th April agree with the conditions described by Mr. Matheson. The sun set at 5:32 p.m. on the 28th April at 175° E Longitude (passes through Hauraki Gulf). CSI is satisfied the report is genuine and sincerely thanks the observer and our representative for their co-operation and assistance in bringing the details of yet another excellent observation of the mighty strange craft ever more frequenting our skies.)

Mr. Matheson recounts his experience . . .

On 28th April at approximately 4.30 p.m. in the early evening I was navigating the "Rosa," a fishing boat, off Port Charles on the Coromandel Coast. I hold a third engineer's ticket, and was taking the "Rosa" from the port of Tauranga to Auckland, where it was to be delivered to its owner. I was approaching Channel Island, which is several miles offshore and off Cape Colville, when I noticed an irregular smoke trail which seemed to rise from behind the island. This smoke twisted in an erratic way across the sky in a westerly direction. As I came

abreast of and cleared Channel Island, I saw the smoke trails were not from a fire on the island as I had first imagined, but were out over the Hauraki Gulf. Actually I had thought the smoke patterns in the sky looked a bit unusual, but hadn't thought much about it.

Watching this maze of smoke trails in the sky, I saw a new trail being formed, and my eye followed the movement until I came to the source of the smoke. I saw an oval, disc-shaped object from which the smoke or fumes were streaming. At first I could not believe what I was seeing, and felt that something might have gone wrong with my eyes. Feeling very disturbed I left the wheel and walked around the "Rosa," looking at various items of gear on the deck. Everything was all right and I felt more sure of myself. I was alone on the boat, unfortunately.

I went forward again, and watched the thing in the sky. The object was a fairly narrow oval seen travelling horizontally, and both upper and lower surfaces were similarly curved. Two saucers fitted together face to face would be roughly similar to its appearance. Smoke streamed away from its sides as it moved on an irregular, constantly changing course through the sky. The sun was setting, half its disc being beneath the horizon. Looking across about 25 miles of water the horizon in this case was the sea. As I watched, the object approached me at a slight angle, bearing to the left. It then tilted at a steep angle and, shooting upwards, showed its circular shape clearly. The object was well above the glare of the sun, and my view of it was not affected by dazzle. It appeared as big as a florin held at arm's length. The rapid manoeuvres it made covered an arc of about 15 degrees. The thing turned through every possible angle during these manoeuvres, and for a period of at least twenty minutes I watched these movements, while I steered the "Rosa" out towards the Hauraki Gulf.

These peculiar and rapid gyrations were confined to an area approximately equal to two feet in diameter at arm's length, and covered, as described above, an angle of about 15 degrees vertically. The late afternoon was very calm, and there was no wind. The lower sky was quite clear of cloud, but there were streaks of cirrus at a high altitude, almost overhead. The object was moving in an area of sky above the setting sun and its glare, but below these high clouds. I was thus able to see it very clearly.

Not knowing the actual size of the object makes it hard for me to say how far away it was. I believe, though, that the object was some miles away. The object was very clearly defined. Smoke poured out from its curving sides, narrowed immediately behind, then broadened out into a widening but thinning wake astern. The smoke was a dark greyish colour and the trails remained in the sky for at least ten minutes before vanishing. The area of sky in which the object was moving was thus heavily patterned with these trails, some firm and clear, others fading. The calm air helped to keep the trails from blowing away.

The object appeared greyish—a dark grey or neutral shade, and did not reflect. Had the

object been made of polished aluminium, say, it would not have reflected light, the sun being beneath and to the left of it. The object was thus north-west of the setting sun. Had it been an aircraft it would not have reflected light from this position in the sky, and would possibly have been a similar dark colour.

It gave me the unmistakable impression that it was some form of controlled flying machine, but its flight was so rapid that by comparison a jet plane would appear ridiculously slow. I want to make that clear. The thing was being flown, or directed. Somebody was flying it!

I must also stress that I saw this object in clear daylight, and as it made so many movements in the sky, plunging, heeling over, ascending swiftly and turning through every imaginable angle in its flight, I was able to get an unmistakable impression of its shape. It was a huge disc. Its rapid movements suggested tremendous power—moving in horizontal flight it appeared to cover a distance of miles in as many seconds.

I consider that it was a very large object, and may have been several hundred feet in diameter. It was as large, I thought, as a big Pan American airliner. I make this statement having seen Pan American airliners at what I believe to be approximately the same distance. I must say again most decidedly that what I saw that afternoon was some form of flying machine. I do not know of any aircraft which can move with such amazing speed. All turns made by the object were curving, as illustrated in the rough sketch, which is, of course, merely a simplified picture of the complicated movements it made.

Just before flying off it levelled out, and then moved away very rapidly in horizontal flight, passing over the mainland in the direction of Warkworth and Cape Rodney, in the upper Hauraki Gulf. The tangle of smoke trails remained for some time, and slowly faded out of the evening sky. During all these rapid manoeuvres I heard no sound. However, the noise my boat engine was making may have muffled out any other sound. While I was watching the object diving and wheeling in the sky the sun went down beneath the horizon. It was daylight, though, when the object suddenly flew off over the mainland.

A navy patrol boat followed me up the Coromandel Coast—I saw this boat tied up at the Whitianga Wharf, in Mercury Bay. Leaving some time after I sailed from Whitianga, this boat overtook me just after dark, hailing me as it passed. I'd had engine trouble earlier in my trip, and they wanted to know if I was all right. I have wondered since if the crew also saw the object, or if they were too far astern during daylight to have noticed anything.

The object was well out over the Hauraki Gulf when it performed its unusual manoeuvres. When I arrived in Auckland I mentioned what I had seen to the owner of the "Rosa," who was sceptical. Apart from telling my wife and members of my family what I saw, I have not spoken about the episode until persuaded to make this report by a friend, who heard of my experience from my brother. I watched the newspapers for some days after delivering the "Rosa," expecting to read reports of the object passing over the country districts north of Auckland City, but nothing appeared.

I am a licensed skipper of the Tauranga Big Game Fishing Club, and am also a builder. I have lived at Mount Maunganui for slightly over twenty years, and have been out in coastal waters a lot during that time, but have never before seen anything even remotely similar to the object described in this account. The description given is as accurate as I can make it. I feel that what I saw is important enough to justify study, and hope that this report, fantastic as it may appear, will be given serious consideration.

Ronald Leslie Matheson.
Valley Rd., Mt. Maunganui.

July 21st, 1957.

August 6th, 1957.

Dear Mr. Fulton,

I can assure you of the authenticity of this surprising report. I have known Mr. R. Matheson for many years; he is highly regarded in this district as a steady, conscientious, able and intelligent man. His opinion is respected. The fact that he has seen what can only be described as a flying saucer has been taken seriously by a number of local folk, who were very sceptical about such things previously. Mr. Matheson was dubious himself, before seeing the object described in the accompanying report. Now he has the unshakeable assurance of a man with good eyesight who knows what he has seen. Contrary opinions do not interest him.

Mr. Matheson thinks the object may have been an experimental aircraft, the existence of which is being kept hidden for reasons of security. However, the object he watched was similar to many others which have been observed in the past—a vast extending far beyond the invention of terrestrial aircraft.

I have been very doubtful about the possibility that the so-called "unidentified flying objects" could be spaceships, space-rocketing machines from another world. My own experience and that of friends, now makes me feel that those who doubt this possibility must prove their case. The mounting and formidable evidence suggests that these things are indeed what they appear to be, flying machines of immense power and mysterious origin. I am forced to conclude that we do have visitors. To deny the possibility in view of the evidence would be intellectually dishonest. The idea is really hard to accept only if you measure the universe by human limitations.

Yours sincerely,

SAM RIX.

Samuel Edward Rix, Company Director,
62 Marine Parade, Mt. Maunganui, N.Z.

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Its size was approximately the size of a half dollar held at arm's length. Duration of the sighting was seven seconds.

"The object appeared in the vicinity of the big dipper, heading North where it slowed down and then increased its speed to a high rate over the city of Worcester.

"The second sighting was of seven unidentified objects in a straight line. These objects were colored silver red and apparently were smaller than the first object. The duration of the sighting was approximately two minutes.

"The third was about twenty minutes after the second sighting. There were 12 objects in a 'V' formation and the sighting lasted about four seconds. In this sighting, the objects were higher than the other two sightings. (73.)

29 April. Chicago, Illinois.

The Vice-President of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence group was a fellow named Courtland Hastings, a man who was asked to resign early in 1957. Perhaps that was no surprise since CSI New York considered itself a "conservative" organization. Late in April Mr. Hastings found himself on a fishing boat in the middle of Lake Michigan with John Otto and Henry Maday. Otto, it should be remembered, was touring the country giving lectures promoting his so-called "light beam receiver" that was supposed to be a device for making contact with the pilots of flying saucers. Maday was a pretty far-out character also, since he was associated with the Detroit Flying Saucer Club, a band of saucer fans that featured guest speakers like Adamski and Bethurum at its meetings.

It seems Otto was making another attempt to contact aliens, setting sail with two boat loads (50 people) of saucerites from the Chicago area for a position in the middle of the lake, a place that, he hoped, would be better for signal transmissions. Alas, it was a lot of trouble for nothing. Once again it seems that the aliens had more important things to do than to communicate with a bunch of self-appointed saucer hunters.

29 April. Seattle, Washington.

Cluster of globes. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (74.)

29 April. Keyhoe and the British Air Ministry.

Since the British Air Ministry seemed to have adopted an open attitude with the release of information on the widely publicized April 4th radar case, Donald Keyhoe wrote a letter to British authorities on behalf of NICAP asking for the promised follow up data on the electronic tracking, a reasonable request, it would seem, since in early April the Air Ministry was quoted by the press as saying: "We are investigating the matter. We do not know what the object was. Intelligence experts are studying the report and a detailed statement may be made next week." (75.) Keyhoe also suggested the British release information on two famous 1954 UFO cases, one that involved a RAF fighter pilot, and in another incident, the crew of a BOAC airliner.

In reply to Keyhoe's inquiries, the British Air Ministry suddenly became uncooperative:

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE April 1957 TIME GROUP 30/0512Z	2. LOCATION Seattle, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. METHOD OF OBSERVATION ☐ Yes ☒ No	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Second	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 7-9	9. COURSE NW	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Globular objects (7-9) going through 1/16 of sky in one second. White with greenish tinge. Underside of object lighter and flatter. Mark similar to two half-moons. Movement rapid. Had viewed similar phenomena previously.		11. COMMENTS Detail given of object going through 45 dgr arc in one second seems out of ordinary. Observation probably of bolide which has already exploded. Case considered as a meteor sighting in view of duration and general description.	

"We regret that we are unable to release any information on the radar sighting at West Freugh in Scotland on April 4th.

"We can not release any information on the B.O.A.C. or the Flt. Lt. Salandin sightings. Air Ministry policy has not changed since those sightings were made." (76.)

29 April. England.

A minor flap.

