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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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flying saucer wave.

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The flap continues. The Air Force "strikes back."

13 November. Wednesday.

"Just seeing things."

Wednesday morning was quiet UFO-wise. For many hours only a report of a shiny object hovering above Lubbock, Texas, came in. Most people blamed the sighting on an innocent balloon and they were probably right. (1.)

Was the UFO wave over?

There was something of consequence on the news wire but it was not a UFO report:

"Albuquerque (AP) --U.S. Senator Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM) says he thinks 'imagination' accounts for the current rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects.

"Anderson is alternate chairman of the Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

"'People are just seeing things,' he says." (2.)

Senator Anderson should check with his security people guarding his Pantex, Texas, nuclear facility!

13 November. Somewhere between Oneida and Wampsville, New York. (7:30 p.m.)

As the afternoon turned into evening the UFO wave showed signs of life again. An executive of an automotive company who was based at a regional office in the city of Canastota apparently did not know what else to do so he phoned the FBI office in Albany. His wife, it seems, had seen a "flying saucer." The FBI, in turn, advised the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations at Griffiss Air Force Base. The Bureau sent a message, which said in part:

"He stated that his wife is a very level headed individual, had not been drinking, and that he had no reason to believe that she did not see the object she described as a flying saucer.

"Mr. (... deleted by the military) put his wife on the telephone and she advised that at about 7:30 p.m., on November 13, 1957, while she was returning from Oneida to Wampsville, New York, she had seen in the distance a flying object which she described as the size of a dinner plate. She stated that she saw this object approximately two miles in the distance and that this object was moving up and down, and from right to the left and from the left to the right.

"She stated that this object was moving very fast. She advised that when she came closer to this object, it disappeared in a white flash. She could furnish no other information concerning this object." (3.)

13 November. Las Vegas, Nevada. (9:30 p.m.)

"I don't see how it could have been an airplane."

A strange light flooded the bedroom of a woman in Las Vegas. (See clipping on the following page)

13 November. Near Milford, New Zealand. (11:20 p.m.)

"The experts won't talk me into that."

At the southern tip of New Zealand a mystery light alarmed two men:

"Two men who saw a strange flying light over a lonely stretch of the Eglinton Valley late on Wednesday night say it was both propelled and controlled.

"Mr. E.R. Robinson, a patrol officer for the Automobile Association (Southland), said today he was driving down the valley in a van with Mr. L. Israelson, a cook from the Milford Hostel, when the light first appeared.

"It came round the shoulder of a hill and flew off over the hill towards the coast."

"We climbed back into the van and were about to drive off when we saw it again. After we had watched it for some time it moved off at terrific speed, climbing at an angle of about 45 degrees over the hills. We watched it altogether for between five and eight minutes."

"Mr. Robinson is definite on two particular points: The object was no ordinary aircraft and it was no star or trick of the weather.

"The experts won't talk me into that," he said.

"He described the object as being like a big flaming Tilley Lamp. He and his companion estimated its height at about 500 feet. They made this estimate by judging the object's height in comparison with the height of the nearby hills.

"It was definitely down in the valley below the height of the hills. It did not make a sound but there was a haze on the top of the trees where its light shone."

"The two men were about 31 miles on the Milford side of Te Anau when the object appeared. The time was 11:20 p.m. and the night was dark and cloudy.

"I don't mind admitting I was't feeling too happy when it was heading straight towards us," said Mr. Robinson.

"Asked why he considered it was both propelled and controlled, he said that it moved in two directions while they were watching and climbed away at quite a steep angle.

"Before Wednesday night Mr. Israelson didn't believe in these spaceship and flying saucer stories. But now...well, he's not so sure," said Mr. Robinson." (4.)

NLV Woman 'Scared' By Bright Light

An "unidentified flying object" reported over the McCarran Field area south of Las Vegas about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday was witnessed by at least two North Las Vegasans.

However, CAA control tower personnel, who were alerted to the "lighted object" by two pilots of different airlines, failed to see anything unusual.

Mrs. Mary Tidwell, 2221 Carroll St., North Las Vegas, told the Review-Journal Thursday that at about that time she was awakened by a whirling noise over her house, the strange air craft blazing with light that lit up her bedroom like day.

"I don't see how it could have been an airplane, not even a Nellis jet," she said, adding that the thing scared the daylights out of her. She awakened her husband who also verified observing the bright light of the object.

Ralph Calkins, CAA tower controller at McCarran, said he and his partner scanned the sky all around the airport but failed to see anything.

"There is probably an explanation for whatever it was they (the two airlines pilots) saw, for they are competent pilots and when any pilot reports he has seen something, you can be sure he isn't imagining something," Calkins added. However, Calkins said that Las Vegas, with all its neon, often confuses pilots and even tower personnel at night due to light reflections, etc.

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14 November. Thursday.

14 November. Pulaski, Wisconsin. (about 2:30 a.m.)

Animals panic. Dazzling beam of light sweeps countryside.

Our source states:

"At about 2:30 a.m. on November 14, Miss Rosemary Karcz, living on the outskirts of Pulaski, Wisconsin, was awakened by her dog 'Skipper' nuzzling her and whining. She went to the window, 'Skipper' impeding her progress with his fearful actions,' and was terror-stricken to see an immense top-shaped object hovering in the sky not more than half a mile away. Tilted toward her so that its underside was not visible, it appeared about 200 feet in diameter. It showed three horizontal slots which emitted a red-orange light; from the central one, a dazzling blue-white gleam was being swept across the countryside.

"'I've never seen such a light,' said Miss Karcz --- 'it was blinding!' Everything was lit up as bright as day, and the metal roof of a barn, wet with a drizzling rain that was falling, 'sparkled like a diamond.' She could hear the neighbor's pigs 'carrying on something awful --- squealing and rushing about in their shelter like mad,' and Skipper was shaking with terror. After a few minutes the saucer slipped upward silently and within a couple of seconds had disappeared into the low rain clouds. No other witnesses could be found." (5.)

14 November. Johnson Air Base, Japan. (6:15 a.m.)

Fast climbing "cloud." (See BLUE BOOK file card) (6.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 November 1957		2. LOCATION Johnson Air Base, Japan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>cloud</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0615 dawn</u> GMT <u>13/2115Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shaped like a fountain pen, with ends tapering to a dull point. Size compared to a 9 inch pencil. Pale yellow or white color compared to light given by the moon during daylight. Long thin tail, longer and thinner than object and not as bright. Hovered then climbed out of sight in 10-13 seconds. <i>poss. type II sighting check carefully original documents.</i>			11. COMMENTS Observer had initial impression of cloud--disappearance and light reflection giving cause to report. Disappearance due to dissipation. Object probably a cloud formation.		

14 November. Tamaroa, Illinois. (11:45 a.m.)

Can UFOs cause power outages? (See clipping)

Sees Something With 'Tail' That Put Lights Out

Tamaroa, Ill., Nov. 15.—#—Mrs. John Riead, wife of the justice of peace in this southern Illinois town, said yesterday she heard a "sputtering noise" like someone pulling into the driveway."

Then, she said, there appeared above the trees bordering U. S. 51 a bright object, moon-shaped. Mrs. Riead said it had "a sort of a tail or ray extending down from it as it moved along."

The object was accompanied by five or six loud booms and three brilliant flashes, she said, and then the lights in her home went out. Power failure was reported between Tamaroa and nearby Dubois.

Richard Taylor said he counted the lights going off and on five times in his office.

H. D. Heath, district manager of the Illinois Power company, said he could find nothing technically wrong with the circuits in the area.

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14 November. (night?)

Responded to signal?

"Backed up in mid air."

PASSENGER SAW IT, TOO

Flying Saucer Blinked at Him, Pilot Reports.

By a Times Correspondent
BANNING, Nov. 25 — A saucer-shaped object which winked back to signal lights of a small private plane on a flight near the Little San Bernardino Mountains was described here today by a veteran pilot.

Gene Miller, manager of the Banning Municipal Airport, said he sighted the object last Nov. 14 while flying with a passenger from Phoenix to Banning.

The object appeared as a "globe of white light" traveling only about 50 m.p.h., Miller said. Miller said he first thought it was an airliner and flipped on his landing lights two times as a recognition signal.

The "white globe" went out two times in apparent acknowledgment, Miller said.

He said the object appeared

to be about six m's away from his plane. It reached to within a mile of his plane before Miller again flashed his landing lights three times. The object, he said, again blinked three times and "suddenly backed up in mid-air."

Miller said he did not believe the object was another plane. His report was confirmed by his passenger, Dr. Leslie Ward, Redlands physician.

The airport manager said he had been reluctant to make any announcement of the incident because it might subject him to ridicule. He is a former Army Air Force instructor and air freight pilot.

Los Angeles Times

14 November. Space and UFOs. Ex-CIA chief speaks out.

NICAP board member Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter favors space exploration and says such efforts could help explain UFOs. (See clipping)

14 November. NICAP gets commitments.

With people like Hillenkoetter speaking out, Keyhoe found it easier to obtain the cooperation of other individuals. The NICAP director wanted impressive UFO witnesses to go public. Keyhoe wrote:

"By November 14th we had three definite commitments.

"Several other important witnesses had made conditional agreements, like the first man I had approached. All that remained was to compress the sightings and joint statement into a press release and get it approved. I was convinced it would lead to a breakthrough." (7.)

The Air Force strikes back.

14 November. Keyhoe at home. (evening)

The pressure on the military was intense. Lou Corbin, Keyhoe's colleague, found out that the rumor making the rounds was true. It was said that the Air Force was issuing a new, and even stronger, anti-UFO press release. Corbin had learned of the contents the evening of November 14th. Shocked, Corbin immediately phoned Keyhoe who was at home working on his plans for Congressional hearings, the witness commitments playing a key role. Immersed in this paperwork, Keyhoe was interrupted by Corbin's phonecall. Keyhoe remembered well Corbin's angry voice. Corbin speaks first in the following exchange:

"Well, they've done it again! Of all the idiotic explanations---"

"What are you talking about?"

"This new Air Force brush-off. It just came over the wires. They picked out five recent sightings and then tore them down. They called the Stokes report a hoax inspired by the Levelland case. Then they made fools out of the Coast Guardsmen---"

"How?"

"Said the Sebago radarmen got confused --mistook ordinary plane blips for a UFO."

"What about the men on deck who actually saw the thing?"

"Oh, they steered clear of that --didn't mention it."

"Lou, the Coast Guard will never stand for that."

"Unless they've been shut up. And listen to this. In the White Sands cases, they even changed the witnesses from MP's in jeeps to plane crews circling the area. Then they say the UFOs they reported were only astronomical effects..." (8.)

Keyhoe was stunned. NICAP had little chance as it was taking on the powerful military, but when the Air Force "changed the facts" to suit its version of reality, who was going to believe a small civilian UFO group? What good was a NICAP press release now?

Corbin continued by saying:

"The Levelland explanation is the most outlandish of all. The Air Force says that the huge UFO was, quote: 'A natural electrical phenomenon called ball lightning or St. Elmo's fire.'

Earth Satellites May Well Solve Puzzle Of Mysterious Reports On Flying Saucers

**Former U. S. CIA Chief
Gives Views in Wake
of Two Sputniks**

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Man's invasion of space should produce a solution to the intriguing mystery of the nature of unidentified flying objects — the UFOs which have turned up again in the wake of Russia's two Sputniks.

This is the belief of the former head of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter.

"Satellite and space exploration programs should give us new valuable information on UFOs affording definite evidence as to their reality," he says, "and this will result because of a tremendous increase in observation of the sky by radar and telescope tracking systems and by naked eye observations." He adds:

"This will certainly increase the number of detailed UFO reports from trained observers — reports including accurate measurement of courses, speeds, altitudes, maneuvers and sizes and shapes of such objects."

Saucer Expert

Since leaving as boss of the nation's top level intelligence agency, the admiral has made himself one of the best informed flying saucer experts in the country. He is a member of the board of governors of the newly-created National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, with headquarters here.

NICAP's members include some top scientists and prominent citizens attempting to find scientific answers to the saucer mystery. Members of the board also include: J. B. Hartranft, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Dr. Charles A. Maney, professor of astrophysics at Duquesne University; and Rev. Leon C. LeVan of Pittsburgh.

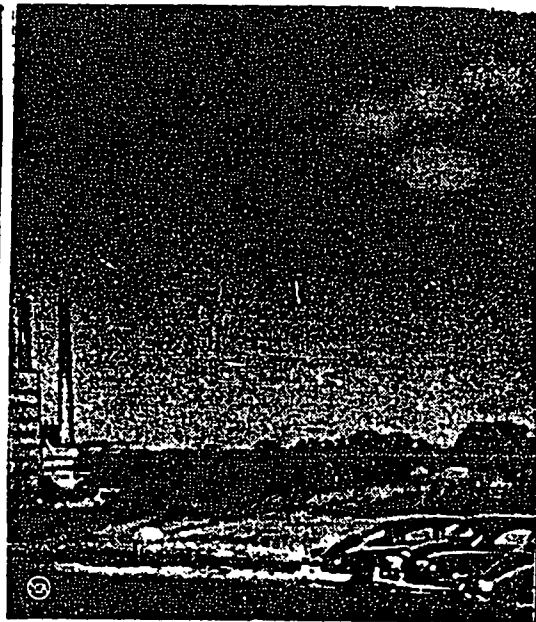
They all agree with Adm. Hillenkoetter that the advent of space exploration could solve the saucer secrets. And Russia's Sputnik has already greatly increased reports of saucer sightings.

Retired Marine Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, NICAP director and well known author on the subject of saucers, reports:

"There are already increases in authentic UFO reports since the Russian satellite drew public attention to the skies. Also spotters of Operation Moonwatch, the U. S. satellite tracking network, have sighted a number of UFOs during tracking practice over wide areas."

AF Pilot

For example, several days after Sputnik's appearance an Air Force jet pilot flying 42,000 feet over



Did somebody else get there first? This photo of "strange objects" dates back to 1952 when it was snapped by a Coast Guard photographer at Salem, Mass.

Washington at night reported to Moonwatch control center officers here that he saw a disk-shaped object flashing across the sky. Moonwatch officials quickly determined that it could not have been Sputnik.

The relay of the pilot's message was not fast enough to try to track whatever the object was. But the reporting procedure is being speeded up so that tracking any reported UFO will be possible in the future.

"The army of amateur and professional astronomers with all kinds of telescopes, which is organized under Moonwatch, is an ideal organization for checking saucer reports," a spokesman says.

AF Maj. Dewey Fournet, previously the Pentagon project officer on UFOs and now a member of the NICAP board, looks to the future when U. S. satellites will be in the skies in great numbers. He says:

"U. S. satellites — especially the larger ones — can be instrumented to detect or photograph UFOs with in their range and transmit details to earth stations."

Maj. Keyhoe elaborates on this idea:

"Russia and the U. S. have announced they are definitely planning several space machines. So

it's quite possible that these first space ships or satellites may encounter other interplanetary machines, manned or otherwise. Our space devices may even be closely approached by such alien machines.

"If this happens our space devices could be equipped to attempt automatic communication by light or signals, or by radio, when near UFOs. Any answer would be automatically relayed to earth, and direct communication could then be established from earth stations by remote control of the communication systems."

Keyhoe also adds:

"Since the U. S. and the Russians are planning moon bases, it is not impossible that a race from some other planet could already have set up such an operating base on the moon."

'But that's crazy --they're two entirely different things. Ball lightning's never been reported over a few inches in diameter. And St. Elmo's fire is a kind of static electricity that sometimes gathers around ship's masts and ---'

'I know--it takes a solid object to cause it. It doesn't go floating around by itself.'

'Or landing and taking off from highways.'

'But that's not the worst of it. Here how they explain the stalled cars, quote: 'Soaked ignition systems might have been caused by the weather producing the St. Elmo's fire.' Now I ask you, what dried the ignition systems so they started up right after the UFO left?'

'And what about the headlights, and the radio trouble? Rainy weather wouldn't cause that.'

'No mention of the CAA or Navy cases?' I asked.

'Not a word. And they kept quiet about Major Blake. But they listed that Kearney, Reinhold Schmidt case] 'contact' story --- said the source was unreliable.'

'Most people didn't believe that, anyway. It must've been dragged in to make the other witnesses look bad.'

'That's obvious,' said Corbin. 'This whole Air Force release implies anybody reporting a UFO is incompetent, deluded, or a liar.'

'Lou, I can't believe the papers will swallow this.'

'Oh, they'll print it --most of them. But plenty of reporters won't believe it, and they'll still be looking for the truth.'"
(9.)

Were reporters interested in the truth?

14 November. Sacramento, California. (5:00-5:30 p.m.)

Jet pursuit? (See clipping below)

Two Report Seeing Brilliant Oval In Sky Chased By Jets

Al Maston, of 5150 Fruitridge Road and Robert Threlkel, of 3257 10th Avenue, have reported they saw a brilliantly lighted oval object hovering in the southern sky between 5 and 5:30 PM yesterday.

Maston and Threlkel, employees of the Sacramento Signal Depot, also said they saw three jet fighter planes which appeared to be in pursuit of the object before it disappeared behind a heavy cloud bank.

Maston said the object was high in the southern sky traveling northeast. Threlkel, he said, was the first to spot the object as they were leav-

ing their jobs at the depot. They said the jet fighters appeared out of the west and made an abrupt turn to the south in what they judged was an effort to pursue the mysterious light.

Threlkel stated he saw the object a second time as he was entering a market on Fruitridge Road and Stockton Boulevard about 5:20 PM.

"I watched it for about a minute," he said, "and it dimmed and then went out completely."

Maston described the object as having the brilliancy of an arc light. It was oval.

A check of local air force

bases revealed they had no jets in the air at the time.

Reports from the Alameda Naval Air Station stated the navy base had three jets in the air on a practice mission at the time.

Spokesmen at all the air bases said, however, they had no reports of any unidentified flying objects.

14 November. 20 miles Northeast of Hill City, Kansas. (23342)

Venus?

A BLUE BOOK file card too dark to reproduce well tells an interesting story. It seems a military observer(s) reported a strange object. A brief summary on the card states:

"Object shape of football with rounder ends. Size of a pea (at arm's length). Metallic silver gray becoming brighter during movements. Had a brighter ring around the oval running horizontally across it but not extending beyond the edges of the oval. The ring similar to that which is around the planet Saturn. Object was stationary for about 4 minutes, then appeared to follow another B-47 remaining stationary over the B-47 for about 1 minute. Then rose vertically until disappeared." (10.)

This sighting was "explained" by the Air Force in this manner: "Venus was observed to be quite bright by ground observers at Dyess AFB. The position of the observer's A/C in relation to the plane. Venus could have caused the sighting." (11.)

Written in ink was this: "Whole case could have been cleared up if observers had been asked whether they saw Venus also." (12.)

15 November. Friday.

15 November. Near McAdoo and Quakake, Pennsylvania. (12:30 a.m.)

"Terror-stricken observers."

If the next two reactions are related accurately, then perhaps it was time to "play down" UFO reports:

"Two more reports of flying objects in the skies were reported to this newspaper early this morning.

"The first came from a Treachow[? clipping not clear] man who said he was driving towards McAdoo at about 12:30 a.m. when a bright object resembling a 'flame-colored star' came into view. He stopped his car. Another driver following behind did likewise.

"'It was raining and foggy and I can't understand how I could see anything in the sky. I was really scared. It was visible for about five seconds, moving fast travelling south. I didn't hear anything. The other guy was scared too.'

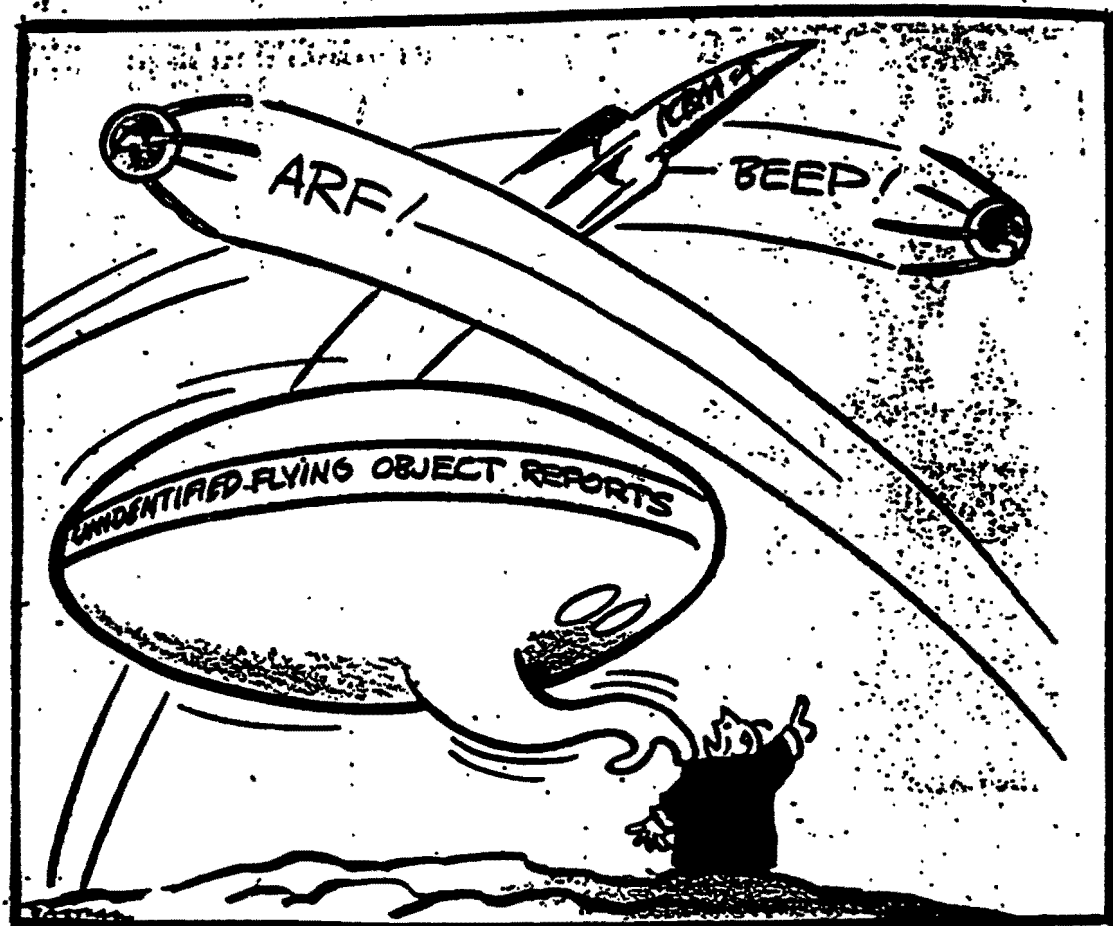
"The second report came from a Quakake farmer who said he was driving from his barn located about a mile from his house.

