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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

-Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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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24 May. Chestertown, Maryland.

Assistant Secretary of Defense.

A Mr. Gale, Assistant Secretary of Defense (U.S. Army), dined at the Great Oak Lodge on Chesapeake Bay the evening of May 24th with his wife and 14-year-old son. After dinner the three left the lodge sometime after 9:00 p.m.

The route home took the Gale family through a rural area of fields and isolated tracts of trees. At about 9:40 (Mr. Gale guessed it was 9:45 and his wife 9:40) the Gales' car reached a point about 7 miles northeast of the community of Chestertown, one mile east of Great Oak Lodge, and about a mile from "Wharton's Creek." As the car emerged from a tree-lined stretch of road into open, uncultivated ground, the young, teenage Gale happened to glance out the left side window. The boy spoke up, expressing surprise at "all those lights" low in the dark sky. He remembered them as about "20" lights in two horizontal rows.

Mrs. Gale, alerted by her son's remark and not occupied with driving the car, quickly turned her head and saw "12-14"(her estimate) lights in an oval pattern hanging in the air just above the treetops about 1/2 mile away over Wharton's Creek at a spot where there was a low hill and a wharf. The lights appeared stationary and not very high, perhaps 300 feet altitude she guessed, but she admitted later it was hard to determine any distance under night time conditions. Mrs. Gale also said she saw a red light at each end of the oval formation, a formation which she characterized as resembling an oval chandelier, flat(not tiered), and that two of the lights on the left side of the formation seemed to be beaming rays of light downwards. (See her drawing)

There was a dirt road leading to Wharton Creek so Mr. Gale turned off the highway to get closer to the mystery lights. Heading toward the creek, the car was now facing toward the lights which were directly ahead and clearly visible through the windshield. Mr. Gale could now give some attention to the lights without neglecting his driving. He agreed with his wife that the lights seemed to be 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile away. He hadn't gone far when he stopped the car so any sound the UFO was making could be heard. No sound of any kind was detected.

The Gales were quite familiar with the countryside in the vicinity of Wharton's Creek and they knew of no tower or any other structure that could support the glowing display. Because of the darkness, there was no way of determining if the lights were attached to a large object, which, if that was the case, would have to be 150 feet across and 30 feet wide. It was Mr. Gale's impression that the lights were "power generated" and "man made." He noted, moreover, the two red lights his wife described, as well as the rest of the lights which he felt were "greenish-gray" in color. He found the whole display impressive, comparing it to the lighted super-structure of a large ocean liner.

For no reason the Gales were aware of, all the lights abruptly vanished. The Gales waited for the lights to reappear but after a short time gave up and left the area. Both Mr. Gale and his wife estimated that the sighting lasted from 4-5 minutes. (1.)

July 20, 25 July 1957

29 July 1957
Washington, N. J.

GREEN FIREBALL OVER WESTERN JERSEY

Report by: In Washington, New Jersey, CSI member Julia Meaker had taken her dog out into the backyard of her home when she saw a brilliant green fireball pass overhead. The time, 11:10 p.m. Suddenly becoming aware of a bright light that illuminated the landscape, Miss Meaker looked toward the north northwest and saw, about 65° above the northern horizon, an intensely brilliant green fireball which moved rapidly south southeast in a smooth trajectory across the zenith. The angular measurement of the fireball was slightly less than that of the full moon. The brilliant green of the main body was surrounded with "sparkles" of white and green about the edges. It was entirely circular except for a very slight dragging protuberance at the rear. Trailing behind the fireball were more of the green and white "sparkles." Miss Meaker writes: "After an instant of viewing, a band about one half the width of the intensely bright green disk seemed to encircle the fireball. This band was a bright red-purple. I believe that this red-purple ring was an illusion due to eye-fatigue. It was clearly the complementary color to the burning-copper-salts green of the body proper. The brilliance of the fireball's light would account for the ring's appearing so quickly after I first saw the object." The fireball crossed the zenith and was about 40 degrees from the southern horizon when it suddenly exploded, silently. "At the instant of explosion, it was in shape like a raindrop when it strikes the ground: a distinct center with very small fine particles surrounding it. For an instant (perhaps as long as a second) after this, a shower of green and white sparkles hung in the air where the fireball had been." It had been in view for no more than six seconds. Miss Meaker's lucid description of the phenomenon clearly points out the typical characteristics of the green fireball type of UFO. We are indebted to her for an unusually careful and detailed report.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 May 1957		2. LOCATION Baltimore, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE orbiting	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One circular bright object. Object orbited very low and disappeared straight up. It was seen for two minutes.				11. COMMENTS Due to the peculiar flight path and the squadron's inability to contact Source, there is considered to be insufficient data for evaluation.	

UFO researcher Richard Hall published this report:

"On May 31, 1957, a British airliner was flying over Kent on its way to Holland. An oval-shaped UFO was sighted. There upon the plane experienced complete radio failure and was unable to contact London. The radio circuit-breaker had broken circuit. The equipment was fully serviceable after the UFO had gone." (8.)

Late May. Milford, Pennsylvania.

Was the witness crazy? She sees a 'man.'

Here is the story as it was printed in the Milford newspaper:

'Miss Frances Sticler, living on a farm near Milford, was doing chores in a barn when she heard a whirring noise and saw a bowl shaped object approaching over the barn at 15 feet alt. It was 15 feet in diameter with a rim approximately 3 feet wide. It hovered with one side tilted toward her so that she could see a man wearing a loose fitting suit and helmet, all light grey. He was standing on the rim with feet and legs hidden by the lower part of the object. He was average size with deep-set eyes and a quizzical expression on his tanned face. As the witness recovered from the shock the object left toward the SE with a spinning sound. (9.)

1 June. Richard Hall.

By June, 1957, Richard Hall began to make a name for himself in the UFO community. An article in the June issue of Ray Palmer's magazine Flying Saucers authored by Hall titled: "Veil of Secrecy" apparently earned the young New Orleans UFO buff the attention of the Air Force, the article reflecting the views of the military's main adversary, Donald Keyhoe. Hall shared Keyhoe's belief the Air Force was trying to convince the public that UFOs as extraordinary craft existed only in a witness' imagination. Clippings from Hall's newly launched UFO Bulletin Satellite found their way into Air Force BLUE BOOK records. It would come as no surprise when Hall later became associated with NICAP and its director, Donald Keyhoe. (10.)

Norbert Gariety, in his own publication, S.P.A.C.E., extended his best wishes to Hall on the appearance of the first issue of Satellite that was mailed out to subscribers in early June, 1957.

3-8 June. Barquisimeto, Lara State, Venezuela.

"Red and Green maneuvering bodies."

The one account that best suggests that the activity in Venezuela might involve UFOs is contained in the following story:

"Reports from this region of the country state that the residents are alarmed and frightened because of the fact the residents for the last five days have been seeing round apparatus of red and green colors maneuvering in the skies continuously. Mr. Jesus Rafael Nieto, well known and respected agriculturist said that since Tuesday the 4th (date of the explosion at Arapuey) the matter was brought seriously to our attention by the intense light emitted

by some sort of unknown flying device which descended near a place called "La Floresta." (11.)

3 June. Jacksonville, Florida. (11:30 p.m.)

UFO researcher Gray Barker took notes on a newspaper story. His notes read:

"Man and wife driving north, just south of Ft. Pierce when they noticed a glowing object in the sky which seemed to be following them. Stopped the car and object came within 300-400 yards. Halted, made sweeping reverse turn and took off at high speed. Estimated 2,000 feet high. Glowed all over, oval-shaped on top, concave in center, and oval-shaped on bottom." (12.)

The Counsel Magazine, June 2, 1957

Saucers Fly Again

SAUCER DAIRY—By Israel Nor-
kin; Pageant Press; \$1.00

**FLYING SAUCER: FACT OR
FICTION?**—By Max B. Miller;
Trend Books; 75c.

**THE EXPANDING CASE FOR
THE UFO**—By M. K. Jessup;
Gladel Press; \$1.50.

Reviewed by

GEORGE W. EARLEY

Are the "saucers" real? Are "spacemen" visiting our earth? Messrs. Norkin Miller, and Jessup say "YES!" and each has examined the saucer question in his own way.

Mr. Norkin takes the mystical approach. A resident of Los Angeles where the more rabid saucerians are currently rubbing elbows with dozens of other odd ball cults, he presents a rambling, at times chaotically organized and almost incoherent, "diary" of his thoughts and actions after he became intrigued by the possibilities of extra-terrestrial visitors. Falling in with Adamski, Bethurum and other saucer mystics, Mr. Norkin was soon recording inspiring messages from outer space: "... all space is vibrant with love, harmony, and peace..."—and snapping fuzzily indistinct photos of arrow-shaped "ether ships." His sincerity is evident, but his naivete is appalling.

Max Miller heads Flying Saucers International, an amateur investigative group, and his paperbound saucer book is basically a resume of material selectively culled from radio

broadcasts, personal interviews, newspapers and the "newspapers" published by his own and other saucer study groups. For the do-it-yourself, Mr. Miller includes information on the construction of the Otto "Light Beam Space Communicator" and the Cartwright "Saucer Detector." But the book's main value lies in drawing together a considerable mass of material, not otherwise readily available. From this standpoint it is a worthwhile buy.

M. K. Jessup bids fair to inherit the mantle of the late Charles Fort as the collector of verifiable but scientifically inexplicable "queer happenings." How, he asks, were the ancients of India able to place the roof—a single, solid slab of stone 25 feet thick and weighing over 2000 tons—atop the silo-shaped, 228 foot tall Black Pagoda? What caused the lunar crater Linne to disappear for 15 years, only to reappear as a domed hill? What causes the flickering lights and spreading mists seen by many reputable astronomers in various lunar craters?

These and many other verified oddities, Mr. Jessup believes, point definitely to the existence of "space life"—extra-terrestrials who have visited our earth since before the dawn of history. Mr. Jessup's facts seem to be unarguable and if you don't like his conclusions you can either evolve your own theory or, like many scientists, ignore the "unexplainables" and hope they go away.

3 June. San Luis, Venezuela.

Mr. Ganteaume relates some detail about a manifestation in the sky over the village of Sa Luis in the Sierra de Coro area. It seems that around 7:15 a.m. an object was seen that was: "...rocket-like, going at regular speed, east to west, and emitting a brilliant light." (13.)

One wonders if the population was merely excited by a meteor shower. Something must have been going on in the atmosphere due to the fact that so many sightings were being reported. How could a meteor shower remain localized in the same region for days?

4 June. Many cities in Venezuela. Huge explosion.

Another report by Mr. Ganteaume:

"A violent explosion so big the earth shook, and the passage of a giant luminous body on June 4th, caused panic and alarm among the population of many cities in Venezuela. Probably a large meteor, this phenomenon was accompanied by a number of reports that must be considered UFO sightings." (14.)

5 June. Uriman, Venezuela. Night time.

"Little Men attack?"

This next story certainly merits a follow up. According to our source:

"Indians saw a luminous object land and little men jumped out, who attacked the Indians when they approached (or possibly tried to capture them). One of the Indians was hit so hard his arm was almost severed. When this man was taken into Uriman, the matter was reported to the Captain of Police. The men were regarded as being remote from civilization and having no knowledge of UFO lore." (15.)

5 June. Merida State, Venezuela.

Widespread alarm among the population, reports of a luminous object, and huge sky blast prompted the Governor of the State of Merida to order a National Guard unit to search for a crashed aircraft. There was no word of an airplane accident but there was a UFO report from an airliner in the region: "Captain Vivas and co-pilot Lopez, flying a passenger plane off Puerto Cabello reported seeing a luminous red disc cruising at a height of 9,000 meters, 10 miles off Puerto Cabello." (16.)

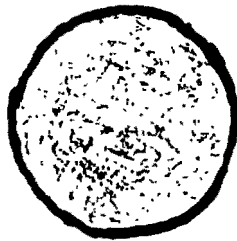
5 June. Near Warrensburg, Missouri. (10:30 p.m.)

"Saucer swarm?"

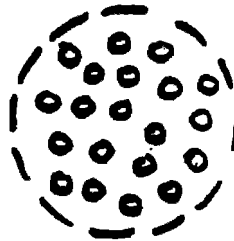
Three members of the O'Brien family had enjoyed an evening performance of a stage play at Central Missouri State College and were returning home on Highway 13. At the wheel of the car was 27-year-old Robert J. O'Brien. Seated next to Robert was his mother, and riding in the back seat was his wife.

Driving north on Highway 13 the O'Briens noticed a strange "orange ball-like" mass glowing brightly in the night sky in the southeast. The sight was so odd Robert pulled over and stopped the car. The three

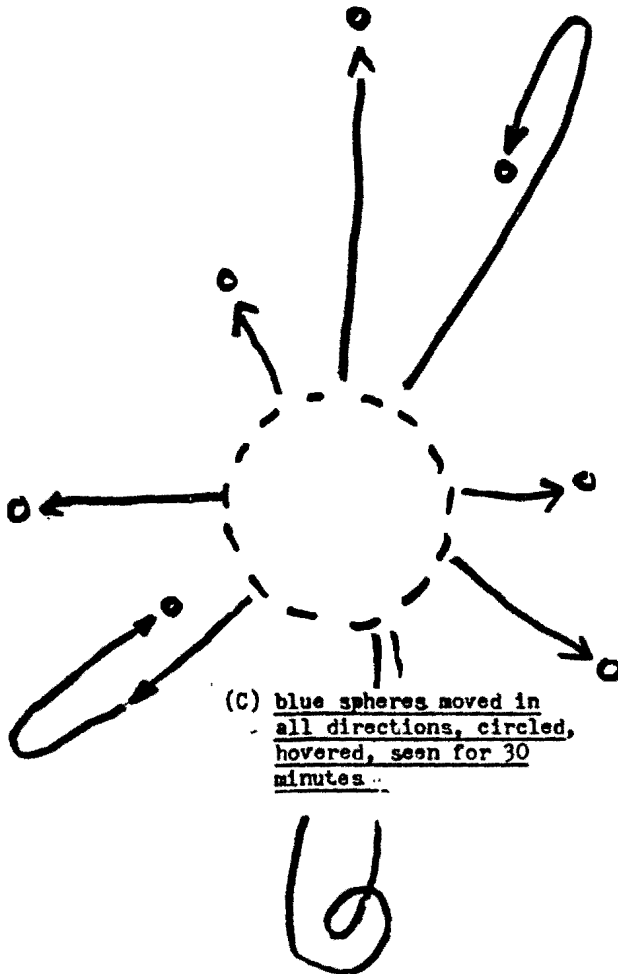
O'Brien sighting, June, 1957



(A) when first seen, solid
ball, orange



(B) suddenly "ball"
was composed of
many smaller blue
spheres



O'Briens got out of the car so they could see and hear better. They did not have to wait long for something to happen. The orange ball suddenly dimmed revealing numerous small, light-blue, bodies crowded inside the sphere.

Immediately after becoming visible, the small bodies began to move. Robert O'Brien describes the sky show that resulted:

"The objects moved away from the point of origin at a high rate of speed. The objects each took a different direction and angle of flight, some moved to the horizontal, some vertical. They circled, hovered and moved about that portion of the sky for some 30 minutes." (17.)

Eventually the objects could no longer be seen. Since Whitman AFB was to the southwest in the general direction of the "saucer swarm," Robert entertained the thought the objects were some sort of military secret weapon.

Stalked by a dark mass.

If the O'Briens thought their UFO experience was over, they were in for a big surprise. Resuming their journey, the O'Briens continued down the highway in the direction of the town of Lexington. Everything seemed normal, the hum of the tires on the pavement, the wind rushing by, and the hypnotic monotony of the endless white line down the middle of the road. Maybe it was just a feeling she got, or perhaps she glanced around out of boredom, but Robert's wife sitting in the back seat became aware of something behind her. Peering through the back window Mrs. O'Brien was shocked to see that a "dark oval" was following the car barely 100 feet behind and about 30 feet in the air. Some small points of light could be seen on the black mass but that was all the detail visible. There was no sound coming from the black mass which made the "thing" even more mysterious.

Informed that something "from planet X," or who knows what, was following the car and was too close for comfort, Mr. O'Brien floored the gas pedal. It was no use however, since the ebony blob matched the vehicle's speed without much effort. Robert then slowed down to see what would happen. The "thing" dropped back in response, maintaining a constant distance.

Electro-magnetic effects.

The car's radio was on all this time but during the "encounter" it, for some reason, ceased playing. It seemed to be more than a coincidence when Robert's wristwatch also stopped, an expensive timepiece unlikely to do such a thing. (18.) Our story ends here since our source omits any further information. We have to assume the O'Briens reached home none the worst for their experience, but we are dealing with the early days of the UFO mystery when no one asked witnesses about "missing time."

5 June. Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York (CSI) is revamped.

The rise of NICAP no doubt was responsible for the purge of the New York organization. CSI had a core of good people but it had its share of far-out characters. Hoping to work closely with NICAP, CSI leaders cleaned house. An airline pilot that had been involved in a famous UFO case had been asked to cooperate with CSI prior to 1957 but he refused because of:

"...the gradual infiltration of C.S.I. by spiritualists, fortune

tellers, jerks, crackpots, visionary women halfway through menopause, etc., etc. was simply more than I could tolerate. The culmination came the night that old geezer (I forgot his name long ago) read some kind of a long, rambling dissertation about alleged disappearances from the earth of people, never to be seen again." (19.)

This did not mean, however, the airline pilot was soured on UFOs:

"My resignation from C.S.I. did not end my research on the subject. During many interviews with other pilots from different sections of the world I have come into possession of some astounding reports." (20.)

6 June. Dixons Corners, Canada.

"A little twist."

There is one apparently minor thing about the next report that suggests it is relating a real event. Near the end of the account the witness claims the UFO disappeared(!) after doing a little "twist." It is very improbable the witness was aware something very similar had been reported before. Back in 1952, at Seaside Park, New Jersey, on the afternoon of June 30th, a UFO was seen to vanish after it "dipped away and turned over."

The Canadian story:

"On this date, my daughter Patricia, who teaches Public School in Ingersoll, Ontario (a town some 7 miles from our home in Thamesford) and I, who teach at the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, saw our first 'Flying Saucer.'

"It was an especially clear, warm, sunny day with not a single cloud in the entire sky. My daughter and I were returning home from our respective schools, driving along No. 2 Highway, that heavily travelled artery from Windsor-Detroit area eastward to Toronto-Montreal. Just as we were approaching the tiny community of Dixons Corners, some four miles from Thamesford, my daughter, who was driving, drew my attention to the sky directly above and to the front of us. There very unmistakably so, was a definitely circular, silvery disk. By rough estimate I should say that it was anywhere from 25,000 to 30,000 feet high. It didn't seem to be traveling but rather sitting there except for the fact that the sun glinted upon its polished, metallic surface, in such a manner that it had caught my daughter's attention from watching the road ahead on a heavily travelled highway.

"We tried to stop as quickly as possible in order that Margaret Hutchinson could get out from the back seat of the car and so become a third witness. By the time this took place the object just seemed to twist and disappear. As we continued homeward, we kept scanning the sky ahead but never saw it again.

Major Earle C. Shelley,
Fellow International Lunar
Society." (21.)

6 June. San Felipe, Yaracuy, Venezuela. (6:30 p.m.)

"Visitor from space?"

This UFO was witnessed in the countryside, namely the grounds of the "La Fundicion" estate near the town of San Felipe. The owner of the estate, Ramon Cordio Salom, was enjoying the view from the porch of his rural mansion when he was startled by the appearance of a strange object in the sky. Mr. Salom's mother was likewise resting on the porch and she shared her son's surprise.

The "thing" was luminous and huge in size, a glowing mass plunging earthward in an apparent "fall," but whatever it was, it threw on the brakes, halting its precipitous dive, and then zooming horizontally, skimming low between two hills. After a brief moment, the "visitor" from the heavens rose steeply, climbing out of sight.

A number of amazed farm workers arrived at Salom's house soon afterward, all excited and claiming to have witnessed the same phenomenon. (22.)

8 June. Japan.

Japan observed "International Flying Saucer Sighting Day" on June 8th. The same afternoon a "tadpole-like" object was spotted at Fukuka. (See the cover of Van Tassel's Proceedings.)

8 June. Chicago, Illinois.

In the U.S. the "sighting day" was marked by a segment on radio station WBBM's "Ear on Chicago" show featuring John Otto's Lake Michigan "contact attempt." Since Otto never established radio contact with any "saucer pilots," it's hard to see how the show could have been considered interesting. Hugh Hill of CBS produced the program. (23.)