The same evening as the widely publicized channel sighting, many other UFO reports were made. A Roy Sterman, of London, saw something at 9:25 p.m. The thing was a slightly blurred, round, object moving below the clouds. It was orange colored. (77.) Mr. David Fair of Christchurch said he spotted a red-orange object for half a minute. (78.) A "Flying Golf Ball" was reported at London, Essex, Gravessend, Bexley-Heath, and Chingford. More interesting was a brief account about something that took place at 9:20 p.m. at Leckhampton concerning a "Cigar" that was supposed to have silently swallowed a disc after an "exchange of light signals." (79.)

30 April. More sightings in England.

Various witnesses reported a bright, luminous, object the evening of the 30th. One person said the object he saw was moving very fast and turned and twisted. Another Englishman claimed he observed an orange-hued object speeding north, while yet another fellow reported an unexplained orange object moving slowly across the sky on a course that consisted of a series of constant circles. (80.) However, most press coverage concerned

ASTRONOMY

New Comet Will be Visible to Naked Eye

► A BRIGHT new comet will be visible to the naked eye in late April and early May.

It may shine at zero magnitude, making it one of the most brilliant objects in the sky at that time. Known as Comet Arenu-Roland, the object was discovered on Nov. 8, 1956, a correction of the Nov. 6 date originally reported. (See SNL, Dec. 1, 1956, p. 345.)

Since then astronomers both here and abroad have followed it with their telescopes and now have sufficient observations to plot its future path in the sky.

Although it can be seen by persons in the Southern Hemisphere before dawn during the first half of April, people in the Northern Hemisphere will not be able to look at it until the end of April and the beginning of May, after sunset. Then the comet will have passed between the earth and the sun.

Its brilliance will fade rapidly and it will disappear from naked-eye view by the first of June. During the last part of April it will appear very low in the northwest sky after sunset.

Left:

The Air Force explained many of the UFO sightings during this time period as due to the Arend-Roland comet. We have to agree that in most of the cases the military was correct. Suspect reports were omitted.

EVENING NEWS 8-5-57

'Orange Light In The Sky'

"Evening News" Reporter

TWO young people who reported seeing a "Flying Golf Ball" in the sky have started a big night search among Londoners. Several people have written to "The Evening News" saying they have seen similar objects.

Mr. A. G. Bannister, of Jevington-way, Lee, says that he saw "a bright orange object" above his head which suddenly accelerated towards the west accompanied by a faint whine.

The "Flying Golf Ball" was also seen by Mr. G. R. Overhead, of Telford-road, Hendon.

"It was certainly larger than any star and indeed was orange coloured," he said.

Just before midnight Mrs. L. Norris, of Balcombe-street, Marylebone, saw a light pass over her house.

INTO CLOUD: Then it Turned

Two 14-year-old schoolboys, Colin Sharp, of Dorcis-avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent, and Robert Houston, of Horsham-road, Bexleyheath, noticed an orange spherical object overhead three nights later.

They said: "It entered a small dense cloud then turned 90 degrees south and again turned to resume its original course. It was not a meteor or an aircraft."

From Gravesend Mr. A. W. Beavis, of The Grove, reported that he watched "an orange coloured light" approaching from the north-west through a pair of binoculars. It disappeared in 30 seconds.

Miss V. K. Smith, of Avery Hill Park, Eltham, and a friend saw "three bright balls in the sky." She heard no noise although it was a still and clear night.

the radar tracking of a fast target over the English Channel. (See news clipping) The America magazine Aviation Week published a British explanation for the strange radar tracking.

30 April. Edward Ruppelt writes Keyhoe.

It had been over a year since Ruppelt had any contact with Ruppelt, a lapse the ex-BLUE BOOK chief later explained as due to embarrassment. Keyhoe tells us Ruppelt was embarrassed because: "...he had felt it advisable to 'take a few digs' at me in his book 'Report on Unidentified Flying Objects.'" (81.)

The emergence of Keyhoe as Director of NICAP probably had something to do with Ruppelt's sudden urge to get in touch once again. Ruppelt also mentioned his health problem, a heart condition:

"Dear Don:

I've been following the development of NICAP(...here Keyhoe deletes some words)sounds like at last a good UFO organization is in the making. I receive many letters from people asking what they can do to help solve the UFO riddle; now I have some place to refer them.

I seriously doubt, Don, if I can accept your offer of a spot as a special adviser. It sounds very interesting and I consider it an honor, but I'm afraid I'll have to pass. I've been trying to cut down on the work I'm doing, although heart-attack wise, I'm completely O.K. I just don't want to repeat it.

You asked for a statement. I honestly don't know what to say because the entire UFO situation is such a mess of compounded confusion, a mess which I sincerely hope NICAP can straighten out (Here Keyhoe deletes more words)...I still get out to ATIC(More words omitted)...Blue Book seems to be busy but I've made it a point not to be too inquisitive..." (82.)

1 May. Astonishing press reaction to Otto's stunt.

UFO magazine editor Max B. Miller was astonished by press reaction to John Otto's radio contact attempt. Surveying a few newspapers in the Chicago area, Miller found:

"...an across-the-page headline of 'FLYING SAUCER HUNTER'S GET ONLY A 'NIBBLE'," the Chicago Daily News devoted 44 column-inches, including a four-column photograph, to the attempt on its front page and an additional 105 inches of photos on an inside page. The Waukegan News-Sun granted the event 28.5 inches on its first page and 25 inches elsewhere. The Chicago Sun Times ran 10.5 inches on the Lake Michigan experiment, and the publicity amounted to 236 columns inches, or nearly one and one-half standard news pages." (83.)

1 May. Near Pajas Blancas International Airport (Cordoba, Argentina)

Huge disc blocks road. Engine quits. Terrified witness.

An amazing story appeared in a remote provincial journal in 1957. The witness refused to be named because he feared friends and neighbors would think him to be insane. In 1965 the editors of England's Flying Saucer Review became so interested in the case they asked their South American

BRITISH UFO FASTER THAN JET FIGHTERS

**RAF Orders Inquiry Into Sky
Mystery Over the Eng-
lish Channel**

London, April 30 (AP)—A royal air force radar station last night spotted on "unidentified object" streaking over the English Channel so swiftly that two of Britain's fastest jet fighters could not intercept it.

It was the second unexplained sighting in three weeks. A London newspaper suggested the object might be a new type Russian bomber operating in western skies.

The Air Ministry announced today only that "one of our radar screens" sighted the object traveling due west near St. Margaret's Bay, about 70 miles southeast of London at the bottleneck leading from the North Sea into the English Channel.

"Two Javelin fighters were dispatched from Odiham RAF base to investigate but did not make contact," the announcement said.

Odiham is a major British fighter base halfway between London and Southampton and lies 105 miles northwest of the reported sighting area. The delta-wing, twin-jet javelins mentioned are capable of well over 700 miles an hour in level flight.

The Air Ministry added that a full scale investigation has been ordered into the latest sighting report. A fuller announcement was expected later.

AVIATION WEEK, May 20, 1957

Why Britain Wants Missiles?

Unidentified flying objects sighted over the English Channel April 29 turned out to be two Hawker Hunter fighters from a large flight on a training exercise, Air Secretary George Ward revealed in London.

Royal Air Force Gloster Javelin all-weather fighters were scrambled to intercept them, but were unable to catch the Hunters. The Hunter, a subsonic airplane in level flight, is supersonic in slight dive.

'Saucer' Is Mirage—in Name Only

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, May 8.—A mysterious flying object that easily distanced British Javelin jets that rushed up to intercept it over the English Channel last week was identified today as a visitor from France, not from outer space.

The London Evening News said it was one of France's new 1100-mile-an-hour jet fighters, the delta-winged Mirage, out on a night flight.

One of the claims of the Mirage's designers, the Des-sault Co., is that the plane is "impossible to catch."

representative, a Senor Aleman, to seek out the witness for an interview. The witness still refused to be identified but he was willing to talk.

The witness:

"What I am now telling you in confidence has been revealed to nobody so far, and if you don't believe it, I can't say I blame you, for I doubt whether anybody would believe it if I were to state the facts openly. When it happened (i.e. in 1957), the mere mention of flying saucers would have meant that I would have been considered hopelessly insane." (84.)

The encounter as reported by the Review:

"One day in April, 1957, a resident of Corodoba was riding his motor-cycle towards Rio Ceballos. It was about 7:30 a.m., and he had reached a spot some fifteen kilometers from the International Airport at Pajas Blancas, when his engine stopped. As he dismounted to check for the fault, he saw an enormous disc-shaped object hovering some fifty feet above the road. Terrified, as one may well imagine, he ran and hid in the roadside ditch. The strange object was some 60 feet in diameter and more than 15 feet high. For a few moments it remained motionless above the road, before it descended to about seven feet above the surface, where it again became stationary. The only thing that could be heard was a sound like air escaping from the valve of a tyre.

"Suddenly, from the lower portion of the machine, a device described as a lift, or transparent stairway, began to descend. It carried a passenger---a being of human shape---who stepped down when the lift halted about a foot from the ground. After glancing briefly at various plants around him, the being finally walked towards the Cordoban. He, poor soul, was panic-stricken, and frenziedly tried to dig a hole in the side of the ditch, the better to hide himself.

"The Space Man---if that is what he was---was about 5 ft. 8 ins. tall, and wore clothing like a diver's suit, fitting the body closely, and appearing to be made of plastic rather than cloth.

"The Space Man said nothing, but gracefully reached out his hand to help the fear-crazed human from the ditch. Then, when they stood side by side on the road, the being pointed expressively towards the hovering craft, and tried to make the man understand by signs that he should follow him without fear. Encountering only resistance, he turned and very gently stroked the man's forehead to calm him, and again pointed to the machine. This action must have had the required effect, for the Cordoban overcame his panic, and entered the lift device. This rose slowly until it came to rest in a large cabin inside the craft.

"Around the wall of the cabin were five or six panels, each about six feet wide, and covered with an intricate mass of equipment, including screens (like those on oscilloscopes?). At each of the

panels a being was seated. Everyone of them was dressed precisely like the Earthman's guide. They paid no attention whatever to their surprised visitor.

"Later, when he came to tell his story, the Cordoban seemed to have been particularly impressed by a series of large square windows around the walls above the panels. The extraordinary thing, it seems, was that he had seen no trace of windows on the outside of the craft.

"A dull phosphorescent type of light pervaded the cabin, yet again, no lamp was to be seen. This light was in addition to that coming through the windows.

"The Earth man's tour of inspection ended when he was invited to enter the lift once more. By now he had completely recovered his composure, and as they were descending, he struck the wall with his knuckles. It gave off a metallic sound. As they alighted, he tried to ask his guide, by sign language, how the machine stayed suspended. The being, by way of reply, passed the palm of one flat over the other, but this meant nothing to the Cordoban.

"The colour of the craft was somewhat indistinct. In parts it had a greenish tinge, whilst elsewhere it was blue, the combined effect being that of metallic iridescence. The noise like escaping air continued the whole time.