"In a terror-stricken voice, he described an object that looked 'about 35 feet long' hovering in the air near Greenacres, 'spinning around and around.'

"The man broke into tears several times and was almost incoherent.

"'It came over the mountains from the direction of Beaver Meadows. I didn't know what to do. I tried to find somebody to find out what it was. All they could tell me was to call the paper.'

"Two members of the news staff listened in on the conversation. The time of his observation coincided with the report by the Treschow observer. Both men identified themselves." (13.)



"Can't you see I'm busy?"

15 November. La Grange, California. (5:15 a.m.)

"Giant cucumber tumbling end over end."

Our source states:

"Friday morning in La Grange, Miss Martha Barron, a waitress at the Cottonwood Inn, was terrified by a large fiery object, shaped like a giant cucumber---that flew over her head. 'It was about 5:15 in the morning,' she said. 'I was sweeping the sidewalk in front of the cafe when everything around me lighted up. At first I thought somebody in a car had turned a bright spotlight on me. Then I looked up at the sky, and what I saw simply paralyzed me. It was a bright object, shooting out red flames and shaped like an enormous cucumber, and it came tumbling end over end across the sky from east to west.' (14.)

15 November. Mount Elgin, Ontario, Canada. (10:15 a.m.)

Mysterious metallic ball.

It was a nice, clear, morning with little wind. At a farm outside of Mount Elgin a Piper cub was circling the property. The small plane belonged to the farmer and some relatives were taking it for a short tour of the countryside. On the ground were other members of the family watching the progress of the single engine machine. One of those surveying the scene reported the following to Canadian authorities:

"While my Father and I were observing the aircraft, which was making a circuit, we both sighted a metallic ball in the path of the aircraft, but at a much greater height, hovering motionless. After the aircraft had passed under the object several hundred yards, the object accelerated in an opposite direction to the path of the aircraft, which was flying north while the object moved in approximately a south by south east direction. From a hovering position the object accelerated so rapidly that in a space of time, about fifteen seconds, it vanished completely without having traversed a distance of three to five hundred times its diameter." (15.)

15 November. The morning papers.

The Air Force's strong anti-UFO press release is given prominent display in the morning editions. (See clipping to the right)

15 November. Official news release. (See the next two pages)

Saucers Knifed As Cup of Fancy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP).—The Air Force said today it has looked into five recent reports of mysterious lights and strange objects from the sky—and there isn't a flying saucer in the lot.

The Air Force report gave the most severe description — "hoax"—to the most vivid of the stories that began circulating after Soviet satellites turned the attention of Americans skyward. This was a Kearney, Neb., man's account of being shown around the interior of a spaceship by his German-speaking crew.

But the Air Force technical investigators also dismissed as exaggerations or misunderstood natural phenomena stories of a huge glowing object touching ground near Levelland, Tex., and causing automobiles to stall; somewhat similar reports from near Alamogordo, N. M.; bright lights seen from a Coast Guard cutter in the Gulf of Mexico and by planes patrolling near White Sands, N. M.

As for the various reports of automobile engines stalling in the vicinity of mysterious objects, the report suggested that, rather than mysterious rays, the cause likely was thunderstorms soaking ignition systems and, in one case, an automobile mechanic's mistake.

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR THE PRESS:

As a result of inquiries concerning Air Force evaluation of recent unidentified Flying Objects reports, the following general aspects of certain reports have been ascertained:

1. **LEVELLAND, Texas:** (Big Light, seen by "dozens," stalled autos)

Investigation on the scene revealed that only three persons, rather than "dozens," could be located who saw the "big light." Preliminary reports have not revealed cause of "stalled" automobiles at this time, although rain and electrical storms at the time of the reported sightings, affecting wet electrical circuits, could be cause. Object visible only few seconds, not sustained visibility as had been implied.

EVALUATION: Weather phenomenon of electrical nature, generally classified as "Ball Lightning" or "St. Elmo's Fire," caused by stormy conditions in the area, including mist, rain, thunderstorms and lightning.

2. **ALAMOGORDO, New Mexico:** (10 stalled autos, radio fade-out, "heat" light and "sun-burn")

Investigation of originator's report revealed no "sunburn" effect from "heat" light; originator admitted radio fade-out previously in same area; none of witnesses originator cited in other automobiles could be found after extensive search.

EVALUATION: Boax, presumably suggested by the Levelland, Texas "reports."

3. **COAST GUARD CUTTER - Gulf of Mexico:** (Object seen 3 seconds and radar contact)

Investigation based on data furnished by U. S. Coast Guard, indicated sighting four objects, three being radar and one visual, rather than one as has been widely reported. Radar returns on each of three contacts showed contact in almost direct opposite direction from preceding target, indicating spurious returns (false targets). However, a time-distance plot of two contacts indicated one target had approximate speed of 250 MPH and another a speed of 660 MPH, suggesting a propeller and jet type aircraft respectively. The one visual sighting for three seconds, described as bright, like a planet, moving at high speed, horizontally, also indicated high speed aircraft. The area of the sightings is the scene of many flights and operations by the Air Force and Navy, too numerous to check out based on these reports.

EVALUATION: Aircraft, and possible spurious radar returns.

4. WHITE SANDS, New Mexico (Two patrols report UFO's separate times)

Investigation revealed that originators had discussed phenomena among themselves, accounting for similar stories, first given to local newspapers, then reported to their command. Astro plots indicate Venus is at magnitude at the time, place and direction of the first patrol's observation and the moon, with scattered clouds was in general direction of the second patrol's observation.

EVALUATION: Astronomical

5. KEARNEY, Nebraska: (Space ship incident; stalled engines)

Investigation revealed that local officials consider originator wholly unreliable. However, another originator in same area who reported stalled engine in similar circumstances admitted having distributor rotor changed the day before and mechanic stated that after "stalling" incident, he found piece of old rotor wedged between points, which would cause engine failure.

EVALUATION: Hoax and engine failure.

END

Monitoring the news media, Keyhoe was disappointed to see that very few of the Fourth Estate were questioning Air Force claims.

The news weekly U.S. News and World Report, for example, carried a rather long article that didn't offer much of a challenge to Air Force explanations. Moreover, the date of the publication was November 15th. How much time and thought went into the essay?

Lou Corbin and his colleague Paul Parker of WIP, Philadelphia, were some of the few in the Fourth Estate to make an effort. After doing some checking the two newsmen conferred with Keyhoe. Corbin and Parker had trouble understanding the White Sands cases. The first sighting by a jeep patrol told of a controlled landing and take off by something almost 300 feet in diameter. The Air Force said the MPs merely observed the planet Venus! The second MP sighting involved a thing of similar size hovering 50 feet above the ground and then zooming heavenward at a sharp ascent. This second sighting, as stated in the press release, was the moon! (16.)

(The Civilian Saucer Intelligence organization in New York also questioned the Venus answer for the first White Sands sighting since their sky charts showed Venus below the horizon until 3 a.m. Note: the reader of this booklet may wonder why the military just didn't just call people crazy or stupid. That tactic could result in legal action, especially if the witness was sane and was totally convinced he was observing something very real. The Air Force was no doubt aware of how messy a court case could be. A refereed debate on a UFO case was something the military wanted to avoid. Public debates on radio and TV were rarely conducted and then only under certain guide lines)

Keyhoe still retained some optimism. The Air Force's explanations were so bad they might help sway the McCellan Subcommittee which was considering hearings on the UFO problem and Air Force policy. (17.)

15 November. NICAP office.

The mailman makes a delivery.

Keyhoe was working on the latest issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator when the day's mail arrived. There was a letter in the pile from the Air Force signed by Major General Joe E. Kelly. (See letter)

The letter infuriated Keyhoe. As he saw it, the letter: "...completely refuted the Air Force claim, with no hint of an apology for what to me had been a slanderous accusation." (18.) The NICAP director knew that Major Lawrence J. Tacker had prepared the missive. Keyhoe phoned Tacker at the Pentagon. Here is how Keyhoe remembers the exchange:

Tacker: "I'm not going to comment on that letter! But I'll tell you this. We're getting tired of NICAP's charges that we've silenced witnesses."

Keyhoe: "It's true and you know it. Air Force pilots aren't allowed to talk, and some airline captains have been muzzled---"

Tacker: "That's a lie! No pilots have ever been muzzled."

Keyhoe: "What about AFR 200-2, and JANAP 146?"

Tacker: "I haven't time for any discussion. If you have any questions, put them in writing." (19.)

If You're Seeing Things In the Sky

Air Force Can Account for Most of Them, but . . .
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 11-15-1957

Are the Sputniks bringing on a new rash of "whatniks"?

All sorts of strange objects are being reported now in skies over U.S.—big, glowing, often egg-shaped, darting at great speeds, killing auto engines.

New investigations have started, just 10 years after "flying saucer" probes began and at a time when cases of "unknowns" were down nearly to zero.

Strange flying objects again were reported above widely scattered parts of the U.S. last week, touching off a new series of investigations.

This round of "sightings" began in Texas and New Mexico on November 3, the day after Sputnik II took to the air. Reports came in from highly reliable individuals—a missile engineer, military police, sheriffs, policemen, even Coast Guard officers who had tracked "something" for 27 minutes by radar at sea off the Gulf Coast. There were reports from Illinois, Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Nebraska, as well as from the Southwest.

Most of these reports referred to "a big light," "a burning mass" or "a glowing, egg-shaped object" estimated at 75 to 200 feet long, traveling erratically at high speed or hovering above the ground. In several cases, the witnesses reported that their auto lights dimmed or went out and motors stopped when the object neared.

What was it this time? The Air Force, assigned the job of investigating all such aerial phenomena, sent experienced investigators to the scene in each case, told the Air Defense Command to keep watch with its radar network, and began to sift the new evidence.

What investigation shows. An Air Force analysis of reports of some 5,700 UFO—unidentified flying objects—it has received over the last 10 years has just been released, giving a hint of what the strange new objects may be.

Most sightings, the Air Force study states, turn out after intensive investigation to be of balloons, planes or planets, viewed by competent, serious-minded people under circumstances which cause

these common objects to take on unusual appearances.

Balloons, particularly, are easy to mistake for strange flying objects, the investigators say. They explain it this way—

"Approximately 4,000 balloons are released in the U.S. every day. There are two general types of balloons: weather balloons and upper-air research balloons. Balloons will vary from small types 4 feet in diameter to large types 200 feet in diameter. The majority released at night carry running lights which often

contribute to weird or unusual appearances when observed at night. This also holds true when observed near dawn or sunset, because of the effect of the slant rays of the sun upon the balloon surfaces.

"The large balloons, if caught in jet streams, may assume a near-horizontal position when partially inflated, and move with speeds of over 200 miles an hour. Large types may be observed flattened on top. The effect of the latter two conditions can be startling even to experienced pilots."

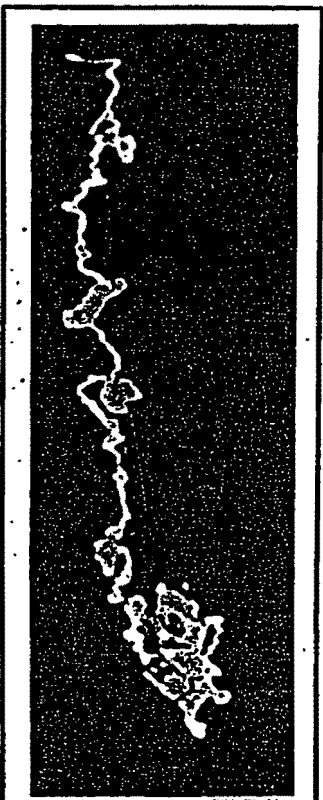
How mistakes happen. Modern aircraft may be mistaken for strange, new objects the same way, the study reports. "Many modern planes, particularly swept and delta-wing types, under adverse weather and sighting conditions, are reported as unusual objects and 'flying saucers.'"

"When observed at high altitudes, reflecting sunlight off their surfaces, or when only their jet exhausts are visible at night, aircraft can have appearances ranging from disc to rocket in shape. Single jet bombers having multijet pods under their swept-back wings have been reported as unidentified flying objects or 'saucers' in 'V' formation. Vapor trails will often appear to glow with fiery red or orange streaks when reflecting sunlight. Afterburners are frequently reported as UFO's."

Common astronomical objects also are subject to these illusions, according to the official report. "The astronomical category includes bright stars, planets, meteors, comets and other celestial bodies. When observed through haze, light fog or moving clouds, the planets Venus, Mars and Jupiter have often been reported as unconventional, moving objects. Attempts to observe astronomical bodies through hand-held binoculars under adverse sky conditions has been a source of many UFO reports."

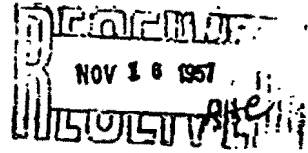
Other misrepresentations, Air Force investigators add, are the result of "reflections, searchlights, birds, kites, blimps, clouds, sundogs, spurious radar indications, hoaxes, fireworks displays, flares, fireballs, ice crystals, etc. For example, large Canadian geese flying low over a city at night, with street lights reflecting off their bodies; searchlights reflecting on scattered clouds, appearing as moving disc-like shapes."

Something is missing. The investigators explain an increasing number of
(Continued on page 124)



WHAT IS IT? This picture, from Amarillo, Tex., is said by Government investigators to show a pattern of "radiation vapor"

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON



15 NOV 1957

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Major Keyhoe:

I refer to National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena inquiries concerning unidentified flying objects.

I am inclosing the Department of Defense's latest fact sheet on the subject of unidentified flying objects. You will note that this release reaffirms the United States Air Force position as to the non-existence of flying saucers and brings Project Blue Book, Report No. 14 statistics up-to-date through 30 June 1957. This represents all the Air Force statistical information available on this subject.

Your inquiries mention a misunderstanding or error on the part of the Air Force in not turning over unidentified flying object case files to your organization for review. I assure you the Air Force never intended to turn over "official use only" files to your organization. There are many such organizations as yours interested in aerial phenomena, and the Air Force cannot possibly meet all the detailed requirements of these organizations on an individual basis. It is true on occasion that we do furnish detailed information on a few specific cases to accredited news media representatives to keep the public adequately informed on this subject.

The allegations that the United States Air Force has withheld information on flying saucer reports are entirely in error. We are interested in the truth concerning reported sightings and are fully aware of our obligation to keep the public informed on such matters. Classification assigned to specific unidentified flying object sighting cases is not a classification involving the security of the United States. Rather it is an "official use only" classification to protect the names of individuals who have requested anonymity. If a specific case involves our defense radar or a classified weapons system, we of course must classify this portion of the report to safeguard the National Security.

If your organization desires to pursue this matter further, I suggest that you communicate with some of the other groups or clubs interested in aerial phenomena. It is a popular and imaginative subject, and I am sure such associations will be mutually beneficial.

Letter to Major Donald E. Keyhoe (Cont)

The Air Force is compelled to deal scientifically and objectively with facts, and our findings to date deny the existence of flying saucers. We are sure our analyses and evaluations of the reported sightings by qualified scientific personnel are more than adequate.

If your organization has a future need for Air Force statistics on this subject, the latest Air Force press release will always be available upon request.

Sincerely yours,

Joe W. Kelly
 JOE W. KELLY
 Major General, USAF
 Director, Legislative Liaison

Inclosure

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15 November. Coral Lorenzen gets some publicity. (See clipping)

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Nov 15, 1957 Albuquerque, N.M. Tribune

Alamogordo Woman Keeps Tab of 'Saucer Sighters'

(One of a Series)

By BILL RICHARDSON
Associated Press Staff Writer

Jim Lorenzen of Alamogordo has a unique claim to fame.

"I," proclaims the 36-year-old electronics technician, "am the only man in the world who can kiss an international director."

The international director is his wife, Coral, a pretty 32-year-old mother of two.

The title makes her head of what is billed as the oldest organization (five years old) investigating those whizzing thingamabobs, the "flying saucers."

Her looks make Jim Lorenzen obviously enjoy kissing this particular international director.

Edits Bulletin

Mrs. Lorenzen heads the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, with headquarters on the rim of some of the nation's biggest missile bases at Alamogordo.

Although the title is imposing except to her husband, Mrs. L.'s main job is editing a six-times-a-year printed bulletin on sightings of unidentified flying objects—the UFOs—and discouraging crackpots.

The bulletin is put together from reports gathered by 1,500 members of the organization scattered around the world. A healthy minority is in South America.

Many of the members, says the international director, are physicists, astronomers, technicians and even a "shirt tail relative" of the British royal family. Other, considerably higher, members of the British Royal house are on the bulletin's mailing list (she has the correspondence asking for it), but don't belong to the APRO.

Lorenzen himself works at the Holloman Missile Development Center as a civilian technician in charge of electronic maintenance. His wife worked there for years until handling her son and daughter, Lenny, 11, and Larry, 7, and her OPRO work sent her back to the house.

How do you handle a prospective member who says he pals around with the boys from Venus?

"We flatly insult them until we get rid of them," says Mrs. L.

"We simply write back and tell them 'We don't believe you.'"

No one in the organization draws a salary, and any deficits in buying stamps usually comes out of Lorenzen's pocket.

They don't waste too much time with the "lunatic fringe" of saucer sighters. But that doesn't mean they aren't convinced there's something to the many reported sightings.

Polite Invitation

The radio ham who wrote in claiming he was in contact with the saucerman who wanted him to set up a ham net-work so they could provide guidance for the earth got short shift.

"We don't believe you," can be a pretty shattering answer. The gentlemen who claimed he was receiving telepathic messages from the saucers got a polite invitation to take a test for extra-sensory perception and wasn't heard from again.

"You can usually tell the crackpots by the first letter," says Lorenzen.

"They all have a mental quirk that gives them away. He is always a very special person who has been selected for a special reason to play an important role."

What is their organization after?

"We work like lawyers, in a way. We won't accept hearsay evidence. The story has to hold together."

The APRO asks its members for strictly first hand accounts of sightings of any "unusual aerial phenomena." It wants approximate altitude, color, shape, direction of flight, position in the sky, time and date.

"What we want are actual observations by qualified people."

Lorenzen has never seen a UFO. The missus claims three.

Her first, she says, is what got her interested in what goes on (or what some people firmly believe goes on) in the heavens.

"I was nine years old and playing with a couple of friends on the schoolyard in Barron, Wis. That was in 1934.

"This thing like a parachute—only with nothing hanging from it—came undulating across the sky. We all saw it."

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Coral well known.

Writing to Donald Keyhoe back on July 22th Coral Lorenzen related:

"I find that my name and what I do for a hobby is known at every Air Force base, clear on up to the Pentagon. An unsuspecting Captain mentioned after a trip to ARDC, Baltimore and the Pentagon at Washington, that he had heard my name mentioned several times." (20.)

15 November.

Altoona,
Pennsylvania.

"Incalculable rate
of speed."

(See clipping)

Unidentified Flying Object Reported

A disc-like object emitting a bluish flame Friday night and traveling horizontally across the sky at an incalculable rate of speed was sighted by Altoonans who reported the phenomenon to The Tribune.

Alvin "Butch" Richards, 523 1st Ave., was the first to call The Tribune about the object. Dick Singer, a member of the Ground Observer Corps, who was on duty atop City Hall also called to report the spectacle.

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No Objects Sighted, School Group Reports

ALAMOGORDO, Nov. 15 (UP)—Operation Skywatch, project of students at Alamogordo High designed to "satisfy their own curiosity" about reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the area, was held at a site near here.

The youthful skywatchers reported that after 23 continuous hours of scanning the skies, no unidentified flying objects were sighted.

Coral Lorenzen story cont.

"That's when I took up astronomy. I've never been anything but an amateur, but I worked at it."

Second Sighting

The second sighting, she says, was June 10, 1947 — about two weeks before the first "flying saucers" showed up in Idaho. This wasn't a saucer, but a "pinpoint of light which grew ball shaped, shot heavenwards and disappeared."

"This," she says, "was near Douglas, Ariz."

Her final sighting was while she was working a newspaper beat in Door County, Wis., in 1952. She, and several hundred others, saw this UFO on May 21, says Mrs. L.

Then comes the Jackpot question.

What, after all these years of collecting reports, do you think the blasted things are?