9 June. Valencia, Carabobo State, Venezuela.

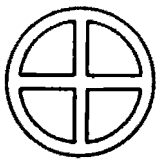
We don't have any exact location of this incident except to say the witnesses reported the sighting upon landing at Valencia airport. It seems that a DC-3 of the Lines Aeropostal Venezolana piloted by a Captain Vivas encountered an unidentified luminous body in the air that passed within a few meters of the passenger plane. The co-pilot Ali Rafael Hernandez, an airline stewardess named "Nino," and a number of unnamed passengers, confirmed the near miss. It was said the object was: "luminous, flat, slightly round, and travelled at fantastic speed." (24.)

10 June. Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan. (5:01 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.)

Cigar at Yokohama and round silver objects making zig-zag fluttering motions at Tokyo. (See Japanese UFO bulletin) (25.)

11 June. Stringfield hears from the Russians.

Even though Stringfield was no longer running his Ohio-based UFO group, he kept active. With not much else to do, Stringfield wrote letters to a number of world governments requesting their official opinions of the UFO problem. Having no impressive credentials, Stringfield had no right to expect any answers, yet he did one, a registered letter from Russia dated June 11, 1957. The missive was from A.G. Karpenko, Scientific Secretary, Interdepartmental Commission for Interplanetary Communications Academy, N.A.U.K., U.S.S.R. The words "interplanetary communications leaped out at Stringfield. Perhaps the boys in Moscow were more advanced than the West in at least one category. After reading Mr. Karpenko's reply, Stringfield



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UFOs OVER FUKUOKA CITY, KYUSHU, ON 3RD I.F.S.S.D.

Mr. Ikuo Koyama, high-school teacher reported that his wife and his sister and himself saw mysterious objects in the sky over the west part of Fukuoka City, on the 3rd International Flying Saucer Sighting Day. They were returning home from a cinema at 9:50 P.M. in the evening of June 8th, when they saw a tadpole shaped object with a small bright light in formation. Mr. Koyama said he thought at first the objects were comets, but as the objects descended from the sky, leaving a vapor trail, they suddenly hovered in one place for about three or four minutes. What was it? Mr. Koyama managed to obtain two pictures.

These objects, Mr. Koyama writes, were very brilliantly glowing red orange. Also bluish-green with a red orange core, his sister Miss Yukiko added. The one object was about two or three times the size of a baseball, they said. After a short period it ascended and disappeared. It made no sound.

A print of these photographs is available by writing to FSRG-JAPAN headquarters.

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LECTURE TOUR

Dan Fry, Durward Fairfield, and Yours Truly completed a successful two week's tour of the Eastern cities in June.

One thing is becoming more apparent; Americans are waking up to the reality of extra-terrestrials in our atmosphere.

We wish to thank everyone who had a part in making our tour so pleasant and successful.

We would like to exchange your magazine.

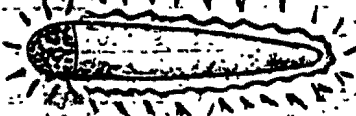
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"FLYING CIGAR OVER YOKOHAMA, FOLLOWED 1 1/2 HOURS LATER
BY TWO UFOs OVER TOKYO" - About more than fifteen witnesses
saw a flying saucer on the evening of June 10, at the No. 7
Platform (bond for Tokyo) of National Railways Yokohama
Station. They saw a cigar-shaped object at 5:01 p.m., one
minute before train of Yokosuka Line arrival at platform.
Mr. Yukio Hasegawa, one of
witnesses said that it was
long and gave off a
brilliant silvery glow,
and facing direction from
south-west to south-east.
The object made no sound. It was a clear sky, sight for
about 30 seconds.



Your editor, our chief, an experts of aircraft recognition and aero. journalist, also saw the object at the same platform and he estimated the object to be length of about 5 Cm, speed about 400 km/h, altitude appr. 3,000 m and distance appr. 2,000 m. He says that, "it was very brilliant silvery glow", and he had never seen anything like it before. "It was not absolutely aircraft", he added.

One and half hours later two small objects seen in the sky over Tokyo. At least 6 passer-by in near Nishigeki Theatre spotted two small round silvery objects were seen in the sky, main center of Tokyo, at 6:40 p.m. These objects made zig-zagg flutter movements and hovered, facing south to north-west. It was same size of watch-screw-like very small, about up to 5,000 m of altitude and about 4,500 m in distance. When the objects after 20 seconds period it ascended and disappeared. Mr. Takao Miura, a high-school teacher and other witnesses said that, "it was not aircraft and nor balloons".

JAPANESE ROCKETRY EXPERT DR. ITOKAWA SAYS

"FLYING SAUCERS NOT FICTION"

Dr. Hideo Itokawa (Professor of Tokyo University), one of the leading Japanese rocketry experts, who will recently be writing a book titled UCHU-O SANPO GURU (Picnic for Space - Essays about Rockets). This book includes a UFO problem (chapter 16) and his conclusion as "flying saucers not fiction", when don't view and or unnaturalize living things were live in our earth only. "I think maybe flying saucers come from another world". This is the first time, Japanese scientist were manifest UFO matter.

Dr. Itokawa, who appointed to chairman of the Japanese Rocket Society, last year, and also now acting as chief of Institute of Industrial Science, Tokyo University, he had designed and successful tests of Benoit, Baby and Kappa rockets for use IGY. During the Pacific War, he designed to SHOKI (allied forces code name; TOJO) Army fighter.

UFOs OVER FUKUOKA CITY, KYUSHU, ON 3RD I.F.S.S.D.

Mr. Ikuro Koyama, high-school teacher reported that his wife and his sister and himself saw mysterious objects in the sky over west of Fukuoka City, on the 3rd I.F.S.S.D. They were returning home from a cinema at 9:30 p.m. on the evening of June 8 when they saw a tadpole-shaped object with a small bright light in formation. Mr. Koyama said he thought at first the objects was a comet but as the objects descending from sky leaving a vapor trail and suddenly it hovered in one place for about between 2-4 minutes. What it was? they were observed and Mr. Koyama managed to obtain two shot pictures.

These objects, Mr. Koyama writes, very brilliantly glowing red-orange and it was bluish-green glow with a red-orange core, his sister Misa Yukiyo added. The one of object was about two or three times size of base-ball, he said. After a short period it ascended and disappeared. Made no sound.

A print of this photographs is available by writing to FSRC-JAPAN headquarters.

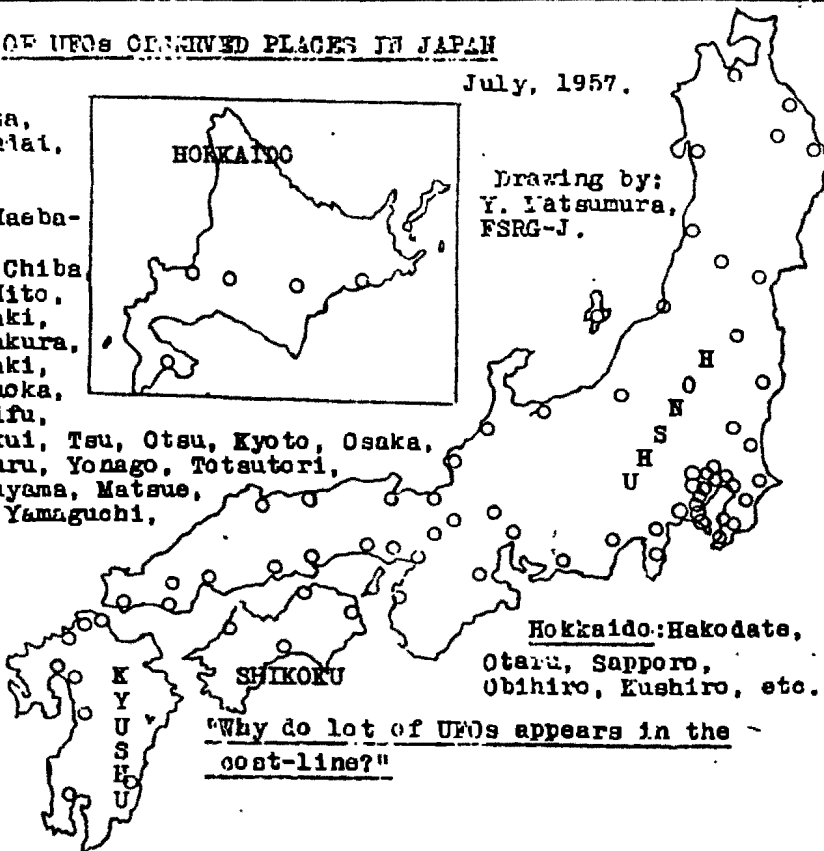
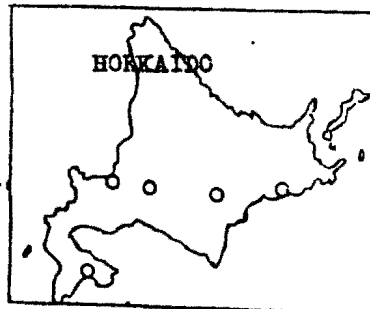
MAP OF UFOs OBSERVED PLACES IN JAPAN

July, 1957.

Drawing by:
Y. Iatsumura,
FSRG-J.

Honshu: Aomori, Yato,
Morioka, Miyako, Akita,
Sakata, Yamagata, Seniai,
Fukushima, Wakamatsu,
Niigata, Sado Island,
Nagano, Utsunomiya, Maeba-
shi, Kumagaya, Urawa,
Funabashi, Ichikawa, Chiba,
Kisarazu, Tateyama, Mito,
Choshi, TOKYO, Kawasaki,
YOKOHAMA, Ofuna, Kamakura,
Yokosuka, Uruga, Mисaki,
Atami, Shimoda, Shizuoka,
Hamamatsu, Nagoya, Gifu,
Toyama, Kanazawa, Fukui, Tsu, Otsu, Kyoto, Osaka,
Kobe, Wakayama, Maizuru, Yonago, Totsuturi,
Himeji, Okayama, Fukuyama, Matsue,
Hiroshima, Tokuyama, Yamaguchi,
Bofu, Shimono-seki.
Shikoku: Takamatsu,
Tokushima, Matsuyama,
Kouchi.

Kyushu: Moji, Yahata,
Fukuoka, Saga,
Nagasaki, Ohta,
Kumamoto, Miyazaki,
Kagoshima.



Hokkaido: Hakodate,
Otaru, Sapporo,
Obihiro, Kushiro, etc.

"Why do lot of UFOs appears in the
coast-line?"

NOTE:

This OSI/CIA memo dated 11 June 57 became available at the last minute, so the reader will not find it listed in this book's index.

Nothing startling is contained in the document but it does confirm certain information. Phil Strong, the DD/I/OSI was still a prime CIA contact concerning UFOs within the agency. He justifies CIA interest in the UFO problem as due to the organization's on-going studies of radical aeronautical designs. The Russian/UFO theory was still being entertained, but he denied the idea the UFO mystery was being targeted in a special way.

In keeping with this "playing down" approach, Strong says it was his belief the Air Force's General Watson of ATIC had a couple of officers "following" the UFO question. Could that mean they were just monitoring UFO reports and not really investigating anything? That possibility is boosted by what he says next which indicates a definite stepdown in ATIC activity in the wake of the 1953 Robertson panel: "This ATIC effort is all that is left of an earlier, larger Air Force Project called 'Blue Book.'"

Besides funding problems, this is another sign that ATIC was ill prepared to handle the huge 1957 UFO wave.

The writer of the memo, whoever he was, seems to have some concerns about getting the straight truth about the matter of UFOs since he twice used the expression: "I asked 'point blank.'"

CIA document obtained by Jan L. Aldrich
from the Library of Congress Declassification
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Inis Alveras, one of country's top
physicists at Berkeley, also at Los
Alamos;

Thornton Page, John Hopkins University;

The Air Force and Navy (including the Navy's
PTC) supported the study. Phil says the report was extremely
thorough and was distributed to the JAC. (Copy attached,
the last two pages contain the summary.)

2. Since the study was made (17 January 1955),
OSI has maintained a watching process on UFO. Although very few
reports are received, those which do appear are examined by the
following units: If concerning natural phenomena, they are turned
over to the Geo-Physics Unit of the Fundamental Sciences Division
in OSI. If they concern the hardware aspects of flying craft, they
are turned over to the Weapons Unit concerned with aircraft
in the Applied Science Division of OSI. Gen. Watson, ATIC, (Phil
Strong believes) maintains one or two officers following the UFO
question. This ATIC effort is all that is left of an earlier,
larger Air Force Project called "Hins Book." (Copy of Project re-
port dated 5 May 1955 is attached, - conclusions are on p. 94).
Concerning take on this question, Phil states that very little comes
in and that nothing has been received of importance. Two or three
years ago [redacted] reported seeing a flying saucer in vertical
take-off in the Soviet Caucasus, but nothing was developed by in-
telligence. (Analysis of this case is attached.) This incident is
the only "flag" that Phil can remember.

3. I asked Phil point-blank if the unexplained
category could include actual secret Soviet advanced aeronautical
equipment. He replied, "Conceivably, yes." However, speaking from
memory he felt that the possibility existed that if further informa-
tion was obtainable, the remaining small percentage of unknowns
might be explained.

4. I also asked Phil point-blank if there was any
special collection going on against UFO targets. He replied that
there was no collection as such but that radical aeronautical design
advances not limited to flying saucer types was a high priority
collection requirement. In this regard he added that OSI has no
information concerning new Soviet design which would indicate possi-
ble construction of flying saucer type aircraft. The Applied Sciences
Division of OSI and ATIC work closely together in following radical
new designs and advances by the Soviets.

was less excited by his contact with the Russians. Karpenko had written:

"Seemingly, the communication concerning the appearance over your country of unidentified flying objects receiving in the foreign press the name of 'flying saucers' to which you refer in your letter, do not have any relation to true reality, seeing that appearances have not been observed by us.

"Naturally, under these conditions there cannot be talks either about any official government statement on the question of unexisting objects, or about theoretical investigations in this domain." (26.)

12 June. Milan, Italy.

"High speed zig-zag." (See letter) (27.)

13 June. La Aurora, Guatemala.

"Six sober Guatemalans?"

BLUE BOOK evaluators were not so sure. (See teletype report) (28.)

13 June. Omaha, Nebraska.

UFO from space?

Our source: "C.O., Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Strange flying object dived steeply, leveled off at two hundred feet; estimated speed, 1,500 m.p.h. The UFO then shot up vertically, disappeared." (29.) What is so interesting about this report is that it is so much like the June 6th incident reported at San Felipe, Venezuela!

13 June. Hastings, New Zealand. (10:00 p.m.)

More UFO activity in New Zealand.

A curious light in the night sky attracted the attention of a resident of the city of Hastings. About 10:00 p.m. a swiftly moving light was seen speeding toward the west, and then to the astonishment of the witness, it suddenly reversed direction! After that spectacular maneuver, the mystery light went through a series of jerky movements: backwards and forward, leaving behind a silver-colored, glowing trail. (30.)

14 June. Silverbell, Arizona. (sundown)

A couple of cowboys were practicing their rodeo skills at a field just west of the town of Silverbell the afternoon of June 14th. Some time before sundown the cowboys quit for the day and were about to leave in their car when they noticed a strange glowing globe suspended in the air. The men reckoned that the globe was about a mile away in an eastern direction, hovering over some open pit mines. It was first believed they were viewing a weather balloon but the "thing" was not responding to the breeze coming out of the west, if anything the "balloon" was slowly moving into the wind.

The aluminum-like ball shifted to a position above Copper Buttes where it hung motionless for a time as old Sol dipped below the horizon. A 100 feet in diameter was the guess made as to the UFO's size.

Suddenly the sphere straked away at an unbelievable velocity. As the UFO accelerated through the atmosphere, the sphere took on a deep blue-green color. While in view, the sphere abruptly slowed, its blue-green color fad-

Milan, June 14, 1957 *File*Via Air MailUnidentified Flying Objects,
Washington 25, D.C.,

Gentlemen:

I think it is my duty to inform you that on June 12, 1957 here in Milan, Italy, at 19:30 (Central European Time) I was scanning the sky through my field glasses to follow the course of the last low fast sailing clouds over the city after a heavy storm with strong wind (7/8 Beaufort's scale) hail and rain.

The section of sky I was looking included the West, North and East parts. The East part in particular was exceptionally clear. Suddenly a bright point coming from East and going westward appeared through the field glasses.

This point followed a zigzag path at high speed for a few seconds, lowered over the city, became as big as a hen's egg and then stopped. The estimate altitude was 6,000 feet. I noted the time on my wrist watch: it was 19:41.

The unidentified object was very bright (green-yellow in color) and apparently revolving upon its axis. 17 minutes later it swerved toward the upper atmosphere leaving two white-orange trails of vapor and disappeared.

I am sure that this information will be of some help for your office. Should you need further explanations on this matter I shall be glad to be at your disposal in replying to your questionnaires, questions, etc.

For your guidance I inform you that I did not tell anybody about this discovery and I address this letter to your office in Washington because I know it is the only one interested in the U.F.O. problem.

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...young man, 32-year-old, and I have a job in Milan
...correspondent in English, French and Italian with an
...export firm and meteorology is my hobby.

Looking forward to your comments on the above and at your
disposal for further explanations, replies to questionnaires,
I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]
Foreign Correspondent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Milan, 401, Italy.

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ing to an orange hue. The object came to a stop over the town of Elroy, Arizona. Hovering over Elroy, the sphere's color returned to an aluminum appearance. Since the UFO seemed determined to remain motionless above Elroy, the two cowboys raced into Silverbell to obtain a pair of binoculars. Glasses were quickly obtained and trained on the UFO which was still parked in the heavens. In spite of a magnified image, no details could be seen on the silver ball. Mysteriously, the UFO was lost from view not by travelling out of sight, but by vanishing, or "winking out." (31.)

14 June. The flap continues in England.

Long Eaton, England. (9:15 a.m.)

"Like an artist impression of a flying saucer."

Friday morning plumber Albert Brown was driving his company van back to Long Eaton after a job fixing a leaky factory roof. Near Chilwell the road passes over a bridge, and as Mr. Brown approached, he saw something in the sky apparently stationary. Hovering about 1,000 feet up was a "thing," which was, in Mr. Brown's words, a strange object that was: "...just like an artist's impression of a flying saucer." (32.) The object was silver in color and made no sound that could be heard. After crossing over, Brown failed to locate the mysterious ship. Apparently whatever it was had quickly left the area while out of sight. (33.)

15 June. Lancashire, England. (6:06 p.m.)

The following snippet was found in BLUE BOOK files. This English item is probably from an issue of Infinity (date and issue number not recorded)

June 15-Lancashire, Eng-(Mr. Hawdesley)-6:06pm-Luminous UFO, blue-silver in color, observed by Astronomer thru Pocket-Telescope. It moved WNW at an altitude of 6-7,000ft., at (estimated) 5-600mph! Traveled horizontally 12sec., then shot-up vertically 15sec. & vanished. UFO resembled Saturn, with windows. He had always thought Saucers were "somewhat absurd". (Clear sky, Estimated Wind Velocity: 14.

16 June. London, England.

"Room 801."

Was it true, or was it sensational journalism?

A London newspaper printed:

"In room 801 of what was once the Hotel Metropole, Britain's Air Ministry is investigating Flying Saucers --and that's official... At airfields all over Britain, fighter planes are kept ready to intercept, and if necessary engage, any unidentified flying object within combat range [the room's] existence was admitted last night by an Air Ministry spokesman. He disclosed that it has been investigating Flying Saucer reports since 1947. 'We have something like 10,000 in our files' he said." (34.)

17 June. Glasgow, Scotland.

"It followed them...then dived in front of them."

A press report said:

"Hundreds of people laying on a beach yesterday saw a mystery object dive toward four high-flying jet planes.

"The jets were barely visible from the beach--at Stevenston--when the **THING** appeared from the direction of the sun and hovered above them.

"It followed them...then dived in front of them." (35.)

The object was seen weaving about the jets. One witness described the movements thusly: "...as if it was playing tag." (36.) Finally, the object sped away at high speed. A British Air Ministry spokesman told the press: "We have had no reports of anything unusual." (37.)

LIFE

June 17, 1957

SESSION FOR SPACESHIP SIGHTERS

Sirs:

I was indeed happy to see your story on the spacecraft convention held in California ("A Saucer Session for Spaceship Sighters," *LIFE*, May 27).

The serious researchers in the UFO (unidentified flying objects) field, currently dubbed "ufologists," are striving to clear the field of its own worst enemies: the opportunist, cultist, or just plain insane elements. They are a danger to our researches.

LEE R. MUNSICK
Editor

UFO Newsletter
Morristown, N.J.