When the motor-cycle had been recovered, the being examined it carefully, but when its owner indicated that he would start it up, a gesture was sufficient to show that it would not work while the hovering craft was there.

"At last the visitor turned to the man, and placed his hand on his shoulder, presumably in a gesture of farewell, and re-entered the lift, which then slowly disappeared into the craft. There was a short delay before the craft rose swiftly to some 2,500 feet, and sped off to the north-west. A UFO, presumably this same machine, was reported over Cordoba at 8:45 a.m., and over Pampa del Pocho at 8:47 a.m. At 9:30, there was a sighting at Pilar, and later came reports from Calamuchita and San Francisco Chamar. The final report that morning came from Arguello at 10 a.m." (85.)

May 1957. Search Magazine.

"Are there Cosmic Kidnappers?"

Fortean Alex Saunders dwelled on the theme of possible "Cosmic Kidnappers", in Search Magazine, something "good old Charlie" enjoyed playing with. In the May 1957 issue of Search Saunders listed cases of missing persons, aircraft, and ships. In addition, from a 1957 viewpoint, Saunders had this to say:

"There are so many facts to the flying saucer mystery that at times one wonders if it will ever be satisfactorily solved. Take, for example, what might be rightfully regarded as the most frightening facet of all---possible human kidnappings by hostile saucer entities!" (86.)

Furthermore:

"If an alien race from an advanced world is responsible for missing Earth people, what, the question is again asked, is their purpose?"

Sadistic experimentation? Food? Scientific study? Zoological specimens? Questions---questions. Perhaps the answer can not even be presently guessed.

"Only time will tell. Meanwhile, we can do but two things. Wait---and wonder...." (87.)

1 May. Wisbech, England.

"Gold dinner plate."

Our story:

"Mr. Jack Martin, a labourer, of Stow Road, Wisbech, saw a flying saucer while at work on the morning of May 1. He said: 'I happened to look upwards and saw an object about the size of a dinner plate. It seemed flat and was a gold color.'

"The object appeared from the south-west over the village of Guyhirn and it disappeared over the town. It was seen by several other men who were working in the vicinity at the time. The object was very high. Mr. Martin declared he could not possibly have confused it with an aeroplane or a weather balloon. It made no sound and was moving with a circular jerking movement." (88.)

3 May. Orewa, New Zealand. (North Auckland)

According to a civilian UFO group a man named Robert Bruce:

"...saw a large, cigar-form object with the aid of field glasses for 15 minutes. The strange object was stationary for a time, then did some revolutions before disappearing (after five reappearances) below the horizon." (89.)

3 May. Meteor? Balloon? Something over France.

According to our source, a specialist in meteor studies at the French National Center for Scientific Research was scanning the night sky with a dual camera device the night of May 3, 1957. He picked up something between 10:38 and 10:41 p.m. at a high altitude. One of his cameras was equipped with a shutter interruption mechanism to calculate the angular velocity of shooting stars. Examining the camera negatives the French astronomer found a luminous object with a luminous protuberance on the underside. The object was moving and displayed behavior that was "radically distinct" from the movements of an aircraft, balloon, or meteor. (90.)

4 May. Henry J. Taylor was not afraid to say he believed there was something to the UFO reports. When he had a radio show in the early 1950s he didn't hesitate to broadcast flying saucer reports on his program even though the conservative General Motors Corporation was his sponsor. Even when Taylor went to bigger and better things he refused to moderate his stand.

After being appointed Ambassador to Switzerland, Taylor still hadn't changed his mind even when questioned formally by Senator H. Alexander. (See newspaper clipping)

New Envoy Is Believer In Saucers

1957

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—Henry J. Taylor, nominated to be the new U. S. Ambassador to Switzerland, believes that flying saucers may really exist.

At least 10 percent of flying saucer reports are "very disturbing" and must be taken seriously, he says.

Taylor, a radio commentator, was questioned about his views on aerial discs earlier this week by the senate foreign relations committee, which was considering his ambassadorial nomination.

The committee later approved the nomination by voice vote. Taylor's testimony was made public Saturday.

Taylor said the "nine out of 10" claimed saucer sightings are either ridiculous, reported by publicity seekers, or result from misconceptions, optical illusions and a hundred other different things. But there is a 10th one that is "very disturbing," he said.

He said the average 10th case has to be taken seriously because it "has been seen by too many sober-minded people, with photographic and other evidence."

6 May. 26° 38' N-23° 22' W. USS Hunter's Point. (See teletype message below) (91.)

BT

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SS HUNTERS POINT DATED MAY 7 1938 GMT QUOTE
 LAT 26-38N LONG 23-22W MAY 6 2018 GCT STRANGE PHENOMENA RESEMBLING
 FLYING SAUCER ALTITUDE 5 DEGREES 57 MINUTES SEXTANT 203 GCT X
 DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUDS ALTITUDE 5 DEGREES 21 MINUTE BEARING 282
 DEGREES TRUE X CIRCULAR IN SHAPE BLACK CENTER BRILLIANT FIERY
 EMISSION FORMING A RING AROUND IT X POSITIVELY NOT AN ASTRAL BODY
 X ALL MATES AND RADIO OFFICER WITNESSED THRU BINOCULARS X J S MORTON
 UNQUOTE

7 May. Sioux City, Iowa.

V-formation.

It was a clear night. An ex-Air Force Staff Sergeant left work at 11:00 p.m. having put in 8 hours on the evening shift. Outside the factory he took some time to look at the moon. At the same time some strange lights came into view. There appeared to be between 7-10 luminous objects in a V-formation speeding northward. The objects looked like small, dim, fuzzy blobs that were so faint they might not have been noticed if the witness had not been gazing directly at that part of the heavens. The ex-Air Force man said of the objects: "Just before they passed out of sight over the telephone building, I noticed a momentary change of course. All in perfect unison." (92.)

8 May. Keyhoe tries again.

After writing the Commanding Officer of Oxnard AFB for copies of pilot's report and the radar operator's report, and being turned down, Keyhoe approached the Commander of the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, for a copy of its investigation report of the events that took place on March 23rd at Oxnard. Keyhoe was trying to avoid BLUE BOOK in Ohio and the PIO people at the Pentagon. Keyhoe made his inquiry on May 8th, claiming to be a member of the press since he was the editor of the NICAP's magazine The UFO Investigator. (93.)

9 May. UFO over Edwards AFB?

Some civilian phototheodolite operators caught something strange on their camera's movie film at Edwards AFB in Southern California on May 3rd. Word reached the Los Angeles Times which published a story in its edition of May 9th. According to the Times, the film was forwarded to ATIC Wright Field, Ohio. An unnamed Edwards AFB official was quoted as saying: "It could have been a weather balloon --this desert air does crazy things." (94.) It was also said no estimates of the UFO's altitude or size were obtained. (95.)

All of this came to the attention of Los Angeles UFO buff Max B. Miller, who more or less said: "I'm no expert but is something wrong here?" Miller wrote the local Air Force authorities asking some, he felt, legitimate questions that begged to be answered. Why, Miller wondered, wouldn't phototheodolite operators know a balloon when they saw one? Didn't such people track balloons on a routine basis? Moreover, why were no estimates obtained since it was his understanding that color, size, altitude, and speed were automatically recorded by a phototheodolite system?

A Major Robert F. Spence of the Office of Information Services replied to Miller's inquiry but the reply hardly cleared things up. Not only did Major Spence fail to answer the questions asked, the Air Force officer raised new ones! The Major insisted the UFO was an ordinary balloon since one was launched from a site nearby and it was tracked on a course that almost matched that of the UFO. Furthermore, the Major explained: "Objects in the photographs, even after magnification, were found to be small white specks, alternately changing from elliptical to round in shape." (96.)

The Major's statements didn't satisfy Miller (who could blame him?). The UFO buff wondered what "almost" really meant in terms of definite numbers. Miller was also at a loss to know why the Major used a plurality when speaking of the image of the UFO but used a singular expression when discussing the balloon explanation? (97.)

10 May. 'Did the 'Little Men' pay a visit?

(See Air Force translation of the French UFO investigation) (98.)

8-12 May. The Middle East?

The English publication Flying Saucer Review had this to say: "Our Middle East correspondent reports from Beirut [Lebanon] that there have been formations of UFOs flying over the Middle East countries between May 8-12." (99.) (This is an interesting claim since this writer knows of no such reports in either military or civilian UFO files -- L.E. Gross)

10 May. Did NICAP win one?

Back on January 31st Col. Olin of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, issued a directive that restricted the dissemination of UFO information. When NICAP learned of the directive, the Washington group protested. On May 10th the Army announced it had rescinded the order. NICAP explained to its membership:

"Fort Monmouth Headquarters explained that the secrecy provision had been included by mistake in interpreting directions from higher authority. It acknowledged that NICAP's action had caused the censorship section to be dropped from the revised order." (100.)

Was the military suddenly becoming liberal in its outlook, or was the move an attempt to head off the development of any cover-up theory by the UFO buffs?

'Little Men' Land In French Village

Amiens, May 11 (INS).— French police were investigating a report today that a flying saucer had landed in the road near the village of Beaucourt Sur Landre. Villagers said the saucer landed last night with "four little men dressed in grey."

The police were examining tracks in the road which the villagers said were left by the saucer and its occupants.

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 CSI Bulletin # 20, 25 July '57

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'LITTLE MEN' AGAIN IN FRANCE

10, 1957: At Beaucourt-sur-l'Ancre, France (a small village near Amiens), six people reported a UFO landing and several occupants. According to Reuters, INS, and Paris France-Soir, [redacted], a 29-year-old Hungarian refugee, was bicycling home shortly after 10:45 p.m. when he was suddenly "dazzled by a strange projectile." Approaching him in the road "in a threatening manner" were four "men" between four and five feet tall. They carried a brilliant light, which prevented Fekete from making out any details. He fled on his bicycle to the nearby home of [redacted], a railroad signalman. [redacted], his wife, and a neighboring couple named [redacted] who were with them - together with [redacted] and an unidentified companion - "plainly saw" from the [redacted] doorstep "a hundred meters away on the road (about 100 yards), three or four little men dressed in grey running about (s'agitaient), illuminated by the light of an object which was emitting red and white rays alternately." [redacted] told the France-Soir reporter that "I very distinctly saw a luminous ball giving off red and yellow (sic) rays. The object was moving very slowly. A short time later, I made out the silhouettes of three little men who remained nearly twenty minutes, coming and going in the field and on the road." Apparently, the fourth "little man" reported by Fekete was indistinguishable, as a brilliant light was described which the witnesses said was "flashing a blinding light over the countryside." At about 11:15, the hovering object departed at a 45° angle toward the north-northeast at high speed. According to the press accounts, large black "plaques" of an "elastic nature" were found in the road.

note
 The press dismissed the story lightly, reporting that the witnesses had really seen the daughter (according to INS, the wife) of a neighboring farmer (the mayor, again according to INS) named [redacted]. She had gone out into the field to see to the cows, carrying a lantern with a pane of red glass in it; this was mistaken as the "saucer"; the cows were the "little men." [redacted] herself had seen nothing unusual.)