"There's no doubt in our minds that they're from outer space," firmly replies the international director.

"I think they're based in our system, possibly on Mars and possibly on the Moon. They,

themselves probably come from another solar system.

All Over Place

"I don't think they're here to help us and I don't think they're here to harm us. You might say they're just curious."

"For years before man was very far along in technology, there were a few reports of strange things in the sky. We don't count those in our sightings because there is no accurate date."

"But after we started firing A-bombs and missiles, the

things started showing up in swarms.

"The day after the Russians launched their second Sputnik, bang! They were all over the place."

15 November. Cachoeira, Brazil. (2:00 p.m.)

This story was taken from a Spanish UFO bulletin. The English version is a rough translation by the bulletin editor. Its an interesting account that should be verifiable given the number of witnesses and location:

"...Sr. Franklin de Figueirado Netto, resident of Belo Horizonte and a ham [Radio operator] (PY-4GJ Station), passed to Cicoani, important informations about some occurrences which he was told by a colleague of him, Sr. Francisco Camerini, also a ham (PY-3CF Station), and a resident of Nova Hamburgo, Rio Grando do Sul State (southern Brazil), such informations were tape-recorded by Cicgani. Said Sr. Camerini that Nov. 14 and 15, 1957, UFO's were sighted over Santa Cruz and Cachoeira cities. Above the latter, about 2:00 p.m. a huge unidentified object came near the Aero Clube aerodrome, and stopped hovering there at 300 feet high. It appeared to be metallic, and showed an orange color. Its diameter was calculated about 200 feet. Numerous people drove to the place to see better such a thing. However all attempts to get near the UFO were frustrated because all cars were stalled at certain distance, as well as the power suffered lapses in its current during the short presence of the object there. When it climbed there was a strong air displacement but no noise of motors was heard." (21.)

15 November. West of Daly City, offshore over the Pacific Ocean. (6:30 p.m.)

"Huge, glowing." (See clipping below)

'Thing' Nov. 15 1957 Reported Offshore

SAN FRANCISCO, California
An unidentified object was spotted in the skies off Daly City last night.

An excited woman living in the Westlake area called police shortly before 6:30 p.m. to report that a huge, glowing white object was hovering half a mile offshore.

Policeman Alvin Nicolini investigated. He said there was, indeed, a huge, glowing white object in the sky.

Nicolini watched it for about 15 minutes. It was at an altitude of 10-20,000 feet, the officer said, shifting position slightly, on occasion, and then returning to its original station.

While he watched, the policeman reported later, he saw an airplane pass at about the same altitude. The plane was only slightly larger than the unidentified object he said.

Nicolini left and then returned to the beach at 8 p. m. By that time the object had gone.

15 November. Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York. (night)

"All too successful meeting."

According to the CSI bulletin:

"Sanderson Meeting on November 15 All Too Successful."

"To members and friends who found it impossible to fit into the November 15 public meeting, or who suffered from the serious confusion at the door, we extend our sincere apologies. We greatly underestimated the attendance --which was stimulated by the November sighting wave, by Long John's generous publicizing of the lecture on two of his all-night programs, and by Garry Moore's unexpected mention of it that morning on his TV show. Too late, we tried to get a larger hall --there was none to be had. Matters were complicated by the evaporation of the door committee that had been expected to help out. Those who did find seats (about 180 out of an estimated 250) enjoyed a scintillating talk by Ivan Sanderson, followed by a report by Ted Bloecher on the exciting events of the previous fortnight, and a panel-type question-and-answer period with Sanderson, Ted Bloecher, Lex Mebane, Hans Stefan Santesson, and as an unexpected bonus, M.K. Jessup and Jules St. Germain." (22.)

The CSI New York group continued to do good work in spite of being a much smaller organization than NICAP. The Everittstown, New Jersey, CE3 case, for example, was still getting major press attention in the Milford, New Jersey, press as late as November 15th, a week after it was first reported. The supposed landing of a flying saucer, and of a little man dressed in a green suit with shiny buttons, had the makings of being a permanent fixture in UFO files, although many UFO buffs had a gut feeling the story was some kind of joke, but proving that suspicion did not seem possible. A CSI team, one of them believed to be Jules St. Germain, used a clever trick to discover the truth to their satisfaction. Visiting the witnesses during their investigation, the CSI team suggested that phoney reports of UFO landings had been known to invite legal troubles. The witnesses withdrew to another room and carried on a furious discussion that was overheard. The CSI investigators left town convinced no little men had visited New Jersey, at least not in November 1957. (23.)

15 November. Tamaroa, Illinois. (night)

'Object' Seen; Power Off. Authorities baffled.

Was there a connection? According to an INS account:

"A housewife's reported sighting of a mysterious flying object coupled with a 10-minute power failure in the area baffled authorities in Perry county, Ill. today.

"Mrs. John Riead, Tamaroa, Ill., wife of a justice of the peace, said she saw a 'real bright light' yesterday and after a series of booms and flashes of light the electricity in her house failed.

"District Power Manager H.D. Heath, Du Quoin, reported that electric power in a 4-mile area between Tamaroa and Dubois was interrupted for about 10 minutes during the approximate time of the reported sighting.

"Mrs. Riead said the object was shaped like a full moon and, looking out her window, she saw it hovering 'higher than the trees.

"The thing' disappeared, she said, after a series of 'five or six booms' and three flashes of light. She said the electric power failure occurred after the mysterious object disappeared.

"Heath said service was restored when workmen closed an open cir-

cuit breaker. He termed the failure 'very unusual' and added that investigating crews could find no apparent cause for the interruption." (24.)

15 November. Five miles east of Viking, Minnesota. (11:45 p.m.)

Car was shaken.

This was spooky. Was the UFO doing something to the car? (See clipping below)

Shaken Up Some!

Youths Report a Flying Saucer— —Or Something

Men from Mars? Visitors from Venus? Strangers from Saturn? Morbid Morts? Earth explorers from outer space? Soviet saboteurs? An optical illusion? An inspired imagination? A low-flying Sputnik?

These questions and many more have been brought to light by a Thief River Falls high school senior and his Viking area girl friend who claim to have been visited by some unknown person or thing late Friday night.

James Legg, senior at Lincoln high school, and Carol Halvorson of Viking were returning from a movie in Thief River Falls. While they were parked on a gravel road about 5 miles east of Viking about 11:45 p. m., Legg told Thief River Falls police, they heard a tapping noise under the car.

Legg said that he got out to investigate and even turned the car around but saw nothing. Moments later the car was shaken as well as affected by a tapping noise, and Legg reported that he again turned the car around to see if he could locate the cause of the noise and shaking.

It was then that he and the girl saw an object in the air across the road from the car at an estimated distance of 150 to 200 yards, just over the treetops and rising very rapidly without any noise.

Legg said that the object was circular in form, having four red lights arranged in a square at the bottom, two forward and two in the rear. It also had spotlights in front and what appeared to be portholes giving off white light all around it.

Warren, Minn. Star

NOV 20 1967

Similar case.

One is struck by a somewhat similar case in NICAP files concerning an October 27, 1967 incident at Parshall, North Dakota. A Mrs. E. Kilber was returning home after attending the Drive-In. It was late, almost 3:00 a.m., as she approached Highway #37:

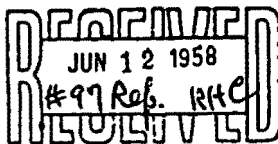
"She stated that just before she came to a set of RR tracks, she noticed this large round, balloon-shaped object rising up from in back of a barn on the Ivof Bartelson farm. At this point she stated her car started sterring very hard, bumping and swaying around on the road like it had 4 flat tires." (25.)

16 November. Saturday.

16 November. Just east of Denton, Nebraska. (1:30 a.m.)

Mystery lights pace car. (See letter to NICAP)

16 November. Near Travis Air Force Base, California. (1:30 a.m.)



2950 F Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska,
June 9, 1958.

Mr. D. E. Keyhoe, Director,
National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Here are additional details on the "strange circle of light" report I mailed earlier in May. The date and hour are: November 16, 1957 - 1:30 AM (CST). Also the 150 yard diameter was exaggerated; it was probably about 50 to 110 feet in diameter. That is all I could get from the folks - they are still quite apprehensive and will not release their names.

Enclosed you will find a NICAP sighting report turned in to me at the last meeting of our informal discussion group. Here is the story as told to me by Mr. ~~Henry~~ Hendricks, U.S. Mail Carrier:

The Hendricks family was traveling on a Nebraska highway just east of Denton, Nebraska. It was mid-evening and while the mother and smaller children slept, the oldest boy (an amateur astronomer) observed a foreign light near one of the star constellations. It was red and flashing on and off. The boy told his father to stop the car and they got out to get a better look. After about 10 minutes the light disappeared. They got in the car and began driving, and the mother who was now awake soon called out that there were two strange lights pacing the car and visible low across an adjacent field. Mr. Hendricks stopped once more and got out. Mrs. Hendricks gazed at the two lights and became unable to move. (Whether she was paralyzed with fear or whether it was another form of paralysis was undetermined.) Presently the two red lights shot straight (vertically) into the air and vanished. Very shortly an irregularly spaced group of white lights (arranged roughly in linear formation) appeared suddenly and moved along slowly parallel to the road. There were between 9 and 19 individual white lights (confused about the number) each brighter than auto headlights. Accompanying them was a sound similar to the exaggerated whine of an electric clothes dryer. Within minutes the white lights moved off with uniform movement and rapid acceleration appearing to be "turned off" like ordinary electric lights. Ten minutes later four jets took off from the Lincoln Air Force Base.

Mr. Hendricks contacted authorities at Lincoln Air Force Base and an intelligence officer was sent out within 30 minutes. Mr. Hendricks did not wish to discuss their conversation. He did mention, however, that he had previously been interested in "saucers" and had maintained a "friendly" mental state throughout the sighting.

In our discussion group we have heard testimony of several "green fireball" sightings around the southeastern areas of Lincoln, Nebraska, which roughly correspond with the date of Mrs. Henry Johnson's sighting of April 16, which was reported by me to your office. This sighting of Mr. ~~XXXX~~ Hendricks was within 2 or 3 days of the others. I hope this all will be of some use to you. We hope to have some reports from two Air Force officers before too long.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip A. Bader".

Philip A. Bader
Associate Member

A UFO report was found in BLUE BOOK files (OSI Records) concerning a sighting on the West Coast:

"According to Mrs. (...deleted), she was proceeding in a northeasterly direction on the road which leads from the North Gate of Travis Air Force Base. She was approximately five miles distant from the North Gate when she sighted an orange object approximately one to two hundred feet above the ground. Mrs. (...deleted) estimated she was approximately six hundred feet from the object, which was traveling in the same direction as she.

"Set forth below is the information pertaining to the sighting:

(1.) Description of the object:

- (a.) Shape: Flat on the bottom and convex on top, somewhat resembling a semi-circle.
- (b.) Size compared to a known object: About twenty (20) to (50) feet in length.
- (c.) Color: Bright orange, with the bottom of the object being a brighter orange than the top.
- (d.) Number: One (1).
- (e.) Formation, if more than one: N/A.
- (f.) Any discernible features or details: No trail." (26.)

16 November. Levelland, Texas. (daytime)

Sheriff Wier Clem not only told Keyhoe he disagreed with the Air Force's "solutions," the lawman willingly went on record with the press. (See clipping) Moreover, Troy Morris of the Levelland Sun-News shared the sheriff's feelings. (See letter)

16 November. Rotorua, New Zealand (North Island) (7:42 p.m.)

"Shot straight up and exploded."

Lake Rotoiti is located on New Zealand's North Island. Our story begins there:

"A very circumstantial account of a heavenly visitor on Saturday night is given by Mr. A. Johnson, of 145 Devon Street, who was one of a family party of five in a boat on Lake Rotoiti. They were his wife and 17-year-old son, his uncle, Mr. J. Johnson, of Rotoiti, and a grandson of the last named.

"Mr. Johnson said this morning: 'It was 7:42 p.m. I looked to the east and saw a bluish-white light, very high, and apparently traveling slowly east to west. Then, when it was about 18 degrees off overhead, it shot straight up and emitted two bluish sparks.

"The color changed to green-blue and then the object exploded with such dazzling brightness that it hurt the eyes; then it vanished.'

"All in the party had the same impression of the object. Mr. J. Johnson's description of the object was 'bigger than a full moon.'

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Sheriff 'Burned Up' by Lights Story Doubters

Sheriff Wier Clem of Hockley County is burned up because the Air Force has downgraded reports of a glowing object in the sky and on the ground near Levelland.

The Air Force decided after an investigation that the phenomenon was believed to be ball lightning or St. Elmo's fire.

Clem replied, in a telephone conversation with a Star-Telegram reporter Friday, that his own theory is better than that of "a man who came 2,000 or 3,000 miles down here after it was all over."

The sheriff maintained that the object was "definitely something." Reports came from 11 persons who saw it in the air and three who saw it on the ground, Clem recalled, and "they are all reliable people."

In their report, the Air Force investigators said they found only three persons who saw the light. The probers said a thunderstorm was raging Nov. 2 when the object was seen. They noted that electrical conditions might account for the automobiles of the witnesses stalling.

As for several other reports from various parts of the country, the Air Force had strong words for one and explained the others as misunderstandings of natural phenomena.

They called the story from Kearney, Neb.—by a man who said he toured a space ship with a German-speaking crew—a "hoax."

Some of the radar "sightings" reported by a Coast Guard craft in the Gulf of Mexico could have been aircraft or radar echoes, the report said.

Sightings at White Sand, N. M., and at the Alamogordo, N. M., were also mentioned. The report said that the sightings at Alamogordo, N. M., were "not verified."



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May 11, 1966

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Dear Dr. McDonald:

In reference to your letter of May 5, I will state that it is a little hard to understand, how anyone could make a report that the flying object near Levelland in 1957 could have been caused by lightning.

The night was clear and there was no clouds. The object was sighted on a paved highway and when a car approached within about 100 yards, the complete electrical system was knocked out.

While the object was on the ground, it gave off a greenish-blueish light. When it shot into the air, it appeared as a red star.

In taking off, there was no noise or sound of engine running, but it shot straight up into the atmosphere at tremendous speed. It was sighted by some five different people, all of whom gave identical reports as to what happened to their automobiles and of how it appeared as it reached the ground.

You may rest assured that the phenomenon, as they called it, was not caused by lightning, it was a flying object and the next day, it was sighted again in day light in a field some 25 miles from Levelland. When approached it went up into the air as it did the night before. That was the last time it was seen.

Respectfully,

Troy Morris

Troy Morris

DM:mjm

"Mr. D. Kusabs, on the Rotorua staff of the DSIR, saw essentially the same sight from thier kitchen window in Whiteworth Road. He confirmed Mr. A. Johnson's account in detail.

"Eight people rang Station 1YZ immediately after sighting the object from various quarters of the town." (27.)

16 November. Near Bage City, Brazil. (10:30 p.m.)

Another Brazilian case.

The English version was done by the Brazilian editors of a UFO bulletin. The account states:

"Sr. Francisco Cammerini told that happened two landings on the area at the vicinities of Bage City (also belonging to Rio Grande do Sul State). It took place on Nov.16, Saturday evening about 10:30 p.m. The object after throw out strong light jets over the spot, landed on 'Jockey Club' surroundings, and stayed on the ground for a while. After it climbed showing some evolutions, but landed again on another spot, or 'exposicoes rurais' of the city, not to distant from the 1st landing place.

"Several people tryed to approximate to the UFO but were frustrated to due the blinding reddish and yellow light that such an object was throwing out all around the area. Some time after the UFO flew vertically, and was lost of sight." (28.)

16 November. Segura-Beira Baixa, Portugal. (no time)

This isn't much of a report but it takes on interest when another report from Portugal the next day at the city of Vendas de Galizes is considered. The report: "An object with a shape of a globe flew over this [Segura-Beira Baixa] village." (29.)

17 November. Sunday.

17 November. Olden Moore's home. (about 6:00 p.m.)

"You're going to Washington."

Moore was contacted a second time by the military on November 17th. According to Moore, two Air Force officers showed up at his home at 6:00 p.m. and told him to pack a few things for a trip to WASHINGTON D.C. The military men said they would return in an hour to pick him up. Moore felt it was his civic duty to cooperate with authorities and quickly threw some clothes in a suitcase. His wife, Zelma, was less understanding. She later told the press: "I was so mad the night he left. He came in and said he was going away. When I asked him where, he said he couldn't tell me. I asked him what I was supposed to do if one of the children died or something." (30.)

Promptly at 7:00 o'clock the two Air Force officers (one named "Stering") appeared at Moore's front door. The two officers and Moore travelled in an official car to Youngstown AFB, a 40 mile drive. After arriving at the base, the party of three boarded a helicopter and flew to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Dayton is about 200 miles southwest of Youngstown. This hop to Dayton was a surprise to Moore. Nothing was said about a trip to Dayton although he was informed he would be spending as much as three days away from home. In any case, little time was spend at Dayton (Moore mentions no one joining his party or leaving it, nor did he say any cargo was handled). Moore and the two officers got off the helicopter and boarded a small military transport plane and

flew to Washington D.C., touching down at a small airfield just outside the Capital. They did not land at Washington National.

The military men drove Moore downtown to a large government building Donald Keyhoe and others believe was the U.S. Court House. The upper floors of the Court House had rooms for sequestered jury members, rooms which were hotel-like living quarters. The basement of the building had many offices for U.S. Marshals.*

Moore was never left alone during the entire trip. He even had one of the military men as a roommate. What was this all about? What would happen the next day? Moore didn't have a clue. (31.)

17 November. Near Valparaiso, Indiana. (8:00 p.m.)

"The shock of his life."

Network radio newsman and NICAP board member Frank Edwards had a nephew who was a confirmed skeptic when it came to UFOs. The nephew, Donald Dodge, was a noted artist, but another interest of his was ribbing his famous uncle about the UFO subject. Mr. Dodge lived in Indiana in mid-November 1957 and at that time, as we have seen, the Hoosier State was "hot" territory.

The evening of November 17th** Mr. Dodge was driving home to Valparaiso and before reaching the city limits he had an "experience." Mr. Dodge had been listening to a program on the car radio and had just turned it off when the "thing" appeared. Knowing when the program ended enabled Mr. Dodge to place his experience in the proper time period.

As Mr. Dodge drove down the highway he noticed:

"...some revolving lights settling over a snow-covered field alongside the road. Thinking it might be a plane in trouble he stopped and got out of the car.

"The thing stopped about ten feet above the snow and switched on an extremely bright white light. Donald realized that he had never seen anything like this before. He scrambled back into his car and took off down the highway --the object pacing along with him. It banked across the road in front of him. He slammed on the brakes and stopped. The UFO hovered a moment, then streaked upward into the overcast and was gone.

"So was Donald. He drove as fast as he could to the nearest phone to tell me what had happened. I suggested that, since he was an artist, and a good one, he should draw a picture of what he had seen while it was fresh in his mind. Next day, I told him, report it to the local paper and then relax --by and by the investigators would come to see him." (32.)

The investigators.

*Keyhoe told me personally that Moore remembered observing many U.S. Marshalls walking about in the building's hallways --L.E. Gross.

**Edwards wrote that the incident occurred on a Sunday in mid-November. That would put it on the 17th according to a Perpetual Calendar.

Edwards, who tells the Donald Dodge story in his best seller Flying Saucers-- Serious Business, mentions that his nephew drew three pictures of the UFO:

"...one for me, one for the paper, and one for the two Intelligence Officers who came down from Chicago and spent the day grilling him at great length.

'When it was all over and the officers were getting ready to leave, Donald asked them if they would tell him what he had seen.

'One of the officers looked him straight in the eye and said: 'Mr. Dodge, you were undoubtedly having some sort of hallucination!'

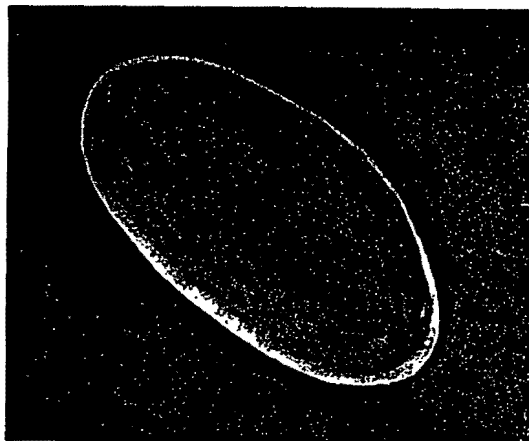
'With that they took his drawing of the 'hallucination' and left."

(33.)

Was the UFO flap over?

The number of UFO sightings reported daily dropped quite a bit by the 17th. Aside from the possibility there were few UFOs to be seen, it could be due to the military's debunking activity. People may have been discouraged from making reports and the newsmedia may have felt it was best to go along with the military's view.

Although the number of reports were down, incidents of special interest were not lacking. Something took place on the 17th that would keep Captain Gregory of BLUE BOOK awake nights.



(Donald Dodge's drawing)

17 November. Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. (9:35 p.m.)

It was a peaceful Sunday UFO-wise until 9:35 p.m. According to a woman's story she was driving on a road two miles east of Greater Pittsburgh Airport in the area of Coraopolis when she saw "the thing." The night was dry and clear. There was an overcast at 5,800 feet. Visibility was 10 miles.