Sirs:

I have never seen a spacecraft or talked to a spaceman. But I do believe there are some honest people who have had these experiences and who have been courageous enough to report them in spite of the ridicule they are bound to receive.

DONALD W. NOVAK

Chicago, Ill.

The letter writer Lee R. Munsick founded the "North Jersey UFO Group" in 1954. He was also editor of the group's publication, *UFO Newsletter*, which a run of 13 issues. In 1957 Munsick was selected to help edit NICAP literature. Like Richard Hall, Munsick's views mirrored those of NICAP Director Donald Keyhoe. UFO author/researcher Jacques Vallee described the policy of the short-lived New Jersey UFO organization this way: "It was generally felt that UFOs were intelligently controlled vehicles, not from this planet, that government secrecy was due to bureaucratic automatic censorship; and that contactee claims should be rejected." (38.)

17 June. Ohakea Air Base, New Zealand.

Information supplied to the Civilian Saucer Investigations of New Zealand told of a strange target picked up by Ohakea Air Base radar. As CSI of New Zealand put it, "normally reliable sources," told about a strong blip that was registered on military scopes indicating some sort of solid body was hovering over Ohakea field. A Vampire jet was in the area so Air Traffic Control asked the fighter to investigate. The pilot of the jet spotted a bright blob of light at the reported location of the radar target but the light zoomed away as the Vampire jet approached.

An attempt was made to confirm the incident by sending an inquiry to New Zealand military authorities. An official reply said:

"Your letter dated 3 August, 1957, in which you request details of a reported sighting of an 'unidentified flying object' at Ohakea on 17th or 18th June last, is acknowledged. I have to advise that the only unusual radar indication on the dates you mention was of an apparently almost stationary object. This was due to a radar reflector descending from a burst balloon becoming temporarily retarded in its descent upon reaching a temperature inversion layer." (39.)

This explanation puzzled CSI since meteorological data for the days in question show that a temperature inversion was "extremely unlikely." (40.)

18 June. Glasgow, Scotland.

"Faster than any flying object I have ever seen."

A black shape spouting a flaming tail soared high over Glasgow on the 18th causing some excitement among members of the Royal Observer Corps. The ROC witnesses insisted the object was unlike any aircraft they had ever seen, however the facts (the few that we have) do not indicate a high strangeness case. The R.A.F. Station at Prestwick confirmed reports of some sort of UFO had been received but offered no comment other than to say they could suggest no explanation. (41.)

18 June. Jackson, Mississippi. (8:45 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.)

Professor sees UFO. (See NICAP article) (42.)

19 June. 150 miles west of San Francisco. (8:00 p.m.)

According to our source:

"Several crewmen of the freighter Hawaiian Fisherman, on its way to San Francisco, California, saw a formation of flying saucers last June 19th. The astral visitors were first spotted at about 8 p.m., when the freighter was 150 miles off the San Francisco coast. At that time Roy Melton (chief electrician) and Virge Dixon Jr. (second cook), two of the crewmen, spotted the brightly-lighted objects just off the port beam. A third object joined the other two about 15 minutes later. Melton estimated the height of the objects as about 10,000 feet. He said that they appeared like small moons, 'diffusing a cold, white, unchanging light.' After the third object appeared, all three moved off in a 'V' formation and paced the freighter for awhile. Melton and Dixon took a number of photos of the UFOs,

College Physics Professor Sees UFO

**Amateur Astronomer Watches
Through 100X Telescope**



Prof. Henry Carlock

Professor Henry Carlock, physics professor at Mississippi College, Jackson, Mississippi, has reported sighting a strange object twice during the night of June 18. An amateur astronomer, Prof. Carlock said he watched the UFO over Jackson and Clinton, describing it as having "a halo of light around it and what appeared to be three part holes."

Professor Carlock observed the object through a 100-power telescope, at 8:45 p.m. and later at 9:40 p.m. The observation was confirmed by another resident of the area, who told the Jackson Clarion-Ledger he watched a strange object at 8:45 which "emitted a steady light with no flickering."

Both witnesses said the object moved from east to west, and that it made no sound that they could hear. Carlock said he watched the UFO for about a minute; the other witness said he watched it about four minutes.

Spokesmen at the Greenville Air Force Base said their radar sets had not picked up any UFOs, but added the sets were only calibrated for a 50-mile radius. Also, a GOC official in Jackson said the local observers had not reported any unusual objects, but as a routine precaution the GOC was questioning radar units. 6

but unfortunately none of the pictures turned out. Among the others who saw the objects was Captain C.G. Wertz, skipper of the ship. The Captain asserted that he had never seen anything like this in all his sea-going experience." (43.)

19 June. New Zealand "Flying Saucer Ball."

The country had experienced so much UFO activity some New Zealand officials for the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples sought to use wide-spread interest in the sky mystery for the benefit of charity. The officials planned a dance they called the "Flying Saucer Ball" to be held on June 19th. Converting the Ball Room into the deck of a space ship and using special sound tracks, the organizers sought to convey the impression the social event was taking place in outer space. The New Zealand UFO group, Civilian Saucer Investigations, was asked to advertize in the Ball's Souvenir Program. It was a good laugh for CSI and the group agreed to indorse the light-hearted evening. Later, in the CSI journal, it was said: "We hope the Martian guests do not disappoint." (44.)

Martian guests?

June. (various dates) 70 miles above New Zealand.

"We don't know what is going on up there."

Dr. Michael Gadsen, an authority of the auroral, was operating a special long range radar as part of the International Geophysical Year. Located at the southern tip of New Zealand's South Island, the special radar could scan 1200 miles out into space. In June, 1957, this IGY radar was picking up a number of mysterious targets 70 miles above the Earth. Dr. Gadsen said the targets would move about, first moving northward and then doubling back. The phenomena puzzled Dr. Gadsen since nothing solid should exist at such an altitude. Dr. Gadsen remarked: "We don't know what is going on up there." (45.)

20 June. East Lothian, Scotland.

"...the compass needle was very unsteady."

A group of people watched a brilliant silver-colored sphere in the sky the afternoon of the 20th. Among the witnesses was a minister, the Rev. J. S. Ritchie. The shiny ball stayed in view for about seven minutes, remaining motionless in spite of a wind. At the end of the seven minutes the object "disappeared in the flick of an eye." The most interesting thing about the incident was the reference to one witness using a compass to establish the bearing to the UFO. Just after the witnesses lost sight of the sphere, the man with the compass noticed that: "...the needle [of the compass] was very unsteady." (46.)

20 June. London, England.

"Short, stubby, cigar."

The editors of England's Flying Saucer Review found this in the London papers:

"A short, stubby, cigar-shaped object was seen by people in the St. John's Wood area of London on June 20. It was reported travelling at a great speed towards the north. An Air Ministry spokesman told the Press: 'It was probably one of the newer

Mystery Objects In Sky Over New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Wed.

Something queer is going on 70 miles in space above the southern end of New Zealand's South Island. Russia's satellite, space craft and flying saucers have been ruled out, but whatever is going on has International Geophysical Year scientists puzzled.

Doctor Michael Gadsden, of the Imperial College, London, who was brought to New Zealand specially for the IGY Programme and is a world authority on auroral activity, said that mystery objects had been observed on radar screens set up near Invercargill since June 20.

The objects had been seen rushing about, firstly travelling north and then doubling back.

Dr. Gadsden said today he believed the objects were in ionosphere:

"It could either be a little man steering around up there or ionised particles rushing about.

"The fact is we don't know what is going on—it's something new."

The objects are located somewhere within 70 miles of the earth.

Nausori Sighting

Maljit Singh, postmaster at Nausori, and several other people in the town saw the satellite soon after 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

One resident, who did not see it, said he had been told it was visible for 10 to 12 seconds.

It was very bright, then became dim as conditions became cloudy.

The satellite then became very bright before it finally disappeared.

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meteorological balloons which, having shed its instruments, got into an air current at a great height. These are cigar-shaped.'" (47.)

21 June. Capel, Surry, England. (About 5:30 p.m.)

On a picnic Mr. A.N. Haskett was laying on his back when he spotted a tiny point of light at a high altitude. It was his impression that he was watching a flying body. He then saw a DC-6 pass over which he believed was flying at about 6,000 feet with the UFO a few thousand feet higher. The light rose rapidly, moving out of sight in seconds. (48.)

22 June. Brough, England.

"Light-colored, definitely circular in shape, and making no sound," that was what a Mr. Noel Broom said about an object that zoomed overhead faster than any aircraft. A member of the Royal Observer Corps, Mr. Broom didn't believe in "flying saucers" but what he saw couldn't be anything else. The "saucer" passed behind a cloud and was lost from view. A Mr. Peter Maroney, who worked with Broom at the Brough Metallurgical Laboratory, also observed the UFO or whatever it was. (49.)

23 June. A new era for mankind.

The announcement:

"Soviet space scientists reported to the International Geophysical Year group meeting in Washington, on June 23, 1957, that they would launch their first satellite 'within the next few months.'" (50.)

24 June. Flying Saucers are ten years old. (See clipping)

Will the saucer waves shift?

Previous UFO waves shifted either north to south, or south to north, but an odd thing about the 1957 flap, up to June, was that it appeared two waves were in the making. Many UFO reports were being made in England which suggested a wave heading south. If the trend continued, the English wave should move south into France, Germany, Holland, and the English Channel. Across the Atlantic in North America reports would appear in Canada at the same time.

The other 1957 wave was taking place in New Zealand, which should be expected to shift north into the latitude of Australia, South Africa, and the Santiago-Buenos Aires region of South America.

If two waves were on the move, 1957 would be a big year for UFOs.

24 June. Vancouver B.C., Canada. (12:30 a.m. to 1:15 a.m.)

Another Mother ship?

According to the English magazine Flying Saucer Review:

"Mr. Herbert Bennett, of 2 Western View, Great Longstone, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, was standing in his allotment at about 10:30 p.m. He turned towards the west and saw a bright object in the sky. It was travelling at a great speed in a northerly direction. The object, which was the size of a small plate from where he was, left behind a trail of one or two purple balls. These were followed by a further trail slightly golden in color. Mr. Bennett called his friend, Mr. Peter Johnson, of Church Lane, Great Long-

Saucy Saucers Now 10-Year-Old Mystery

Washington, June 24 (AP)—And a happy flying saucer anniversary to you, earth people!

For, to thousands who are devoted to flying saucery, this is the big day.

Fly Like Geese

On June 24, 1947, a Boise businessman named Kenneth Arnold, flying alone in his own plane, saw not one, but nine, mysterious objects darting around Washington's Mt. Rainier.

"They flew very close to the mountain top," he told investigators when he was making his report, "like geese in a diagonal chain-like line, as if they were linked together . . . a chain of saucer-like things at least five miles long, swerving in and out of the high mountain peaks."

In the 10 years since this momentous occasion, some strange things have happened.

Thousands of persons have reported that they, too, have seen flying saucers.

All over the world believers have banded into clubs—appropriately, the nation's capital has a thriving organization—to discuss their theories.

One favorite theory: that these are creatures from outer space. But don't be alarmed: they are kindly folk. How could they be otherwise when they seemingly come in such droves, and yet never do any damage?

Be Kind to Visitors

Hundreds of books and pamphlets have been turned out.

Only last month a British magazine, *Journal of Space*, was predicting this would be a great year for flying saucers.

And on this anniversary date it's well to remember the *Journal's* advice:

"Be kind to the visitors who come to us in flying saucers."

All this has taken place despite official skepticism. President Eisenhower has said it's completely inaccurate to believe flying saucers are coming from outer space. The Air Force says the same thing, although it still tries to track down every unidentified flying object it hears about.

stone. Together they noticed that this last trail led up further into the sky to a bright object about the size of a football.

"After watching a few moments, they saw smaller very bright objects --- silvery in color --- come down a short distance, leaving an orange and purple trail, and then they immediately returned to the parent ship.

"The object made no sound. It was very hard to judge the height of the parent ship owing to the lack of cloud as a guide. The sighting lasted about ten minutes." (51.)

25 June. Baltimore, Maryland.

Were there UFOs lurking in the Baltimore area? Did Defense Secretary Gale's family see one of them? Without a complete search of the local press we little to go on. There is, however, a brief note in NICAP files that is of interest. It seems that on June 25, 1957, at Baltimore someone claimed that their: "... car radio stopped playing and street lights went out as a formation of seven white discs with red rims passed overhead." (52.)

26 June. McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

"Possible aircraft?" (See BLUE BOOK file card) (53.)

27 June. Bristol Channel.

"Mystery cigar off the Welsh coast."

According to our English source:

"Many people in Ilfracombe saw a UFO moving at tremendous speed near the Welsh coast on Thursday evening, June 27th.

"Mr. G.F.C. Avant, a solicitor, and Mr. H.C. Challacombe, a retired naval officer, both saw the object a little before 10 p.m. from Park Hill Road.

"It was a long cigar-golden object, very clearly defined, and we first saw it over the Torrs," said Mr. Avant.

"The object when they first saw it was hovering, and was in view for more than ten minutes.

"After standing still, it made its way across the Bristol Channel and finally disappeared in a cloudy haze over the Welsh coast.

"Our experience made us do some serious thinking and we came to the conclusion that there was more in this talk of flying saucers than we had hitherto thought," said Mr. Avant.

"Mr. L. Jones, a local hairdresser, of Park Hall Road, also saw the object. He described it as a long golden-red, and said it moved across the sky at a considerable speed." (54.)

Moreover:

"A strange object was also seen by many people at Westleigh at about 9:50 p.m. that night. B.M. Blake described it as shaped like a pencil and that it was silver in color." (55.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 1957 OCT 26/2355Z	2. LOCATION McKeesport, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP OCT 26/2355Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objects, circular, slightly oval then elongated when disappearing, size of baseball, color white silverish. Two objects in lead one following. Red light flashed once on trailing object. T 33 vectored to area reported many #F-84 National Guard and many light a/c in area, 2 hrs after sighting reported.		11. COMMENTS Near vicinity of greater Pittsburgh airport. Light planes in area evaluated as possible a/c.	

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28 June. 10 miles north-west of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. (12:05 p.m.)

"The UFO seemed to realize that she was looking..."

In July, 1957, the Vancouver Sun ran a story on NICAP informing its readers the Washington D.C. organization would welcome UFO reports submitted by the public. The Lighthouse family of West Vancouver was happy to share its UFO experience. The father wrote a letter containing all the details and mailed it off to NICAP. For good measure, copies of the letter were also sent to RCAF headquarters in Ottawa and famous Canadian UFO expert Wilbert Smith.

The letter reads:

"On June 28th, 1957 at 12:05 P.M. Pacific Daylight time the following incident took place;

"While proceeding in my 21 foot motorboat the 'Harcliff S' northwest in Howe Sound when we came within about 150 yards of Hood Point (the north-east point of Bowen Island which lies about 10 miles north-west from Vancouver, B.C.) my wife sighted an UFO hovering above the trees and summer homes located back of Hood Point. On the chart, the distance would be about 1 mile from our boat. My wife asked me what was that 'funny looking object?' When I looked and saw it, the UFO was about one mile away proceeding west at a fast rate away from us. A hill back of Hood Point is shown as 1390 feet high, the object went around it at about the 1200 foot level to emerge in view going southerly at about 300 miles per hour (about 1/2 the speed of the jet aircraft we see overhead each trip). We called our daughter (age 16 years) out of the boat cabin and she saw the UFO at about 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 miles distance. All three of us watched as the object went approximately south-west by south in such a manner as to appear to pass a mile or so west of the community of Snug Cove on Bowen Island and the summer residences at Cowen's Point. It disappeared from view owing to the height of the island interfering with our vision. As my wife pointed out it seemed to be stationary, hovering over the cabins until she first saw it, realize that she was looking at them and they went into fast retreat. The course it followed would tend to bear this thought out, as it went away from us it hugged the terrain in such a manner that I thought it was going to hit the hill. Possibly it could be called an evasive action for the route it followed was such that there would be no one around to see it as Bowen Island is only sparsely populated.

"We describe it as being round, dome-shaped, flat on the bottom, no windows or openings were visible, very shiny silver in color, definitely not aluminum. Size would be 20 to 30 feet across and about 8 to 10 feet in height. Flight was very steady and level while my wife saw it hovering then go straight up still maintaining it's level position in the air, then it moved along horizontally until I saw it, and hereto fore described. There were no protuberances out of it, nor did it appear to be spinning. No ordinary type aircraft would fly as low and close to the terrain as did this UFO especially as it was a windy day. The wind was westerly 25 to 30 miles causing all small craft to stay out of the Gulf of Georgia owing to the heavy seas. The UFO wasn't bothered at all in it's level smooth flight against the wind which must have been bouncing off the trees and hills which it passed over.

"Regarding sound, we heard none. Ordinarily in our boat when under way we hear jet aircraft 4 to 5 miles away, single engine airplanes can easily be heard several miles away. Our boat speed was about 6 knots with our engine coupled to a Maxim Exhaust Silencer. Although it was windy there must have been 20 to 30 residences occupied at this time, we neither saw anyone come out nor have we heard of anybody else seeing a UFO, so quite possibly it is quite silent.

"Upon arriving at Gibson's Landings, I phoned Air Search reversing the charges and reported the incident, time was about 2:20 p.m. Pacific Daylight. The reply I received was that he didn't know what it was.

"We didn't report it to the newspapers nor are we anxious for publicity in this regard." (56.)

Was this Canadian report the first of many to be made in the coming months? Could it be the southward shift was about to hit the U.S.'s northern neighbor?

28 June. Christchurch, New Zealand. (10:45 a.m.)

"The look in their eyes."

Sure sounds like a "flying saucer." A press report states:

"Four men working on an elevated machine in Kalapol saw what they believed to be a flying saucer. At about 10:45 a.m. they saw an aluminium disc which 'came at them' flying on its side and the sun gleaming on it. It appeared to hover for a while then flattened out and sped off to disappear to the west. According to the business man on whose shop they were working, he was certain the report was genuine. 'The look in their eyes' bore this out he said." (57.)

This New Zealand UFO report, given above, showed that the other wave of UFO activity was still going strong. Would it shift to the north? A report from Brazil on the 30th indicated that was a possibility.

29 June. Between Belo Horizonte and Rio. (6:30 p.m.)

An airliner piloted by a Capt. Saul Martin was enroute from the city of Belo Horizonte to Rio de Janeiro on the 30th when at 6:30 p.m. a glowing, red-orange, disc-like object approached the DC-3. The red object maneuvered all around the passenger plane. The UFO paced the airliner, taking up a position above the plane at one time and under the plane on another occasion. One of the passengers was the famous Brazilian writer Professor Aires de Mata Machado Filho. (58.)

Annoyed, Capt. Martin tried to deal with the problem the best he could. All of the lights on the plane were turned off except for the powerful landing lights located in the wings. Switched on, the landing lights cast long beams. The UFO reacted by turning on edge and veering sharply, zooming away out of sight. (59.)

30 June. Hagerstown, Maryland.

Our source:

"Late Sunday night (June 30th), residents in Paramount saw a round, orange object in the Southwest. It looked like a falling star at first, but levelled off after going downward. Observed for ten seconds. (60.)

30 June. Kane, Pennsylvania.

A report found in BLUE BOOK files. Apparently the item was cut from an issue of the civilian UFO bulletin Infinity.

June 30-Kane, Pa-1:32pm-Large, silver UFO followed by 4 smaller ones. (The fast, lead-UFO appeared to TOW the smaller ones!);..(0).

The Air Force and NICAP's UFO Investigator.

The launch of a reorganized NICAP back in January was the first big step for Keyhoe and the others at NICAP headquarters. The next significant move was the launch of the group's monthly publication, The UFO Investigator. Since the Investigator was meant to be read by members of Congress and representatives of the news media, the publication had to be highly professional in content and appearance. Keyhoe and the NICAP staff put a lot of work into Volume I, Number 1, of the Investigator scheduled for release in July.

MJ-12, Alien Autopsy, Area 51.

In the decades since the 1950s there have been a number of occasions when it was believed students of the UFO problem have been victimized by elaborate hoaxes. Some people have suspected the CIA, or some other super-secret agency, of playing dirty tricks in the hope it would impact the credibility of certain UFO advocates, groups, or particular theories concerning the origin of UFO phenomena.

Such concern could be valid. The CIA UFO panel of January 1953 took cognizance of such saucer groups as CSI (Los Angeles) and Coral Lorenzen's APRO, requesting that the civilian organizations should be watched because of their, as the scientific panel put it, "potential great influence on mass thinking." (61.) If the "powers-that-be" went to the trouble of targeting two modest groups of hobbyists, why not the impressive NICAP organization? Even at this early date (1957) the possibility was not lost on Donald Keyhoe, although he did not become obsessed with the notion.