Aime Michel investigated this case within 48 hours and has provided us with some additional data. He felt that the witnesses were indisputably sincere. This opinion was shared by the people of the village, but according to the cow-and-lantern theorists, they were mistaken about what they saw. Michael added that ~~Michel~~ and his unnamed companion "were still trembling with emotion when they talked to me." Because of the bright light carried by one of the four beings, ~~Michel~~ was unable to describe them in detail. What he saw was the maximum description: four silhouettes, 4 to 5 feet tall, rather broad bodies, color gray or beige, the head black and broad. They walked with a "tottering" gait. The others described seeing, no nearer than 60 yards, three little men and one light, moving on the road and in the field, between 10:50 and 11:15 p.m. Michel also ascertained that "the farm girl in question remained in the field above the road from 10:10 to 10:50 or 10:55 p.m." One of the witnesses said to ~~Michel~~ that "if it was the farm girl who was running so fast with the lantern, she ought to enter the Olympic games."

Regarding the black "plaques" found in the road, ~~Michel~~ writes: "At first sight one thinks on an intense heating of the road in a circle of about 3 yards and of an internal melting of the tar, which seems to have flowed. But this is uncertain. The road is lightly traveled. These plaques may have been left by the road-making machines which often pass by. Nobody in the village is able to recall whether or not these plaques were there before the incident."

Michel has no personal opinion about the case. He found it impossible to decide; but "there is a presumption in favor of the witnesses."

-- Besides Michel's letters, sources include the N. Y. Sunday News, 5/12 (Reuters); N. Y. Journal American, 5/12 (INS); N. Y. Sunday Mirror, 5/12 (INS); London News of the World (Reuters), 5/12; and France Soir (Paris), 5/14.

(Information Only)

10 May 1957
Beaucourt-sur-l'Ancre, France

Beaucourt-sur-l'Ancre, - May 10, 1957

Thanks to Michel's personal inquiries, our account of this case was not based entirely on newspaper stories, and requires little correction. Several additional points from the Ouranos article are of special interest, however. For example, the photographs accompanying the article show plainly how close the road is to the window of the kitchen, from which five, and later six people watched, for half an hour, the red-and-white-lighted "object" and the three silhouettes of the "little men," standing upright and motionless on the road, their arms hanging at their sides, concealed below thigh-level by the roadbank." (During part of the time the figures moved about, with a "tottering" gait, the witnesses told Michèl.)

A second interesting fact is that there was another, anonymous, observer of the scene. While those in the kitchen watched the road, an automobile went past. By its headlights, however, the witnesses continued to get a glimpse of the little men, still motionless by the roadside; the driver of this car must certainly have seen the creatures standing there.

Ouranos also discloses that the official "explanation" of the incident, attributed to M. O. [redacted], the mayor of the town - namely, that the "light" was a lantern carried by Mme. [redacted], and that the "little men" were the cows she had gone into the field across the road to look after - was tested. But the attempt to reproduce what the witnesses saw, by using a lantern in the field, demonstrated that no such confusion was possible. Furthermore, the mayor himself, when interviewed by Marc Thirouin, exhibited embarrassment, emphasized his agreement with other neighbors that the witnesses were "sincere, calm, and logical people," and gave the impression that he felt his original signed statements had been somewhat premature.

Finally, Thirouin obtained an interesting report about the next night (May 11-12) from an elderly couple, the [redacted], whose house is only about 20 yards from the landing-place on the road. On the night of May 10 the [redacted] had been asleep and saw nothing. But about 3 a.m. on the night of May 12 [redacted] saw, from the window of the bedroom, "a big orange light, the size of the full moon, shining in a field about 80 yards away. My wife came to the window and saw it too; a few minutes later the light went out, but, and since we did not see it come on again we went back to bed."

The curious tarry, elastic "plaques" found on the road, around the circumference of a roughly circular area about 5 yards in diameter, were identified as "asphalt in road-mending," but no one could suggest how they came to be there. Compass

Readings by Thirouin were less conclusive than those made by Guieu at Vins, since about all the iron stakes along the roadway attracted the needle strongly.

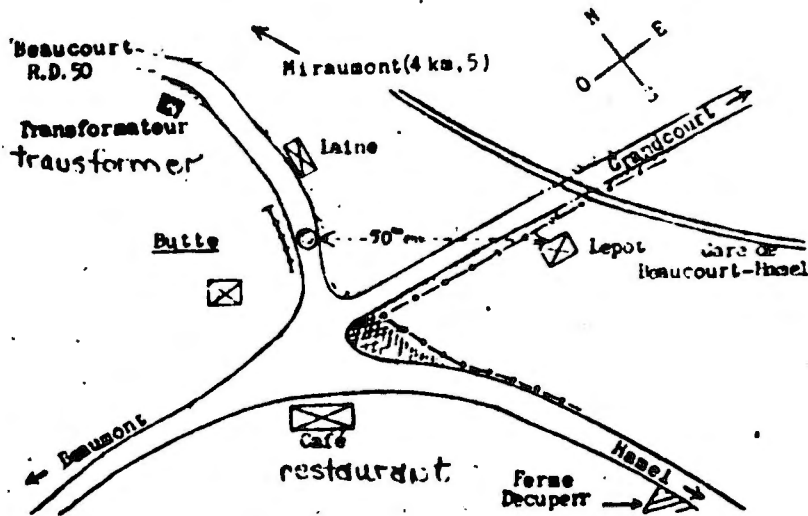


Plate 3 - In the circle, are the black sets of marks and the landing spot.

Along the edge of the route, the lattice work and the metallic fence posts (wire in T form).

The distance that is indicated is thought to be the maximum.

11-12 May. 4th Annual Spacecraft Convention.

With the Air Force under fire by the newly formed NICAP, Van Tassel's many Spacecraft Convention must have been a welcome distraction as far as the military was concerned. We can't say the Pentagon was responsible, but it did seem odd that Life and Esquire sent photographers to cover the Southern California event. The two national magazines were not disappointed. The "space conclave" was as crazy as ever.

11 May. (10:00 a.m.)

The opening act of the convention was a "flag drop." Gordon Dallas made a parachute jump from a small plane, floating to earth in a red, white, and blue parachute. Hollywood stunt men Chiff Rose and Hal Needham followed with more conventional jumps.

Veteran convention-goers noted a couple of improvements at Giant Rock. One was the addition of another runway so the airfield could handle more aircraft. On a smaller scale, a large new speaker's stand had been constructed.

The usual picnic atmosphere prevailed. People basked in the sun, gawked at displays of "saucer" photos, inspected 30 booths selling out-of-the-world wares, and exchanged strange tales about Martians and Venusians.

There was no lack of speakers. Most of those mounting the speaker's platform were familiar characters. Truman Bethurum was the first to address the crowd followed by Orfeo Angelucci, Dan Fry, Carl Anderson, Dana Howard, Fay Clark, Hope Trexell, and convention host Van Tassel. The Stanford brothers, Ray and Rex, had never given a speech to a Giant Rock gathering and had finally decided to give it a try. Kelvin Rowe and Calvin Gurvin were also listed as part of the line up. Three of the speakers were promoting books recently published. Kelvin Rowe had just written They Call It Dawn while Hope Trexell's effort was titled Wisdom of the Universe, but only Calvin Gurvin's The Night Has A Thousand Saucers would be remembered.

A woman who called herself "The Peace Pilgrim" made no lasting impression except when she first appeared, suddenly emerging from the desert (She claimed to have walked all the way from Washington D.C.) to announce in a loud voice: "The spacemen want peace! Nothing can stop us now! The time of the lamb and the lion is at hand!" (101.)

Frank Scully arrived too late in the afternoon to share any views or information with the crowd but he did chat privately with Van Tassel. Another big name West Coast personality, George Adamski, was a no-show for some reason.

Long John Nebel of station WOR New York flew in from the Big Apple to tape record interviews to broadcast later on his radio program. Although accustomed to off-beat personalities, Long John marvelled when he bumped into contactee Buck Nelson who was selling small bags of hair allegedly from a "385 pound Venusian dog," an animal the Ozark farmer was supposed to have encountered when a huge flying saucer landed in a pasture. (102.)

Another man of the air waves, radio ham operator Jim Lee of Abilene, Texas, drove to California to do some live broadcasting, giving a running account of the doings at Giant Rock to a network of short wave radio hams that had established a club called the "Interplanetary Space Patrol." Lee also spent some time: "...cruising the desert area in his special car rigged with an 'infra-red beam detector' designed to track any space craft that may have been spying on the flying saucer meeting." (105.)

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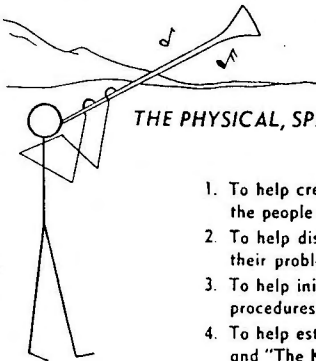
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Speakers at 1957 Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention



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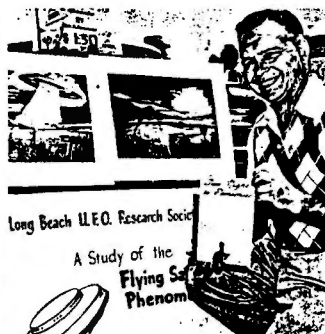
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May 11 and 12, 1957, at Giant Rock, California



Some of the 7000 Flying Saucer enthusiasts at the Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention.



GABRIEL GREEN, L.A.I.S.G.



LONG JOHN of N.Y. radio fame records first hand saucer story.



COL. RON ORMOND, "Flying Saucers" correspondent.



ISRAEL HORKIN, "Saucer Diary" author and his saucer photos.



BOB BECK of "Flying Saucers" magazine interviews HELEN SIBERT of L.A.I.S.G.



HELEN SIBERT adds interest to The Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Groups information booth.

One of the "stars" of the show was the very latest contactee, Howard Menger, who travelled all the way from New Jersey to attend the gathering. Menger told everyone the saucer pilots were: "...as angels in disguise visiting the earth to promote peace and to set down to a good earth-cooked meal." (104.) In fact, said Menger, during the saucer pilot's last visit to his place: "...they ate up all the ham and eggs in the house," (105.)

Saturday night, as people retired to their campers or crawled into their sleeping bags, pranksters set off flares and launched balloons in an attempt to fool the more gullible into thinking the saucer people were buzzing the convention site. Since it happened every year, not many at Giant Rock paid much attention.

12 May. Spacecraft Convention. 2nd day.

There was a repeat of the parachute jumps at 10:00 in the morning to mark the start of the second day of activities. Since it was Mother's Day, Van Tassel gave a prize to the oldest and the youngest mother among the 7,000 flying saucer devotees.