As the woman drove down the road she spotted an object hovering at tree top level about 150 feet away. (34.) The woman never stopped but claimed she got a good 5-second look at the object (A subsequent military message about the case gets this part wrong and says that the object was "150 feet in the air." This convenient error made it much easier to explain the object as an airplane. Also, it should be noted that an object at tree top height does not necessarily mean it is in plain sight. Buildings, for example, can block one's view. Another fact is that something so low, at night, might be considered a tower or some other mundane structure and thus not attract any attention) The woman stated positively that the object was circular in shape

and not a conventional aircraft. The witness had worked at the airport for eight years and felt she was quite familiar with all kinds of air traffic under various conditions. The object, she said, was lower and closer than a hilltop about 100 yards beyond. No markings could be seen on the object and she felt she was near enough to see any, if any existed. There were two red lights on top near one edge and one blue light near the opposite edge which had the effect of illuminating the entire top of the round craft, which, in her opinion, had the appearance of being made of aluminum. (35.)

Certainly this story was one of the better ones reported in November but it was not the sighting that would make Captain Gregory Gregory frantic. As we shall see, when the Coraopolis report hit the BLUE BOOK chief's desk on November 20th, the problem was the identity of the woman.

18 November. Monday.

18 November. Press activity.

Meanwhile, there was little in the way of UFO reports in the press but there were UFO-related essays to read.

Newsweek carried two small items under the heading: "Where are they now," featuring Kenneth Arnold and Captain E.J. Smith, both big names from the 1947 flying saucer excitement. (See article)

Newsweek, November 18, 1957

Where Are They Now?

MOISE, IDAHO—One man who doesn't discount the current spate of flying-saucer sightings is Kenneth Arnold, who filed the first report of unidentified flying objects (see page 41) with the government. On June 24, 1947, he spotted nine shiny disks over Mount Rainier while flying his personal plane. Arnold prospected for uranium by air, lives with his wife and four daughters in a comfortable ranch house on 2½ acres just outside town here. He's in the "pink of health" at 42, says somewhat pointedly: "I still have 20-20 vision. Same as I did when I first saw saucers." He says he has seen UFO's five times since 1947, has movies of some Arnold's feelings about current reports: "I can't conceive of our Creator bringing about all these other planets and then leaving all but earth uninhabited."

GREENWICH, CONN.—Capt. E. J. Smith, an airlines pilot who sighted nine UFO's over Emmet, Idaho (about 275 miles southeast of Mount Rainier), only ten days after Arnold, is now flight manager for United Air Lines at New York's Idlewild airport. At 47, he lives alone in a small apartment here, still flies a lot (mostly checking out pilots), but has seen no more sky "some-things" since the day he, his co-pilot, and a stewardess spotted the shiny objects outlined against the sunset for nearly twelve minutes. His report to the CAA resulted in ribbing from flying buddies and in prolonged investigation by government agencies. At the time he thought the UFO's were some sort of Air Force experiment. Now, with sputniks overhead, he's not so sure. Smith says he knows several pilots who have spotted UFO's recently—but haven't reported them, wanting to avoid the ribbing he took.

Another publication interviewed Canada's famous UFO researcher Wilbert Smith. The article said:

"Wilbert Smith, 47-year-old electrical engineer who for one year operated a flying saucer observation center for the Canadian Department of Transport, thinks it is probable that spacemen have colonised every available planet in the universe.

"In an interview to Angela Burke, Toronto Star staff correspondent, he said: 'I'm inclined to believe that earthlings are descendants of these people.'

"Smith is chief radio regulations engineer and also an M.A. Since termination of the flying saucer observation center, he has been pri-

vately carrying on a one-man vigil on objects from outer space.

"I have interviewed people who witnessed landings of spacemen. I've checked on their credibility."

"Questioned about their manner of dress, Smith answered: 'They're like us to the extent they wear clothes. They don't wear shells like crustaceans.'

"He denied that space travellers resembled 'little green men.'

"Smith asserts that no basically sound religion should be upset about the possibility of life on other planets. 'I can't find anything in the Christian religion that says flying saucers shouldn't exist, or that there shouldn't be people elsewhere in the universe.'

"Smith is not a member of any church although he attends Anglican services periodically. 'I believe that earthly existence is only a small part of our total existence,' he says.

"When we die we merely go into another phase. We progress, we come back to live again and learn all that we didn't learn in our previous life. There must be levels of intelligence higher than our own. Maybe men from outer space have reached higher intellectual plateaus.'

"Mr. Smith doesn't pretend to have the answers to the questions of the universe. He is careful to state his opinions are purely personal ones.

"To the suggestion that flying saucers might be Russian space ships, Smith replied that sightings had been made long before the U.S.S.R. was established.

"In 1947 a new flurry of sightings was reported and at that time neither the Soviet nor the U.S. had anything that went faster than sound.

"Since the launching of the Sputniks,' he continued, 'It's not considered bad form to see flying objects in the sky. As 'a matter of fact it's stylish.'

"Mr. Smith, who is a member of the co-ordinating committee of the International Geophysical Year, believes spacemen do not live under dictatorships. In his opinion it's impossible that a civilised race so far technologically advanced would tolerate a totalitarian government." (36.)

There is a good reason for quoting the entire Smith interview. The sensational November 1950 top secret document about UFOs and the U.S. government is attributed to Smith. What Smith says could have a bearing on the man's veracity. Some say Smith "went-around-the-bend" in his later years, but was he a bit odd in his thinking in 1950? As we can see, Smith was still holding a government position as late as 1957. Still, people can handle reasonable jobs and yet hold strange beliefs, or what others think to be strange. Here, in this article, it is said Smith attended Anglican services on Sunday. That would, one assumes, remove the man from the 'New Age' fraternity. One should note, however, that there is a suggestion of reincarnation in his musings so he is hard to pin down. One thing is clear, Smith does not seem to have any doubts about the ET hypothesis.

18 November. Olden Moore in Washington.

Little had been said during the trip east but Moore did receive the impression his escorts believed the UFO mystery was a serious subject.

Moore was told he would receive financial compensation for lost wages while being away from his job and that any expense incurred during the three days in the Capital would be taken care of by his officer-escorts. Things may have been free but they were not fancy. Besides the spartan accommodations at the Court House, everyone ate their meals in the Court House cafeteria.

Directly across the street where Moore spent the night was something he described as a "block-long gas station." Those who knew Washington were aware of only one such place in town, the big Esso Station between 3rd and 4th Streets that fronts Constitution Avenue. This was further proof Moore stayed at the U.S. Court House building.

The reason for keeping Moore at the Court House was not apparent but the military did do their questioning there. Moore was taken to the basement, passing through three locked doors to get to the interrogation room.

The interrogation was not what Moore expected:

"Most of the questions were answered by the person asking them before he had a chance to comment. He [Moore] said he would have corrected them, had they been wrong. Obviously, they knew more about what he had seen than he did. He felt they were most interested in finding out how much he knew." (37.)

Keyhoe and Ruppelt.

Monitoring the press, Donald Keyhoe was more impressed with E.J. Ruppelt since the ex-BLUE BOOK chief could be a key figure in any Congressional hearing. Ruppelt's recent "pro-UFO" remarks, which CSI New York claimed were not published nationally, eventually reached Keyhoe in Washington via the saucer buff network. The NICAP Director immediately contacted Ruppelt. Keyhoe later wrote:

"During the November flap, he confirmed by phone his San Diego press statement: That there was enough evidence of UFO existence to call for more investigation and that Project BLUE BOOK had reports of radiation and electromagnetic interference from UFOs." (38)

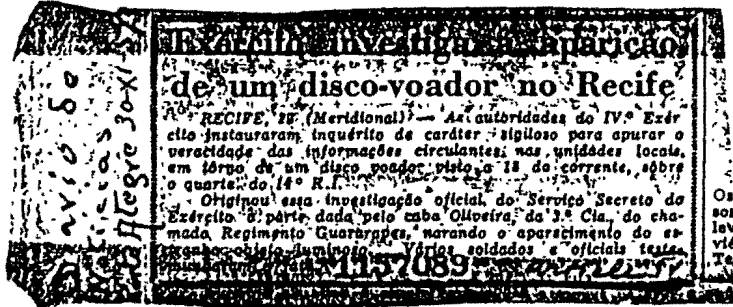
18 November. Maracaja, Brazil. (10:30 a.m.)

Wild story from Latin America. (See cutting from Brazilian UFO bulletin) (39)

—Two UFO's were sighted on Nov. 18, 1957, 10:30 a.m. at 200 yard roughly from the witnesses. They appeared to be metallic, and were hovering ab. 3 ft. on the ground. Their diameter for each one was 10 ft. approx. At the very moment when they were spotted, THE WITNESSES SAW SIX TALL AND THIN BEINGS WEARING STRANGE SUITS; THEY WERE LEAVING THE PLACE BEHIND A COUNTRY-HOUSE. RAPIDLY THEY ENTERED THE CRAFTS, THREE FOR EACH UFO. (The 10 ft.-diameter for each UFO must have been a mistake from the witnesses' evaluation, since three tall beings couldn't be contained inside so small spacecraft. Anyway, the UCB Ed. is passing the sighting just as it came to his hands.) WHEN THE TWO OBJECTS BEGAN THEIR TAKEOFF, OTHER THREE ONES APPEARED BEHIND THE FOLIAGE AND CLIMBED VERTIGINOLLY. All five objects were lost of sight in fantastic speed. Inhabitants at the vicinities stated they also sighted the UFO's at distance, and heard from them a feeble humming noise. (CASE 35)

18 November. Recife, Brazil. (no time)

UFOs and the Brazilian Army. (See clipping below)



According to the article, a certain Corporal Oliveira of the 3rd Company of the Guarapes 14th Infantry Regiment had spread word of a strange brightly-lit object's appearance above his unit's barracks on November 18th (As you can see, this was not the Fort Itaipu incident but it suggests an interest in the Brazilian Army by UFOs) The 14th was stationed at the coastal city of Recife. Several other soldiers besides Oliveira witnessed the UFO's visit. Of special interest is the fact that authorities of the Brazilian 4th Army ordered a secret inquiry by that service branch's Secret Service. This official action provides proof the Brazilian military was taking UFOs very seriously and thus suggests Fontes' "attack" story may be true. (40.)

18 November. Arkansas City, Kansas. (night)

Few UFO reports came to the attention of the press at this time. An exception was one that appeared in the Kansas press:

"Residents north of the city reported to police Monday night they sighted an unidentified flying object hovering over the area. It was described as a rapidly moving ball of fire that moved up and down, and sideways, with rapid speed.

"Police officers Marvin Hatfield and Milton Jordan, who went to the scene, reported they saw the object, and other police officers who went to the GOC tower on top of the city hall said they also saw the object.

"Residents said that after the 'ball of fire' hovered in the area and performed its antics, it vanished with a burst of speed." (41.)

18 November. Olden Moore's day in Washington.

According to Moore, questioning about his UFO encounter actually lasted only about three hours total (Even that seems excessive to me --Loren Gross) Other than talking, Moore said he sat through a slide show of UFO photographs (If true, the fact that official UFO pictures were made into slides so they could be projected on a screen, indicates the briefing of large groups What sort of groups? --Loren E. Gross)

Even some movie frames were shown, footage evidently taken by someone aboard an aircraft. The question arises, if UFOs were such a big official secret, why show such stuff to some "Joe-nobody" from Ohio? Aside from the possibility the Moore story is just a leg-pull, a clue may be the quality of the material. Mr. Moore was unimpressed with the images, and indeed we have reason to suspect the military has in its possession some really good photographic evidence. It may well be the photos and other films were just time-fillers, an excuse to keep Moore occupied.

If we can accept Moore's version of events, not everything is without interest. Apparently there were lulls when Moore got an opportunity to ask his Air Force (U.S. Army people were also involved) escorts questions. Moore, of course, asked the obvious question we might all ask under the same circumstances: where do UFOs come from? The reply, according to what Moore related, was:

"He was told by military officials that they are not ours or Russia's, and that they must therefore be from another planet, coming into our atmosphere from outer space. He was also told that the public has not been informed about all this because the military themselves do not yet have all the answers." (42.)

Why the officers made such a reply is puzzling. Surely they could have evaded an answer if they felt they needed to. The reply may have been just the personal opinion of the officers, or, just as well, the result of a high-level Intelligence briefing. Who can say? In judging the officer's response, Moore felt none of his escorts were of a scientific type so he did not know how to weight their words. It has to be mentioned also, that if Moore was telling a tall tale, he no doubt would be tempted to include this "space question" in any story.

Another bit of information offered by one officer provides an explanation, if only a partial one, of why Moore's experience was of such interest to them. Moore had reported a "pointed dome" on his UFO and that feature had turned up in other impressive cases. (43.)

The 18th would not be the end of Moore's visit to Washington. He was to spend another night in the nation's capital.

Moore's claims and Keyhoe.

At first glance, the notion of official investigators displaying UFO photos seems improbable, however when Keyhoe learned of Moore's assertions the NICAP director remembered a reported incident a year earlier. Keyhoe wrote:

"The 1956 sighting of a huge disc by the crew of a Navy transport over the Atlantic was followed by the personal visit to the aircraft commander by a government scientist. The man took a set of photographs out of a briefcase and showed them to the pilot, asking him to point out the object he saw. The commander quickly identified one of the pictures as the machine he had seen, whereupon the unnamed scientist put the picture back, refused to comment further, and departed." (44.)

18 November. North Beach, New Zealand. (10:15 p.m.)

"Extra Moon."

According to the Christchurch Star-Sun;

"A large, luminous object, darker in the centre, was seen by two North Beach residents as it hovered about the southern part of the city at 10:15 p.m. last night [the 18th].

"When Mr. G. Williams of 57 Flemington Avenue, North Beach, and his wife first noticed the light it was stationary, and at first glance Mrs. Williams thought it was the moon, but then realised it was in the wrong quarter of the sky.

"After about two minutes, the object began to move. It swung slowly round in a circle of about ten miles in circumference, according to Mr. Williams. After one or two revolutions, it moved away westward, and disappeared.

"Mr. Williams estimated that the light was at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. When first noticed, it seemed to be over the Woolston area. There was light cloud in the sky at the time.

"Mr. and Mrs. Williams are sure the phenomenon they saw was not a searchlight, as there was no beam visible at any time.

"Second report.

"Another report of a very similar object, seen about fifteen minutes later, came from Mr. W.T. Dilks, of 389 St. Asaph Street. From Wordsworth Street he saw an object about the size, shape and colour of the full moon, against the clear sky towards the Lytton Heads.

"It hovered for some time, then circled suddenly downwards and disappeared 'as quick as lightning' towards the earth, Mr. Dilks said." (45.)

19 November. Tuesday.

19 November. Shreveport, Louisiana. (3:30 a.m.)

Taxi driver sees UFO:

"D. W. Thrash, 316 E. 75th St., a taxi driver, reported seeing an oval-shaped, lighted object at about 3:30 a.m. today while his cab was standing in the 1500 block of Gilbert St.

"At first, Thrash said it appeared to be a falling star but as it descended toward earth a dim light inside the object and two red lights on the rear of it became discernible.

"Thrash said the object appeared to hover over Shreveport. It first went toward the downtown section and finally went out of sight over Broadmoor. The taxi driver estimated that he watched the object for about five minutes.

"I was in hopes somebody would drive by so I could show it to them but nobody came by when it was in the sky," Thrash said. "A police car drove by a few minutes later and I stopped them and told them about it and they said they would drive out toward Broadmoor and see if they could see it. I called the newspaper office and the operator said he would tell Barkadale about it.

"Thrash said he was certain that whatever he saw was not an airplane. It was moving too slow for a conventional aircraft, he said." (46.)

19 November. Manchester, Connecticut. (10:10 a.m.)

Two yellow somethings. (See letter)

19 November. Houston, Texas. (2:45 p.m.)

"Race car vs Model T."

According to Robert Gribble's APRG Reporter:

"An unidentified flying object was spotted over Houston, Texas at about 2:45 p.m. It passed a jet plane like a race car would pass a Model T. 'It was much higher than the jet, which was about 2,000 feet up. It was round. It was white, and didn't have any shine. And it left the jet far, far behind it was going so fast,' said the witness, Jimmy Mitchell." (47.)

19 November. Moore's third day in Washington.

To relieve the jail-like atmosphere, Moore was given a guided tour of Washington.

Before leaving town Moore was asked to sign a document that swore him to secrecy concerning what had transpired. (48.)

Nothing of note seems to have happened on the third day so why keep Moore in Washington? In fact, the whole trip seems a waste of time, and taxpayer's money, and one wonders if Moore just made everything up.

Speculation:

If Moore's story is true, there seems no reason why he could not have been questioned at Youngstown AFB, or even at Dayton. Why go to Washington for the questioning? Perhaps Moore was to testify at some sort of Congressional hearing or inquiry? Perhaps he was not informed of that because his appearance was not firmly scheduled. The questioning may have been just an excuse to keep Moore available for a three day period.

Was there Congressional interest at the time? Ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt confirms that something was going on but he fails to provide details or an exact date:

"...in November 1957, the United States Senate Committee on Government Operations began an inquiry concerning UFO's.

"I, [Ruppelt] gave my testimony and so did others who had been associated with Project BLUE BOOK." (49.)

Secret talks were conducted but pinning down the facts is not possible from available sources. For example, House Majority Leader John W. McCormack admitted to Keyhoe and NICAP in 1960 that:

"Some three years ago [1957?] as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Outer Space...my Select Committee held executive [closed] sessions on the matter of 'Unidentified Flying Objects.' We could not get much information at the time, although it was pretty well established by some that there were objects flying around in space that were unexplainable." (50.)

Moreover, it seems The House of Representatives was interested. Dr. Charles S. Sheldon II, Technical Director on the staff of the House Science & Astronautics Committee, confirmed to Richard Hall of NICAP that he was involved in some secret UFO sessions as early as 1957 (no exact date given). (51.)

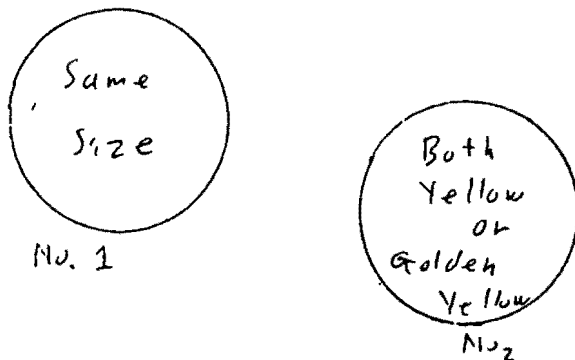
Manchester, Conn.
Mar. 2, 1959

Bob Lambek

I'll report a observation that I had seen, on the morning of Nov. 19, 1957, at 10:10 A.M.

I was having some, Cacey Armatic siding applied to the upper part of the house, and I went out at 10:10 A.M. to observe, the workmen. They had started to work on the, north-east side of the house, looking up at the workmen I soon became consigned(sic) of, two yellow spots in the sky.

They appeared to be both of the same size. The one to my left was up a little higher, than the other



Taking my eyes, off of the spots for a few seconds, to observe the workmen, when next I looked up to observe the spots, I could only see the one to my left, Still looking up and wondering where No. 2, had gone. It soon began to come in view gradely(sic), at a right angle to No. 1

Before they were both facing me full, standing on edge.

As soon has(sic) No. 2 completed its position, right angle to No. 1.

No. 1 flip ed over and commenced a spiral descent, sic to eight times its diameter, at the bottom of its decent(sic) it paused only montarily(sic), and zoomed straight up, flipped up, and was then in its original position.

The size of those spots was of approximately, the size of the sun. When I first saw them, I glanced back to the sun to compare thof size.

Being only in my shirt sleeves, and after watc ing the spots, for from three to five minutes, on a cold, windy November day I left to go into the house.

The yellow spots where(sic) still ~~xxxx~~ in the sky, when I left.

Sincerely

(deleted)

142 Bissell St.
Manchester, Conn.

While Dr. Sheldon did not commit to a belief in UFOs in a letter to Hall, he was very friendly and admitted UFO reports were "quite interesting." Dr. Sheldon dwelled on a big difficulty concerning the UFO problem. He wasn't sure UFOs posed a threat to the country while many other issues showed a clear and present danger. These latter concerns were clamoring for attention so why should Congress spent time on UFO reports? (52.)

19 November. Moore arrives home.*

Moore's wife, Zelma, was mad when her husband left home and demanded a full explanation when he returned. Mr. Moore told her some details for the sake of domestic peace but that may have been a mistake since, as he himself said: "Sometimes she talks too much." (53.)

19 November. Ashburton, New Zealand. (8:30 p.m.)

three lights.

About 50 miles southwest of Christchurch is the city of Ashburton where our next UFO report was recorded:

"...the report comes from an Eiffelton resident who, with her husband and a neighbour, claimed that they saw three 'reddish' lights travelling in a north-south direction towards the coast at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday night.

"We watched the lights, which appeared to be in the vicinity of Wakanui, for almost 10 minutes before they disappeared out to sea," the woman stated. 'They were not the navigation lights of aeroplanes and they were not the planet Venus. There were two large lights and one smaller one.'

'The lights were first seen by the husband who went to close a window. He called to his wife and both went into the yard of their home at Eiffelton to get a better view. The lights were at an altitude of about 20 degees. The husband later went to a neighbour's house and was informed that the lights had been seen from there as well.' (54.)

19 November. Brighton, New Zealand. (9:30 p.m.)

Screen of deep-red color.

The Christchurch Star-Sun reports on continued activity:

"Four boys, aged from 10 to 16 years, say they saw a definite round red glow with palpitating edges in the sky 'about 1100ft.' above Brighton last night. It was visible for about ten minutes from 9:30 p.m., they said.