In early April, when Major General Joe W. Kelly, Air Force Director of Legislative Liaison, wrote to Representative Le Metcalf of Montana saying that: "Answers are provided on any unidentified flying objects which have attracted national attention," (62.) the official letter found its way to NICAP. Military authorities were furious to learn that an exchange between the Pentagon and Congress could be compromised. The fact that NICAP broke no law, obtaining what it did through the cooperation of a legislator, made it even worst. Frankly, it might be said NICAP might be gaining the upperhand. Shortly after the letter to Metcalf became public, an unnamed Air Force spokesman called NICAP an "upstart organization." (63.) It was rare for the military to go public with its displeasure, and even rarer to resort to name calling.

Disinformation scheme?

All this brings us to an episode Keyhoe called: "The Hoax." It had its beginnings just as Keyhoe and his assistant Investigator editor Lee Munsick were in the last stages of preparing the first issue of NICAP's publication. Word arrived at NICAP headquarters by special air-mail letter of a "hot case" in Miami, Florida. In the envelope were three photostats of AP wire-stories. The material rated immediate attention since it was submitted by

a NICAP member who worked for a West Coast television station and who proved to be a reliable source for information up to that time. Moreover, the style and appearance of the wire story looked genuine to Keyhoe's experienced eye.

Fortunately Keyhoe and Munsick did not rush into print with the story, a mistake other UFO "experts" might have made. First of all, Keyhoe phoned the letter writer, who denied the messages were fake since they "came right out of the ticker." (64.) The letter writer promised to check with the local AP office to verify the information. Meanwhile, Keyhoe and Munsick phoned Miami to confirm certain claims made in the teletype story. Nothing checked out. There was no doubt the story was a fake. The West Coast correspondent called back and informed Keyhoe and Munsick that the messages had indeed come out of the AP teletype machine, but the information had been fed to the newswire by a station staff member familiar with teletype systems. Confronted, the culprit confessed but refused to give a reason, or to say if anyone put him up to it. This was surprising since a person could be fired for tapping the AP line.

Afterward Keyhoe and Munsick exchanged opinions on what had been a near thing. They both agreed that if they had printed the fake dispatches it might have wrecked NICAP. There was no evidence the "silence group" within the ranks of officialdom had tried a dirty trick to damage the Washington D.C. UFO organization, but both Keyhoe and Munsick talked it over and considered it a possibility. (65.)

Volume I, Number 1. (See the cover of the first Investigator.)

The first issue of the Investigator had the Oxnard case as its lead story, but more impressive was the listing of NICAP's Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisors, the biggest name being Vice Admiral Roscoe Henry Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. (See list)

So distinguished was NICAP's leadership many serious and reputable persons finally considered becoming a member of a UFO organization.

Considerable biographical information was given in the Investigator on NICAP Board Members and Special Advisors to impress the readership. Within these articles were a few comments worth noting.

Major Dewey J. Fournet Jr., for example, expressed a sentiment that was probably motivating many people climbing aboard the NICAP band wagon, which was a conviction a civilian effort to complement the Air Force's BLUE BOOK project was necessary since the UFO problem was so mysterious and provocative.

The article on Colonel Robert B. Emerson's background mentioned that he had been the technical consultant to a small Louisiana band of UFO buffs called The Baton Rouge UFO Forum. While serving that group Colonel Emerson had developed an IBM punchcard system to analyze UFO reports, an attempt to "computerize" data. NICAP would fail to follow up on this pioneer project.

Another memorable article in the first issue of the Investigator was a bold move by Keyhoe-led NICAP to suggest a "plan for cooperation" to be offered to Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas, yet another maneuver to get around the road blocks erected by BLUE BOOK people at Wright Field and the PIO desk at the Pentagon. It would be asking a lot for the Secretary to treat NICAP as some sort of equal and deal directly with it, but the proposal did make the Keyhoe-led organization more acceptable to the retired military men flocking to NICAP's banner.

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FOUR SAUCERS OVER CALIFORNIA AT SPEEDS UP TO 3600 M. P. H., REVEALED IN RADAR REPORT CERTIFIED BY NICAP BOARD MEMBERS

Oxnard AFB Tells NICAP Intelligence Investigated UFO's;

AF Silent On Findings

CERTIFICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE NICAP BOARD OF GOVERNORS

"I certify I have seen the signed reports dated April 22 and May 18, 1957, describing the radar tracking of four UFO's at speeds up to 3600 miles per hour."

(Signed) Reverend Albert Baller, Robbins Memorial Church, Greenfield, Massachusetts

Dr. Earl Douglass, author of the syndicated column, "Strength For The Day," Princeton, New Jersey.

Frank Edwards, Radio and TV newscaster, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Col. Robert B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, Director, Command and General Staff Dept., 4157th USAR School, Baton Rouge, Iowa

Reverend Leon Le Van, New Jerusalem Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Professor Charles A. Maney, Head of the Department of Physics, Deafness University, Deafness, Ohio.

Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, United States Navy, Retired, Elliott, Maine.

The report cited was signed by one of four control-tower operators in the Civil Aeronautics Administration, all of whom tracked the four saucers at a large California airport. Since this case is directly linked with the strange UFO sighting at Oxnard Air Force Base, near midnight March 23, the operators will not be identified. However, NICAP emphasizes that no violation of security is involved, since there was no CIRVIS message (a report automatically classified under JANAP 146, Joint Chiefs of Staff instructions).

Four flying saucers, clocked over California at 3600 mph, were tracked by Civil Aeronautics control tower operators on the night of March 23, according to a signed report now in NICAP's possession. The radar report casts new light on visual sightings at Oxnard Air Force Base — at the same hour that night.

At the time, the C.O. at Oxnard, Col. E. F. Carey, Jr., stated that no UFO's had been picked up by his base radar. He also said that a jet

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8 Point Plan Offered Air Force

In an unprecedented step the National Investigations Committee has just offered Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas an eight-point plan of cooperation to end the controversy over flying saucers.

NICAP made it clear that this would not be a secret arrangement with the Air Force, but a plan designed to assist in public understanding of the UFO problem. Acceptance by the Air Force would mean providing the Committee with all UFO sighting reports now labeled as "solved" for evaluation by the Board and the Special Advisers, with NICAP's conclusions given to the Air Force and the public.

"Through our distinguished Board of Governors and Panel of Special Advisers, our growing membership in 46 states, and by virtue of our factual evaluation policy, the Committee has won the respect and support of many serious and reputable Americans," NICAP Director Keyhoe wrote the Secretary.

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ARMY RESCINDS CENSORSHIP ORDER AFTER NICAP PROTEST

An official Army censorship order which placed a tight clamp on UFO reports at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, was rescinded on May 10 after protest by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

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."

Signed by Col. Charles L. Olin, Chief of Staff, the original Ft. Monmouth order carried the following provision:

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Panel of Special Advisers Also Announced

Important additions to the NICAP Board of Governors and its Panel of Special Advisers have just been made public, including several World War II officers, aviation authorities, an electronics engineer, three airline pilots,

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photographed a UFO formation over
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World Airways, Coral Gables, Florida.
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former chief of Canadian Government's
UFO project, Ottawa, Canada.
Kenneth Steinmetz, businessman, amateur
astronomer and head of the Denver sec-
tion Operation Moonwatch, Denver, Col.●

Royal Air Force Review.

Associate NICAP editor Lee R. Munsick, writing in his own UFO journal, The UFO Newsletter, saw a hopeful sign in the July, 1957, issue of the Royal Air Force Flying Review which carried the article: "Something in the Sky?" The essay mentioned in friendly terms familiar UFO material: The Scandinavian eclipse photos, and the Rouen saucer picture. UFO researchers Clifford Thornton and Brinsley le Poer Trench, editor of The Flying Saucer Review, were credited as serious investigators. In all, Munsick found it good reading since the UFO subject was treated in an openminded and respectable manner. Since the Flying Review was published with the cooperation of the British Air Force, Munsick felt the article would help the UFO phenomenon outgrow its fringe reputation. (66.)

The big 1957 UFO wave hits.

A mistake often made is to select the month of November as the beginning of the 1957 excitement. Actually, UFO reports in the U.S. were being reported at a rate of about one a day from January to July. In July UFO reports in America increased to two a day. (67.)

As we have seen, UFO reports were already peaking outside the U.S. in both England and New Zealand. If past patterns held true, these two regions of UFO activity would shift toward the equator meaning ever increasing UFO activity in the U.S.

? July. Toowoomba, Australia. (Morning)

Some indication the wave of UFO reports in the South Pacific was on the move was a sighting by a farmer in northern Australia. A Mr. G.H. Graham, who didn't recall the exact day, told investigators:

"I was farming at a place called Southbrook, and as I was leading the cows toward the milking shed I saw something coming very fast towards me from the south-east. It was very much like a saucer upside down with a round dome on top.

"It shot past and disappeared, only to come back a few minutes later. I called to my children so that they could see it too. It vanished once more, only to show up for the third and last time." (68.)

Designer of the "Togo" fighter.

(See clipping from NICAP's UFO Investigator. (69.)

Sgt. Hill "explains" Secretary Gales's sighting. (See BLUE BOOK teletype message)

Japanese Scientist: UFOs May Be Interplanetary

In the first reported statement on UFO's by a Japanese scientist, Dr. Hideo Itakawa, rocket expert and designer of the World War 2 "Tojo" fighter, has stated his belief that flying saucers may come from another world. Made public in the UFO NEWS REPORT, issued by the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, the statement was taken from a recent book on space travel in which Dr. Itakawa included a chapter on flying saucers.

The importance of Dr. Itakawa's opinions is indicated by his work as chairman of the Japan Rocket Society and chief of the Institute of Industrial Science at Tokyo University. He is a designer of rockets for the International Geophysical Year. ●

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Mr. Gale
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Confirmation of flash
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The air drop seems too close in time and place to the Gale sighting to be ignored, even though the flares and flash-bombs released by the B-26 were let go at about 9:30 p.m. and the Gale family said they spotted the lights in question at about 9:45 p.m. That meant a lapse of time of at least 15 minutes. Granted it would take some minutes for the flares, suspended from parachutes, to reach the ground, but without the altitude of the B-26 and information on wind conditions, one cannot argue how good Sgt. Hill's explanation can be. Moreover, missing from the report on the case compiled by Sgt. Hill is what each member of the Gale family thought of the flare explanation. One wonders if they considered the lights they saw to have been too still and too regular in formation to be something falling out of the sky? (70.)

1 July. Brooklyn, New York.

Report found in BLUE BOOK files:

"At 11:30 p.m., the night of July 1, I glanced out of my window and noticed a yellow-orange light in the sky due east of my house. It moved a few points north very quickly and then remained stationary in the air for 15 seconds. This is what aroused my curiosity. I watched for awhile and it began moving very slowly from its north-east position to southwest, passing near my house. I watched it with my naked eyes and then with a pair of low powered field glasses for about one minute." (71.)

The Air Force evaluated this case as an "aircraft." However, one wonders how come no navigation lights of green, red, and white, were visible if the "aircraft" was close enough to display "ports" down the side?

2 July. Lake George in northern New York.

"My God, could that be it?"

Report taken from the CSI Bulletin #20 25 July 57. (See below)

CSI OFFICER SEES UFO

July 2, 1957. On this day a UFO was observed by CSI's Organizational Vice President, [redacted], in company with his wife [redacted] and nearly a dozen others. The time was shortly after 8 p.m., with the sun just setting; the place the sun-deck of a boathouse about half a mile above Diamond Point, on the west shore of Lake George in northern New York. Harold had just been taking some ribbing from his companions about his saucer interests, when Lita exclaimed, "My God, what's that?" [redacted] who now saw it, replied: "My God, could that be it?" It was. A white-luminous ellipse about an eighth the size of the full moon, and three or four times as bright as Jupiter, was moving in a clear sky over Black Mountain in the east-northeast. [redacted] is emphatic about the luminosity; the glow could not have been reflected sunlight, which would have been yellow. (A plane, reflecting a brilliant golden gleam, had passed in the eastern sky a few minutes before.) The ellipse, horizontally oriented, was moving slowly southward (toward the observers' right). One of the witnesses noted a halting or jerky type of motion. [redacted] did not see this himself, since he rushed indoors after a few seconds in a fruitless effort to find his camera (which, when found, was not loaded anyway). He did, however, see enough to feel sure that the object was not a symmetrical egg-shape, but a thick disc or flattened spheroid

(like a white tire without the hole in the center) seen not quite from edge-on. The object was not fuzzy; its contours were well-defined. Moving deliberately southward, it appeared to make a turn toward the east when it arrived at a position due east of the observers; it gradually dwindled in size until it was lost in the 'afterglow. It had been in view for four minutes by the observers' watches. It could not have been a balloon, an aircraft, or an astronomical object. It would seem to be comparable to the UFOs filmed by [redacted] and [redacted], as seen in the movie "U.F.O."

2 July. Teaneck, New Jersey.

"Like a kettledrum."

A second report from the same issue of the CSI Bulletin is included below.

About 4 p.m. on the same day that CSI vice-president [redacted] sighted a UFO at Lake George, New York (see N.L. #8), another interesting observation was taking place nearer home—in Teaneck, New Jersey. Mrs. [redacted], her 12-year-old son Robert, and his 12-year-old friend Richard Levine, saw a brilliantly shining UFO of peculiar shape—"like a kettledrum." In the course of a long phone conversation with the Research Director, Mrs. [redacted] confirmed the similarity of the object's shape to that of a kettledrum—round on the bottom, flat on top.

When Mrs. [redacted] and the boys first noticed it, the "flying kettledrum" was east of their position and apparently somewhat south of the George Washington Bridge. (They live about three miles west of the Hudson River, and a few blocks north of the bridge.) The object, at an elevation of at least 50 degrees, was moving rapidly and silently in a northerly direction ("toward Tenafly") in a straight, smooth trajectory. It left no trail. In angular size, it exceeded the full moon—so confusion with a conventional aircraft is out of the question. The edges were sharp and clearly defined, and the object had a decidedly "solid" appearance. Its color was brilliantly metallic, appearing precisely like highly polished chromium plate. No windows, openings or protrusions of any sort were to be seen—the surface was "just an unmarred shine."

But as it proceeded northward, its shiny finish abruptly turned to a dull, cloud-like, greyish-white color. Mrs. [redacted] had the distinct impression that this change occurred within the surface of the object itself, and was not due to the sunlight reflecting off it. The sky was moderately overcast, although the sun was shining at the time. The object did not pass in front of, or behind, any clouds. It gradually diminished in size and disappeared from view in a northerly direction, without changing course or losing altitude. It was in view for no less than ten seconds, and no more than twenty.

The incident first appeared in the Bergen Evening Record, July 3rd. Mrs. [redacted] had requested the reporter who took her story to advise her of any corroborating reports; he called later and told her that there had been none.

3 July. Secretary Gale comments on Sgt. Hill's explanation.

A polite letter was submitted to Sgt. Hill's superior, A Francis Arcier, by Secretary Gale on July 3rd. While the Secretary does not express any doubt about the solution to the mystery, he seems a bit unenthusiastic when he states he was: "...glad that Sgt. Hill was able to determine at least to his satisfaction the cause..." (72.) (See letter)

4 July. 230 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

(See article from The UFO Investigator) (73.)

5 July. Mystery lights over Holland. (8:00 p.m. - midnight)

Residents in den Haag and Ottorio reported suspicious star-like bodies in the air between 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. It was said the 'mystery stars' were larger than Venus in appearance but there was little evidence UFOs were involved until reports came in from Rotterdam from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Many lights were seen passing over from south to north. Here is the oddest report: "One of them drew a square many times and then flew to the west." (74.)

6 July. Report #14 and A. Francis Arcier. (See letter)

The BLUE BOOK Scientific Adviser indicates that an update of Report #14 is meant for a wide public release. (Was this to counter NICAP?)

7 July. den Haag, Holland. (10:00 - midnight)

More speeding bodies seen. No high strangeness maneuvers reported. (75.)

7 July. Kokomo, Indiana.

Amazing balloons. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (76.)

7 July. Vancouver, B.C., Canada. (Almost midnight)

NICAP files contain this account:

"On a clear Sunday night (July 7th) while walking along the street at almost midnight H.M. Brown of Vancouver saw a bluish metallic oval object in the sky which he judged to be some 40 feet long and 15 feet wide and perhaps 3,000 feet high, although he is not sure. It remained motionless at least five minutes and then suddenly started eastward and in starting up seemed to show a very dark object like a person sitting on a high stool toward the front.

"Travelling a level course the object went due east, turned a sharp corner at full speed, when due south, turned sharply and headed due west and then turned north and stopped finally at almost the point where it started, having made a perfect square [See the Dutch report dated July 5th]. After becoming brighter again it faced southeast and at high speed was gone in a minutes." (77.)

7 July. Johnstons River, Prince Edward Island, Canada. (7:30 p.m.)

"Object changed shape."

Another Canadian UFO report came in. This time it originated from the east coast in contrast to the earlier reports from British Columbia.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 3, 1957

Dear Mr. Arcier:

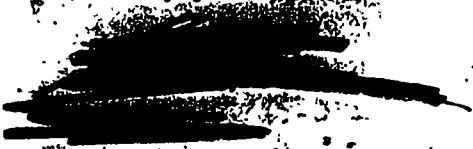
Thank you for your letter of June 25, 1957, reporting on the findings of M/Sgt. O. D. Hill regarding the U. F. O. observed by me and my family at Chestertown, Maryland.

We are glad that Sgt. Hill was able to determine at least to his satisfaction the cause for our concern and interest in what we observed.

I am looking forward to receipt of the book that you are publishing on this whole subject when it is available for distribution. The public should receive considerable comfort from the thorough and careful manner in which the Air Technical Intelligence Center of the Air Force is approaching this matter.

With highest personal regards.

Sincerely yours



Mr. A. Francis Arcier
Scientific Advisor
Air Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

UFO Follows Brazilian Airliner

On July 4, 1957, a circular, lighted object paced a R.E.A.L. Airlines plane from Campos, Rio State, Brazil, almost to Victoria, the Capital of the Espirito Santo State. This is approximately 230 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

Reported by the plane's pilot, Captain Delgado, the object was also watched by his co-pilot, radio operator, stewardess, and ten of his passengers.

The UFO followed the airliner for several minutes, sometimes speeding up to fly in front of the plane.

The object was circular "with up and down parts" according to Captain Delgado's report in the newspaper "Folha da Manhã" published in Sao Paulo. Whether this referred to a turret is not clear. One unique aspect of the sighting was that when the plane and the object went through clouds, "little windows were lighted, emitting a very strong light, which was put out immediately when the object came out from the clouds."

NICAP is checking this report with the Brazilian government and the airline for further details about the mysterious object. We are indebted to Brazilian correspondent Osorio Ribeiro de Barros Neves of Sao Paulo for this information. ●

MEMORANDUM TO: AF CIN-X
ATTN: Major Byrnes

SUBJECT: Preface to Project "Blue Book" Report Nr. 14

1. Attached is a proposed "Preface" to Project Blue Book Report Nr. 14 currently under preparation for public release by your office.

2. Reference telephone discussion between Mr. Sanderson and this office, 6 July 1957 regarding the possibility that the material contained within this preface may be attached as an Appendix rather than a Preface to subject report.

3. It is the opinion of this Center that such a proposal would defeat the purpose of this Preface, which is primarily to:

- a. make it known, both to new readers and those familiar with the original report, the reason for its wide release to the general public, and
- b. add a summary account of the period mid-1956 to 1957 in the UFO program, which was the original requirement imposed upon this Center prerequisite to the release of the report.

4. The incorporation of these two important points, items a. and b. above, at the very end of the report may be either overlooked or found to be confusing. It is therefore recommended that, for purposes of clarity, the attached be inserted immediately preceding the report proper, either as a "Preface" or "Foreword".

1 Incl
Proposed Preface
to Report Nr. 14

A. FRANCIS ARCIER
Scientific Adviser

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 July 1957		2. LOCATION Kokomo, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/0738Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 37 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE variable	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two round objects with six or seven different colors, changing. Objects appeared to stop, hover, and then accelerate at great speeds. Objects were seen for thirty seven minutes.				11. COMMENTS Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was probably caused by a balloon.	

No report on file.

A Mr. Robert Brazil reported his experience to the Canadian Air Staff on July 10, 1957. The first report was not as detailed as a later account that was published in the American magazine Science & Mechanics:

"The sky was completely clear and the sun was low in the western sky. I sighted the object in a northwesterly direction and observed it for about 10-15 seconds at a time.