The highlight of the convention was the moment Van Tassel announced his candidacy for President of the United States in 1960: "...at the unexpected request of the space people." (106.) Tassel upstaged Gabriel Green, Chairman of the "Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Group," who had already declared his intention to run for Congress and who had appeared at the convention dressed in a dazzling white suit decorated with a flying saucer design. (107.)

13 May. Reports from England. (10:15 p.m.)

A Miss Steel, who lived on Hampton Street in Nottingham, swore she saw a "grey saucer with a dull red top, slightly glowing, that was soaring through the sky on a southwest course. In view about 30 seconds, the object travelled with a "wavy motion." (108.)

In another part of Nottingham, on Crosby Road in West Bridgeford, a Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Whitsmore saw two strange objects less than a half hour after the sighting by Miss Steel. When interviewed, Mr. Whitsmore said the two suspicious objects were sighted 20 seconds apart. Aside from this interval, Mr. Whitsmore estimated that the total time the UFOs were in sight was about 45 seconds. The objects, whatever they were, came out of the northwest and vanished to the southeast. Nothing was heard the whole time.

13 May Stafford. (8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)

Some thing was very obvious in the sky over Stafford on May 13th since five independent witnesses reported observations of a UFO. The witnesses included Mrs. E. Hooley, Miss June Pennells, Mrs. Jessie Roesterburg, Mrs. U.M. Daniels, and a Mr. R.J. Daniels. In general the object seen was described as oval and silvery. A couple of witnesses favored a golden hue to describe the UFO's color. In every case no sound was noted. (109.)

13 May. BLUE BOOK begins to panic. "Potentially dangerous."

The Air Force experts at Wright Field were thrown into confusion by Keyhoe's claims of having information of which BLUE BOOK was not aware.

1957 May 16

Uruguay

CASE No. 16- May 16, 1957 - MONTEVIDEO
(Taken from the paper "ACCION")

Several people stated that they had observed near Aliados park, an unidentified flying object which crossed the sky of the capital between 8 and 10 p.m.

It was a strange, apparently spherical aerial object which hovered in the air and then disappeared at great speed only to return again from a direction opposite to the one in which it disappeared.

The witnesses stated that the luminosity of the object was phosphorescent and intermittent.

The object flew "much more quietly" than an airplane. There was no sound.

Stockton Record
5/16/57

Saucer Scare Goes Up in Smoke

ALBERT, France, May 16 (UP)
—This peaceful community got its second flying saucer scare in recent days last night when a frightened farmer spied a strange shape in a pasture, complete with bright lights and explosions.

The local constabulary, alerted by telephone, struggled into uniform, strapped on pistols, and rushed to the scene. The "saucer" turned out to be a string of fire crackers a practical joker had tied to a fence.

15-5-57

MYSTERY OBJECTS OVER CHANNEL WERE HUNTERS

Evening Standard Reporter

The mysterious flying objects over the Channel on April 29 were two Hunter jet fighters of Fighter Command engaged on a training exercise. MPs were told this in the Commons this afternoon by the Secretary of State for Air, Mr. George Ward.

Their movements, as tracked on radar, seemed unusual and aroused the suspicions of the radar operators, he said.

Mr. Frank Beswick, Soc., Uxbridge, said there was a certain amount of apprehension about these false alarms.

'Not certain'

Had the Minister speculated about what would happen if such a missile was a nuclear weapon? he asked.

Mr. Ward said it was because the radar-controlling reporting system was not absolutely certain that the object was friendly that an investigation was started.

Replying to further points, he said that five flying objects reported this year were as yet unidentified.

They were still under investigation and might be identified later.

This total compared with six last year, none in 1955 and six in 1954.

may 15

A priority message was sent to BLUE BOOK's field investigative unit, the 4602nd AISS which was headquartered at ENT AFB, Colorado (Question: Didn't BLUE BOOK have detailed records at Wright Field? --L.E. Gross) asking for the details of the investigation since a summary stating the UFO was astronomical in nature was not adequate. To be sure, Keyhoe's claims were spelled out. (See BLUE BOOK document) (110.)

16 May. Hartlepool, England.

A trio of glowing objects was noticed by numerous witnesses at the city of Harlepool. The following account mentions four of the observers:

'Mr. A.T. Gyllenspetz, of Moore Street, West Hartlepool, was leaving his daughter's house in Thornville Road after watching TV there, when he saw them clearly 'hovering in the sky.' 'He said the lights certainly looked solid,' and they were not aircraft. They hovered for a few minutes and then sped out to sea. He added that as he watched them they made a purposedful zigzag, as though searching for something. His daughter and son-in-law also saw them.

'A young couple, Mr. S. Proudlock and Mrs. V. Ward, were taking a dog for a walk on Odland Avenue, where Miss Ward lives. They, too saw the lights.

'One thing is certain,' said Mr. Proudlock 'They were not from aircraft. Two of them stood still in the sky for fully five minutes. Then another came up underneath them and turned around. After that they went out to sea.'

'Miss Ward added that the night was very still but there was no sound of planes.' (111.)

17 May. The movie UFO and the Ground Observer Corps.

Capt. William B. Walburn, Commander of Detachment 8, 4674th Ground Observer Squadron, Robbins AFB, Marietta, Georgia, had what he thought was a bright idea to promote the recruitment of civilian volunteers. The Hollywood film UFO was playing in local theaters and Capt. Walburn wanted to place recruitment displays in the lobbies of the movie houses, but the Air Force was in no mood to be associated with anything that might indicate UFO sightings were authentic. (See official letter as reproduced by the NICAP organization) (112.)

17 May. More irritating news.

In the middle of all their other headaches, BLUE BOOK heard again from UFO buff Leonard Stringfield. Stringfield, a man BLUE BOOK considered a pest that wouldn't go away, had discovered the Tacoma News Tribune UFO story of April 2nd which contained strange comments by an 'Air Force investigative team.' For many at Wright Field Stringfield's letter served as an example of how far out of control things could get unless such problems were quickly addressed. (See Stringfield letter) (113.)

17 May. Saucer talk given to the Science Society of Malaya.

The following stories appeared in the influential Straits Times as reprinted by the Quarterly Journal of the Civilian Saucer Investigations. (114.)

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM - CONTINUATION SHEET

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COMDR ATIC

REQUIRE NO COMMENT. PACEURE DETAILS, FINDINGS OR AF112, IN SUPPORT OF UFO SUMMARY CONCLUSION, IN PREPARATION. HOWEVER, NOW REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION OF DETAILS AND PERTINENT FACTS SURROUNDING THIS CASE AS REQUESTED IN TT-3-398-E, SO THAT THEY MAY BE FORWARDED TO HQS USAF, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICIAL REPLY TO [REDACTED] COMMITTEE.

PART II - IN ADDITION, TO ANSWER THIS COMMITTEES CHARGES, COMMENTS TO FOLLOWING DESIRED SPECIFICALLY:

- a. OUR UFO REPORT, 69-OPS-Y, REFERENCED ABOVE, STATES FOUR AIRCRAFT OBSERVED, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] CLAIMS FOUR UFOS CONTACTED.
- b. DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, BUT [REDACTED] ALLEGES DETAILED REPORT PREPARED BY OXNARD PILOT DESCRIBING ONE UFO, ALSO ITS SPEED ESTIMATED AT 3600 MPH.
- c. WERE THERE ANY CLASSIFIED PILOT'S AND RADAR REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT AS CLAIMED? IF SO, AND NORMALLY AF REPORTS OF SUCH NATURE MIGHT BE, THROUGH WHAT MEANS OR SOURCE DID [REDACTED] RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION, INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE BREACH OF SECURITY?
- d. NOT CLEAR, AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, REPORT ON OBSERVER: RISES FROM BED, GLANCES OUT OF WINDOW, SEES OBJECT HIGH IN SKY, OBSERVED FOR 1½, REPEAT 1½ HOURS, THEN GETS HYSTERICAL WITH FEAR.
- e. WAS LT. OTT, APPARENTLY OFFICER ON DUTY, WHICH OBSERVER CONTACTED, FOLLOWING LOCAL PROCEDURES IN ALERTING HIGHWAY PATROL AND AF INTERCEPTORS WITHOUT TAKING ACTION TO CHECK THE INCIDENT?

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Air Defense Command Forbids GOC Link with Film

An Air Defense Command order which banned Ground Observer Corps efforts to publicize a documentary UFO film has recently been revealed to NICAP. The ADC action followed a request by the 4674th Ground Observer Squadron, Miami, to use a GOC display in connection with the moving picture "Unidentified Flying Objects."

A copy of the order follows:

Headquarters
4674th GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
United States Air Force
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

O&T

17 May 1957

SUBJECT: United Artists Film "UFO"
TO: Commander, All Detachments
4674th Ground Observer Squadron

The following message from ADC is quoted for your information and guidance:

"ADHIS 22573. Disapprove requests for GOC Display in connection with commercial film pertaining to the controversial subject of flying saucers. Use of Display would involve the risk that Air Force could be considered as endorsing subject matter and authenticity of the filmed version of flying saucers."

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER:

/s/
DONALD A. ZEINE, Major USAF
Adjutant

The official request to tie in the GOC program with the documentary United Artists film was made by Capt. William B. Walburn, USAF, Commander of Detachment 8, 4674th Squadron.

The ADC refusal seems to answer, once and for all, the question which NICAP members have frequently asked:

Was the documentary film "Unidentified Flying Objects" produced with Air Force cooperation—or against its wishes?

From letters received, it appears that less than half of NICAP's members saw this moving picture, which includes the famous Tremonton, Utah film taken by Warrant Officer D. C. Newhouse, and the movie of two UFO's taken by Nick Mariana at Great Falls, Montana.

Even those who did see the picture may be unaware of the steps which led to public use of the Newhouse and Mariana shots.

The action for narrative purposes in the film is centered on Albert M. Chop, former Air Force public relations official who handled UFO information in the Pentagon. (Chop is now a NICAP Special Adviser.) Cleared for secret reports, Chop learned of the officially analyzed Mariana film taken on August 15, 1950, which shows two silvery-looking discs flying over the Great Falls baseball park.

In 1952 Chop learned of the Newhouse moving picture taken on July 2, a color film which shows a formation of UFO's maneuvering over Utah. Later Newhouse described the objects as resembling two

pie pans, one inverted on top of the other. The film was secretly analyzed for months, first by the Air Force then by the Navy. Conclusion: The UFO's were not conventional objects.

Al Chop also took part in the story that made headlines in July 1952 during the UFO sightings over Washington National Airport. With Major Dewey Fournet (now a member of NICAP's Board of Governors) he watched Control Center radar experts track a group of mysterious objects. Both he and Fournet also heard an AF jet pilot's tense radio report that the UFO's were closing in on him—an incident later related in the documentary film.

When Chop resigned in 1953 to take a public relations job with an aircraft firm, he and Captain Edward Ruppelt met in California with film producer Clarence Green and the idea of the movie "U.F.O." was born. By this time Ruppelt was on inactive duty and free, like Chop, to express his personal beliefs. Green, senior partner of Green-Rouse Productions, was strongly interested because he had seen a UFO a few years before.