"We feel sure that there was an object behind the glow," said Terry Foster, aged 15. 'Shafts of white light came through it as if there were a revolving object behind emitting the light.'

* The Chardon, Ohio, Geauga Record has Moore leaving his hometown on Thursday, November 14th, and returning home on Saturday, November 16th. These dates differ from those in C.W. Fitch's account of Moore's adventures. Fitch's writings were checked by Moore before publication therefore I am using Fitch as my source ---L.E. Gross.

"One of the boys said he saw fine white ribbon-like streams appearing across the sky behind the object and vanishing quickly. He thought they looked like a vapour trail from some object which was moving rapidly behind the cloud at a much greater altitude.

"The glow rose up and down," said Terry. "In time it became a brighter crimson, and then it darkened. Two of us next heard a high-pitched humming noise coming from the left of the object behind the glow.

"The object then seemed to move upward quickly, leaving the screen of deep-red colour behind. This gradually disappeared."

"Although there was cloud in the sky reflecting a light red glow from the sun, the boys are sure that the object was not a cloud." (55.)

19 November. Fayetteville, Arkansas. (10:52-11:04 p.m.)

Zig-zagging light. (See clipping to the right)

20 November. Wednesday.

20 November. Montezuma, Terra Haute, Robinson, and Newport, Indiana. (night)

Mass confusion? (See BLUE BOOK file card)

20 November. Crucial period for NICAP? (See confidential bulletin)

20 November. McMinnville, Tennessee. (10:30 p.m.)

More about the mysterious "flying patrol lights. (See clipping)

20 November. Washington D.C.(?) (4:20 p.m.)

Three flying plates. (See typed note found in CUFOS files)

20 November. W.B. Smith and electromagnetic propulsion. (See papers from the Canadian Defense Research Board)

20 November. Near Sao Carlos, Brazil. (no time)

"2 tall beings?"

Another occupant case from Brazil:

"An agronomist, Jose Luiz Andrielli, and his family were returning to Sao Carlos by car when they saw a flash in the sky. Walking in that direction, he found a 'peculiar machine' sitting on the ground. A door opened, and 2 tall beings stepped out; with a flashlight-like tool, one of them detached a fragment of stone from a rock, and they then returned to the craft, which climbed swiftly into the sky." (56.)

20 November. Jutland and the island of Bornholm, Denmark.

Zig-Zagging Light In The Sky Sighted

A light that zig-zagged through the sky was sighted last night by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Milstead, 1215 Ellis Street. At eight minutes until 11 Mrs. Milstead sighted the strange light in the sky and called the attention of her husband to it. They roused some neighbors, and all of them watched it until it disappeared at four minutes after 11. Milstead said the light changed colors, moved about in the sky and disappeared from view completely at times, reappearing almost immediately. Finally the light just went out and stayed out, he said. It was in the northwest sky.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 November 1957		2. LOCATION Montezuma, Indiana Terre Haute, Indiana Robinson, Illinois Newport, Indiana		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 1. 21/0340Z 2. 21/0350Z GMT 3. 21/0400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Binoculars ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & GOC Observers			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 5 mins 2. 5 mins 3. 2-5 mins 4. 2 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1. 8 and 2 2. 2 3. 8 4. 1		9. COURSE 1. upward 2. 3. East 4. West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. One report of 8, another rpt of 2 round, white objs, size of baseball, giving off bright light. 2. 2 round white objs size of baseball. Objs seen moving up through clouds & were in sight 5 mins. 3. 8 light-looking objects darting in & out of clouds at 7,000 ft. 4. Round obj, size of basketball, bright orange light moving fm E to W upward.			11. COMMENTS Objects moving in easterly direction & should they be seen closer to Terre Haute, a fighter will be sent aloft to investigate. ATIC was to be informed if anything further developed. No further information received. Four garbled rpts of apparently same sighting. Either 1, 2 or 8 obj; moving E, W or up. No attempt at analysis.		

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CONFIDENTIAL BULLETIN TO NICAP MEMBERS * November 20, 1957

Dear Member:

This is a crucial period for all of us. New efforts to kill off NICAP probably will be made—though the first has backfired. Answering for the Air Force Chief of Staff, Maj. General Joe W. Kelly, Director of Legislative Liaison, has just written NICAP that the Air Force never had any intention of giving its UFO reports to the Committee.

This proves the falsity of public Air Force claims that "all information in Air Force hands" had been given to NICAP's Director. General Kelly's letter also admits Air Force censorship (which he and top officers have denied to Congressmen) by the device of labeling UFO reports "For Official Use Only." This and other documents have gone to a Congressional committee, with evidence that the latest Air Force figures and claims on UFOs have deliberately misled the public.

To offset misleading AF claims, NICAP's staff has worked day and night for two weeks. Over 30 broadcasts, live and recorded, were used by stations from coast to coast. Press interviews led to UP and AP wire stories, an NEA feature article, and other important publicity. Inevitably, this has delayed our magazine issue No. 3, already slowed by our former associate editor's return to broadcasting work, which has put all the writing and editorial work on the Director. However, the columns are now being prepared and will soon go to press. Meantime, a brief rundown on developments:

The Levelland, Texas case where UFO interference with car ignitions was reported, got wide publicity and was quickly followed by similar reports of stalled cars and radios fading, by a rocket engineer and others near White Sands, New Mexico. Scores of witnesses, including state police, reported similar effects at Danville and Elmwood in Illinois, Kodiak, Alaska and Geauga County, Ohio. The latter case involved high radioactivity in a field where a UFO reportedly touched down briefly, with Geiger counter checks being made by Civil Defense officials. Meantime, official UFO reports mounted. The Coast Guard cutter radar and visual tracking case in the Gulf of Mexico; sighting of six discs at Long Beach, California by Major Louis Baker, USAF, and ten AF witnesses; a sighting by Navy Lt. Richard Spencer and others at Los Alamitos, California.

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These reports and many others by reputable civilians increased pressure on the Air Force. Some officers accepted reports as genuine; one, Col. Dean Hess, Korean ace, former minister, revealed that the AF was seriously concerned, also publicly urged the Pentagon to release the facts. Evidence indicates he was immediately muzzled; in a TV appearance he practically retracted his words.

To offset growing fears the UFOs were Russian devices, stressed by some papers, nine NICAP Board members publicly warned Americans not to be misled, that UFO had been reported long before USSR rocket tests. The AF then rushed its press release (prepared in July, held for such a crisis) denying saucers' existence. It deleted, however, a sharp attack on NICAP because the false claims already cited had backfired after they were sent to Vice Adm. J. M. Hoskins, Director of Declassification.

At this time Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, former UFO Project Head, issued a public demand that the AF publish all facts. He also blasted Menzel's usual "mirage" answer, said top scientists under AF contract had absolutely rejected it. More important, he revealed that the AF had earlier "induction" reports of electrical interference.

To stop now nationwide pressure, the AF told INS all recent UFO witnesses were either hoaxers or deluded by natural phenomena, reviving its often used technique of ridicule to keep other witnesses from talking. As before, this has temporarily silenced not only witnesses but some newspapers that had begun to demand the truth.

Despite Gen. Kelly's sarcastic rejection of NICAP's requests, our offer to cooperate with the AF still stands. We hope to avoid an open battle, but NICAP intends to expose in every way possible the false claims, censorship and muzzling of witnesses. Full details of the above, and vital behind-the-scenes developments, will appear in Issue No. 3, also:

Publication of important sightings by well known Baltimore astronomer Dr. James C. Bartlett, for whom the British Astronomical Association named "Bartlett Square" on the moon. Dr. Bartlett who has seen disc and cigar-shaped UFOs has become a NICAP Special Adviser; he will also reveal his opinions about UFOs and the possibility of life on Mars... A statement for NICAP by Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, the noted British lunar authority, confirming his sighting of two UFOs, also clarifies his moon-bridge report proving it was no optical illusion... A special UFO report by new NICAP Adviser Ralph Mayher, Cleveland TV announcer, who in 1952 took the famous Miami UFO film which is still being withheld by the Air Force.

NICAP's Director wishes to emphasize he is no relation to Richard Kehoe of Long Beach, who recently claimed a UFO contact. Mr. Kehoe will be asked for a detailed report... We are sorry about the hundreds of unanswered letters, many enclosing UFO news clips and direct reports. As soon as we have enough office help we shall try hard to answer all the letters we receive, for we greatly appreciate all of them. We are still limited to three full-time workers; NICAP is growing but we still cannot afford the extra help so badly needed. We appreciate your remarkable patience and understanding; without it, we could not keep on under such pressure.

We seem to be nearing a major breakthrough. Please continue to help by being patient; send us new members and lists of interested friends; keep the clippings coming; keep believing in us. We intend to keep on fighting. We are so close to our goal that NICAP must not be halted for one moment. This is a struggle for freedom. We urgently need all the support you can give us.

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Mystery Lights Seen Near McMinnville

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—Two of Middle Tennessee's mysterious "flying patrol lights" were spotted over Warren county for the first time last night, according to Sheriff Eldridge Youngblood.

The sheriff said the first light was seen by two of his deputies, Don Yancey and George Zechman as they were driving toward McMinnville on Morrison road south of town.

Yancey said the light was flashing just like the rotating, red flash that comes from a "blister" light atop a highway patrol car. He said it was "so

low" to the road he thought it was a highway patrolman wanting to "haul me over to talk to."

Yancey said he stopped his car and he and Zechman saw the light "go up over the car" and move slowly off in a northwesterly direction.

The deputies said there was no noise in connection with the light. They said it could not have been an airplane.

The deputies said they radioed the city police and two officers, Doc Miller and Telson Chism, drove out Morrison road and said the light was plainly visible

to them as it moved northwest.

The city officers, in turn, called Youngblood and told him of the mysterious lights.

Youngblood said he drove to Arcadia hill, the highest hill in the city and from there, he saw two red lights. One, he said, was to the south "by Morrison road," and the other was in the north.

"I got the impression that one was over the city business district," the sheriff said.

The one to the north, he said, "faded away," but the one in the south hung in the sky until

about 10:30 p.m., when it "went down low over Ben Loman mountain."

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E. B. Midgett, 231 Oakwood st., S. E. Johnson 2-1485 phoned the GAA about 4:50 to tell of seeing three ufo's over his house at 4:20, same day.

He said he had been reading science fiction for 20 years and half way believed in saucers and halfyway didn't. But he was positive about what he had seen.

He said his wife had called him out of the house. Looking toward the North over the ridge of his raaf, he saw three objects. They were in shape like plates. Two were on the west side of a single one. The two appeared to his sigh as about 6 inches apart. The third was ahead of these two ~~and six inches~~ by what looked like three feet, and to the right, or east of them.

When they "went below" the roof of his house, he stepped back two or three steps, to continue his observation, and they were gone--that quick. They left no vapor trails.

Planck.



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20 November 1957.

Attn: D Phys R(E) (2)Electromagnetic Propulsion

We have received a request from a student officer at the RAF Technical College to pass on information about our studies in electromagnetic propulsion. The background given to us was that a paper by W.R. Smith outlined work that had been done in this field and suggesting that a comprehensive project "Magnet" was being undertaken to determine feasibility of the use of the earth's magnetic field as a propulsion element. We were unable to supply any useful information and would appreciate your comments.

If my memory serves me aright W.R. Smith is the Department of Transport employee who caused considerable embarrassment to the Board a year or two ago by disclosure to the Press of his private studies of flying saucers. The project quoted above would appear to be a reasonable expansion of the principles he expounded at that time. I have suggested to our enquirer that this is probably the answer to this question, but since he is obviously making a serious study of the subject, I undertook to ensure that, in fact, the Board is not seriously involved in the project to study electromagnetic propulsion.

A. S. Shore
(A.S. Shore)
Defence Research Liaison Officer
Canadian Joint Staff, London.

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Ottawa, Ontario.
26 November, 1957.

Defence Research Member,
Canadian Joint Staff,
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London, S.W. 7, England.

Attention: Mr. A. Shore

Electromagnetic Propulsion

Reference is made to your letter of 20 November, 1957, requesting information on studies in electromagnetic propulsion undertaken by the Board.

Your memory serves you aright! The Board is not involved in any such project.

Original Signed by
D. R. HANSEN

(D.R. Hansen)
for Chairman,
Defence Research Board.

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With reference to the work being done at DOT, the Chairman asked Mr. Smith to review the project covering the following phases:

- (a) what the organization is now doing with reference to analysis of reports and any conclusions arrived at.
- (b) methods used by the DOT sighting station.
- (c) future plans

At the request of the Secretary Mr. Smith agreed to prepare a written resume. A copy of his report is attached hereto.

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PROJECT MAGNET REPORT

During the past five years there has been accumulating in the files of the United States Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force, Department of Transport, and various other agencies, an impressive number of reports on sightings of unidentified flying objects popularly known as "Flying Saucers". These files contain reports by creditable people on things which they have seen in the sky, tracked by radar, or photographed. They are reports made in good faith by normal, honest people, and there is little if any reason to doubt their veracity. Many sightings undoubtedly are due to unusual views of common objects or phenomenae, and are quite normal, but there are many sightings which cannot be explained so easily.

Project Magnet was authorized in December, 1950, by Commander C.P. Edwards, then Deputy Minister of Transport for Air Services, for the purpose of making as detailed a study of the saucer phenomenae as could be made within the framework of existing establishments. The Broadcast and Measurements Section of the Telecommunications Division were given the directive to go ahead with this work with whatever assistance could be obtained informally from outside sources such as Defence Research Board and National Research Council.

It is perfectly natural in the human thinking mechanism to try and fit observations into an established pattern. It is only when observations stubbornly refuse to be so fitted that we become disturbed. When this happens we may, and usually do, take one of three courses. First, we may deny completely the validity of the observations; or second, we may pass the whole subject off as something of no consequence; or third, we may accept the discrepancies as real and go to work on them. In the matter of Saucer Sightings all three of these reactions have been strikingly apparent. The first two approaches are obviously negative and from which a definite conclusion can never be reached. It is the third approach, acceptance of the data and subsequent research that is dealt with in this report.

The basic data with which we have to work consist largely of sightings reported as they are observed throughout Canada in a purely random manner. Many of the reports are from the extensive field organization of the Department of Transport whose job it is to watch the sky and whose observers are trained in precisely this sort of observation. Also, there are in operation a number of instrumental arrangements such as the ionospheric observatories from which useful data have been obtained. However, we must not expect too much from these field stations because of the very sporadic nature of the sightings. As the analysis progresses and we know more about what

to look for we may be able to obtain and make much better use of field data. Up to the present we have been prevented from using conventional laboratory methods owing to the complete lack of any sort of specimens with which to experiment, and our prospects of obtaining any in the immediate future are not very good. Consequently, a large part of the analysis in these early stages will have to be based on deductive reasoning, at least until we are able to work out a procedure more in line with conventional experimental methods.

The starting point of the investigation is essentially the interview with an observer. A questionnaire form and an instructional guide for the interrogator were worked out by the Project Second Storey Committee, which is a Committee sponsored by the Defence Research Board to collect, catalogue and correlate data on sightings of unidentified flying objects. This questionnaire and guide are included as Appendix I, and are intended to get the maximum useful information from the observer and present it in a manner in which it can be used to advantage. This form has been used so far as possible in connection with the sightings investigated by the Department of Transport.

A weighting factor is assigned to each sighting according to a system intended to minimize the personal equation. This weighting system is described in Appendix II. The weighting factor may be considered as the probability that the report contains the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so far as the observer and interrogator are aware. It has nothing to do with the nature of the object claimed to be seen. It is in the sense analogous to the order of precision with which a measurement may be made, and for the purpose of this analysis this is precisely the manner in which it is used.

Sightings may be grouped according to certain salient features, and the combined weight of all pertinent observations with respect to these features may be determined by applying Peter's formula, which is a standard mathematical technique for determining probable error.

$$r_0 = \frac{.8453}{n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \quad (v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + \dots + v_n)$$

where r_0 is the probable error of the mean, n is the number of observations and v is the probable error of each observation, that is, unity minus the weighting factor. This method has the advantage of being simple and easy to use and enables a number of mediocre observations to be combined effectively into the equivalent of one good one.

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The next step is to sort out the observations according to some pattern. The particular pattern is not so important as the fact that it should take account of all contingencies, however improbable they may appear at first sight. In other words, there must be a compartment somewhere in the scheme of things into which each sighting may be placed, comfortably, and with nothing left over. Furthermore, it must be possible to arrive at each appropriate compartment by a sequence of logical reasoning taking account of all the facts presented. If this can be done, then the probability for the real existence of the contents of any compartment will be the single or combined weighting factor pertinent to that single or group of sightings. The charts shown in Appendix III were evolved as a means for sorting out the various sightings and provide the pattern which was used in the analysis of those sightings reported to and analysed by the Department of Transport.

Most sightings fit readily into one of the classifications shown, which are of two general types; those about which we know something and those about which we know very little. When the sightings can be classified as something we know about, we need not concern ourselves too much with them, but when they fit into classifications which we don't understand we are back to our original position of whether to deny the evidence, dismiss it as of no consequence, or to accept it and go to work on it. The process of sorting out observations according to these charts and fitting them into compartments can hardly be considered an end in itself. Rather, it is a convenience to clarify thinking and direct activity along profitable channels. It shows at once which aspects are of significance and which may be bypassed. Merely placing a sighting under a certain heading does not explain it; it only indicates where we may start looking for an explanation.

Appendix IV contains summaries of the 1952 sightings as investigated by the Department of Transport. Considerably more data exists in the files of other agencies, and more is being collected as the investigations proceed. While it is not intended to make any reference to an analysis of the records of other agencies, it may be said that the Department of Transport sightings are quite representative of the sightings reported throughout the world. The following is a table of the breakdown of the 25 proper sightings reported during 1952.

NATURE OF SIGHTINGS	NUMBER	WEIGHT
Probably meteor	4	91%
Probably aircraft	1	69%
Probably balloons	1	74%
Probably marker light	1	64%
Bright speck at night, not star or planet	3	75%
Bright speck daylight, not star or planet	1	68%
Luminous ring	1	68%
Shiny cone	1	53%
Circular or elliptical body, shiny day	5	88%
Circular or elliptical body luminous night	5	90%
Unidentified lights of various kinds	2	77%
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPER SIGHTINGS	25	96%

With reference to the above table, of the four cases identified as probably meteors, their weight works out at 91%, which is the probability that the observers actually did see meteors which appeared as they described them. Considering the circular or elliptical bodies together, their weight works out at 91% for the ten sightings, from which we may conclude that SOMETHING answering this description was actually observed. Similarly we may consider each of the other groups of sightings, taking account of the probability that the observations are reliable.

It is not intended to describe here in detail the intricate and tedious processes by which the sightings are evaluated, beyond the fact that the pattern set forth in the charts of Appendix III is followed. The cardinal rule is that a sighting must fit completely under one or more of the chart headings, with nothing left over and without postulating any additions, deletions, or changes in the facts as reported. Should there be no suitable heading, then obviously the charts must be expanded to provide one, in fact this was the evolution of these charts. Where a sighting may be fitted under more than one heading an arbitrary division of the probability of finding it under each applicable heading is assigned. The sum of such probability figures must of course be unity, and the probability for the real existence under any particular heading is the product of this probability figure and the reliability or weighting factor for the sighting concerned.

It is apparent that the judgment of the people doing the evaluating is bound to enter the picture and may produce substantial numerical differences with reference to sightings listed under certain headings. However, since many headings are automatically eliminated by the nature of the facts available, the discrepancies are confined to the probability figures for the distribution under the remaining headings which are considered eligible, and we end up with definite classifications for the sightings with SOME probability figure for the reality of each group. This has the effect of forcing those who are doing the evaluating to face the reported facts squarely, pay meticulous attention to them, and place each sighting honestly under the only headings where it will fit.

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In working through the analysis of the proper sightings listed, we find that the majority of them appear to be of some material body. Of these, seven are classed as probably normal objects, and eleven are classed as strange objects. Of the remainder, four have a substantial probability of being material. strange, objects, with three having a substantial probability of being immaterial, electrical, phenomenae. Of the eleven strange objects the probability definitely favours the alien vehicle class, with the secret missile included with a much lower probability.

The next step is to follow this line of reasoning as far as possible so as to deduce what we can from the observed data. Vehicles or missiles can be of only two general kinds, terrestrial and extra-terrestrial, and in either case the analysis enquires into the source and technology. If the vehicles originate outside the iron curtain we may assume that the matter is in good hands, but if they originate inside the iron curtain it could be a matter of grave concern to us.

In the matter of technology, the points of interest are: - the energy source; means of support, propulsion and manipulation; structure; and biology. So far as energy is concerned we know about mechanical energy and chemical energy, and a little about energy of fission, and we can appreciate the possibility of direct conversion of mass to energy. Beyond this we have no knowledge, and unless we are prepared to postulate a completely unknown source of energy of which we do not know even the rudiments, we must conclude that the vehicles use one of the four listed energy sources. Unless something we do not understand can be done with gravitation, mechanical energy has little use beyond driving model aircraft. We use chemical energy to quite an extent, but we realize its limitations, so if the energy demands of the vehicles exceed what we consider to be the reasonable capabilities of chemical fuels, we are forced to the conclusion that such vehicles must get their energy from either fission or mass conversion.