"The shape wasn't clear-cut; it seemed hazy especially around the edges. The object looked lens-shaped when it hovered. Sometimes it would appear to come directly toward me, starting as a thin line and exploding at tremendous speed into a large lens-shaped object with a startling effect.

"But more startling was that the object changed shape when it made a vertical ascent from below the horizon, moved to the east rapidly, made a 120° turn and dived below the horizon. It seemed to elongate during this spectacular turn, forming a sort of tail which seemed to catch up to it after it had proceeded in the opposite direction. The object seemed to be surrounded by an atmosphere with a solid machine in the center.

"I would estimate that since it went behind the hill across the Hillsboro River, about 2 miles away, that it was at least 300 ft. in diameter but possibly could be much more---maybe 800 ft. in diameter.

"The color ranged from light grey when it was shaped more like a line, at which time the object didn't seem quite solid. It gave the appearance that you might be able to see through it. Then when it came rapidly toward me or made a turn at great speed, it would seem to bunch up and become intensely black in the center, remaining a bit hazy at the edges.

"It was silent. Altitude ranged from horizon to 40° above. I would come from below the horizon, most of the time rise vertically at an angle, sweep an arc across the sky and dive below the horizon, or just vanish rapidly, becoming a thin line and then disappear completely. It would sometimes stop instantly and go in another direction, at which time it would seem to change shape as described earlier.

"The object was sighted several times after, at between 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m." (78.)

9 July. Amarillo, Texas.

Balloon? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (79.)

9 July. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (9:05 p.m.)

Round, white, zooming object.

A Canadian barrister, Milan Drennan, was playing golf with a friend, John Posset, an accountant for the Firestone Company. Mr. Drennan states:

"The sun was setting and the relevant time was about 9:05 p.m. There was a strong wind blowing in gusts from the west, north-west and on occasions we would delay teeing off until the wind subsided. I glanced up into the sky and the thought formed in

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 July 1957	2. LOCATION Amarillo, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/2400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE straight up	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, round, size of pea, color silver. Object seemed to be following B-36, stopped for a while then went straight up. WX balloon was released near same time as sighting.		11. COMMENTS Civ WX believes obj was balloon as does reporting officer.	

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my mind: 'John the stars are starting to come out already.' Before I could express the thought I realized that what I took to be an evening star was moving and said to my friend: 'John what's that a plane?' 'Where?', he replied. 'Up there,' I said. 'I can't see a thing --- yes now I see it.'

'We watched a round white object travelling at a very rapid speed. I never saw anything move so fast and still be distinguishable. The object was quite high and again I am unable to give an intelligent estimation of the height. I have seen jet planes high in the sky leaving a vapor trail. These jets were probably travelling at 500 m.p.h. more or less but they would appear to be laboring through the air compared to the speed and apparent ease that this object was travelling.'

'If straight over my head was 12 o'clock, then I saw the object at 11 o'clock coming from the south-west and going in a north-easterly direction. We lost sight of the object at about two o'clock in the northeastern sky still high over the city of Hamilton. If it were a balloon it was a mighty fast balloon. It made no noise. It was round, white and did nothing unusual except travel high and very fast.'" (80.)

10 July. Crawford Spring, Oregon.

"Hat-shaped object."

Report taken from the CSI Bulletin #20, 25 July 57. (See below)

July 10, 1957 [redacted] and [redacted], both of Heppner, Oregon, were piling brush near Crawford Spring (nine miles out of Bull Prairie) at 12:10 p.m. when they saw a round, hat-shaped object moving rapidly toward the northwest at "terrific speed." They estimated its size as about "half that of a forest service Power Wagon Truck," and described it as brown in color, "similar to dried pine needles." Traveling in straight level flight at an estimated altitude of 3000 feet, the object left no trail and had no visible means of propulsion. However, the two men said it made a sound "something like a jet plane, only with a very noticable whistle." As it disappeared from view, it made a sound described as a sort of "plup," similar to the sound of a bullet striking water. They viewed it for ten seconds. The men immediately reported the incident to the Madison Butte lookout high in the Blue Mountains, southeast of Heppner. (The "hat-shape" is reminiscent of the Twin Falls, Idaho report of Aug. 13, 1947 (Blue Book Report #14, case #IX); the Great Meadows, N.J. case of March 6, 1957 (N.L. #7, p. 23); and the Whittier, Calif. report of August 22, 1957 (see following page). The brown color is very unusual.) — Heppner Gazette-Times, 7/11.

11 July. NICAP gets noticed. (See clippings)

12 July. Chicago, Illinois.

Saucers Sighted, Group Reports

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July 12-57

WHIZZING OBJECTS 'SEEN'

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New York Times
July 12, 57

4 Objects Reported Flying 3,600 M.P.H.

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP)—A Government radar set tracked four unidentified flying objects traveling up to 3,600 miles an hour over California last spring, a private research organization said today.

The incident was reported to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena by Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower operators in the Los Angeles area. The committee disclosed its report in the first issue of its monthly magazine.

The magazine said the tower operators reported that an object appeared on the tower radarscope on March 23. In the next few minutes, it said, three more objects were tracked at speeds estimated at nearly 3,600 M. P. M.

The committee was formed several months ago to investigate "flying saucer" reports.

"What-is-it?" (See clipping)

Radio commentator Lowell Thomas had a lot of fun with the Chicago tumult with jet fighters going on alert, jammed phone lines at police stations, and some guy calling the Sheriff, urging everyone to repent because it was the end of the world. The Weather Bureau, Mr. Thomas announced, had explained everything as due to a high flying weather balloon. Everything, said Thomas, that is: "...but the 'little men' running around on it." (81.)

12 July. Preface to Report #14. More work to do.

Even though Report #14 was controversial, the Air Force still considered it the best weapon against critics like NICAP. Apparently the military felt few people ever read the body of a long report. Conclusions given in a preface carried great weight, something the later Condon report proved. Note the care taken to come up with just the right words when BLUE BOOK authorities discuss a new preface to an updated Report #14. (See memo) The BLUE BOOK people would have done better if they had checked their math.

12 July. "Hostile, menacing, constituting a danger?" (See Investigator article) (82.)

13 July. Bedford, Ohio. (10:10 p.m.)

Our story:

"At 10:10 p.m., two brilliant objects whizzed through the Ohio night, so fast that no one got a good look at them, let alone had a chance to photograph them. Five minutes later, however, they reappeared, moving at a much slower rate of speed and this time they were viewed through high-power binoculars ---and photographed. Through binoculars, the observers could discern a true disc shape and could tell that the objects appeared to be quite large. Then, the two objects appeared to 'split' into four, and disappeared in different directions." (83.)

13 July. Flying disc man from Mars?

A story out of New Mexico on the 13th suggested that some flying saucers were coming and going out of a volcanic crater located near the city of Deming in the southwest part of the State. There were two supposed witnesses. One was a newspaperman and the other a woman theater owner.

An investigative team from the 685th AC&W radar station at Las Cruces was ordered to make inquiries and it was determined that the witnesses were unreliable and were probably attempting some sort of promotional stunt.

There is no way of knowing without checking old newspapers, but it is possible the woman was showing some kind of space flick at her movie house. In fact there was a Republic serial making the rounds in those days called Flying Disc Man From Mars, a story about a Martian invader that establishes a base of operations inside a volcano crater and who flies in and out while attempting to conquer the world. Oddly enough, there was no "saucer" in the film, the only craft being an incredibly fat little airplane the actors referred to as a "semi-disc." If this supposed action-adventure was on the bill at the woman's theater, it would certainly need some help to keep the kids coming back every Saturday for 12 weeks to see every episode of this

CHICAGO DAILY SUN-TIMES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1953

That Flying Saucer? Just Hot Air

FROM
S. J. LARSEN
FILES

Thousands of Chicago-area residents, amazed in awe at a mysterious glowing object that passed over the city Thursday night and asked:

"Could it be a flying saucer?" Most authorities didn't think so. In fact, they emphatically described it as a weather

balloon. But where it was released, when it was released and who sent it, aloft remains unknown.

Civil Defense, military and weather bureau officials have variously identified it as:

1. An Air Force weather balloon.
2. A Navy weather balloon.

3. A weather balloon released by the General Mills Research Laboratory at Minneapolis.

He Saw This Men

Switchboards at The Sun-Times, police stations, fire stations, the weather bureau, and Civil Defense headquarters were burdened with telephone calls from mystified residents.

"At least one man claimed he saw this new moving about on that glowing object. He is Thomas Bronsky, 32, of New Castle, Ind., who was one of several thousand persons who stopped to stare skyward while visiting the Chicago-Land Fair on Navy Pier.

"The high-flying, round object

moved lazily across the city and county in a southwesterly direction. Some viewers reported it appeared to have a glowing tail, but others said that milky clouds, through which it was drifting, created that impression.

Jet fighters ready to intercept. The Interceptor Command at O'Hare Field, Chicago International Airport, had jet fighter pilots ready for a "scramble" had the object proved to be an enemy craft.

Other Air Force planes were sent up from O'Hare Field, but pilots could not get near enough to positive identification. They said the object appeared to be 100,000 feet high.

But weather bureau observers estimated the altitude of the balloon—if that's what it was—at about 60,000 feet. They suggested it probably came from Minneapolis, since the General Mills Laboratory there was reported to have released a balloon earlier in the day.

Prevailing winds throughout Thursday were from the northwest. Weather officials pointed out that would have brought the balloon here from Minneapolis.

Why It Glowed

The extreme altitude of the object was thought by weather and Air Force officials to be the reason it glowed in the evening sky. Although the sun was below the horizon—from ground level—the object's great altitude allowed it to catch the upshining rays, they said.

Reports of seeing the object came from as far south as Gary, Michigan City and other northern Indiana cities. It also was seen in as far west as Wheaton and in some North Shore suburbs.

Many persons were genuinely alarmed. One man who phoned the Homewood Sheriff's Police Station advised Deputy Spero Benos that "it's time for people to repent their sins."

In New England, Too

A similar "what-is-it?" alarm was experienced in New England Wednesday night when a weather balloon from an undetermined point drifted over at an estimated 100,000 feet.

A Brown University astronomer, Charles H. Smiley, said the object might have been a balloon released in Japan last week by the Air Force in connection with the International Geophysical Year. He surmised the balloon followed the jet stream across the Pacific Ocean and Canada.

In Wilmington, a group devoted to the investigation of flying saucer reports said four unidentified flying objects were clocked by radar over the Los Angeles area at 3,600 m.p.h. March 23.

12 July 1967

MEMO TO: Dr. Miloy, AFCIN-434
Mr. Arcier, AFCIN-4X

SUBJECT: Preface to Project "Blue Book" Nr. 14

1. Reference is made to the recent SAG meeting in which certain points and approaches for preparing subject preface were discussed.
2. Attached herewith is a rewrite of the original preface, incorporating the recommendations and best arguments advanced by the SAG conferees.
3. The preface was prepared around the framework of the original draft, so splendidly prepared by Dr. Byers, and in no way is the substance of his approach and presentation weakened. The objective here was to:
 - a. introduce the subject in a manner easily understandable to the bulk of the readers.
 - b. discreetly make it known that we have considered those detractors and UFO experts who are familiar with the report.
 - c. leave the impression of "good faith" towards the public, admitting we are aware of their interest in the subject.

George T. Gregory
GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain USAF

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1957

Air Force Admits Its Pilots Have Fired On UFOs

The U. S. Air Force has officially admitted that some of its pilots have fired on unidentified flying objects. This fact was made known on July 12, 1957, in a letter from the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The letter was signed by Capt. Wallace W. Elwood, Assistant Adjutant.

The admission, however, was qualified by a puzzling statement that the objects proved to be conventional, although at first the pilots evidently considered them to be a threat to the safety of this country.

"In a few cases," the ATIC letter reads, "Air Force pilots have officially reported firing on flying objects which they could not identify, but which were later determined to be conventional objects. The orders to pilots are to fire on an unidentified object only if it commits an act which is hostile, menacing, or constituting a danger to the United States."

As a result of this letter, NICAP asked the Air Technical Intelligence Center two questions:

1. What were the conventional objects the pilots first mistook for UFOs?
2. What hostile or menacing acts caused the pilots to fire on the objects?

Because no satisfactory answers were received, NICAP has forwarded the questions to the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Definite answers have been promised and they will be included in the next issue.

In connection with the firing report, an Air Force statement to Rep. Lee Metcalf (D., Mont.) on January 11, 1957, seems of special interest.

"Air Force interceptors still pursue unidentified flying objects as a matter of security to this country and to determine technical aspects involved. To date, the flying objects have imposed no threat to the security of the United States and its possessions."

Though several firing incidents have been rumored in the last ten years, only three are a matter of record.

The first incident, which occurred over New Jersey, was admitted in December of 1949 at a press conference by Major Jere Baggs, USAF Intelligence officer. This conference was also attended by General Sory Smith, then Director of Air Force Public Information.

The second case was revealed by Captain E. J. Ruppelt, USAFR, former head of Project Blue Book, in "The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects." In this case an Air Force pilot opened fire on a disc-shaped object which had descended beneath and ahead of his fighter. Apparently no hits were scored. The pilot was immediately grounded.

In case three, Air Force jets opened fire on a UFO which was circling a weather balloon near Rockford, Illinois. According to Ground Observer Corps witnesses, the jets set the balloon afire and the UFO escaped.

NICAP is investigating all phases of this situation and will report its findings in the October issue, together with the Air Force answers. ●

This is another last minute insert not covered in the book's index.

14 July. A big UFO day in Brazil.

The item below is probably from the Sao Paulo UFO Critical Bulletin.

Brazil

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UFO ESCORTS A B-26 OF BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE

BELO HORIZONTE (Minas Gerais State, Brazil)—This happening didn't appear on the press, and the witnesses' names must be kept secret for obvious reasons. There are none similar AFR 200-2 penalties in Brazil, but the FAB (Brazilian Air Force) controls its officers and personnel due to the claimed national security. Besides, such military policy does exist all over the world.

This case is typical of the known following-planes' pattern. It was sent me by the skilled ufologist Cmdr. Mulvio Brant Aleixo, C.I.C.O.A.M.I. Pres., Belo Horizonte, the excellent & objective UFO organization.

Here it is: On July 14, ab. 8:26 p.m., the tower controller on the Airport of Pamulha saw a still light in the sky, ab. 270 degrees. ~~It was a B-26 of the FAB, flying at 270 degrees, and was seen by the controller.~~ In order to be sure that the light wasn't a balloon, ~~the controller~~ phoned to the Meteorological Institute, which answered that there weren't balloons in the sky.

Then, he radioed to the commander of a military plane, who was asking permission to land. The controller said: "Please make a curve of 180 degrees crossing the landing strip (normally a case for emergency), and then put the nose of your plane at 270 degrees. After, please confirm or not the appearance of a luminous object in such a course."

The commander, an officer who was in duty piloting a B-26 of the FAB toward the north (his Base at Natal, Rio Grande do Norte State), immediately did what was requested by the controller. Afterwards he landed and confirmed the sighting. His landing was prompt and normal, disappointing the tower controller. Then, this one decided to point upwards his luminous pistol in direction of the light, giving intermittent signals in green, yellow and red colors. Just at that moment, the UFO began to change its colors, from the ambar to an intense green. Returning to its initial color, a white light, the UFO darted up and disappeared in the darkness of the night.

This detail startled more yet the controller, who decided to phone the pilot already in the canteen. He said he was surprised by his indifference concerning so strange a phenomenon, avoiding a close investigation in order to discover something ab. that unknown light. The officer answered at once, saying that he didn't want to get closer the UFO, just on the contrary he wanted to escape from that aerial object which was following his plane since almost an hour of flying from Pico do Couto vicinities.

Twenty minutes after, the officer asked permission to the controller to take off with the lights of his medium bombing plane wholly unlit, just to avoid the UFO pursuit.

The B-26 was strongly armed and was carrying a crew of five.

The incident was registered on the Airport's book of daily occurrences, and afterwards was transmitted to the FAB—Diretoria de Rotas Aereas (Air Routes Administration).

Any other news ab. the case will be disclose by this bulletin, even names if possible.—J.E.F.

turkey that had a pocket change special effects budget.

Was the Air Force ready?

What saves the aforementioned New Mexico report from the trash bin is an official admission found among various remarks by BLUE BOOK evaluators. (See snippet from military document) (85.) The U.S. was on the verge of one of the biggest UFO waves in history and the Air Force had no money!

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UNCLAS/AISOC 045PD REFERENCE YOUR AFCIN-4EA-7-4098-E PD ATIC FORMS
164 WERE SENT TO OBSERVERS ON 29 JULY 57 PD RESULTS OF ANALYSIS WILL
BE FORWARDED YOUR CENTER PD DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATION
OF UFOBS BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND AIR DEFENSE COMMAND NO FURTHER
ACTION CONTEMPLATED PD END

14 July. Off the Brazilian southern coast. (5:50 p.m.)

The Sao Paulo, Brazil, civilian UFO group, Centro de Pesquisa dos Discos Voadores, which published the English language UFO bulletin The Flying Saucer, was contacted by Captain Tulio Ribeiro, who was a pilot for Cruzeiro do Sul Airlines, regarding an aerial encounter off the southern Brazilian coast.

Here is Captain Ribeiro's report:

"On July 14, 1957 at 17:50 o'clock local time (20:50 GMT) we were flying the Convair PP-CDY, 4,200 meters high. magnetic heading 235, near Rio Doce, about 100 kilometers from the coast, when my co-pilot called our attention to a strange luminosity ahead of our plane, a little to the left and on a slightly higher level.

"The light was white and its intensity was something none of us had seen before. It grew rapidly in size and when it was at an estimated 20 kilometers from us, it made a 90 degrees sharp, very sharp turn to the left and flew toward the coast. At the moment it changed its course we were able to clearly see that it was some sort of cigar-shaped form, thicker in the middle than any cigar. It was totally white as though it were made of aluminum.

"Then we saw that the white luminosity was ahead of the body or in the front part of it. It could be compared to water fended by the keel of a fast moving motor-boat-you know, that thing we call 'musc-tache,' only instead of water, the spray was luminous. Behind the body we could see orange, red and blue colors changing in quick succession. The speed was 'envious' and we had the stranger in sight for 10 or 15 seconds. The flight was horizontal all the time; the day was clear and no stars were visible at the time." (86.)

15 July. Project WHITE STORK.

Some otherwise unimportant paperwork found in BLUE BOOK files concerning a meteorite sheds some light on WHITE STORK, its purpose and the fact the project was still in existence in 1957. (See BLUE BOOK document) WHITE STORK was run by the Battelle Institute in Columbus, Ohio. BLUE BOOK experts included a newspaper clipping about the institute in its file on the meteorite case. (See clipping)

16 July. Katoomba, Australia. (8:30 p.m.) (See report by "The UFO Investigation Centre," Sydney, Australia) (87.)



17 July. In the air over Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. (5:10 a.m. - 6:40 a.m.)

Abstract of case by Dr. James McDonald:

"An Air Force RB-47, equipped with electronic countermeasures (ECM) gear and manned by six officers, was followed by an unidentified object for a distance of well over 700 miles and for a time period of one and a half hours, as it flew from Mississippi, through Louisiana and Texas into Oklahoma. The object was, at various times, seen visually by the cockpit crew as an intensely luminous light, followed by ground-radar and detected on ECM monitoring gear aboard the RB-47. Of special interest in this case are several instances of simultaneous appearances and disappearances on all three physically distinct 'channels,' and rapidity of maneuvers beyond the prior experience of the crew." (88.)

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION - None

SUBJECT Examination of Meteorite

TO : AFCHN-4E2
ATTN: Capt. Gregory

FROM : AFCHN-4E2

DATE 15 July 1957 COMMENT NO. 1

AFCHN-4E2/pt. 1/angle/mj
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1. Reference is made to discussions between Captain Gregory relative to the meteorite left in the Air Weapon Materials Branch for examination.
2. The sample in our possession is unquestionably a meteorite, but appears to be at least 100 years old. An examination in this case would have no intelligence value from the standpoint of UFO.
3. Although there has been quite a bit of study on meteorites in connection with heat-transfer as applied to guided missiles, these studies have been made on metal meteorites and not the stony types such as the one submitted. However, aerodynamic flow patterns are being studied on all types of meteorites, and for this reason this sample will be submitted to White Stork.
4. Composition analysis does not appear warranted, since all of the stony meteorites fall into the same category. The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., can furnish the general analysis of all stony type meteorites.
5. White Stork will also be asked about the monetary value of this meteorite. Dr. H. R. Minnenger, American Meteorite Museum, Selden, Arizona, could make full assessment of the dollar value.
6. A full report will be furnished your office on receipt from White Stork.