Working together, Ruppelt, Chop and Clarence Green persuaded Warrant Officer

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Newhouse and Nick Mariana to let their UFO films be used. Since the Air Force had publicly stated that the films were the personal property of these men, there was no violation of security, though the Air Force still refused to let the press and the public see the official copies.

Though Producer Green offered the Air Force full cooperation, the official analysis reports of the two films were not released to him. Some Air Force officers privately favored giving Green—and the public—all available evidence, but they were overruled.

After the documentary film was released the Air Force denied it had cleared, sponsored, or in any way coordinated any motion pictures on UFO's. The recent Air Defense Command action, cited at the start of this story, should end all conjecture that this was an official step toward "educating the public."

Despite this, the picture has performed a great service. Many former skeptics have reported their conviction as to the reality of UFO's after seeing this film. NICAP urges members who have not seen it to secure repeat runs at local theaters. In several cases, UFO clubs or groups have arranged for special showings at low rates, usually at hours when theaters normally have small audiences.

We believe this factual revelation of UFO evidence will be well worth any special efforts required, for despite the lack of an Air Force blessing, this is an important step toward ending official secrecy. ●

Many members are sending NICAP names of prospects. Make yourself a Membership Committee of One and extend to your friends the invitation to join.

Case (Information Only)

23 March 1957

Tacoma, Washington

C.R.I.F.O.

Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

May 17, 1957

Director
1017 Britton Ave.
Cincinnati 27, Ohio

Office of Public Information
U.S.A.F.
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Would your office kindly confirm the incident reported by the Tacoma, Washington News Tribune, April 2, 1957, which describes the sighting of a UFO by [redacted] in, or near, Tacoma, Washington, March 23, 1957.

According to the News Tribune, [redacted] watched an object with a metallic glow descend in the pasture on his parent's property on Waller Road. The newspaper's account told of Air Force Intelligence investigating and relating to Mr. [redacted] the following: "Perhaps it is just as well you ran." Then, according to the News Tribune, the Air Force investigating team of three men told [redacted] of an incident, similar to his, occurring in Florida. They said it involved a woman walking along a road who had become transfixed with fear by a glowing object hurtling toward her silently. The craft knocked her down to the ground. There were witnesses, but when the woman was reached she was found dead with severe burns on her body.

According to [redacted]'s story, recounted by the News Tribune, the Air Force team related that whatever the objects may be (referring to UFO's) they are not craft launched by the U.S. Air Force or any other nation on earth. One of the men told [redacted] that there is virtual proof that three planets are inhabited.

First, I should like the incident confirmed, that is, time and place. Secondly, did the Air Force investigate? Third Please elaborate on the reference to the Florida incident, involving the woman who was killed. Without mentioning the woman's name, is this incident on official Air Force record or in the case files?

Fourth: Has the UFO witnessed by [redacted] and others, been identified?

If at all possible, please answer the above questions fully.

Sincerely,

Talk to the Science Society of Malaya

ARE SAUCERS REAL?

YES, THEY ARE, SAYS MATHS PROFESSOR: FOR ALL I KNOW THEY MAY BE HERE TO SAVE US FROM OURSELVES IF WE START ATOM WAR

The professor of applied mathematics at the University of Malaya, Prof. J. C. Cooke, told the Science Society of Malaya yesterday that he believed flying saucers were controlled by intelligent beings from outside the earth.

He also said that they did not appear to be hostile and might be here to save us from ourselves.

"Certainly, if we showed hostility to them they could annihilate us," said Prof. Cooke. "I personally hope that they will intervene if an atomic war starts here."

'Frightened men'

Prof. Cooke, who was lecturing on "Flying Saucers," emphasised that his audience was the "senior scientific body in the country" and pleaded with them not to fall into the common tendency to discredit the existence of these objects.

Some scientists discounted the evidence because "they did not want flying saucers to exist or were frightened of the consequences of their existence."

"Once before the war I was accused of making public statements liable to cause alarm and despondency," he said. "I trust this talk will not lead me into the same trouble."

Fear of panic

"There is no doubt that governments have suppressed the truth about flying saucers because of their fear of mass panic and hysteria."

"But there will be far more trouble caused by suppressing the truth than by broadcasting it."

Prof. Cooke said that despite such explanations, as atmospheric inversions, meteorological balloons, sundogs, optical delusions and the effects of alcohol, scientists investigating the thousands of flying saucers which had been sighted had been unable to explain away about 30 per cent of the sightings.

(At the end of his lecture, he admitted at question time that he "might have got a nought wrong" and that the unexplained percentage might be 3, not 30).

After quoting at length several accounts of the behaviour of flying saucers, their landings, and their occupants, Prof. Cooke said they fell into four groups:

- **HUGE DISCS** or flat cones, from 500 to 1,000 feet in diameter.
- **CIGAR-SHAPED** craft about 100 feet long which seemed to act as mother ships for
- **FLYING SAUCERS** proper which were spherical with a conning tower on top and small landing domes underneath, 20 to 50 feet in diameter and probably manned by two or three persons.

● **SMALL**, brilliantly lit discs from six inches to 12 feet in diameter, a type of remote-controlled scout craft.

Prof. Cooke said Canadian scientists had investigated the third type and in 1953 planned to build a flying saucer on a propulsion theory based on Einstein's "unified field theory."

(FOOTNOTE: Professor Cooke announced his resignation from the University in April; he is to join the staff of the Ministry of Supply's Royal Aircraft establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire, England.)

"The Straits Times," May 17th, 1957.

PROFESSOR NO. 2 BACKS THE "FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL" IDEA

Flying Saucers were the most widely discussed subject at the University of Malaya yesterday—among students and faculty members alike.

And at least one other professor supported the views of the Professor of Applied Mathematics, Prof. J. C. Cooke.

It was Prof. Cooke who started it all when he told the Science Society of Malaya on Wednesday that he believed flying saucers were "controlled by intelligent beings from outside the Earth."

The head of the Chemistry Department, PROF. R. A. ROBINSON, yesterday supported him.

"I think Prof. Cooke's attitude is quite correct. I wouldn't say it's impossible or incredible that flying saucers are controlled in this way," said Prof. Robinson.

Keep Open Mind

"It is not so long ago that scientists thought they had proved that man could never fly and that an iron ship must inevitably sink."

"The proper attitude for a scientist to take is to preserve an open mind until there is more conclusive evidence available."

18 May. Grand Island, Nebraska.

Imagine getting a phone call at 4:00 a.m. telling you a flying saucer was in your back yard. Well, an optometrist that lived in an area near the town of Grand Island, Nebraska, was roused from sleep to be told just that. The optometrist, Dr. J.D. Hoeft, heard a woman's voice on the phone telling him a lighted object was behind his house. The man peeked out the window and failed to see anything at first. If something had been there, it was now gone --or was it? Looking carefully the optometrist discerned something about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away and only a little over 100 feet in the air. He couldn't make out any detail but he saw "100 or more lights" on it. Using that observation, Dr. Hoeft figured the source of the lights was about 125 feet in the air and moving contrary to the wind. (115.)

20 May. Fawley Refinery in the County of Hampshire, England.

Oil worker M. Welland was perched atop a giant gas tank at the Fawley Refinery early in the morning of May 20th. From his towering position Mr. Welland had a sweeping view of the sprawling refinery complex and of the dark sky. He saw something approaching:

"A black, elliptical, object was spinning across the sky at an amazing speed. It had a reddish, pulsating, center and an orange glow around the edge. It shot overhead at a phenomenal speed, spinning like a Catherine wheel. By the time one of my mates arrived to find out what all the shouting was about, it'd gone." (116.)

21 May. Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Weird flying saucer."

Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York member Jim McAshan of Knoxville, (who also helped to launch NICAP), forwarded a strange UFO story to national headquarters. (See CSI article and news clipping)

21 May. Keyhoe and the Oxnard case.

Having tried to circumvent higher authorities by contacting military units directly involved in the Oxnard case, only to be referred back to Air Force headquarters in Washington D.C., Keyhoe attempted to get information from the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, BLUE BOOK's field investigative organization. Keyhoe had no luck with that inquiry either. A Major John Taylor replied that NICAP's interest in the case would be handled by the PIO office in Washington.

After a long wait without hearing from the Pentagon, Keyhoe wrote directly to General Kelly, spokesman for the Secretary of the Air Force and who was on record as of April 8th, in a letter to Rep. Lee Metcalf, that the military was not withholding UFO information. It was hoped General Kelly would provide the data requested. (117.)

Unknown to Keyhoe, a response to his inquiry was in the works. A document in BLUE BOOK's Oxnard file to a "Lt. Col. Green" (Other identifying data not given) mentions that further investigations were being conducted. This accounts for any delay. (See BLUE BOOK document that mentions a May 20th date)

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CLATTERING UFO MAKES REPAIRS

May 21, 1957: This report came in a letter from CSI member Jim McAshan, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

"A lady living some ten miles from Knoxville ran into something that shook her up considerably. I talked to her several days after the incident. It occurred on Tuesday, May 21, and she didn't tell her husband about it until that night, when he got home. The sighting was at 4:40 p.m. She reported seeing an oval or round object coming from a southeasterly direction and going northwest. When first noticed, the object was making a noise like a runaway power mower. She said it wasn't too high - just above tree-top level, and it seemed to bounce

along slowly, making this racket. It was metallic, like the metal of a silver dollar, and she estimated it to be six or seven feet across. She assumed it was flat, but wasn't actually sure whether it was flat or round. She said it had a stem, or pipe, sticking out of the top of it about three feet high, which seemed to have holes in it from the top to the bottom. When it got some 20 feet away from being directly above, it stopped motion and the noise ceased. After a few moments, it proceeded in the same direction it had headed originally, but the noise did not resume - it was completely quiet.

"The woman's impression was that the object moved about 150 or 200 feet away and fell into some pine trees on a little rise. That night she and her husband went up and looked in the wooded area where she thought she saw the object fall, but they found nothing. It doesn't seem to me that anything actually fell; whatever it was probably moved rapidly away at low altitude, and she received an erroneous impression of the object's falling. According to the neighbors, with whom I talked, the two of them continued their search the next day. It's a rural community. Finding nothing, and seeing nothing in the newspapers, the husband called one of the local newspapers Wednesday night. No other reports had been received. He was most reluctant, according to the newspaper, to give out information under those circumstances, but he and his wife agreed to let the paper publish their story anonymously. Later, the reporter called me (after he had investigated and determined for himself that they were sincere), and I went down and talked to them. We found nothing and we found no other people in the area who had seen or heard the device.

"I'm inclined to think the woman saw something quite unusual. She is about 35 years of age, and has had a high school education. Furthermore, she is familiar with jet aircraft, since their landing pattern passes over the area."

Area Housewife Sees Weird Flying Saucer

An unidentified flying object, old-fashioned saucer, was reported by a woman living in the area of Knoxville, Tenn., on Tuesday, May 21, 1957. The woman, who is about 35 years of age, has had a high school education and is familiar with jet aircraft, since their landing pattern passes over the area.