With reference to the means for support, propulsion and manipulation, unless we are prepared to postulate something else quite beyond our knowledge, there are only the two groups of possibilities, namely the known means and the speculative means. Of the known means there is only physical support through the use of buoyancy or airfoils, the reaction of rockets and jets, and centrifugal force, which is what holds the moon in position. Of the speculative means we know only of the possibility of gravity waves, field interaction and radiation pressure. If the observed behaviour of the vehicles is such as to be beyond the limitations which we know apply to the known means of support, then we are forced to the conclusion that one of the speculative means must have been developed to do the job.

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From a study of the sighting reports (Appendix IV), it can be deduced that the vehicles have the following significant characteristics. They are a hundred feet or more in diameter; they can travel at speeds of several thousand miles per hour; they can reach altitudes well above those which would support conventional aircraft or balloons; and ample power and force seem to be available for all required manoeuvres. Taking these factors into account, it is difficult to reconcile this performance with the capabilities of our technology, and unless the technology of some terrestrial nation is much more advanced than is generally known, we are forced to the conclusion that the vehicles are probably extra-terrestrial, in spite of our prejudices to the contrary.

It has been suggested that the sightings might be due to some sort of optical phenomenon which gives the appearance of the objects reported, and this aspect was thoroughly investigated. Charts are shown in Appendix III showing the various optical considerations. Enticing as this theory is, there are some serious objections to its actual application, in the form of some rather definite and quite immutable optical laws. These are the geometrical laws dealing with optics generally and which we have never yet found cause to doubt, plus the wide discrepancies in the order of magnitude of the light values which must be involved in any sightings so far studied. Furthermore, introducing an optical system might explain an image in terms of an object, but the object still requires explaining. A particular effort was made to find an optical explanation for the sightings listed in this report, but in no case could one be worked out. It was not possible to find so much as a partial optical explanation for even one sighting. Consequently, it was felt that optical theories generally should not be taken too seriously until such time as at least one sighting can be satisfactorily explained in such a manner.

It appears then, that we are faced with a substantial probability of the real existence of extra-terrestrial vehicles, regardless of whether or not they fit into our scheme of things. Such vehicles of necessity must use a technology considerably in advance of what we have. It is therefore submitted that the next step in this investigation should be a substantial effort towards the acquisition of as much as possible of this technology, which would without doubt be of great value to us.]

W.B. Smith
Engineer-in-Charge,
Project Magnet

APPENDIX "B"

Based on the conclusions of the 1952 report, it was felt that certain of the phenomena would probably be accompanied by physical effects which could be measured, and since measurements are always more satisfactory than qualitative observations, it was decided to try and get some measured data. (99)

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Whether the phenomena be due to natural electromagnetic causes, or alien vehicles, there would probably be associated with a sighting some magnetic or radio noise disturbance. Also, there is a possibility of gamma radiation being associated with such phenomena.

It has been suggested by some mathematicians that gravity waves may exist in reality, as well as a convenience to make an equation balance. While we know practically nothing of such waves in nature, nevertheless, if the possibility exists, flying saucer phenomena, being largely an unknown field, might be a good place to look for such gravity waves.

Therefore, a group of instruments was set up in a hut at Shirley Bay for the purpose of trying to get measurements which could be tied to one or more actual sightings. The instruments are; a compass type magnetometer, a gamma ray counter, a radio set and gravimeter. The outputs of these four instruments are arranged to draw proportional traces on a pen recorder.

These instruments went into operation last October and apart from the usual bugs, seems to be operating satisfactorily. We have as yet obtained no saucer data from them.

Our future plans include study of any data which we may get from our Shirley Bay set-up, should we be so fortunate, as well as the continued analysis of sighting reports which come in to us. We propose also to make rigid analysis of unknown phenomena to see how much can be explained on this basis. Most of the previous work along these lines has been largely qualitative and open to serious objection from the point of view of quantitative analysis.

We intend to promote a study of gravity waves, whether within this Department or outside to find out if:

- a) They exist in nature
- b) How we can detect them if they do
- c) How to generate them, and
- d) What they may be used for.

Intense regional UFO flap. "Flying Triangle." Danish Defense Intelligence.

Some heavy UFO activity in Denmark attracted international attention on the 20th of November. For some inexplicable reason the UFOs took an interest in the Danes during late November (Something mundane may have triggered the flap but my Danish sources are limited --L.E. Gross)

The story:

"On November 20, 1957, two reports reached the Danish Defense Intelligence Service from the island of Bornholm. One came from the Air Station at Bornholm, where an officer had observed a mysterious flying object. It happened just after darkness had fallen and the UFO was equipped with flashing red and green lights. It flew low above the water and later over the island, where it was also seen by many civilians, and it left a glowing tail of flames. Furthermore, it was able to remain stationary in the sky like a helicopter. The object was completely silent as it passed over.

"The other report came from the Naval Station at Bornholm and was quite similar. The times corresponded and both reports were given by experienced officers. Each report was scrutinised by experts and the two officers closely questioned.

"A Mr. Hans Haugaard Hansen was delivering some goods the next day and saw a triangular-shaped object moving at a very low level across a field. It emitted a reddish or orange-coloured light and made no sound. The bottom of the object appeared quite solid the upper part was of a transparent material through which he observed two human figures. At the same time that Mr. Hansen was making his sighting two people in a nearby town, Jordrup, saw a similar object and observed five beings inside it. At Vorbasse a Mr. and Mrs. Poder saw what they described as a T-formed object. It behaved in a similar way to the objects seen at Jordup and also by Mr. Hansen. The object was also seen at Gesten.

"The Danish weekly, Familie-blad, reporting these sightings, states that these are only a few reports of what has been seen lately. There have been hundreds of them. The Familie-blad adds: 'Not a single day passes without some report appearing in daily papers all over the country of true observations having been made by truthful people. And strangely enough, the observations are made in different parts of the country all at the same time. Therefore, the possibility of optical illusions or imagination is out of the question. Strange things are happening between the sky and Denmark and the mysterious happenings we have hitherto associated with American and Australian deserts have suddenly come nearer to our own lives.' (57.)

20 November. Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia. (daytime)

The "answer" to Russia's earth satellites.

President Eisenhower took the day off and flew down to Georgia for a round of golf. While the Chief Executive was out on the course at the Augusta National Golf Club, a messenger, who did not identify himself, left a wooden box at the front gate. The Secret Service rushed the mysterious "gift" to near by Fort Gordon where a bomb squad carefully opened the container. Inside was a small

model flying saucer with the words "Venus" on the topside along with a couple of five-pointed stars like those painted on U.S. Air Force aircraft. A slip of paper that accompanied the little saucer suggested that such a device was "the answer to Russia's earth satellites." The United Press news service informs us the saucer was:

"...sent to the White House, where Air Force and Secret Service men are studying it. A metallic power unit is located under the pilot's bubble, and the 'saucer' has four tubes protruding from the back and one from each side." (58.)

Not many UFO stories were such a joke. Captain Gregory could testify to that.

20 November. Captain Gregory's office, Wright Field, Ohio.

The November 17th Coreapolis, Pennsylvania, UFO report found its way to BLUE BOOK where it came to the attention of Captain Gregory. He hoped to "explain" the sighting somehow and then move on, after all the Air Force's debunking campaign seemed to be working. UFO reports from across the nation were now much fewer in number indicating the worst UFO crisis since 1952 was finally subsiding. The last thing the Air Force needed was another sensational UFO story hitting the press. The Coreapolis report, unfortunately for Captain Gregory, was not a simple matter. The woman witness was a secretary for the 54th Fighter Group, Air Defense Command, and she was considered a reliable source by the unit's commander!

Full of anxiety, Captain Gregory sent a message to the CO of the Fighter Group, expressing his concerns and requesting more information. The BLUE BOOK chief then waited anxiously for a reply. (See Joint Messageform)

20 November. Indianapolis, Indiana. (5:27 p.m.)

"This sighting took the cake."

A letter writer to Ray Palmer's Flying Saucer magazine informed the readership:

"My wife and I were driving home from work when a red-orange light appeared about 70 degrees above the horizon in the south-south-west. Venus was immediately located and the object was about 10 degrees west and about 5 degrees below the planet. The sky was clear but a few scattered clouds appeared in patches in the darkness. The object was moving north when first sighted and as it continued to move in a straight line, the light gradually faded. After about 3 seconds, it flashed violently back on, remained bright for a few seconds then once again faded slowly. This happened about 15 seconds apart and a total of four times. We stopped the car and got out. The object was still visible. It disappeared behind a cloud, but was in sight from 5:27 to 5:31 (CSI), a total of four minutes. I would judge that the object was 5 to 6,000 feet in the air the entire period of time it was in sight." (59.)

20 November. Between Avon and Danville, Indiana. (5:45 p.m.)

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The writer to Palmer's magazine had another story to tell:

"Later that same night, as we were between Avon and Danville, Indiana and about 15 miles from Indianapolis, at 5:45 p.m. (CSI) we were driving on Highway 36 when we saw two lights ahead of us and about 550 feet high. The light on the left was green and the one on the right was red. At first we thought it was an airplane following the highway to Weir-Cook Airport in Indianapolis, but when we came nearer to the lights, they seemed to speed up. I stopped the car when the lights were almost over us and when we got out of the car and looked up, the object should have been directly above us. We saw nothing --no lights, no form or shape. There was no sound. When the object was on the other side of us we saw a single white light moving comparatively slowly, then attaining a very high rate of speed as it approached Avon. Neither the green nor the red light were visible after the object passed us. There was never any sound, no rush of air or other disturbance. When the object was the other side of Avon (east), it made a sharp turn toward the south, then back north and resumed its previous course. The object was in sight for a total of 13 minutes, so we know it was going fairly slowly at times." (60.)

20 November. Spencer, Indiana. (10:30 p.m.)

"Red grapefruit."

According to a Mrs. William Fulk of Spencer, Indiana:

"As she got out of her car, she noticed a bright object hovering in the sky above. The object was about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length and was pulsating. It was red in coloration and the edges were sharply outlined against the clear night sky. Mrs. Fulk immediately called the phenomena to the attention of her husband who was inside the house. Both of them watched the object for 30 minutes. At one point during the sighting, a shaft of white light appeared behind the object as though a flashlight had been turned on. A few minutes later the beam disappeared as though a flashlight had been suddenly snapped off. The same object, or one similar, was sighted the same evening about 8:30 p.m. by Mr. Grover Fulk, a Patricksburg, Indiana mailman." (61.)

November. Brazil.

He had only told his mother the story. He knew telling his father would do no good. He kept quiet until November 1957 when the UFO flap erupted in Brazil and the writer Joao Martins of Cruzeiro magazine authored a series of articles about the UFO mystery. Martins urged reluctant UFO witnesses to step forward. Encouraged, Antonio Villas Boas penned an astonishing letter to Martins. The missive must have blown Martins' mind. Antonio claimed he had had sex with an alien! (62.) One of the most famous cases in UFO history had finally become known to at least one UFO researcher.

21 November. Thursday

21 November. Ronceverte, West Virginia. (6:30 a.m.)

"A most amazing thing in the sky." (See clipping)

21 November. San Diego, California. (7:30 p.m.)

"I never expected to see because I didn't believe it." (See clipping)

21 November. Near Reedsburg, Wisconsin. (10:45 p.m.)

The cops thought it was a hoax but then they saw it." (See clipping)

21 November. Veracruz, Mexico.

Untranslated Spanish UFO news item. (See clipping)

21 November. The Olden Moore story continued.

Moore's wife, Zelma, just couldn't keep a secret. Mr. Moore hadn't even returned from Washington before his wife blurted out the fact he was being questioned secretly in the nation's capital. Mrs. Moore let the secret slip during a telephone conversation with a friend. The friend told others in town and before long newsmen were knocking on the Moore's front door. (63.) Moore's claimed experience produced headlines. (See clipping)

Is there any evidence Olden told the truth?

There is one story that, in part, supports one of Moore's unusual claims. The story in question can found in Richard Hall's Book Uninvited Guests on pp. 242-244. Hall's account is a condensed version of a very interesting UFO report that can be found in Dr. James McDonald's files, a case so interesting we should take this opportunity to include all the details.

The McDonald files contain a "Summary of interviews with an A.A. Akins." The paperwork concerns an incident near Castle AFB, California, that took place sometime in late 1956 or early 1957.

Akins was a 2nd Lt. at the time of the UFO incident and was assigned to the 456 Interceptor Squadron, Air Defense Command based at Castle Field. McDonald said of Akins:

"I was quite favorably impressed with Akins' manner of discussing the incident, his carefullness in considering each question, and the technical content of much of his discussion. There was no exaggeration, embellishment, or emphasis upon the importance of his involvement in the incident. His discussion was matter-of-fact and straightforward at all times. He was knowledgeable about radar principles. Definitely above-average in intelligence." (64.)

The incident.

This story began with a number of UFO reports from the citizens of Merced. As a result, both Lt. Akins and a Lt. J. Robinson were scrambled out of Castle AFB, a standard ADC response to possible aerial intruders.

It was daytime and some sort of object could be plainly seen in the sky. A thing that was apparently taking a great interest in the city of Merced and its environs because it refused to leave even when the two F-86s, piloted by Akins and Robinson, approached.

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WEST VIRGINIA NEWS.

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O.K...Tap Your Head...But We Saw What We Saw!

At last we have seen one of those objects in the sky which have been variously described as flying saucers, space ships, and what have you? We were disappointed that this thing had no shape like a saucer.

Incidentally we now know what it is like to have somebody you are telling your story keep entirely silent and have no comment. He doesn't have to tap his head for you to understand what he's thinking—old boy, you're loco. Still, we're bound to tell the story, just as we saw it, and anyone is privileged to draw his own conclusions about what we saw. In the end we will say what we believe it was.

Thursday mornings we try to sleep a little late. It's the day after, and we think we can afford it. However, we awoke about the usual 6:30 and remained awake, after a few minutes deciding we might as well get up. In the bathroom, we changed our mind went back to bed and lay there resting but awake. The telephone on our bed table rang unusual at such an hour. On the wire was Otto Hollowell whose estate on the Teaberry Road near Lewisburg gives him the grandest view of the

sky as well as the landscape, who told us rather excitedly that had we been looking out about 15 minutes before we would have seen "a most amazing thing in the sky."

Mr. Hollowell described it faithfully, ruled out a space shape, and finally saying it "must have been a comet," although he had always assumed a comet traveled crosswise or downward across the skies—the object he saw was going up.

After further speculation back and forth, we ended the conversation. We much regretted missing the sight, and lay there thinking about it possibly five or ten minutes, when our phone rang again. It was Mr. Hollowell again, who told us if we hurried and looked out in the southern sky in the direction of White Sulphur Springs, we could see another.

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We lost no time getting to our window and had no trouble sighting the glowing object moving straight up, although we had been in so much of a hurry that we failed to put on our bifocals, which was no handicap. The sun had not come above our horizon but it was partially daylight. We watched the object slowly moving up-

ward until the wide eaves above our window put it out of our view.

The object had the shape of a cigar—a hackneyed description of things seen recently in several sections of the country, we know—but that was it. And it had a disjointed tail about a third as long as the main object, which sparkled. There were some clouds around in the sky, but none to obstruct our view, and none having the glow of the moving object, which, incidentally, was moving faster than clouds move, but not like a shooting star, unless it was thousands of miles away in space.

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This was no kind of conventional aircraft that Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hollowell, Mrs. R. K. Ford, and ourselves saw, nor a jet. It could have been a dirigible traveling upended upward, if there were any dirigibles in existence. What we are more ready to believe is that it was a missile our own scientists had launched off into space, from some point a great many miles from here, possibly from the east coast of Florida. The only thing that beclouds that explanation was the presence of two in the span of a halfhour.

THE SAN DIEGO UNION Fri

Mystery Object Seen

Three El Cajon policemen said they saw a strange object hovering in the sky over San Diego last night about 7:30 p.m.

The Navy said a visiting military airplane turned on its landing lights and a flashing red collision light as it flew over the city when the pilot had trouble finding North Island.

But the plane was circling between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Patrolmen L. E. Posey and D. R. Jones, and a reserve officer, T. W. Finley, said that they observed the object for 20 or 25 minutes from a hill near Brockton street and Fletcher parkway.

It was mostly white, but at times changed to a bright orange and then to a blue or green, they said. "Then it started moving away and was gone from sight in about a half a minute," Posey said.

A Navy spokesman said the object sounded like it could have been a flare but he knew of no planes dropping flares in the area.

"I've read articles in newspapers about things like it," Posey said, "but I never expected to see one because I didn't believe it."

A Flying 'Object' Tantalizes Sauk Coup'e Officer

REEDSBURG — A transparent, spherical, flying saucer type object 10 feet in diameter hovered over a corn field on the Leslie Coppernoll farm 3 miles south of here about 10:45 Thursday night and was seen by Coppernoll, his wife and at least one Sauk county traffic officer.

According to Coppernoll he had just gone to bed when a bright blue light suddenly came through his bedroom window. He said he and his wife observed the transparent object about 100 feet from the house, hovering about 50 feet in the air.

He said there were bright blurs and green lights coming from the inside of the object, and that it made no noise.

Coppernoll said he turned on the bedroom light and the thing moved about 75 feet further away and continued to hover in the new position for 10 minutes.

The Coppernolls called Reedsburg police who at first thought the call was a hoax.

The police notified Sauk county authorities, and when they arrived on the scene Traffic officer Paul Anderson shone his squad car spotlight on the object. At this point a green light went on inside the sphere, the object rose from the ground, revolving and then suddenly shot off into space.

Coppernoll said he watched it for about one hour as it disappeared to the southwest.

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Un Enorme "Huevo Volador" fue Visto en Veracruz, Ver.

PERSONAS DIGNAS DE TODO
CREDITO VIERON ESE
FANTASTICO OBJETO AEREO

*Los radios se apagaron, y los
relojes detuvieron su marcha*

VERACRUZ, Ver. — Un huevo volador de unos cincuenta metros de largo por veinte de ancho, de los que han sido reportados en Nebraska, U. S. A., fué visto aproximadamente a la media noche sobre este puerto habiendo pasado sobre el domo varil Manuel Avila Camacho.

Entre las personas que lo vieron figura Jaime Galpe, administrador del Hotel Victoria quien con gran numero de personas tambien presenciaron la noche una exhibición.

Entre las cosas extrañas que ocurrieron al paso del huevo en

lador figura la de que los radios se apagaron y se pararon los relojes de la casa del señor Jaime Galpe.

El aparato hizo evoluciones sobre la ciudad con velocidad tremenda, segun todos los testigos, pero como despedía una luz intensa de color anaranjado, no pudo identificarse absolutamente nada.

Por unos momentos estuvo evolucionando para luego perderse por el lado del occidente.

Todos los informantes muy personas serias y moralmente probas.

CHARDON, OHIO
GEAUGA RECORD
Circ W 2300

NOV 21 1957

Says Geauga's UFO Spotter Was Taken to Washington

'Sworn to Secrecy' Moore Says of Trip

The wife of Olden Moore, the Huntsburg man who saw an unidentified flying object land in a Montville field two weeks ago, said today her husband was taken to Washington for questioning.

Moore himself would not comment, claiming he is sworn to secrecy. He reported he was authorized to say only that he had talked to "high officials."

When asked where he talked to the officials, Moore said, "Some of them here in my home, and others someplace else."

However, Moore did admit he was out of town. He said he left Thursday evening and returned Saturday morning at about 11 a.m.

After disclosing the times he left and returned, he said, "I guess they can't do any more than throw me in jail for telling you that."

"I was so mad the night he left," Mrs. Moore said. "He came in and said he was going away. When I asked him where, he said he couldn't tell me. I asked him what I was supposed to do if one of the children died or something."

Mrs. Moore's statement that her husband had been to Washington was made when he was not present. When later confronted with his wife's comment, he said, "Sometimes she talks too much." It was then he explained he was sworn to secrecy, but did list the days he had been out of town.

"I will say this," he commented. "Most of the people I talked to seemed to think these objects are not made by man."

Mrs. Moore said in the earlier conversation that her husband was sworn to secrecy because the government was afraid of the alarm which might be created.

Moore claims he saw the object around 11 p.m. Nov. 6 near

the corner of Hart Rd. and Rt. 86 in Montville Twp. It was his wife who first reported his findings. She called the Geauga sheriff's department the next day, almost 12 hours after he asserts he saw the object.

"It was small, like a star but very bright," he said.

He continued, "It kept getting brighter and brighter. That was when I pulled off the road and turned off the key."

Moore said, "It was only a matter of seconds from the time I first saw it until it was looming, big like a house, in front of me."

"It seemed to split apart then one section hovered in the air over a field next to the road. Then it slowly descended to the ground," he said.

Moore described the object as "round with a dome in the middle." It had, he added, "A bluish-green haze around it and seemed to glow like the dial of a luminous watch."

Getting out of the car, he said he started to cross the field to examine the object. Halfway there, he said, he stopped and thought about getting witnesses and returned to the car.

"No one would believe me if I told them what I saw," he said, "So I wanted to get someone else there."

He could find no one else on the highway at the time and went home to get his wife and returned with her.

"It was gone when we got back," he said.

When officials were notified the following day, the Geauga Sheriff's department and Lake County CD director Kenneth Locke rushed to the scene.

"There were prints in the field one and one-half inches deep and holes in the ground like those made from 'spiked shoes,'" Locke said, emphasizing he did not declare they were footprints.

He said there were six prints in all, "coming from no where and going no where." He and Lt. Reineck, assistant to the head of Ohio 5th area Civil Defense, returned to headquarters to get a geiger counter.

"When we returned," Mr. Locke commented, "we got a reading of approximately 150 roentgens in the center of the area, tapering to about 20 or 30 roentgens at the perimeter."