Institute Studies Meteorites For Missile Data

The remains of unused missiles which have been bombarding earth from outer space since the beginning of time are being studied by technicians developing better guided missiles.

At the Battelle Institute in Columbus, working for the Wright Air Development Center, technicians are examining meteorites to see how they survived their descent to earth.

Guided missiles, traveling at high speeds in the friction-producing atmosphere, are subject to tremendous heat, and metallic alloys to withstand these temperatures have to be developed.

By subjecting the nickel and iron structures of the meteorites to microscopic analysis, they hope to be able to learn how the meteorites melted.

Battelle scientists are getting meteorites from museums and private collections.

H. E. Martin
HOMER E. MARTIN
Acting Chief
AFCHN-4E2

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REPORT ON KATOOMBA U.F.O.'S.

In the middle of July the small town of Katoomba got in the "big news". "TOWN AWAITS FLYING SAUCER", "RAAF TO STAND BY - FLYING SAUCER HUNT" - these were some of the headlines in Sydney's papers.

This is how it all began.

On Tuesday night, July 16th, a Mr. John Rickey, Sen., saw a strange object over Katoomba. His wife and son also saw the UFO. A police officer corroborated the sighting.

For the following three or four days a number of reports about UFO activity over Katoomba and Sydney were published in the press.

On Friday, July 19th, Flight Lieut. H. J. Harley of R.A.A.F. Command identified the lights over Katoomba as the star Canopus.

On Monday, July 22nd, Dr. C. S. Gum, Deputy Director of Sydney Weather Bureau, wrote off more than 99% of UFO sightings over Katoomba as "starshine".

While Dr. Gum and Flight Lieut. Harley are correct in assuming that a certain percentage of reports can be attributed to observations of Canopus, Venus, or Jupiter, this percentage is much less than the 99% estimated by Dr. Gum.

The authorities have made a general statement and offered an opinion. We have carried out a detailed analysis and are offering facts.

A number of UFO Investigation Centre members went to Katoomba on the International F. S. Date, July 27th, Saturday. The weather was delightful in the Blue Mountains and we investigated the Rickey's case on the spot.

The main features of this sighting are as follows:

Time: About 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th at Katoomba, from a house on the northern slope of a mountain.

Duration of observation: About 15 minutes.

Object: A very bright oval object estimated to be about half the size of the moon. It had two horizontal beams and two narrower ones pointing downward at an angle. There was also a smaller light on the body of the UFO which was compared to "a torchlight" going on and off. The object was described as "bluish in colour". It gave off a vapour. The object approached with a sound similar to that of a jet. The sound ceased as the object slowed down. Brilliant flashes were seen from over Sydney at the time of observation in the general area of the sky occupied by the UFO.

Movement: Very fast, slowing down to a stationary position in which the object was clearly observed for six minutes. The UFO moved across Katoomba from South to North, then turned North-East.

Position in the sky: Approximately 30 degrees above horizon in the North-East.

Observers: Mr. John Hickey, Sen., a businessman, and his wife, also his son, 23-year old John Hickey. No-one in the family had believed in 'flying saucers'. Police Constable Bourke corroborated the sighting.

Weather and Astronomical Data

Wind: Maximum velocity 27 m.p.h. at 7.35 p.m. from W.S.W. to E.N.E.

Weather: Clear, frosty night.

Planets: Venus sets at 6.59 p.m. Jupiter sets at 10.05 p.m.

Stars: Canopus low in the South and South West.

Planes: None, according to Civil Aviation Department.

Evaluation: By the process of elimination we can discard low-flying balloons as the object travelled at 60 degrees to direction of wind. Canopus is not the answer in this case because it was behind the observers. Venus was below the horizon. Jupiter was approximately 30 degrees in the West. No planes according to aviation authorities. In our investigation we asked Mr. Hickey, Jun. to sketch the object and the apparent magnitude of the stars in the background. The UFO was computed to be about the size of a half-moon or slightly less. It produced a sound at first. It changed speed, and became stationary at one time. In view of the above weather, astronomical and aviation data, this is an Unidentified Flying Object.

The next report we are about to evaluate comes from a reliable observer.

Time: 5.45 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th, from Hornsby (a suburb of Sydney).

Duration of Observation: 10 minutes.

Object: A bright red and blue-green object with a brilliant exhaust, yellow turning white.

Movement: Hovering over the Pennant Hills radio station for 5 minutes, then moving south-west.

Observers: Mr. A. G. Farr - a physics and chemistry teacher, formerly a R.A.A.F. man. Mrs. Farr was in the W.R.A.A.F. during the war.

Weather and Astronomical Data.

Wind: 23 m.p.h. at 11.40 a.m., South to North.

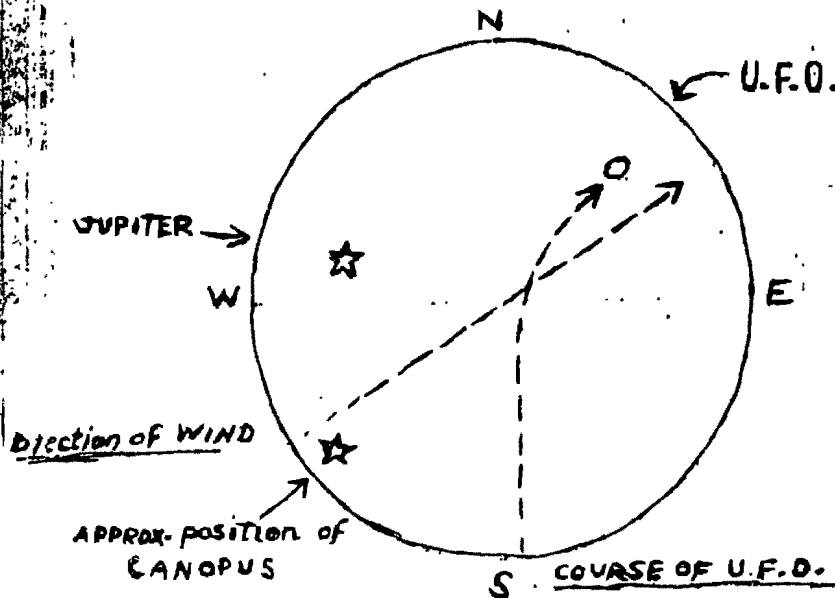
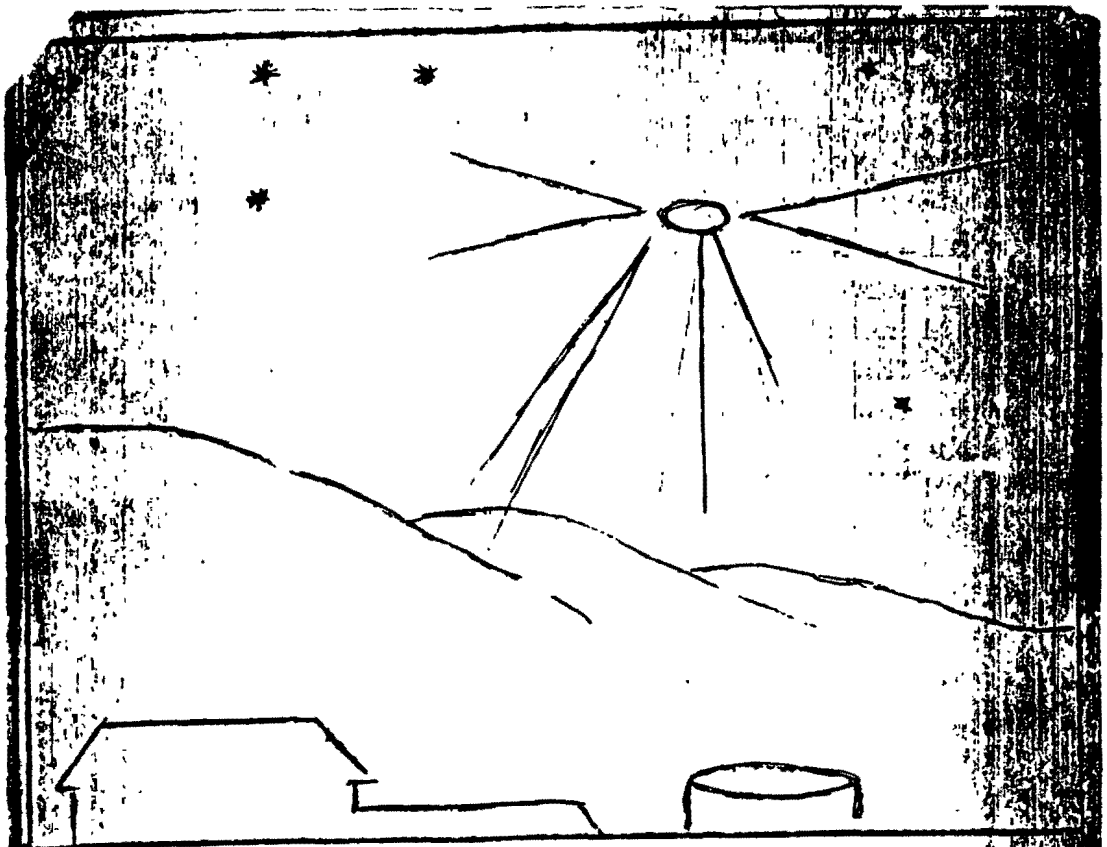
Weather: Clear

Planets: Venus sets at 7.03 p.m., Jupiter at 9.58 p.m.

Stars: Canopus low in the South.

Planes: No information.

Evaluation: The object flew against the wind. Venus and Jupiter were far from the portion of the sky observed. Canopus was in the south. A former R.A.A.F. man, who is at present a physics teacher, is not likely to mistake a plane or Canopus for something unconventional.



This case, often referred to as "The RB-47 Incident," is certainly worthy of interest although there is some confusion over the position of the UFO during the encounter. It was night and the direction of various radar returns, light sources, and pulses of ECM energy, have to be plotted with care, especially since the SAC bomber involved made some turns during the incident. The case does little to advance our knowledge of UFOs except, perhaps, the possibility UFOs can generate an electronic pulse of a frequency of 2950-3000 mc.

Perhaps this case is better suited to serve as an example of how problems arise when an attempt is made to gather every bit of information.

First of all, if a report is suppose to be in BLUE BOOK files, that does not make finding it a snap. Often the date of an incident is confused with the date of the paperwork on the case. This is what happened to the RB-47 report. A major review of the RB-47 case by the Condon committee ran into such a problem when it could not locate the official file. Apparently time considerations prevented a page by page check of BLUE BOOK records. For one Condon investigator, Roy Craig the radar expert, missing Air Force paperwork was enough to disqualify the RB-47 case from consideration even though the original witnesses were available for questioning:

"If a report of this incident, written either by the B-47 crew or by Wing Intelligence personnel, was submitted in 1957, it apparently is no longer in existence. Moving pictures of the radar scope displays and other data said to have been recorded during the incident apparently never existed. Evaluation of the experience must, therefore, rest entirely on the recollection of crew members ten years after the event. These descriptions are not adequate to allow identification of the phenomenon encountered." (89.)

Most surprising is the statement by Dr. Edward Condon, project director and a UFO skeptic. Wrote Condon: "If the report is accurate, it describes an unusual, intriguing and puzzling phenomenon which, in the absence of additional information, must be listed as unidentified." (90.)

It looked better for the RB-47 case after a non-Condon project investigator, Dr. James McDonald, located the relevant official file in BLUE BOOK records.

Eventually professional skeptic Phil Klass came along and "explained" the case in a book of his, even obtaining an "endorsement" from Major Lewis D. Chase who was the pilot of the RB-47.* (91.) Case closed?

Gert Herb and Dr. J. Allen Hynck teamed up to study Klass's analysis. They found that Klass's claims were based on improbable escalating coincidences, and in the case of astronomical data, not even supported by scientific fact. Klass was also guilty of making assumptions to tidy up his version of events. For example, Klass suggested the RB-47 crew suffered impaired judgement because they were excited. Major Chase denied his crew was shaken by the experience, insisting his people were very well trained airmen who had clamly endured harassment by Russian fighters.

Another example was Klass attributing the pilot's actions in breaking off pursuit to a loss of interest when the UFO in question (the star Rigel according to Mr. Klass) became too faint in the light of dawn. Otherwise, Klass assumed, the RB-47 pilot would have landed, refueled, and taken to the air

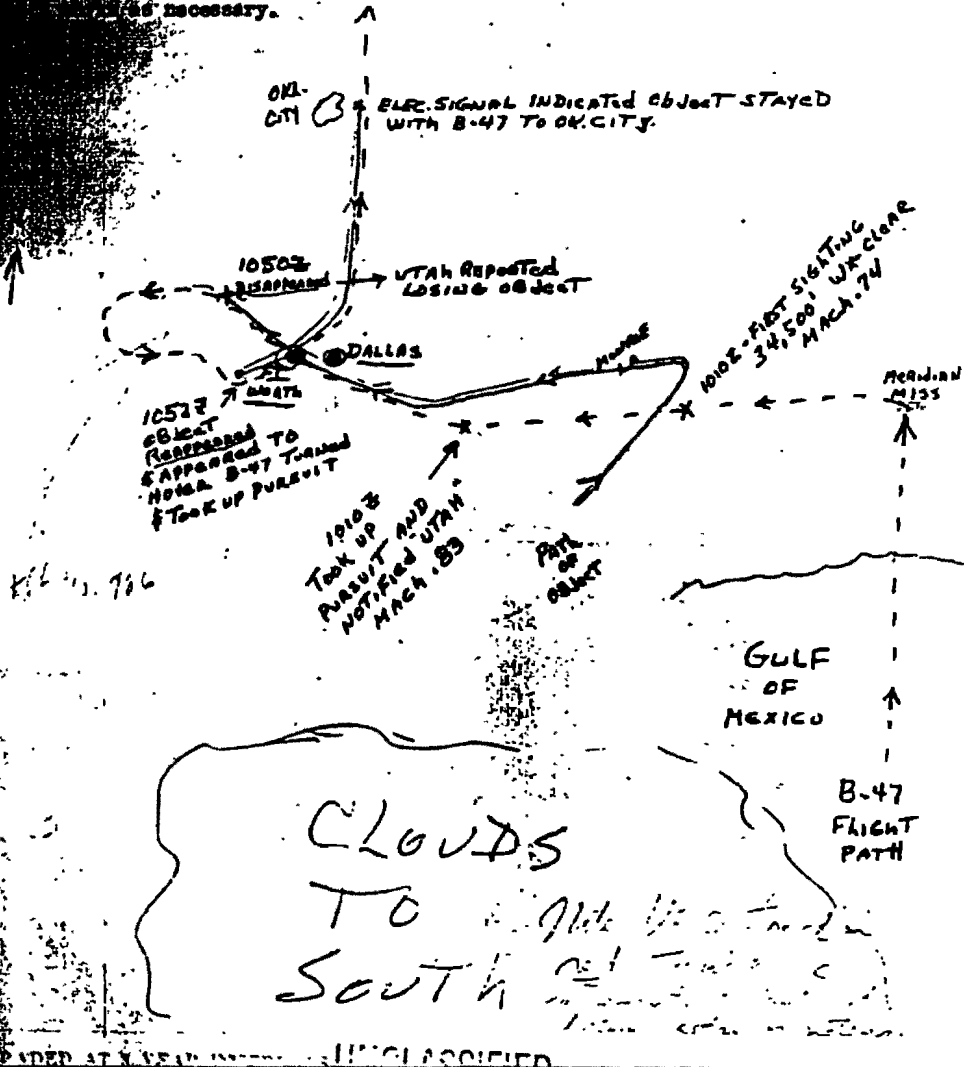
* For an explanation of Klass-type "explanations," see: Fire in the Sky by Travis Walton, Marlowe & Company, New York, 1996. pp.265-370.

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If practicable, attach to this page the section of a local area chart which shows the location of the sighting. On this chart plot the flight path of the aircraft and the flight path of the object.

If a local area chart is not available, roughly sketch in the area of the sighting showing latitude and longitude. Then plot the flight path of the aircraft and the flight path of the object. Put in prominent landmarks as necessary.



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again in order to continue his pursuit of the UFO. Major Chase scoffed at such an idea. The RB-47 pilot told Dr. Hynek you just don't do such a thing when you are flying a SAC bomber on an assigned mission. As it was, he had already risked censure by his superiors for deviating from his flight plan. As for Major Chase's "endorsement" of Klass's view of the incident, the SAC officer made it clear he was only impressed by some of Klass's technical comments about the electronic equipment used by the RB-47. As for the rest of Klass's explanations, Major Chase had many reservations.

In summation, Major Chase told Dr. Hynek:

"...the visual and ground contact has not been explained to my satisfaction. To do so, I have to admit to myself that after years of flying, most probably at night (SAC), I suddenly went to seeing things, and my copilot happened to go the same way at the same time. This I find difficult to accept." (92.)

17 July. Katoomba, Australia. (8:30 p.m.)

"Just look out your window."

The sighting of John Hickey on Tuesday, the 16th, was big news in the Australian town of Katoomba. At 8:30 p.m. the following evening Radio Station 2KA Katoomba, the voice of the Blue Mountains, announced the airing at 9:00 p.m. of a program giving all the details currently available. Immediately the phone rang at the studio. A woman was on the line saying she could confirm Mr. Hickey's report, and, by the way, the same visitor was overhead at that very moment! This is what happened next:

"...2KA faded out the music and flashed over the air that an object was flying overhead in North Katoomba. All listeners were invited to look out of their windows and doors. From then on the 'show' was on the house.

"The radio station's phone was busy receiving listener's reports. This unique radio broadcast, probably the only one of its kind in the world, enabled everyone in the Blue Mountains who bothered to look, to verify the announcer's words." (93.)

17 July. Katoomba, Australia. (9:10 p.m.)

The most interesting sighting the night of the 17th, however, was not made by a radio listener. As before, the UFO attracted attention to itself by making noise. The sound was not described by a Mr. T Body who was inside his house at the time talking on the phone, but the sound must have been loud and strange to prompt the man to end his conversation and rush outdoors to determine the cause. Once out in his front yard, Mr. Body glanced around and was shocked to see an object hovering overhead. Greatly excited, Mr. Body yelled for his wife and two children to come outside and witness the spectacle. Once the family gathered in the yard to watch, the object began to move in circles above the house. There was a lot of light but the thing appeared oval in shape. Flashing red, green and white colored lights, the UFO was quite bright, or as Mr. Body put it: "...about 400 or 500 times the brilliance of an ordinary star." (94.) One of Mr. Body's children, Pat, a 19-year-old science student, insisted the object was: "...saucer-shaped and had three lights flashing on and off in a triangular pattern." (95.)



**"What's going
on?"**

Contemporary cartoon in the Sydney "Sun".

Finally, the UFO moved off, disappearing in the direction of Megalong Valley.

40 phone calls.

According to the next day edition of the Sydney Morning Herald something must have been roaming about in the sky the night before since radio station 2KA received at least 40 phonecalls from Katoomba residents reporting a strange luminous body in the heavens. (96.)

An assistant astronomer at Sydney Observatory, a Mr. W. Robertson, expressed doubt people were seeing an aurora even though such sky displays were common in July. He remarked: "There must be something at Katoomba. I don't think all those people could have had hallucinations." (97.)

18 July. Various locations. Australia.

Third consecutive evening.

No doubt aided by press coverage, saucer excitement swept a large part of Australia on the 18th. Up to 400 people were said to have seen strange lights in the sky. One of the best reports came from a group of six people in Sydney's Hornsby district at 5:45 p.m. According to these people a glowing red and green object was spotted hovering near the Pennant Hills radio tower for 5 minutes. When the object moved away, a very bright yellow exhaust, that turned a brilliant white, was observed. One of the six witnesses, A.G. Farr, a veteran of the Royal Australian Air Force, said the thing wasn't an airplane. (98.)

18 July. NICAP gets its answer from the Secretary's office.

Back on July 10th NICAP offered Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas an "8 point plan of cooperation." On July 18th NICAP found it could not escape the PIO people in Washington since the Secretary's office kicked the "plan" back to subordinates in the PIO section. In a letter dated the 18th, Major Robert H. Spence, Deputy Chief, Operations Branch, Public Information Division, wrote: "We must decline your offer to review and publish Air Force reports on this subject since this has been adequately covered in the Blue Book." (99.) The "Blue Book" was Special Report #14 which even former Air Force UFO Chief E.J. Ruppelt called worthless. That an "updated release" would be any better is doubtful, especially since the Air Force was more worried about the preface than the body of the report.