BY BEAD ANDERSON



Knoxville, Tenn., May 21/57

Lt. Col Green,

I received a call from Capt. Gregory UFO project Officer at ATIC on May 20, 1957 re report of a UFO sighting at Oxnard, Calif on 23 March at 11 P.M. Capt. Gregory phoned this report in because it has stirred up considerable interest.

Briefly here are the details:

1. A wife of an Air Force Officer a Mrs. [REDACTED] sighted an UFO near Oxnard Calif and called the duty officer at Oxnard AFB.
2. The duty officer called the Air Police, Highway Patrol and local Sherriff all of whom converged on Mrs. [REDACTED] home which naturally attracted the newspapers and curiosity seekers.
3. A preliminary investigation by the AISS of Norton AFB discovered these facts:
 - a. Mrs. [REDACTED] husband was on TDY and she was alone with a sick child.
 - b. Her house is located in an isolated area and in one of the heaviest traveled air traffic areas in the U.S.
 - c. Upon investigation it was found that by looking in the direction that the object was supposed to have been visible a combination of objects were seen to conform with the description given by Mrs. [REDACTED]. They were a huge barn with two red lights, a small telegraph pole with 3 cross bars, a very bright star (arcturus), in addition, several aircraft passed the area with standard red and green lights. It was determined that perhaps Mrs. [REDACTED] being in an emotional state thought she had observed an UFO.
4. Capt. Gregory pointed out that the duty officer at Oxnard AFB did not follow the correct procedures for handling this UFO sighting, if he had it would have been cleared up with out any publicity. The fact that he contacted the Air Police, Highway Patrol and Sherriff instead of the AISS unit at Norton AFB was against regulation. This is being investigated and a report will be made later as well as a further report on this sighting. It also might be noted that Keyhoe has written several letters to ATIC about this.

- (1) A barn was located in a field under the area of the reported UFOs. Red lights were found installed on each corner of the roof.
- (2) Detailed line-of-sight plots from the source's observing point were made. Between the source's observing point and the object, was a shiny pole with three cross-bars. The objects were viewed through these cross-bars on it. The results of interplay of light on the insulators is obvious.
- (3) Directly in the line-of-sight, as pointed out by source, and beyond the lights on the barn, was a very bright star, Arcturus, in the sky. This was corroborated by a professional astronomer in a local educational institute.
- (4) The sighting was observed through a window. Again, the appearance of the red lights on the barn, with a bright-green appearing star in the background, observed through a maze of wires and insulators require no further comment.
- (5) It is interesting to note that the objects reported were observed for over two hours, with apparently very little movement. Yet, no report of any unusual phenomena was received by other than the source reporting.

This report is typical of the many received by the Air Force, which upon investigation results in the UFO observed being unidentified as conventional objects or known phenomena. We, of course, cannot publicly comment on an important factor in any investigation, the source, their reliability, beliefs, emotional state, personality or character.

On the basis of the above, any attempt to attribute sinister overtones or imply menaces from the sky in connection with this incident is, in our opinion, totally unwarranted and not supported by the facts. This case does serve to indicate the thoroughness with which any UFO sighting is investigated, if promptly reported, a fact not often known to the general public.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Handwritten: 10-11-57 - 10-11-57 - 10-11-57

21 May. Hastings, New Zealand. (1:20 a.m.)

"Stationary egg."

The report:

"Attracted by a strange light that lit the room 'just like day,' Mrs. C. Morgan of Hastings was startled to see a bright egg-shaped light stationary in the eastern sky. 'It appeared to be only several hundred yards away,' said Mrs. Morgan. 'I never believed in flying saucers and all that rubbish, but I can swear there was "something" there.' Mrs. Morgan watched the glowing object for a few minutes and then retired to her bed; the time was 1:20 a.m. Tuesday morning. She told the Tribune that later she wished she had telephoned a neighbour, as everyone thinks it's amazing but won't believe until they see for themselves. (There was no moon in sky at the time, nor was there any bright planets to the east.--- Ed.)" (118.)

21 May. NICAP and the CAB.

The trouble NICAP could cause BLUE BOOK was underlined by the March 8th UFO incident concerning the firey object that flashed over the Atlantic Ocean alarming a number of airline crews (The Captain Van Winkle case). The Civil Aeronautics Board was conducting its own investigation separate from any military inquiry since some airline passengers suffered injuries. There was quite a difference between the CAB effort and the military's. Between April 8th and May 21st the CAB issued four reports on its ongoing investigation, and all of them were made available to NICAP. The latest, the one dated May 21st, said: "Evidence supporting the meteor answer is negative. The sighting is unexplained and we are still investigating." (119.) This contrasted sharply with Air Force methods which stressed a quick review of the evidence followed by a loose correlation with anything prosaic quite sufficient.

Keyhoe-led NICAP was open to the meteor explanation but was not about to write off the case until the CAB had completed its investigation. That was certainly fair but the Air Force brushed such reasoning aside. When reporter Gene Wortsman, representing the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, asked the Air Force on May 23rd what it thought about the Van Winkle case, a military spokesman declared: "The object has been identified as a shooting star which continued blazing after entering the earth's atmosphere." (120.)

? May. Keyhoe addresses a Washington meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Keyhoe announced that NICAP had received many "hidden" UFO reports from trained observers and good solid citizens, people who lived in practically every state in the U.S. as well as several foreign countries. As for service people still on active duty, Keyhoe said he was asking the Air Force to grant such persons immunity if they submitted UFO reports to NICAP confidentially:

"During the last four months NICAP has received a number of confidential UFO reports, both visual and radar, from veteran pilots and other trained observers in the armed forces and government civil aviation agencies. We are asking your assurance, as Director of Legislative Liaison and the spokesman for the Secretary of the

Air Force, that these witnesses are now free to report publicly all details of their observations of Unidentified Flying Objects. We are also asking your official assurance that they will be immune from any punishment whatsoever under the policy you stated to Congressman Metcalf. Such assurance will go a long way toward erasing the widespread belief that the Air Force is keeping the facts hidden." (121.)

22 May. BLUE BOOK assures Headquarters USAF.

In an official letter dated May 22nd BLUE BOOK asserted that its investigation of the Oxnard case, submitted April 5th, was thorough and that NICAP's allegations were: "...not supported by facts." (122.) The NICAP's letters to lower commands asking about the Oxnard case were all forwarded to Washington. (See BLUE BOOK's message to Headquarters USAF)

22 May, Coral Gables, Florida. (10:30 p.m.).

"Zig-zag manner."

The testimony of Wilson Doty, serious amateur astronomer, and a member of the board of directors of the Gulfstream Astronomical Association of Miami:

"On the night of May 22nd at about 10:30 PM EST I was observing the sky with my telescope in my back yard at 447 Blue Road, Coral Gables. I had just sighted my telescope on the star Vega When I saw a dimly glowing, elliptical-shaped object appear from behind a small cloud. It moved with incredible rapidity in a zig-zagging manner due east, its apparent size becoming smaller and smaller, until it disappeared as a small speck about 15° above the eastern horizon.

"I estimated the time of its visibility to be about 10 seconds and its apparent size, when first sighted, as 10 minutes of arc along its major axis. Its color and brightness were similar to a searchlight spot on clouds. This, however, could not have been due to a searchlight because it came from behind a cloud.

"This sighting was not made through the telescope but with the naked eye. It would have been impossible to have sighted my telescope at anything in such rapid motion. However, I was able to use the circles on my telescope to measure the approximate location of the point at which the object appeared --namely, 20° north of the celestial equator and 60° above the eastern horizon.

"From these figures it is possible to do a little estimating of the size and speed of the cloud was 5,000 feet. (which, I am advised, is a reasonable figure for such clouds.) The point of appearance was 30° east of my zenith and a bit of trigonometry would then give a minimum distance of 5750 feet, from me to the object. Let's round that out to an even 5,000 feet. If so, an object exhibiting an angular size of 10 minutes at that distance would have a real size of about 15 feet. (10 minutes is 1/3 the diameter of the full moon.)

"This is a minimum estimate. There is no way of knowing how high above the cloud the object was when sighted. The most startling feature of the object was its general appearance --- totally unlike any meteor or aircraft I have ever observed. I

Report on Oxnard UFO Case - 22 March 1957

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22 May 1957

1. Reference is made to telephone discussions 20 May 1957, between your office and Capt Gregory, this Center regarding the status of subject case. A summary report of this Center's findings was given you verbally during these discussions.

2. This case, which has been given some attention by the press, is threatening to give the Air Force some adverse publicity through the indirect efforts of the National Advisory Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Attached are two letters from this committee addressed to the Commander of Oxnard AFB and the 4602d AIGS, Headquarters AIC respectively, demanding all information and reports resulting from our investigations and radar search. The allegations are not supported by the facts.

3. In compliance with your instructions for providing Headquarters USAF with all case material, in anticipation of any queries from either the press or higher levels, attached are copies of pertinent data on the incident. Not included is the detailed report of the investigation, which was submitted to Headquarters USAF under AF 112, IR-1C-4F03-1-57, dated 5 April 1957. Investigations also involved local police, state highway patrols, sheriff's office, radar units and intercept action by both USAF and Navy aircraft. As such, the investigations may be considered thorough.

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spend many hours observing with my telescope and am quite familiar with the appearance of meteors. I have also watched aircraft of all familiar types at all altitudes. None of them look remotely like this object. Nor do they travel in an angular zig-zag path." (123.)

22 May. Bletchley, England. (3:30 p.m.- 5:10 p.m.)

"Hundreds watch short, fat, cigar hanging vertically."

Some special details of the next case make it impressive:

"On Wednesday, May 22, hundreds of townsfolk in Bletchley gazed skywards at a UFO hovering high over the town. One woman said: 'it was like a short, fat cigar hanging vertically.' It arrived quietly at about half-past three. School children studied the silver object and shops emptied of customers, who hurried out into the streets to stare at the mystery craft.

"Although there was a strong breeze blowing the clouds along, the UFO remained absolutely motionless until around 5:10 p.m.

"Suddenly, it changed to a horizontal position and flashed out of sight, towards Leighton Buzzard, in a matter of seconds. It flew off at a terrific speed." (124.)

23 May. Formation of UFOs over Kansas City.

"Four silvery objects flying in formation NE over the Quindaro Water and Power Plant were reported in the a.m. by John Campbell and Theodore Cox. Aided by witnesses Arthur Wilson, Clarence Barnett and Weyman Kinney, the men reported the formation split into two pairs, one of which flew SW, the other disappeared for a few seconds, then reappeared and rejoined the first pair.

"Starting northward, the formation--which was visible for about two minutes altogether--finally disappeared at a rapid velocity. At one point the witnesses reported some red on one of the objects. Officials at Richards-Gebaur AFB declined to state whether or not the UFOs had been tracked on radar." (125.)