Waiting a few hours, Mr. Locke and Lt. Reineck then took another reading of the area. "This time the meter showed only 20 to 25 roentgens in the center and we had no reading at all at the perimeter," Locke said. "We concluded something must have been here, since this indicated the reaction was not caused by minerals in the ground."



Mrs. E. A. Markell reported seeing a UFO at Thompson Lodges. She said the object was not round like a ball.



John Shaller (left) and Timothy Sadowski (middle) reported seeing UFOs on Nov. 6. Their supervisor, John Hasznos, is at right.



Olden Moore who reported seeing a landed space ship near Montville on Nov. 6.

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Montville UFO Tops Bumper Crop of Rural Saucers

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER NOV. 22

Geauga County Man Reportedly Talked to Washington Officials

By DAVID VORNEIKER

Olden Moore, the Geauga County man who reported seeing a space ship in a field near Montville the night of Nov. 6, has just revealed a mission as mysterious as his Unidentified Flying Object.

He was out of town several days until last Saturday afternoon. He won't say where. But his wife, Alma, told friends he was in Washington in regard to the UFO.

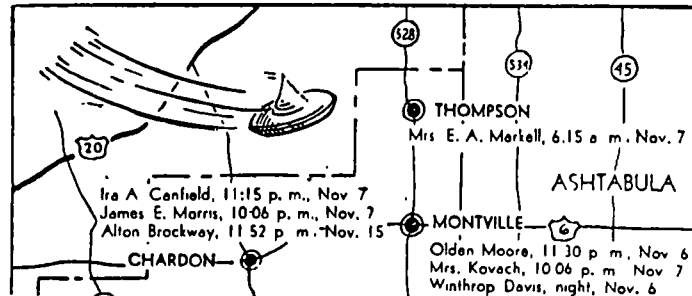
"She talks too much," Moore said yesterday.

reading represented about 10 times the normal background of radioactivity.

"Readings on counters can be obtained many places because of cosmic radiation, radioactive isotopes and radioactivity produced by bomb tests," Seltz said.

"A normal reading would be 15 or 20 mikromontgens."

The field where the object supposedly landed is on Ernest Mausling's farm. Neither Mausling nor his sister saw or heard anything on the night of Nov. 6. The farm house is several hundred feet from the field.



I talked to high officials

"I was sworn to secrecy. I won't say where I was."

his report of a flying saucer
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ts of sightings of similar sky
ris by others in Geauga and
Ashtabula Counties followed

Strike to Story

Moore, 28, a plasterer, lives in
Chardon near Chardon

he was first interrogated on
8 by Lake County Civil De-

Director Kenneth Locke,

Geauga County Sheriff Louis

Gohusky. Army authorities,

ists from Case Institute

technology and newsmen.

I do not care what people

Moore said. "I know

I saw I am sorry, though,

I was not able to have a

was here to see what I saw

back up my story."

Moore has not been shaken

his story concerning the

sighting of the UFO. He said

appeared to be as large as an

age house perhaps 50 feet

as, and shaped like a saucer

an inverted saucer on top

also a had a cone-shaped

in the center, according

Moore and glowed highly

the color of radium on a

from Painesville when he saw
the bright object coming to-
ward him near the intersection
of Rt 86 and Hart Road in
Montville Township, he said.

"In seconds it loomed up in
front of me as large as a
house," he said. "Then it
seemed to split apart. One sec-
tion disappeared. The other
settled down in a field near the
road. When I saw this object
approaching I pulled off the
road and turned off the ight-

tion. "I watched it in the field for
about 15 minutes, then got out
of my car and walked toward
it. I heard a ticking sound like
that of an electric or water
meter

"I stopped before I reached
it, however, returned to my car
and drove home to get my wife.
When we came to the field
again the object was gone."

Locke said he could not dis-
regard Moore's story in view of
his adherence to his original
story

"I did not see the object, how-
ever, so I cannot make any
comment as to whether such
an object was seen or not,"
Locke added

"Scientists from Case Insti-
tute might examine the field
next week to see if the grass
has been affected by radioactiv-
ity

"When we took a reading
with a Geiger counter on Nov.
7, the counter registered 150
mikromorgens in the center of
an area 50 feet in diameter in
the field. The reading dropped
to 20 or 30 mikromorgens
near the perimeter of that
area"

Farmer Saw Nothing

Robert Seltz, a graduate stu-
dent at Case, said the higher

Other reports of sightings of
UFO's include those reported by
Mrs. F. A. Markell of Thomp-
son, Geauga County, and mem-
bers of the Ground Observers
Corps at Orwell, Ashtabula
County

Mrs. Markell reported sight-
ing a glowing orange object that
appeared to be hovering over
the Thompson Ledges about
6:15 a.m. on Nov. 7

"It was large and shaped like
a flattened pumpkin," she said.
"I watched it a few seconds
and then it disappeared from
sight, traveling north or north-
west. There was no noise but
the bright glow almost blinded
me.

"It was only a few hundred
feet from the trailer in which
I live"

Boys Report Object

At Orwell, John Shaffer, 16,
and Timothy Sadowaki, 15, re-
ported seeing a cigar-shaped
UFO at very high altitude and
traveling swiftly northwest on
Nov. 6 at 7:55 p.m.

Both were on duty at the
Grand Valley Observer Post at
the time.

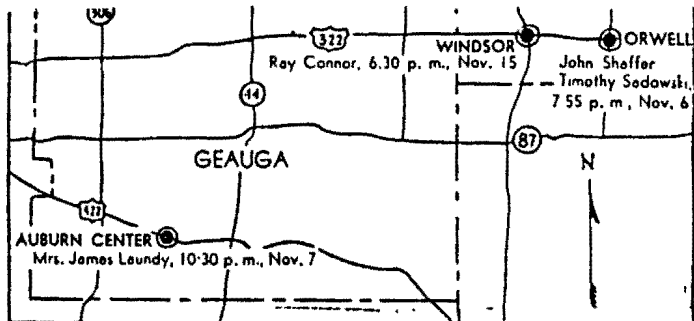
Shaffer told the post super-
visor, John F. Hasznos, that he
saw the object with his binocu-
lars

"It had lights streaming down
from what appeared to be two
portholes," Shaffer said. "Tim
saw it too, but while I was re-
porting an airplane sighting
and this unknown object to the
Canton Filter Center, Tim saw
another UFO"

Tim said the second UFO had
an intense white brilliance and
traveled so swiftly he could get
only one glance at it

"It was shaped like a cigar
but was not tapered at both
ends," he added. "One end was
larger than the other."

Ray Connor, a deputy sheriff
of Ashtabula County, reported
a UFO in the vicinity of Wind-
sor at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15



Locating the density of sightings in Geauga and Ashtabula Counties.

"The object looked like an
open umbrella with two sticks
dangling from it," Connor said.
"I could see a strong white
light shining from it, a red glow
and a green glow.

"A passenger in the cruiser
also saw it and a grocery store
owner at the intersection of
Rts 88 and 534 told me he saw
a similar object one or two
nights prior to my sighting of
the UFO"

Other recent sightings in the
Gauga area included:

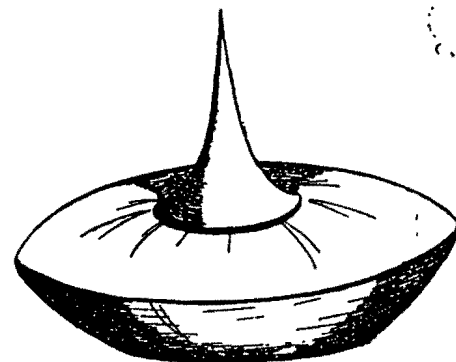
A blue-colored something re-
ported seen by Chardon School
Supt. Ira A. Canfield at 11:15
p.m. Nov. 7 near Chardon

A reddish spinning object re-
ported seen by Mrs. James
Laundry near Auburn Center at
10:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

James E. Morris reported
seeing a round object with a
blue streamer flashing through
the sky at 10:06 p.m. Nov. 7
near Chardon

Mrs. Kovach of Route 88 near
Montville reported another seen
on Nov. 7 at 10 p.m. The ob-
ject appeared to be landing
three or four miles from her
home, she thought.

Alton Brockway, a Geauga



Olden Moore says he saw something like
this. Drawing is based on his rough sketch
and description.

County sheriff's deputy, also re-
portedly saw his UFO. Win-
throp Davis of Ashtabula said
he saw a low, bright object
while traveling east on Route
166. He said the object, larger
and brighter than a star ap-
peared to move away, come
close and then disappear

The jet fighters got within a few hundred yards before the UFO took any evasive action. The UFO appeared to be circular in planform but not much more than that was visible.

The radar site on the ground near the city of Madera had no trouble tracking the F-86s but did have a problem with the UFO. There was no doubt something solid in the sky but why didn't it register on radar? If the thing was from outer space, perhaps "it" knew enough about radar to defeat it. That was the impression Akins received.

An interesting feature of this UFO case was the existence of a cloud layer at about 11,000 feet in the area of the encounter. The UFO used this layer to hide behind. This tactic was successful to some degree since radar, both air and ground devices, were largely ineffective:

"Akins emphasized the unusual nature of the returns which he and Robinson got from their nose radar, when they attempted to secure lock-ons. The nose radar had a rectangular sweep pattern which could be overridden manually to 'spotlight' the target when the automatic sweep picked one up. The set also had a tunable magnetron for anti-jamming purposes. The peculiarity was that each time the sweep picked the unknown up and they attempted to manually spotlight it, the return faded. Duration of return he estimated at maybe 2 seconds. He was uncertain of the closest range at which they got such transient returns (emphasizing that the resolution of the small cockpit scope for short distances was poor). He thought that they got those transient returns at ranges of about 1-2 miles. The transient response reminded Akins of some ECM gear on SAC aircraft which can produce similar effects, as well as store incident radar pulses in a delay-tube system and re-emit them to give erroneous range. He emphasized that there was nothing in the transiency of the response that would be beyond the capability of current ECM devices. However, there was no doubt expressed by Akins as to whether this was any conventional aircraft.

"After several futile attempts to get a lock-on, Akins ceased trying with his radar. He pointed out that, since the object was in plain sight whenever it came above or below the cloud deck, there was no need to fool with the radar further." (65.)

Details of the "cat and mouse" chase:

"A characteristic feature of the attempted intercept was the way in which the unknown went through the cloud deck whenever one or the other aircraft began to close on it. It was in one such closure that Akins got his best top view of the object at an estimated 500 feet vertical distance. Akins made a few attempts to follow it through the cloud deck, but he and Robinson quickly adopted a technique of pursuit in which one of the aircraft remained always below the deck while the other remained always above the deck. Then when the unknown took evasive action and crossed to the opposite side, the other aircraft would begin the pursuit.

"He stated that the object could do 90-degree turns. He estimated its top speed at perhaps 1,000 mph. They were intermittently on after-burner, which brought them up to perhaps the 600 mph range. The after-burner noises were part of the cause of alerting Merced residents, who watched the chase from the ground.

"Akins said that the tower operator indicated by radio that he was observing the aircraft and unknown at times. However, Akins never talked personally to the control tower operator following the incident, for reasons clarified below.

"After about 15-20 minutes (estimated) of the above cat-and-mouse chase, Akins began to run low on fuel (minimum approx. 600 lb.), so he elected to break off the chase and land, when he was down to about 5 minutes of fuel. He recalls that he had been on top just before that and saw Robinson as he let down through the overcast and began to give the landing pattern at Castle. However, he then noticed that the unknown appeared to be chasing Robinson, which called for a decision on his part.

"ADC alert aircraft were armed. He stated that he felt that if there was an attack on the other aircraft he would be justified in using his guns, even without permission.

"Despite his low fuel, he elected to climb again to the overcast to assist Robinson. As he joined, the unknown climbed out and disappeared from sight. He then resumed his landing, while Robinson attempted further pursuit. As he recalls, the object kept on going, and Robinson did not get near it again. That terminated the sighting." (66.)

"Although the detailing of this case may not be very pertinent to the timeline of this booklet, one has to admit Akins' story was worth the effort. In any event, we can see that the incident was more than a run-of-the-mill report. It was something interesting enough to prompt special attention by military Intelligence, which brings us back to Olden Moore.

Keeping Moore's claims in mind, consider what Akins said about his interrogation according to Dr. McDonald's notes:

"The following day an interrogation team was flown in from some other base. (Not WPAFB; nor does Akins recall that it was Hamilton) [McDonald's note]. He recalls that there were 3 or 4 officers, an official UFO team. He said they seemed to be capable men, well-informed about the UFO subject. Akins' statement was they 'seemed to be asking for confirmation, not information.' (67.)

This remarkable "confirmation" aspect is what Moore claimed happened to him!

Also, like Moore, Akins received admonishments to remain silent about the incident, McDonald's account continues:

"He and Robinson were interrogated separately. Each was told that he should not discuss it with the other following the interrogation, nor discuss it with anyone on the base or any civilians off the base. They were further told that the explanation to the public would be that they had mistaken ducks or geese for aircraft and that this was the cause of all the after-burner activity witnessed the preceding night. They were each informed of penalty considerations involved in divulging details." (68.)

22 November. Friday.

22 November. Cincinnati, Ohio. (early)

Oblong object? (See clipping)

22 November. Near Olathe, Missouri. (9:00-10:15 p.m.)

Helicopters? Are you sure? The Air Force says so. (See clipping)

22 November. Cautillo, Texas. (4:00 p.m.)

Zipped around:

'The supervisor of the GOC post, Mrs. G.A. Baker, saw a UFO which appeared 'metallic, like silver' about 4:00 p.m.

'When first spotted, the UFO was nearly stationary in the south sky. Then it 'flew west rapidly,' stopped, sped back toward the east, and finally zoomed upward out of sight after three minutes.' (69.)

22 November. Trio, Ohio. (night)

"Looked like a bedpan."

A Mrs. Richard Goff saw something that looked like a big bedpan with 8-10 bright lights along its front edge. She was driving near her hometown of Trio with her brother the night of November 22nd when the UFO was encountered. The light in the sky was quite bright and as the car in which Mrs. Goff was riding approached the UFO, a row of individual lights became discernable which had the appearance of a bank of field lights at a baseball game.

Mrs. Goff was quoted by the Tiro World as saying:

"At this point another car came over the hill behind us, from the north, with bright headlights on, and the object began to back away. It then changed appearance and took on a more circular shape, together with an orangish-red color. It swung back and forth and up and down for a long time as it backed away. We watched it for at least 15 minutes." (70.) (See clipping)

22 November. Rockingham, North Carolina. (11:30 p.m.)

V-formation. "Don't tell the government." (See clipping)

23 November. Saturday.

23 November. Tonapah, Nevada. (6:30 p.m.)

"The nightmare."

Something may or may not have happened near Tonapah, Nevada, 6:30 p.m. on the 23rd. In fact there are sound reasons to remain uncommitted to a final judgement on the case. Although most UFO buffs would not side with Captain Gregory, since the BLUE BOOK chief seems the perpetual skeptic, it would not

Officer Sees Strange ^{11/22/57} Sky Object ^{Cont.}

A "lawful" spotter reported seeing a strange object in the sky to the southeast of Cincinnati early Friday.

"I saw it for an hour from Harrison Pike in Dent," said Patrolman Arthur H. Shearer of the Hamilton County police.

"It was oblong, stationary and not too high," he said. "It would glow for awhile and then become brighter. It was behind a cloud bank. I was more curious than anything and waited for the cloud bank to move. It moved, but then the object was gone."

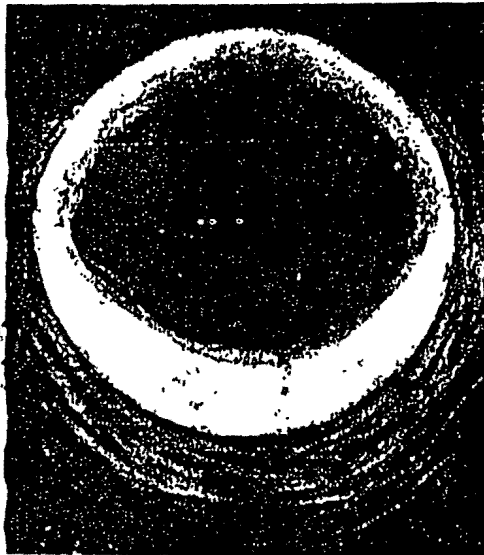
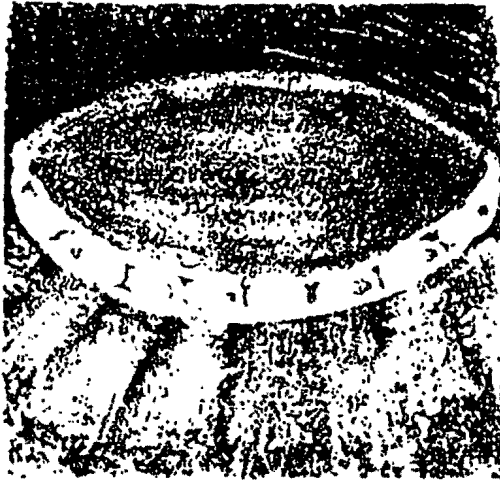
PATROLMAN SHEARER explained that the brightness did not occur at the same time the beacon light from the Greater Cincinnati Airport was visible.

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DEC 1 1957

Have You Seen A Flying Saucer?



LOOKED LIKE THIS—The top drawing is how the object appeared as it approached according to Mrs. Richard Goff, and the bottom sketch shows it as it backed away. The drawings were furnished by Mrs. Goff.

Sees Strange Objects In Sky

Don't tell the US government because they don't recognize 'em but Grover Baxley says eight flying saucers Tuesday night.

Baxley, a Watson-King Funeral Home employee, saw the saucers for over a minute about 11:30 p. m. as he stood back of the funeral home, he said.

Ironically, he had just put up a large telescope which he has built and has been experimenting with. But they were plainly visible to the naked eye.

And if you think he had been star-gazing too long, he has his mother for proof that the objects actually were seen. She was with him and saw them too.

"They were flying in a V-formation," says Baxley, "at a high rate of speed."

He estimated the round saucer-shaped objects to be flying at under 5,000 feet. They were dark in the middle and had halos of light around them, he stated. There were at least eight of them in the formation. They made no noise as they moved rapidly across the sky.

Anybody else see the saucers Tuesday night?

Rockingham N.C.
Journal

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be wise to dismiss the negative factors as suggested by BLUE BOOK evaluators. In any case, that's not really the issue. The real story is Captain Gregory's fears. These fears developed over time so we will deal with them as they arise. For the moment, we will just acknowledge some basic numbers regarding the claims made by the witness like the day, the hour, and the location. This case does not take importance until it is first reported on November 24th. Slowly after that it become apparent why the case became a prolong nightmare for the Air Force. (See November 24th "Flash Report" for details of the report)

23 November. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (7:30-8:00 p.m.)

"I never saw three men more shaken up." (See clipping below)

Floats Over Field
 NEAR PITTSBURGH, PA. P.M. SUN. TELEGRAPH

A policeman today reported that six men saw a strange lighted object hovering over a field in Richland Township for half an hour Saturday night.

Patrolman John Denner, a township policeman, said the field is behind Frees Restaurant on Route 8, just north of the Turnpike Interchange.

Denner added:

"The men were absolutely sober. I talked to three of them right afterward and they sounded reliable. But I never saw three men more shaken up."

Denner identified the six as truck drivers who were picking up loads at the Kramer Trucking Co. near Frees. He listed their names as Jack Reynolds, Bill Ferguson, Gene Holland, Walter Guit, Calvin Landis and Jim Moble. Denner reported:

"About 7:30 p. m. they were returning to Kramer's from Frees restaurant where they had eaten. They were riding in the same auto.

"Opposite this field they saw three lights about a foot off the ground and in a triangular pattern.

"There was a green light at the bottom of the triangle, a red light at the right corner, and a yellow light at the left corner.

"THEY GOT OUT and walked across the field toward the object. When they were about 75 feet from it, it moved eastward. They kept after it.

"Finally, it turned south. Three of them went back to the car, drove to the opposite side of the field, and turned the car lights back toward the object.

"It was then over some trees about 30 feet high. When they turned the car lights toward it, the lights on the object went out."

23 November. Espigao da Toca, Brazil.

Another Brazilian landing?

According to a story in the Brazilian UFO Critical Review:

"Pedro Zilli and Joao Ernani...who never read newspapers nor listen to the radio, were working at drying tobacco, when they saw two metallic looking objects on the ground about 300 yards away. At first they thought the objects were planes in difficulties. They went to the spot.

"Suddenly, they saw in their own words, 'six men, middle-sized, wearing grey suits glued on the bodies' run to the craft. They disappeared inside them through small ladders. Three men went into one one object and three into the other.

"The two craft took off with a whistling sound. The air displacement was so great that palm trees were flattened in the vicinity. The two craft were small ones. Each had a diameter of about 10 feet and were round-shaped.

"Other people in the district saw strange objects flying in the area. (71.)

23 November. Schmidt freed. (See clipping below)

Hospital Frees Man Who Told Space Ship Tale

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 23 (AP) — R. O. Schmidt, whose strange tale of visiting a parked space ship near Kearney was branded a hoax by the U.S. Air Force has been released from the Hastings, Neb., state hospital. Schmidt, 58-year-old grain buyer from Brawley, Calif., who had served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for embezzlement, was committed to the hospital by the Buffalo County mental health board Nov. 7 after two days of questioning failed to change his story. He was headquartered in Kearney at the time he told the story. Schmidt returned to Kearney with his wife last night saying he is standing by his story but his chief objectives are to get back to work and get his personal affairs in order. He said he still has his job as a grain buyer. Dr. J. A. Wofford, superintendent of the Hastings State Hospital, said Schmidt was released yesterday because "I could see no reason for keeping him longer." He declined any further comment.