Keyhoe-led NICAP was not about to give up. The Washington D.C. UFO group merely approached Air Force Chief of Staff, General White, instead of Secretary Douglas. (100.) This meant another wait for a response.

21 July. "I Got A Secret."

NICAP received another big boost when CBS television approached Keyhoe for help in producing a prime-time network show. It seems Garry Moore's "I Got A Secret" wanted guests that knew something about the UFO mystery. Keyhoe made a deal with CBS. In exchange for helping the network, CBS would help promote NICAP. You can't beat exposure like that. (101.) With the odds against them and with practically no money, Keyhoe-led NICAP still managed to present an impressive image to the world.

For Keyhoe, the most memorable moment took place backstage when he ran into E.J. Ruppelt who had flown in from the West Coast. Keyhoe tells us:

"Ruppelt told me some AF officers were angry about his book [The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects], especially his disclosure of the censorship and the secret intelligence conclusion [The 1948 "Estimate of the Situation."] that the UFOs were interplanetary. But he insisted he was not being pressured, though his company had defense contracts." (102.)

21 July. Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

"Uranium refining."

(See clipping to the right)

Another AP dispatch adds: "Uranium refining operations have recently begun in Rhodesia." (103.)

23 July. NICAP gets some respect.
(See clipping)

The Air Force's negative view of Keyhoe and company.

Jacques Vallee interviewed BLUE BOOK scientific adviser J. Allen Hynek:

"VALLEE: What happened in the early days of NICAP? NICAP now [1975] is not very active but in the early days they were. Didn't they put the Air Force under a lot of pressure?

"HYNEK: Oh, well, my impression of NICAP was completely soured and prejudiced, perhaps because I never had any direct contact with them; all I knew about NICAP was through Blue Book and they were painted to me as a bunch of crackpots; Keyhoe was presented as a scoundrel and a mountebank, and all I remember was that, time after time, when Keyhoe seemed to be getting a little ascendancy and calling for congressional investigations, suddenly there was a big flurry at Blue Book, key congressmen were called and told not to pay any attention to him, so there was a real counter-offensive mounted...and after...I wasn't sharp enough to see that this was a highly political move. I really thought then that NICAP was a bunch of nuts." (104.)

23 July. Squire's Corner, Pennsylvania. (5:15 a.m.)

"It made him feel trapped in his car."

The following report was found in BLUE BOOK files evidently taken from the CSI Bulletin (date and number of issue not given). (See article about "low flying disc.")

60 RPM?

1966

KITWE, Northern Rhodesia—(AP)—They're seeing flying saucers again, this time over Central Africa. They are discs, having flaming tails, and go like sixty. Copper miners in six camps in this region claim they have seen 'em. 7-22-57

Afraid the Neighbors Will Laugh? Tell It To Confidential Service for Saucer-Seers

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (NEA) —
You can now report seeing flying saucers without being tagged as the neighborhood nut.

That's one of the several unique services being offered by a new organization called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Another service is that your membership in NICAP will be kept a secret just in case the threat of signing up might start the neighbors talking. Already there are plenty of secret members, although there are some pretty impressive names among members who aren't afraid to have their affiliation made public.

The current yearly dues in this non-profit organization are \$7.50. In addition to offering the choice of anonymity or publicity, the membership package includes a new monthly publication called "The UFO Investigator."

The UFO Investigator, a UFO is the official Pentagon designation for unidentified flying objects, or flying saucers.

The first issue, just off the press, reveals for the first time that a Civil Aeronautics Administration radar operator tracked four UFOs flying over California at speeds up to 3,600 mph last spring. The circumstances were similar to past radar sighting which could not be identified as conventional aircraft.

The magazine promises to keep members up to date on similar future sightings.

The first issue also revealed that the former head of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, Admiral Roscoe H. Hildknöter had become a member of the board of directors of NICAP. Hildknöter recently retired from the Navy and is now with a shipping firm in New York. The CIA, which he headed, is the same top intelligence agency.

Another retired admiral, Delmer S. Fahnestock, is a founder of the organization. Fahnestock is a pioneer of guided missile development. Still another member is Maj. Dewey Farnett, a former in-

vestigator of UFO reports for the Air Force. Others include retired generals, an Ivy League college professor, ministers and businessmen.

Donald Keyhoe, a retired Marine major and author of three best-selling flying saucer books, is the director of NICAP and editor of the new magazine. He has made flying saucers a highly profitable career. In the process he has worked up a feud with the Air Force on the subject.

It has been Keyhoe's contention all along that the Air Force has a big plot cooking to keep the real facts on saucers from the public.

"The real mission of NICAP is to get the Air Force to open up its secret files on saucers so that the public can evaluate for itself just what there is to this whole thing," he insists.

A service which Keyhoe and his NICAP offers to members and the public is an impartial evaluation of all saucer sightings. "We will seek to expose the fake, crackpot reports as well as give attention to those which offer new information on the nature of UFOs," Keyhoe says.

He doubts reports of competing writers who claimed to have ridden in flying saucers and interviewed passengers from outer space. He says a special NICAP committee will give such claimants lie-detector tests and analyze their reports if they will submit to this.

In offering to keep names of members secret at their request, Keyhoe admits that just an inter-



CONFIDENT: Donald Keyhoe heads new "UFO" group.



"SAUCERS OR ETIENOFNA" This provocative photo of three years ago was made by a Coast Guard photographer at Nahant, Mass., after he saw the strange objects in the sky.

est in flying saucers could make a person the object of ridicule. He says many airline pilots have been ordered not to report any UFO sightings for this reason.

In a statement of personal policy on saucers, published in the first edition of the magazine, Keyhoe says:

"I consider that the evidence

that the UFOs are real and are interplanetary machines is conclusive. But I am making every effort to be neutral in my approach to new evidence.

"The opinions of our special advisors and the board of governors will far outweigh my own personal convictions in final evaluations."

7-23-57

LOW-FLYING DISC FRIGHTENS EARLY MORNING FISHERMAN

Dominick Drago, a beauty-shop operator of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was driving northeast on Route 521 in Warren County, New Jersey, en route to Lake (Sussex County) to fish. It was 5:15 a.m., just before sunrise. He had just passed through Squire's Corner, a little village about three miles north of Blairstown. To the right of the road about a quarter of a mile is White Pond. Drago was driving up a slight grade when he suddenly saw a large greyish oval-shaped object emerge from above a row of trees on the left side of the road some distance ahead. It moved swiftly to his right (northwest to southeast) in a straight, level path at a 15 degree elevation until it passed beyond the right side of the road, when it ascended slightly and made a sweeping counterclockwise U-turn toward the north and back toward the road. Stopping abruptly, it hung motionless in the air to his right, somewhere between the road and White Pond. There it remained as the observer drove past, and it was still there when he lost sight of it.

Its altitude was relatively low—it seemed to Drago to be no more than a few hundred feet away from him. It appeared very much larger than the full moon: by actual comparison with coins, it was similar to a quarter held at arm's length, and tilted toward the observer from a horizontal position. It was a sharply defined solid body, but non-metallic in appearance; its color was grey, "like a dull mist." (Compare with previous report.) Although darker than the brightening dawn sky behind it, the observer was certain that the object had a slight, colorless luminosity. The shape was definitely circular; the bottom flat, or flattish; and the top might have been irregular, although he was uncertain of this detail. He did not see any cylindrical rim, or edge, as on a coin. When the object crossed the road, it presented a full ellipse; while hovering, the visible ellipse appeared narrower, and more pointed at the ends, and at this time it was inclined at a slight angle to the horizontal.

Mr. Drago had the object in view for at least two minutes, but since he was driving, it was not under uninterrupted surveillance. It was still ahead of him, and to the right of the road, when it commenced hovering, but he drove on past and left it behind as fast as possible, for he was alarmed by its sudden appearance and peculiar behavior. ("Nothing ever scared me before," he remarked to us, adding that, uncertain as to what it might do next, it made him feel "trapped" in his car.) He finally lost sight of the object when the car passed under a bank of trees further along the road.

Mr. Drago was interviewed in his home on Sept. 2nd by Ted Bloecher, Lex Nebane, Ivan Sanderson and Stefan Santesson; we have Chester Ehrle to thank for bringing the report to our attention. All the interviewers felt that Mr. Drago was a thoroughly trustworthy witness and that he gave a straightforward and unembroidered account of what he had seen.

23-24 July. Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

"Star-like" bodies. (See below) (105.) (Also see map on page 69)

23 July, 1957 Oakville, Ontario. Patrons at an Oakville drive-in theatre sighted three mysterious objects flying overhead against the star-studded sky. Robert Guertin and Richard Beresford, both of Oakville, were watching the movie when Guertin's eye was attracted to a light moving across the sky. "I glanced up", he said "and I saw three light bluish lights flying in a westerly direction". Guertin said he called Beresford's attention to them. "As we watched, they made a lazy turn to the south", he continued. "We told a man and his wife sitting in the next car and they saw them also".

The group watched the objects until they flew from sight. Guertin, a former Air Cadet with ground observer training, estimated the saucers were flying at 50,000 feet. "It took them about 2 minutes to cross the sky," he added. He estimated their speed at over 5,000 miles an hour.

Beresford said he had read many accounts of flying saucers, "but this was the first time I have ever seen them. It gives you quite a jolt."

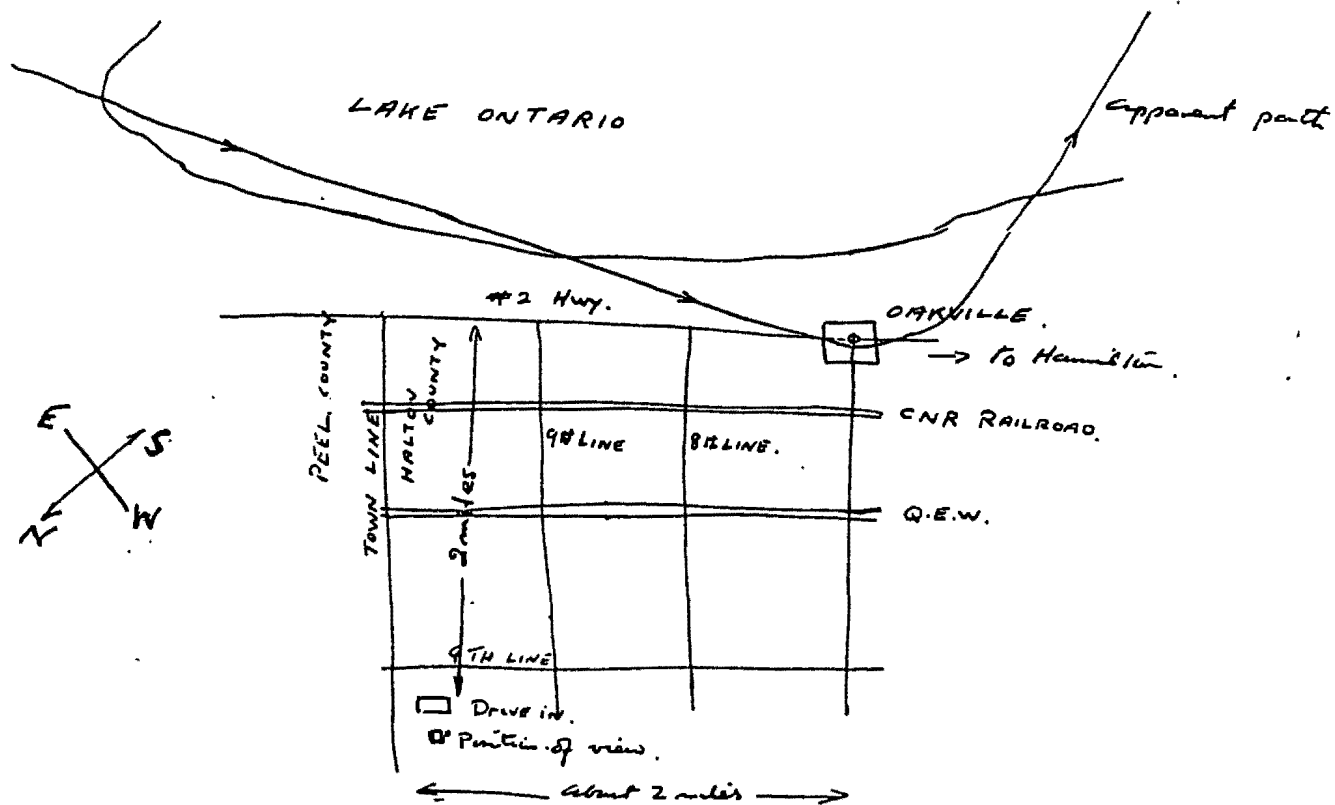
24 July, 1957. Oakville, Ontario. Oakville police last night were flooded with calls from local residents reporting flying saucers in flight over the town. Police said last night's calls were received in number at various times during the evening reporting objects at vast altitude. They said the objects were a light, blue-white in colour, and resembling a star. Attention was called to the objects by a whirring sound. Some reports said only one object was sighted, others said two and three. This reporter's wife saw two of the objects flying westbound over Oakville about 11 p.m. She said she had been sitting in the kitchen when she heard a whirring noise. "I rushed to the front porch and looking straight up, saw two flying, one behind the other," she said.

24 July. Between Las Cruces, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

A Mr. Wagner and his entire family observed a speeding object while driving to El Paso. The thing exhibited tremendous velocity as it shot toward the Oregon Mountains, going so fast the shape of the object could not be made out. By the time Mr. Wagner stopped his car to get a good look, the UFO was gone. The UFO was in sight about 1 minute. Mr. Wagner felt he may have seen one of those flying saucer things, but in any case, the object wasn't a missile from White Sands because Mr. Wagner would have been able to tell we assume. He was the missile flight safety chief for the White Sands Proving Ground. (106.)

24 July. "I don't want to start a scare."

When discussing his UFO sighting with the El Paso Times, Mr. Wagner made some remark about the number of strange near collisions reported in recent months involving airliners and unidentified flying bodies. Said Wagner: "I don't want to start a scare, but I would say it is a reasonable position to take to say that such a craft might have been involved in some accidents." (107.)



24 July. Auckland, New Zealand. (10:00 a.m.)

A New Zealand UFO group tells us:

"Mr. John Bryce, 5 Gladstone Road, is firmly convinced he has sighted a 'UFO.' At a little after 10 a.m. he spotted a bright silvery disc stationary in the sky over Devonport. Mr. Joyce, a telegram dispatcher, was standing on the corner of Kitchener and Princess Streets (just above Grand Hotel) when he spotted the object. The object was very clearly defined and was oval in shape. Suddenly, as he watched, the object appeared to speed directly away and ascend rather steeply into the sky and shortly disappeared. No corroborative reports received." (108.)

25 July. Niagara Falls, New York.

"Probable balloon?"

Witnesses to this sighting were 1st Lt. Robert S. Hopkings of the Fighter Interceptor Squadron and S/Sgt. Raymond C. Henry of the same organization. Both were rated as good observers. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (109.)

25 July. North Havre, Montana.

"Followed zig-zag path." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (110.)

25 July. Oregon City, Oregon. (12:35 p.m.)

A flying saucer? According to a press account:

"Tax appraisers Brad Woodward and Carl Pollack sighted a silver dollar-shaped object at a 45 degree angle to them through a moving car windshield at 12:35 p.m. The UFO nearly blinded the two men as it silently but rapidly sped across the sky, disappearing from view out of the right-hand corner of the windshield. Both witnesses agreed that the 'object appeared to be spinning and was tilted at a slight angle.'" (111.)

25 July. Huangshi, Peoples Republic of China.

Strange sounds and a UFO.

Chinese-American UFO researcher Paul Dong uncovered this report:

"At 04:00 on 25 July 1957, when Lu Nogzhu and other workers of the metalworking shop of Xialu Iron and Steel Works, Huangshi City, were having a rest in the morning at the door of the 2nd steel rolling workshop, Daye Steel Plant, they suddenly heard a humming sound in the sky. Then they saw a bright spot in the star-lit sky in the southwest. It was moving at high speed and grew bigger as it came nearer, and the humming sound became a sharp whistling noise when it flew overhead. The flying object had the shape of a circular plate, rotated rapidly, and emitted a dazzling white light. It flew in a huge semi-circle, leaving a white trail behind it. Then it flew away to the east, diminished into a tiny white spot, and vanished into the eastern sky. The sighting lasted 2 to 3 minutes. The altitude of the object was estimated at 1,000 meters, and the whistling was louder than a jet plane. The witnesses were terribly scared. (112.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 July 1957	2. LOCATION Niagara Falls, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0025 hrs (EST) GMT 25/0825Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Pilot & Crew		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 8 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE maneuvered radically SW to NE	☐ Other XXXXXXXXXX ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A circular brilliant white object with pale green smaller lights around its perimeter. Object appeared to move slowly at constant altitude then made fast pivoting turns and disappeared in a fast steep climb. Total sighting 8 minutes. Radar portion 3 minutes.		11. COMMENTS XXXXXXXXXX PROBABLE Balloon	

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 July 1957		2. LOCATION North Havre, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual RX ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE E to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round bright silver object the size of a dime at arm's length. Object moved fm east to north and was seen for four minutes. Followed zig zag path.				11. COMMENTS Description, duration, flight path, indicate that this sighting was probably caused by an a/c.	

26 July. San Antonio, Texas.

UFOs or aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (113.)

26 July. Davidson gets "all current information." (See letter)

27 July. English sighting day a washout.

An international Flying Saucer Sighting Day was scheduled for July 27th. UFO enthusiasts throughout the British Isles tried to do their bit but unseasonable bad weather ruined the effort. One large group gathered at Box Hill in Surrey under the directorship of Charles Longeroft, head observer of the "International UFO Observer Corps." The sky was overcast there, as it was at every other manned vantage point in the country.

28 July. Amarillo, Texas.

"Appeared to be fighting each other."

What may have been the first indication of a dramatic increase of UFO activity over the American heartland took place on the 28th:

"On Sunday July 28 between midnight and 12:30 a.m. what appeared to be a star began to move, then a larger bright object came into view. They were bluish-green in the center and white around the edges. They appeared to be fighting each other with bright lights shooting out from the objects. Also, the southwest, about 9 to 13 more bright objects were seen traveling south in formation. The previous two objects joined the squadron and continued moving south. The witness stopped watching at 1:05 a.m." (114.)

29 July. Winnipeg, Canada. (Evening)

"Shades of Flash Gordon. The moon people are back."

Further evidence that a southern shift was taking place was word from Winnipeg. Reporter Julian Hayashi, writing for the Winnipeg Tribune, wrote:

"Shades of Flash Gordon. The moon people are back.

"Mysterious formations of moving lights in the sky were observed by dozens of south Winnipeg residents late Monday night and the meteorological station here was flooded with calls.

"One Fort Rouge resident said he saw two flights, four objects in each coming from the north at high altitude and moving rapidly.

"The objects in the first flight, giving off a steady yellow light passed overhead at about 11:10 p.m.

"However one broke the rules.

"Instead of moving south with the rest of the pack, it reversed course and headed north in a wide circle turn towards the city. It then went east and then due south at high speed.

"The Fort Rouge caller said others had seen the objects.

"How many?

"Well his wife and 12 children had also observed them.

"The public weather forecaster in Winnipeg said Monday night that several people had phoned reporting the presence of four lights flying in formation.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 1957 29/0250Z		2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. PHOTO ☐ Yes ☒ No		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS six		9. COURSE S to SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six objects round, size of quarter, orange lights - 3 in "V" formation, 3 strung out behind. Objects passed out of sight in one minute.				11. COMMENTS Extensive flying in area by TAC. Case evaluated as a/c.	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

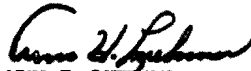
JUL 26 1957

I am pleased to inform you that you have received all the current information available within the Department of Defense concerning UFOs.

As a result of a scientific analysis of future reports of Unidentified Flying Objects reveals new pertinent information which may be made public without risk to the nation's security, we will release this information for publication immediately.

I trust this letter is satisfactory for your needs.

Sincerely,



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Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Information Services

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White Plains, New York

'To top it off, he said that he too had seen one at about 3,000 feet.

'He was a bit reluctant in saying that this was a jet and said it gave a steady light. He didn't hear any sounds because of the airport noise and said one telephone informant had also seen the object but could hear no sound.

'They could not be weather balloons the forecaster said because their flight would be governed by the air currents moving independently and not at uniform rates of speed like jet aircraft.

'The air traffic control tower at Stevenson airfield said Monday night there was 'quite a bit' of jet traffic at 3,000 to 30,000 feet altitudes at the time of the mysterious formations. These were engaged in routine night training flights and their lights are turned on to blink or remain steady.