23 May. The "feud" between NICAP and the Air Force.

Gene Wortsman of the Scripps Howard syndicate attempted to air the differences between NICAP and the Air Force in a newspaper article published on May 23rd. As we have seen, the Air Force's position was not as valid as the Pentagon would like the public to believe. The last comment by the military spokesman, the one that implied they "could care less," hardly seems true:

"Washington is hardly aware of the debunking contest over flying saucers now going on in the center ring.

"In the far corner is the champ, the United States Air Force. The challenger, is an upstart organization which calls itself the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) under the directorship of Donald Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)

"Both agree there are 'unidentified flying objects' (UFO) in the atmosphere.

"At that point all agreement ceases.

"NICAP says the Air Force is withholding information. Example: On March 9 a Pan American World Airways pilot zoomed his plane to avoid a flying object.

Ridiculous, says the Air Force. Proof: The object has been identified as a shooting star which continued blazing after entering the earth's atmosphere.

"NICAP says the Air Force hasn't released a report on saucers for two years.

"Well, says the Air Force, its last report was in October, 1955. Since the unidentified objects reported since then have been so few, the Air Force hasn't thought it necessary to issue reports.

"NICAP says the Air Force is carrying on secret investigations of the saucers.

"You well know we're carrying on investigations, says the Air Force, but there's nothing secret about them. Any time an object is reported, the Air Defense Command (headquartered at Ent Air Force Base in Colorado) boots an interceptor aloft to give chase.

"Unofficially the Air Force says Keyhoe's outfit is denouncing the Air Force as the only way of keeping its organization alive "It exists on memberships which cost from \$7.50 to \$1,000.

"Those birds keep yelling and that makes the subject enticing," said an Air Force spokesman. "That's their bread and butter,"

"Keyhoe won't reveal membership lists or funds.

"He says many armed forces people, airline pilots, scientists and other trained personnel pass information to him in confidence, and also belong to his group.

"NICAP has members in every state except Mississippi and South Dakota. It also has operators in seven foreign countries.

"Some day, said Keyhoe, NICAP hopes to answer the questions:

"1. Are flying saucers real?

"2. If so, what are they?

"3. Where do they come from?

"4. What are they up to?

"NICAP isn't yet ready to go further than say evidence proves those unidentified flying objects are real.

"In the meantime, it carries on its feud with the Air Force.

"Beginning in June, NICAP will issue a monthly magazine about saucers.

"We, 'said the Air Force, 'couldn't care less.'" (126.)

23 May. Waukegan, Illinois.

The "neon kid."

Howard Menger of Highbridge New Jersey got together with John Otto in Waukegan. The two provided plenty of entertainment for the space fans in the region. (See news clipping) It was quite a contrast to the serious conflict in Washington between NICAP and the Pentagon.

25 May. Ceil County, Maryland.

There were sightings in Ceil County of a large object with red and green lights around the edge. (127.) In the area at the time was a family of three, a special family of three.

NEWS-SUN, Waukegan, IL - May 23, 1957 CR: R. Helden

Camera Catches 'Glimpse' Of Flying Saucerman

FIND MYSTERY
MAN IN PHOTO
OF SPACE TRIPBY CHICK HUNT
(News-Sun Saucerman)

A "man who wasn't there" turned up in several photographs of a space expedition yesterday and nearly upset plans for a flying saucer lecture to be given tomorrow.

It was all pretty confusing, particularly to earth men.

Scene of the "unscheduled" development was the upper deck at Ted's Restaurant, 34 N. Sheridan Rd., where leading savants of saucerdom held a preview of the impending lecture exclusively for newsmen.

Just as Howard Menger of High Bridge, N.J., the speaker in question, was about to sketch for listeners some of the startling facts he will discuss in an address at 32 W. Randolph St., Chicago, tomorrow evening, somebody thought of projecting some still pictures on a convenient screen.

GOOD HEAVENS

The pictures had been taken during recent night attempts to get a fix on visitors from outer space, and showed devotees clustered on a Malheur fishing boat at the Waukegan wharf.

"Good heavens," somebody said, "look at that character there on the edge of the crowd."

"That character" proved to be a young man in a long, straight overcoat of weird design illuminated by two phosphorescent stripes that now leaped out at looker-on. Atop this unknown's head was something like a stocking cap—but a stocking cap with a button on the top that glowed like neon.

"Well, well," said John Otto, the Chicago flying saucer theorist, who was "all shook" up.

A murmur of surprise ran through the assemblage.

MAN FROM MARS?

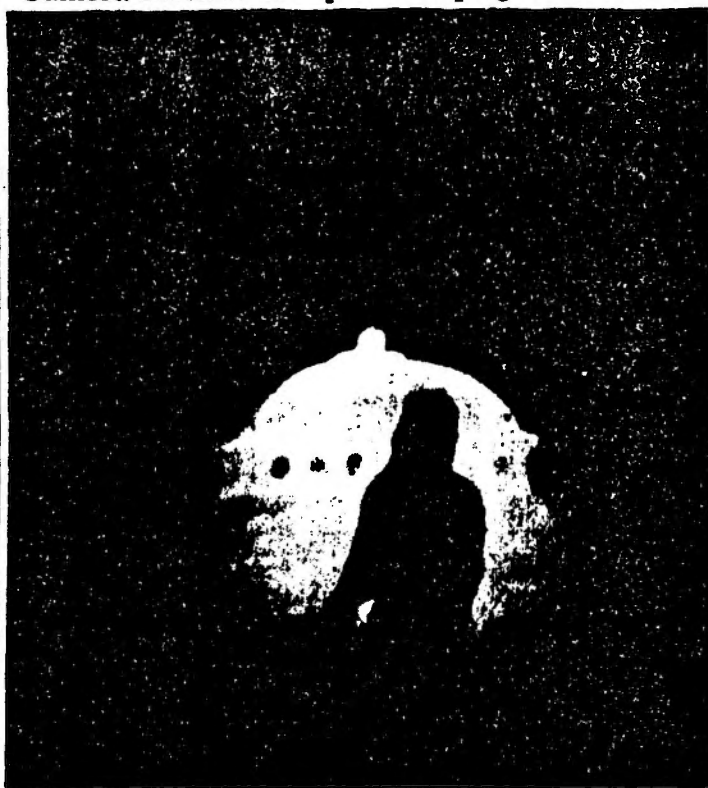
"I don't remember seeing him before," mused Otto, who was acting as projectionist. "I understood the government intended to send somebody along the night we made the lake excursion. Maybe—"

Here the lecture sponsor turned to Waukegan flying saucer devotee Jack Maynard and said querulously, "Did you see that fellow on the fish boat, GLUFO?"

Maynard improved on the story without hesitation.

"I am practically positive that no such man was there."

With this assertion the assembled newsmen, who included Ernie Tucker, columnist of The Chicago



This is what a Venetian outer space visitor looks like as he leaves his flying saucer for a stroll on earth. The silhouette in foreground is the saucer man, according to Howard Menger of High Bridge, N. J., who told Waukeganites about such

matters yesterday. Menger explained he has had numerous meetings with saucer people, and snapped this picture of the eerie traveler approaching him.

American. The Chicago Tribune's veteran reporter Johnny Hayes and this writer could only agree. They hadn't seen him either.

Other stills of the Waukegan expedition were hastily projected, and the "neon kid," as newspaper observers immediately dubbed him, turned up in several other views.

BLAST EXPLAINED

Otto was filling listeners in on the facts of atmospheric ionization, said to surround saucers and make them appear to glow, when an explosion of unexplained origin shook Lake County from Waukegan to the Wisconsin state line at about 3:30 p.m.

Turning his attention to the blast, which some county residents were inclined to suspect was a sonic boom caused by some random jet plane, Otto said:

"There have been many such unexplained earth shocks. Many

can be due to outer space magnetic disturbances which may result from space ships entering the atmosphere of the earth."

After some head shaking both mysteries were temporarily tabled in favor of Menger's informal talk.

The 35-year-old New Jersey husband and father, a personable fellow with a wife, three children and a smile a little bit like movie actor Gary Cooper's, told of repeated meetings with flaxen haired space visitors in a woodland near his home.

They arrived, said Menger soberly, in fiery looking space ships of the three-ball landing apparatus type alleged to be widely used by traveling residents of the planet Venus.

He said he conversed with them. Menger displayed photos of the space craft he described, one enlivened by a silhouette of the arriving Venetian in the foreground. Were there any credible witness-

es to the mysterious landings? "Yes," said Menger, "plenty of them, but you know how witnesses are nowadays. Some fear ridicule or loss of jobs and aren't anxious to come forward. I decided I would, though I first had to decide between spreading this truth, and my routine job."

When not in contact with space people Menger operates an advertising sign concern in High Bridge. Why do traveling Venutians persist in contacting earth people, in stead of staying home and living it up on Venus?

"They say the purpose of their coming here is to help us," Menger said, "provided we are ready to receive them and accept them."

Lester Levinson of New York, identified as a retired real estate man who has made similar sacrifices for the purpose of supporting Menger in his appearances in the Chicago area, accompanied Menger.

Those crazy saucer sighters.

A man, his wife, and their 14-year-old son, reported seeing a flying saucer so close they could make out individual lights on the craft. The family contacted the Air Force immediately. The paperwork did not have far to travel. The father was the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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UFO SECRET REVEALED

THIRTY-FIVE years ago, there were several sightings in south-west Scotland of what appeared to be UFOs.

At the time, the government explained that people had simply seen a stray weather balloon in the night sky.

But now, secret files released under the 30-year declassification rule have revealed that RAF radar picked up several strange craft on their screens at the same time as the sightings in West Freuch.

Also, the objects were flying against the wind — so it could

not have possibly been a stray balloon.

Scotland has just been named as one of the top "hotspots" in the world for UFO sightings in a new book by Jenny

Randles, director of investigations with the British UFO Research Association.

"In the 30 years that the Association has been in existence, a staggering 40% of British sightings have been in Scotland," said Jenny.

Baffling

"We've found in general that 95% of reported UFOs do have a logical explanation, but the rest are completely baffling."

One of the world's most famous sightings happened in Scotland. In 1979, forestry worker Bob Taylor had a terrifying experience in Dechmont

Woods near Livingstone.

A silver craft landed in a clearing and two circular creatures with legs tried to drag him towards the craft.

He passed out, but when he came to his trousers were torn, his thighs were covered in bruises and there were large, unexplained, holes in the ground.

The sighting has become one of the world's greatest UFO mysteries. Bob's trousers have gone round the world to be investigated by scientists, and now there's even a plaque in the woods to commemorate the scene.

35 YEARS LATER

Recently opened Government files give radar confirmation of UFO sightings in 1957

The new book, "UFOs and How To See Them" describes 40 "hotspots" around the world and gives useful advice on the best ways to see a UFO for yourself.

Identikit

The best places in Scotland are Luce Bay near Stranraer and Lothian region, with the best time between two and three in the morning.

There's even a UFO identikit in the book, of objects and phenomena which can easily be mistaken for UFOs — just in case it's not the real thing.