'These aircraft use Winnipeg as a turning point during the night flights.

'One young woman when asked by the Tribune if she believed in flying saucers said: 'if you saw the strange lights I did its hard to disbelieve." (115.)

29 July. Cleveland, Ohio.

Flight 841 chases unidentified object. (See message below) (116.)

DEPT. OF DEFENSE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC
UNCLASSIFIED/INT-7-954. UFOB REPORT. 1/ ROUND SHAPE, NO ESTIMATE
COULD BE MADE AS TO SIZE OF OBJECT OTHER THAN LARGE, COLOR
YELLOWISH WHITE, ONE OBJECT, NO SOUND, OBJECT EXTREMELY FAST,
OBJECT APPEARED BRILLIANT THEN WENT TO DIM AND BACK TO BRILLIANT.
2, OBJECT HOVERED OVER CLEVELAND THEN MOVED NORTHWEST FROM
CLEVELAND OHIO, ALTITUDE 20 ANGELS, IN SIGHT 8 MINUTES. 3/
VISUAL SIGHTING FROM AIRCRAFT, CAPITAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 841.
4/ 0431Z, 30 JUL 1957, NIGHT. 5/ AIRCRAFT NEAR CLEVELAND OHIO.
6/ CAPITAL AIRLINES PILOT [REDACTED], CO-PILOT [REDACTED].

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7/ CLEAR. 8/ NEG. 9/ NEG. 10. CAPITAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 841 IN AREA,

PILOTS REPORT OBJECT CAME FROM NORTH AND PASSED IN FRONT OF AIRCRAFT ABOUT 40-50 MILES OUT. AIRCRAFT THEN CHASED OBJECT BUT IT SPED AHEAD OF THEM AND DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZON ON A HEADING NORTH WEST OF AKRON OHIO. BOTH PILOTS WERE SURE OBJECT WAS NOT A STAR OR JET. 11. 15 [REDACTED], INT OFFICER. 12. NEG.

BT

38/1540Z JUL RJEDW

30 July. SW of Bakersfield, California. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (117.)

30 July. Santa Maria, California. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (118.)

30 July. Wilmington, Delaware. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (119.)

30 July. Near Rockford, Michigan. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (120.)

30 July. Galt, Canada. (10:30 a.m.)

"Flying saucer lands?"

Fifteen-year-old Jack Stephens of Galt, Canada, was walking with his dog Tex at 10:30 in the morning of July 30th. Often the boy would ride his bike by the Paris highway, but on other occasions Jack left his bike at home and took a shortcut across the fields. Jack and his canine companion were about four miles southwest of Galt walking on the property of farmer G.S. Knapp. Jack stopped by a tree to catch his breath. (121.)

The young fellow looked out on an expanse of plowed clay loam mixed with with corn stubble. Beyond that was a bush-bordered grassy plot. To either side of the grassy area were two large ponds. (See map) (122.) In the background was a high voltage power line.

Jack wasn't sure what made him tilt his head up, but he spotted a fast moving point of light in the sky. As the point of light grew in size, the boy believed he was watching an airplane approach, but within moments he became aware the shape was wrong, what's more, he heard a queer sound, a throbbing humm. (123.)

The thing came toward him and then stopped in the air above the little clearing of grass, a distance of about 300 yards. Once the object was stationary, Jack could make out some detail. The source of the light was the rays of the sun reflecting off what appeared to be a metal surface of a spinning, round machine, a craft perhaps 30 or more feet in diameter and 12 feet high. The thing had a small, chrome-colored dome and a sloping skirt with vertical lines. Along the bottom edge of the skirt was a row

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 30 July 1957	2. LOCATION SW of Bakersfield, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 31/03:5Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PROBES 87m 22m	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unk	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING three objects, round, size of basket-ball, color orange & pink, in triangular pattern, obj moved straight up.		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for analysis.	

FORM 10073 (REV 10 SEP 57)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 20 July 1957		2. LOCATION Santa Maria, Calif		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP GMT 31/0300 to 0320y		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE 1st North then South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six objects, round size of basket-ball, color red, flying in straight line. Objects described as 6 balls of fire. Faded in fog.		11. COMMENTS Objects were reported sighted near or in a fog bank, west of the observer. Sunset may possibly have caused an illusion of "red balls of fire" within the fog bank. Conditions conducive to mirage present.			

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 10 July 1957 GMT 30/1657Z		2. LOCATION Wilmington, Delaware		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		4. SOURCE Civilian			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		7. COURSE not given	
8. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, viewed at an angle that appeared to be tilted giving object oval shape. Dull silver, size of silver dollar. Color grew more intense as it flew away, appeared to grow brighter.			9. COMMENTS Flight path, azimuth or elevation of object not given. Cannot evaluate without this information.		

ATTC FORM 370 (REV 16 SEP 57)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 1 JULY 1957 0100Z 30/0500Z	2. LOCATION 2 Mi E of Rockford, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Aurora Borealis</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. PHOTO ☐ Yes ☒ No	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes	6. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE 2 in West 1 in NE	
7. SOURCE Civilian			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, size of walnut, changing colors from red, green, yellow leaving small red exhaust upon movement. Remained stationary then moved in a bobbing motion.		11. COMMENTS Description indicates aurora borealis is observed throughout U.S. from August 26 on.	

AFIC FORM 123 (REV 26 SEP 57)

of glowing ports, or what seemed to be port-like openings. (See drawing by Jack) (124.) (125.)

The "machine" dropped slowly toward the ground. Jack could not be sure the thing actually touched the earth since some tall grass screened his view. (126.) Just before the craft set down, Jack saw a "red glow" come out from the bottom. (127.) No door was visible. (128.) At no time did any "beings" appear, which was fine with Jack because he was so frightened he couldn't move a muscle. He stayed rooted to the spot for about 45 minutes. (129.) His dog Tex sensed something was wrong and barked, whined, and growled. (130.) Eventually the craft rose in the air, not straight up, but at a 45 degree angle. After clearing the power line, the object was surrounded by a bright orange aura which seemed to rotate around the craft. Shrouded in the colorful luminosity, the UFO zoomed away to the west. (131.)

Once the craft had left, Jack rushed home but he was so shook up he said nothing. (132.)

31 July. Galt. The day after.

The following day Jack lost most of his fear: "I got to wondering about the saucer. My eyes are as good as anybody's. I wanted to make sure I wasn't seeing things." (133.) Jack returned to the scene with a friend, a Harold Milroy. (134.) We have no details on this visit. That may, or may not be important. There would be more visits in the days to come.

The Galt story, surprisingly, was just beginning.

31 July. The Air Defense Command cuts back.

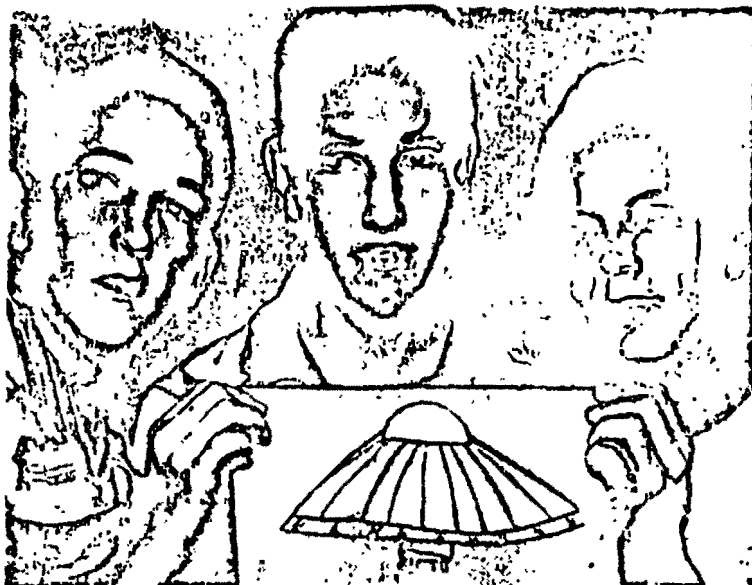
On the last day of the month BLUE BOOK chief Captain Gregory was called to the phone. The Air Defense Command was on the line and they had some bad news. This requires some explanation.

The fact that a special military unit, the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron (AISS), was enrolled to investigate UFO reports suggested to some that the move had something to do with crashed discs. Official records, or at least declassified ones, do not indicate this.

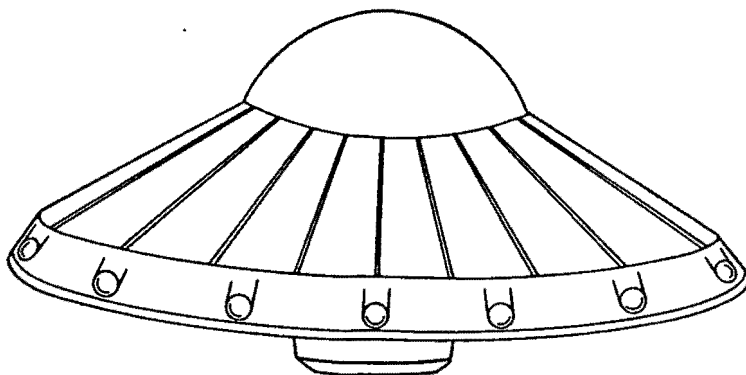
According to available documents from the ADC's 4602nd unit history file, the unit was made up of a number of quick reaction teams stationed at strategic locations in the U.S. to enable them to rush to the site of any downed enemy aircraft. The teams were to examine wreckage, recover documents for analysis, and interrogate captive airmen. The training given members of the 4602nd involved knowledge of the military capabilities of the Soviet Union and its satellites. Nothing in the declassified records indicate any training for an encounter with alien artifacts and cultures. No scientists were assigned to the teams nor was there any indication allowances were made for special advisors.

Records do show a great concern about a possible Soviet air assault on North America. Apparently air defense concerns (As discussed during the January 1953 CIA UFO panel) prompted the Air Defense Command to: "...keep current and maintain records on ATIC [BLUE BOOK] evaluations as well as to undertake a preliminary ADC evaluation." (135.) This effort was launched in mid-1952. (136.) There is no mention in the ADC/4602nd records of the significance of that time period but it was in the middle of the huge summer UFO wave when ADC's detection and interception system was overwhelmed.

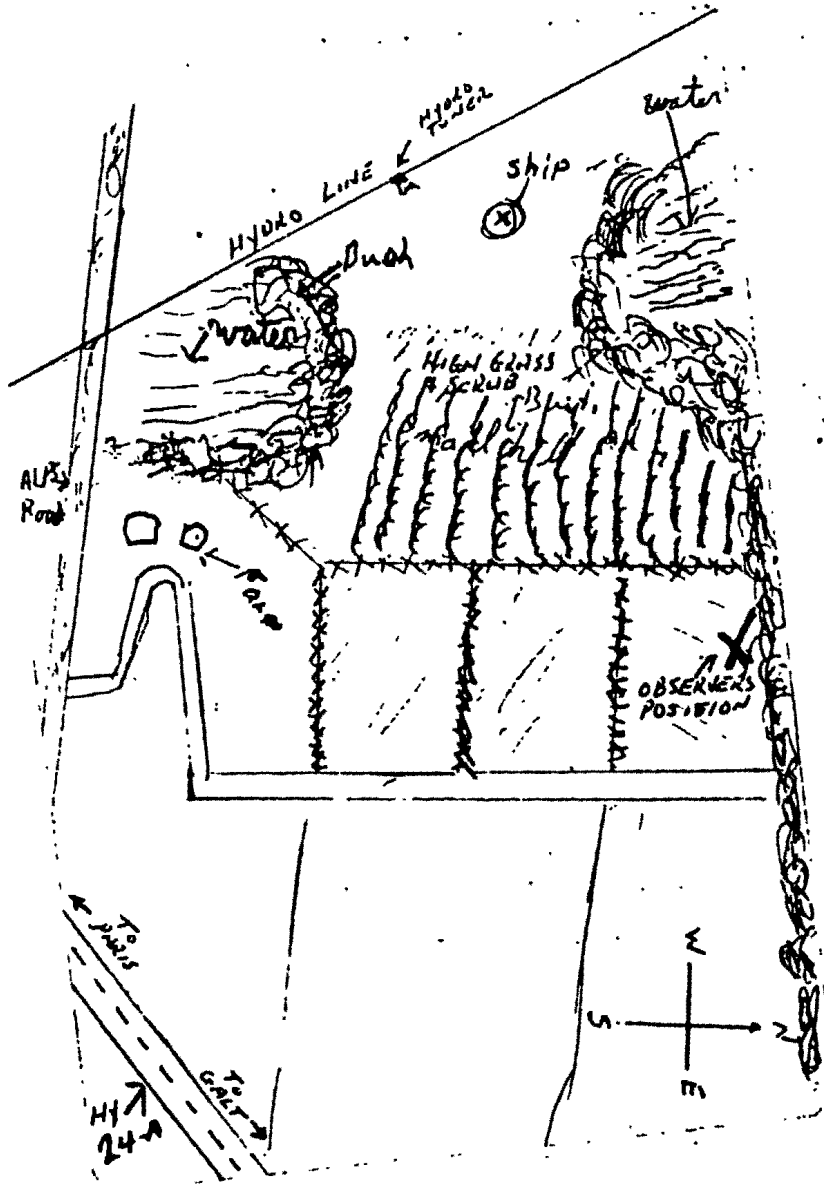
GIANT PRINTS PRESSED INTO EARTH AT SCENE WHERE BOY CLAIMS SAUCER LANDED



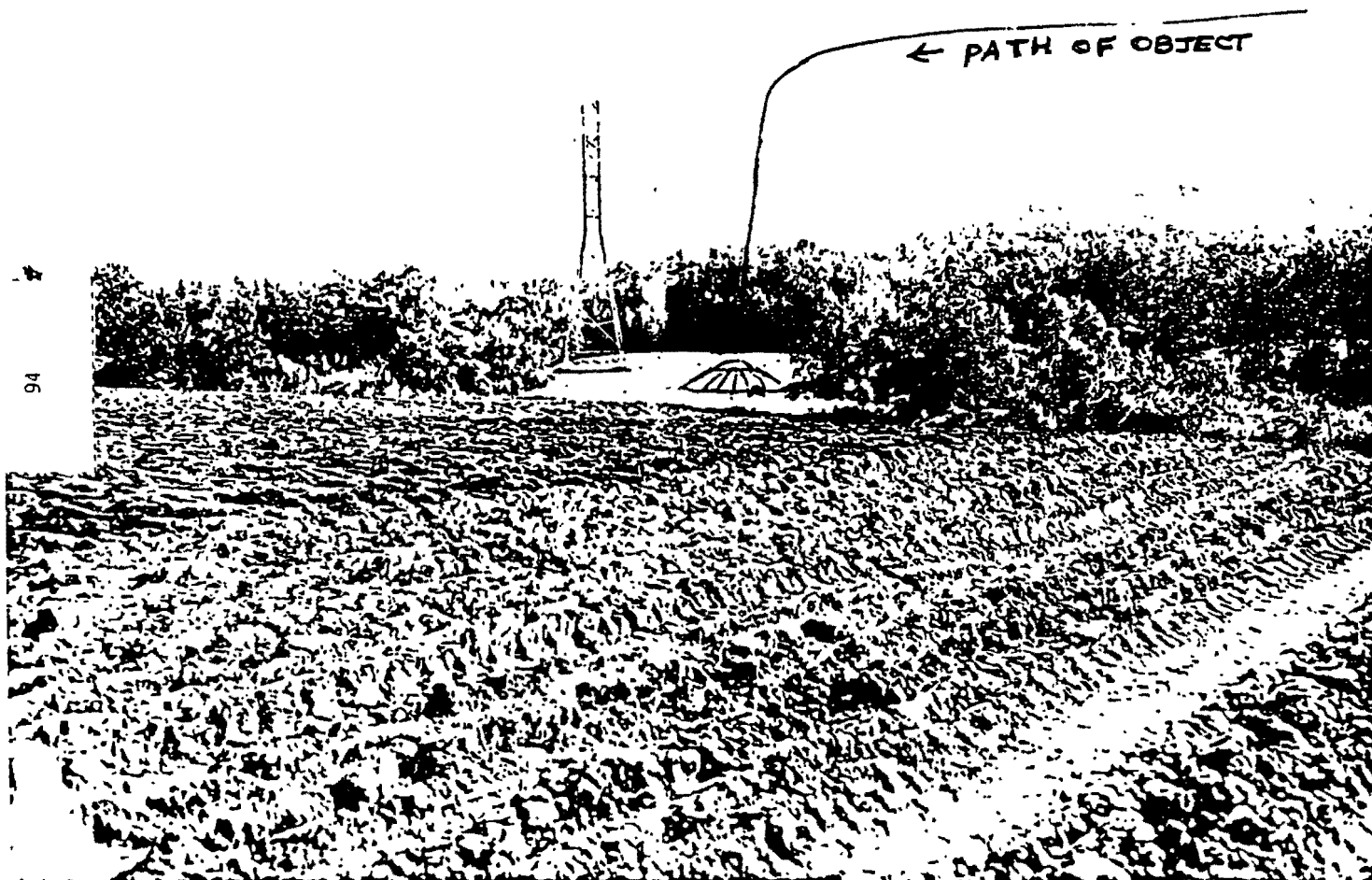
Jack Stephens (centre) who says he watched a round silver-covered object hover for 40 minutes before landing, shows a sketch of what he saw to chums Jerry Pawelko (left) and Danny Oliver. He said the saucer was about 35 feet in diameter and had a turret and portholes.



Top: Original sketch by witness. Bottom: A cleaned up version of the sketch found in a Gray Barker article.
No one seems to have noticed that Jack's description of the UFO bears a similarity to the flying saucers in Columbia Pictures 1956 film: The Earth Versus The Flying Saucers.



Galt - "landing" area.



Galt - Photo of "landing" area.

ADC assigned its Air Technical Capabilities Division to keep records and do some evaluations but it wasn't up to the job. The effort proved to be: "...time consuming and tended to be superficial in its significance." (137.) It was then suggested some kind of partnership with BLUE BOOK could be mutually beneficial, so on December 4, 1953, the ADC arranged for the 4602nd to do preliminary UFO investigations for BLUE BOOK:

"The proposed realignment of functions relating to UFOBs is to relieve ATIC of the burden for preliminary screening out of the great bulk of reports which are either too fragmentary to be evaluated or are explainable by known activities or phenomena. ATIC will necessarily continue to be concerned with the technical and scientific analysis of those reports which defy explanation by known facts." (138.)

Even though the 4602nd made no final evaluations, BLUE BOOK provided some guidance on the cause of UFO reports, blasting the ET hypothesis by blaming such an idea on a "Buck Rogers Trama" and/or "Cold War tensions." (139.)

Even BLUE BOOK's view of UFO history was curious and apparently tailored for the 4602nd:

"The first recorded instance of genuine UFOBs occurred in 1948 with the appearance of the 'Flying Saucer' in different parts of the world, including the Soviet Union and its satellites." (140.)

This statement raises a number of questions. What exactly did BLUE BOOK mean by a "genuine" UFO? Why did BLUE BOOK ignore the huge flying saucer flap of 1947? Why did BLUE BOOK so readily admit the UFO phenomenon was world-wide when publicly it was so reluctant to do so? To carry the last question further, wasn't it odd to say foreigners were making UFO reports when a great many witnesses outside the U.S. did not have the slightest idea who "Buck Rogers" was, or give a hoot who was winning the struggle between Capitalism and Communism? And in regards to UFO reports in the Soviet Union and its satellites in 1948, there are very few in BLUE BOOK files (and private collections of UFO data) and just how the U.S. military could properly investigate such stories originating from behind the Iron Curtain so they could determine them "genuine" is hard to imagine since they were not doing such a hot job with domestic cases. The aforementioned BLUE BOOK UFO history statement was authored in 1955 which meant they had plenty of experience and information available to form a judgement.

The phone call.

The previously mentioned phone call on July 31, 1957, from the Air Defence Command to Captain Gregory informed the BLUE BOOK chief the 4602nd had to cut back on its contributions to UFO investigations because of the lack of funding (Advances in technology must have played a role since long range missiles tipped with nuclear warheads had now all but replaced the manned bomber as a strategic weapon). (141.)

Back on July 1, 1957, Headquarters USAF, Washington D.C. had sent a message to 21 all Commands that recognized the: "...economy of utilizing personnel nearest site of observation to perform preliminary investigation...[and that they should coordinate any requirements for technical follow-up with ATIC." (142.)

A memo routing slip found in BLUE BOOK files tells of Captain Gregory's disappointment:

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