24 November. Sunday.

24 November. "You Asked For It" TV program.

"Greatest mystery of the 20th Century."

Note found in the Kalamazoo Saucer Study Club Bulletin:

"Sunday Nov. 24, 1957 on station WOOD-TV the ten years of saucer sightings were reviewed on the 'You Asked For It' TV program.

"Art Baker, the moderator on the program concluded the program by saying that the saucer mystery is one of the greatest mysteries of the 20th Century. Movies of the saucers were shown. The Saucers shown were not actual photos but rather were artists' conceptions based on verbal or written accountings of various sightings. Note was made of the fact that at the time Saucers were sighted over certain government laboratories, there was an increase in the radioactivity in the atmosphere. This increase was illustrated and appeared to be quite significant." (72.)

24 November. The Tonapah case is reported.

The Tonapah witness stopped at Indian Springs AFB, Nevada, and met with the base Security Officer. He reported an encounter with a number of saucer-like craft on the ground about 30 miles west of the town of Tonapah. The military authorities at Indian Springs sent a "Flash Report" to higher headquarters. This message gave the basic details as related by the witness without a check as to the accuracy of any assertion. There was no hesitation about notifying BLUE BOOK and the Pentagon because the witness was an Air Force jet pilot. The pilot was friendly and cooperated fully. The jet pilot's Commanding Officer, as well as the Adjutant of his unit, spoke favorably of the man's flying skills and character. The interviewers were impressed and were ready to believe the story! (See "Flash Report")

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FROM SUSIA 11-517-57 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE
 FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. PARA 7D (1)(A). CIRCULAR ELLIPTICAL
 DISK, (B) AS OBSERVED FROM APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS IT IS APPROXIMATELY
50 FEET IN DIAMETER APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET IN HEIGHT INCLUDING LANDING
 GEAR AND DOME; (C) ILLUMINATE AS IF SUNLIGHT ON ALUMINUM, HOWEVER, SUN
 WAS NOT SHINING ON THE OBJECTS; (D) 4; (E) SINGLE FILE; (F) DOME ON
TOP WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET HIGH AND APPARENTLY MADE OF PLEXIGLASS,
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 BE A BLADE, OR BLADES SPINNING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED) THIS BLADE OR
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 PAGE TWO

GEAR WAS THREE LARGE SPHERES WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE
FEET IN DIAMETER. (G) NONE; (H) WHILE THEY WERE ON THE GROUND THEY HAD
 A HIGH PITCHED HUMMING WHINE. AT TAKE-OFF THE HUM AND WHINE INCREASED
 TO A HIGHER AND LOUDER PITCH (SIMILAR TO AN F-102). THE NOISE AT TAKE-
 OFF WAS ALMOST UNBEARABLE (I) AS THESE CRAFT TOOK OFF THERE WAS NEITHER
 HEAT GENERATED NOR ANY BREEZES OR WINDS. (7D)(2)(A) THE ENGINE OF THE
 OBSERVERS VEHICLE STOPPED. AS HE GOT OUT OF HIS VEHICLE, HE HEARD THIS
 PECULAR NOISE AND THEN SIGHTED THE FOUR OBJECTS ON THE GROUND APPROX-
 IMATELY ONE FOURTH MILE AWAY. HE STARTED WALKING TOWARD THEM AND
 WALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES UNTIL HE WAS WITHIN
 APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS OF THE OBJECTS BEFORE THE OBJECTS TOOK OFF;
 (B) ON THE GROUND; (C) OBJECTS WERE NEVER MORE THAN SIX INCHES ABOVE
THE GROUND. WHEN THE OBJECTS HAD LIFTED APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES
ABOVE THE GROUND THE LANDING GEAR RETRACTED INSTANTLY; (D) OBJECTS ROSE
 TO A HEIGHT OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY FEET, HOVERED A MOMENT AND
 PROCEEDED AT APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES PER HOUR, ACROSS THE ROAD, OVER
 A HILL (APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE AWAY) AND DISAPPEARED; (E) OVER A HILL
 AND OUT OF SIGHT; (F) 20 TO 25 MINUTES. (7D)(3)(A) GROUND-VISUAL;
 (B) NAKED EYE; (C) NOT APPLICABLE ECHO. (7D)(4)(A) 1430 TO 1500 25 NOV
 57; (B) DAWN, SUN WAS NOT YET OVER THE HILLS BUT VISIBILITY WAS GOOD.
 (B) NOT AVAILABLE; (C) UNLIMITED; (D) UNLIMITED; (E) NONE; (F) NONE.
 PARA 7D (8) NONE. PARA 7D (9) NONE; (10) NONE; (11) PROVOST MARSHAL,
 OBSERVER APPEARED TO BE SINCERE, LEVEL HEADED AND QUALIFIED TO GIVE
 THIS REPORT. NO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS MADE AND POSSIBLE CAUSE OF
 SIGHTING UNKNOWN; (12) NONE AVAILABLE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
OBSERVER IS ON DELAY ENROUTE WITH REPORTING DATE OF 4 DEC 57 (RETURNING
REG. TDY) CAN BE REACHED IN CARE OF FRED LONG, PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA).
 OBSERVER WENT TO THE AREA WHERE THE OBJECTS WERE SITTING AND STATED
 THAT THERE WERE INDENTATIONS ON THE GROUND WHERE THE SPHERES HAD
 BEEN. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF EXHAUST BURNS OR FOOT PRINTS.
 OBSERVER NOTED NO STRANGE ODORS. AS THE OBJECTS FLEW OVERHEAD HE
 COULD SEE NO INDICATIONS OF WHEEL WELL COVERS. THE UNDERNEATH OF THE
 OBJECT ALSO GLOWED AS DESCRIBED.

Due to the circumstances of the Tonapah case, Captain Gregory immediately telephoned Headquarters, AISS, to request a full-scale investigation, but a full-scale effort would take weeks and in the meantime the possibility the report would reach the public became a major concern. Believe it or not, it would be May 1958 before Captain Gregory could "close" the case.

24 November. Stockholm, Sweden.

"Flatten sphere circling moonwards." (See clipping below)

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1957

Swede Spots 'Saucer' Spiraling Toward Moon

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—A report by a Swedish officer of a shining object traveling on a spiral course toward the moon was under examination at Sweden's defense headquarters Monday.

"The best guess so far seems to be it might have something to do with Russian satellite or missile experiments," a spokesman said.

"We know that it was no aircraft, nor any meteorological object," he said, "and the Stockholm observatory has told us it was no meteor."

He said the observation was made by a Swedish army captain at Kottedala near Goteborg, on the Swedish west coast.

"The captain reported he watched the object through his field glass for 20 minutes," the spokesman said.

"We are taking this report seriously since it came from a competent observer. All details are being forwarded to the FOA (the scientific research institute of Sweden's armed forces)."

"The captain described the object as a flattened sphere circling moonwards. Its sides were somewhat elongated and there was a flickering glow as from burning exhaust gases from one side."

25 november. Monday.

25 November. The Leita Kuhn story continues.

Back on November 10th, just four days after the Olden Moore incident, there occurred the Leita Khun encounter near the city of Madison. Mrs. Kuhn claimed an acorn-shaped object about 40 feet in diameter hovered next to her garage for about 30 minutes. She observed the object during that half hour from a position approximately 100 feet away.

The woman did not immediately make an official report of the encounter but she did mention it to neighbors. The neighbors laughed, a reaction that did not encourage her to go to the authorities. However, a few days after the experience she suffered from a bad body rash and vision problems which forced her to consult a physician. The doctor was puzzled and diagnosed the vision problem as possible radiation burns and the body rash as due to severe shock. These conclusions were more in the way of suggestions than firm answers.

Since the city of Madison was near where Olden Moore had his experience, Mrs. Khun's encounter became known to local Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke on November 25th. Locke, who was investigating the Olden Moore case at the time, wanted to meet Mrs. Khun and check out her story, especially the supposed radiation burns. (73.)

25 November(approximately) Fontes and Itaipu.

Another radiation story leaks out. The Itaipu Fortress "attack."

In Brazil, UFO investigator Olavo Fontes first learned of the flying saucer "attack" on Fort Itaipu late in November. In spite of strict orders to keep quiet about the incident, the story was leaked. A Brazilian officer at the Fortress during the "attack" apparently was highly alarmed by experience. He was a good friend of Fontes and knew of the doctor's work on the UFO problem

Fontes writes:

"He,[the officer] was one those who questioned the two sentries. He told me the whole story...His name was suppressed from this report in order to protect him. The reason are obvious: he told me something he should not tell. As a matter of fact, this officer has asked me to forget his name and he wasn't laughing. He was too frightened.

"As a physician, I contacted some doctors from the hospital. The only thing I was able to determine was the fact that two soldiers from the Fortress of Itaipa were really there under treatment for bad burns. Only that." (74.)

It took APRO's ace disc detective 10 months but finally he found three other military officers willing to confirm the details related by the initial informant. (75.)

25 November. The CAA answers Keyhoe.

Donald Keyhoe got a lot of mileage out the 1956 Captain Ryan incident. Perhaps even going too far in trying to exploit the case. The Air Force certainly considered Keyhoe a nuisance. Was he? In any case, the Civil Aeronautics Administration replied to Keyhoe's speculations in a restrained and reasonable manner. (See letter)

25 November. The Commies and the UFO problem.

A BLUE BOOK routing slip dated November demotrates how ugly things were becoming at ATIC. The message was to a Colonel Wackwitz from BLUE BOOK chief Captain Gregory. The Captain wrote:

"Reference our recent private discussion re your theory that the UFO hysteria could be used as a devilsh-clever psychological warfare weapon by the Commies to continously disrupt the Air Force.

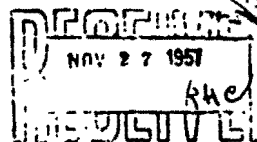
"Attached is my ex-chief and friend, under whom I served in a civilian capacity here in ATIC, and now Air Attache, England.

"The letter is personal. However, its remarkable how his personal viewpoint of the situation parallels your conclusions." (76.)

The Colonel added this to the Routing slip:

"Thanks. I suspect there is more to this than meets the eye. The point here is that the Commies do sit up nights thinking up new ideas on how to confuse us." (77.)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret)
Director of National Investigations
Committee on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Major Keyhoe:

Your letters of October 15 and October 31, 1957, with regard to the Captain Ryan incident of April 8, 1956, have been referred by Mr. Pyle to me for reply.

The question with which you seem most concerned in your letters is whether the Civil Aeronautics Administration has a policy on the use of air carrier aircraft to chase unidentified flying objects. The direct answer to your question is that we do not have a policy on this matter, as such, and we do not consider this kind of policy necessary since the operation of air carriers along civil airways and on approved routes is adequately covered in the Civil Air Regulations.

A secondary matter raised in your letter is the apparent conflict between the report given our investigators by Captain Ryan and the report carried in the newspaper account as to exactly what Captain Ryan did during this incident. You seem to feel that we should have taken some steps to require Captain Ryan to demand a retraction from the newspaper of the account which it gave of the affair. We do not consider that our obligation goes to this extent. Nor do we consider that our failure to resolve this apparent conflict amounts to an endorsement by us of a policy encouraging or permitting pursuit by air carriers of unidentified flying objects. Our investigation revealed no facts which would lead us to conclude that safety was jeopardized by Captain Ryan in this incident. The accuracy of the newspaper account of this incident is a matter which we feel we have no obligation to determine.

Sincerely yours,

Roy Keesley
Roy Keesley
Director, Office of Flight
Operations and Airworthiness

Late November. A Colonel visits CSI New York.

The work CSI was doing must have impressed somebody. An official in the group's New York office wrote to a member:

"We had a visit from an AF Colonel last week, a real dope, he tried to palm off the AF party line on us, to the extent where he cast some very libelous slander in the direction of Stokes ---unreliable, not at all he told the papers he was, etc. When Coral, Lorenzen] hears of this, will she be up in arms!" (78.)

25 November. Indianapolis, Indiana. (4:15 p.m.)

"Narrow oblong cloud." (See type-written report below)

Monday November 25 1957 4.15 P.M.

Was out in back yard engaged in the rather prosaic task of taking a washing off the lines. Sky was clear. Happened to look up into the sky towards the west. About halfway between overhead and the horizon noticed a small circular cloud about the size of a full moon. It interested me and while wondering about such a small circular shaped cloud saw a jet approaching from the west. As the jet approached, something that looked like a jet vapor trail showed from the cloud and towards the north. It showed for a second and then disappeared. There was vapor like trail and then it just was not there. As the jet came closer saw that it was much higher than the cloud. It did not stop and so evidently did not see it. I watched the jet as it continued towards the east to see if would circle back but it kept on its course. I then turned to look at the cloud again. Much to my surprise it had changed its shape. It was now in a narrow oblong shape with sharply defined edges. As I watched it slowly began to thin out and then finally disappeared. But up to the last it kept its cleanly defined oblong shape. At first thought the vapor trail from the cloud was an object hiding in it. But due to its change of shape now think it was a force of some kind used to change the ~~shape~~ shape of the cloud, or whatever it was.

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as follows 

just that 
which disappears
momentarily

Change 
in appearance of cloud
after disappearance of vapor trail

25 November. Streator, Illinois. (early evening)

"Strange circling cloud."

There was some strange activity in the skies over the city of Streator the night of November 25th. What it meant is anybody's guess:

"One person says there were lights of contrasting colors off to the west; another says there was a white cloud making rapid circles in the heavens to the east. The lights were reported moving across the skies; their colors were described as ranging from red to green with various hues in between.

"The white cloud drew the attention of an observer because 'it was circling, not traveling along with the wind as clouds do. The person sighting the circling cloud said it was much like a large searchlight being played on low-hanging cloud formations, except there was no searchlight seen, just the cloud.'" (79.)

25 November. Wayne, Michigan. (late afternoon)

A mass of cloth, paper, metal foil, balsa wood, twine, thin rubber sheeting, scotch tape, and medical adhesive tape, was found in a tree where it had fallen on November 25th. Someone suggested the material was the remains of a flying saucer, but it didn't even fool the night janitor who considered the stuff trash and threw everything into the garbage bin. BLUE BOOK heard about the incident and easily identified the "saucer" as a radar-target reflector without even seeing it first hand. A note in BLUE BOOK files says: "If this confirmed as a hoax (which is considered here) it may be a public relation opportunity to discount recent rash of UFO reports." (80.)

25 November. Florida, Arkansas, and Louisiana. (night)

"Numerous reports."

A military teletype message indicates UFO activity but we have only one short news clipping to back it up:

"NUMEROUS REPORTS OF GROUND SIGHTINGS AND AIRBORNE SIGHTINGS OF UNUSUAL OBJECTS AND LIGHTS FROM EVERGREEN ALA. 30 MILES NORTH-WEST OF NEW ORLEANS LA AND EGLIN AFB FLA. REPORT FROM NEW ORLEANS STATED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE GREEN FLARE. REPORTS FROM EGLIN AFB AND FORST SHERMAN NAS AT PNS HAVE SEVERAL GROUPS OF STATIONARY OBJECTS ON RADAR BETWEEN PENSACOLA AND EGLIN AFB FLA. B-66 FROM EGLIN AFB FLA MADE VISUAL CONTACT WITH OBJECTS BUT RAN LOW ON FUEL AND COULDN'T COMPLETE INTERCEPT SEVERAL AIRCRAFT FROM EGLIN ATTEMPTING INTERCEPT AT PRESENT TIME." (81.)

25 November. Capela, Brazil. (7:00 p.m.)

The following is a rough translation from the Brazilian press:

"Maceio, [Dec.]4. (Meridional). A letter received from the town of Capela reports that a flying saucer was seen flying over the Triunfo Estate (by Joao Cabal Almeida) and the Pedrinhas Estate by (deleted)

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Flying Objects Reportedly Seen Near Hurlburt

EGLIN AFB, Nov. 25—Crewmen of a B-66 jet bomber reportedly saw three unidentified flying objects in the Gulf of Mexico south of Hurlburt Field Monday night.

Capt. W. L. Sheppard of Eglin reported the crew saw the objects about 10 p.m. upon return from a training mission to Atlanta. Sheppard cautioned that they might have been stars. However the objects reportedly were seen on Eglin radar.

'The device, seen at a low altitude, was described as having the shape of a ball, as being orange-colored and the size of a tractor-wheel 1.50 meters in diameter.

'The first appearance of the strange object occurred at 7:00 p.m. on the 25th, the second one at 4 a.m. on the 27th.

'Flavio Amorim states that the luminous object remained in view for 30 minutes and then disappeared slowly." (82.)

25 November. Follett, Texas. (9:15 p.m.)

Glowing objects frolic above Follett:

'Three glowing round objects, spitting fiery red exhaust and stopping and starting at tremendous speeds, were witnessed here tonight by hoards of townsfolk for more than 30 minutes.

'Larry Frazier, a student in Follett High School, said he and five other high school students first spotted the strange objects at 9:15 p.m. slightly south of town.

'''We were riding home from a church meeting at 9:15 p.m. when we first saw them,' Frazier said.

'''There were two red objects and one white one, all glowing brightly and diving, doing flips, circles and stopping and standing still like a star.'

'''More people gathered and began watching them, and after about 30 minutes a man came with a telescope and we could see them clearly,' Frazier said.

'''They were traveling much faster than a jet plane, and when they flipped in a certain position, we could actually see a fiery red exhaust trailing them.'

'The objects were round in shape and only about one or two miles off the ground south of Follett, Frazier said.

'''These were not planes, because we saw planes fly by while watching the objects and there was no comparison,' Frazier said. 'They were doing things impossible of jet planes. Just before they disappeared, all three came together, then one went east, one went west, and one went straight up. Then they came right back together again and grouped up and did the same thing. They continued in their paths after the second maneuver and disappeared for good.'

'Other boys with Frazier when they first sighted the round objects were Duane Adair, Kenneth Hargrove, Gariand Frazier, Stanley Love and Jim Stout, all of Follett. (83.)

25 November. Montrose, Colorado. (night)

"It was one of the strangest things I have ever seen."

The testimony of some Montrose residents:

"At least a dozen Montrose residents saw a 'whatnik' Monday night and early Tuesday. They saw it rise from Storm King, a nearby mountain, and slowly and jerkily ascend upward to almost a 90 degree angle overhead.

'''It was one of the strangest things I have ever seen,' noted Dr. Kenneth F. Hall. 'We were just getting ready to go to bed when I took my dog outside. I caught a glimpse of it in the southeast sky.'

"The 'whatnik' appeared to be triangular in shape, flashing red green lights.

"Hall, a wartime navigator experienced in viewing the stars, said 'I thought all this about the flying saucers was just poppy-cock until Monday night.'

"Others on hand Monday night to view the thing included Dr. William B. Lomax, William Burbank, Montrose businessman, and C.M. Voss.

"Daily Press publisher, William Prescott Allen Jr., was called to the scene by Hall. Allen, in turn, called Daily Press Managing Editor Alan Arondi who attempted to photograph the 'whatnik.' However, it was too far away by the time he arrived." (84.)

26 November. Tuesday.

26 November. Barstow, California. (early morning)

"Gleaming sphere." "Rose in a flash of flame." (See clipping)

Barstow Area Sees 'Objects'

LA Times 11-27-57
A Times Correspondent

BARSTOW, Nov. 26—Ten reputable witnesses from various areas in the Barstow district this morning saw and reported a brilliant object in the sky.

First reports came from the Yermo inspection station 16 miles northeast of Barstow, where two California State agricultural inspectors saw an object resembling a silver dollar pick up the first rays of the rising sun, before the sun was even visible above the horizon.

Over Newberry

The object appeared to hang over Newberry, a settlement 20 miles southeast

of the station. At the change of the shift, at 7 a.m., Chief Inspector Norman Smith and the day crew saw the object and watched it until the sun was high enough to hide the gleaming object in its glare.

Earlier in the morning a truck driver, passing through the inspection station, told Inspectors Paul Nidy and Bill Dennison that he had seen the object rise in a flash of flame some time earlier, and that since the flash was east of him, at that time, he assumed that "some of those New Mexico bases had fired something."

Reports from other citizens in Barstow poured in to Radio Station KWTC and to the Barstow Printer-Review. The object was in every case described as appearing like a silver dollar hanging in the sky, or like a gleaming sphere. - - -

26 November. North of Olympia, Washington. (4:45 a.m.)

According to our source:

"At 4:45 a.m. over Highway 99 --north of Olympia, Washington ---several people saw a 'flying neon sign' traveling north-east, then turned west and as it turned, changed color from red to white. McChord Air Force Base received numerous phone calls." (85.)

26 November. Southern California. (5:00 a.m.)

"Cloud with a red light in it." (See clipping)

26 November. Madison, Ohio. (no time)

Mrs. Jack Kuhn's story reaches the authorities and the press.

When word reached Kenneth Locke he was quick to arrange an interview with the Madison woman. After that there was no way of keeping things from the newspapers. The supposed fact that a UFO had caused an injury not only put UFOs in the real category, it also gave the sky objects an aura of menace. (See clipping) One might note in the Cleveland News clipping that Mrs. Kuhn claimed a second UFO sighting, a fact that might reflect on her credibility although the report contained no extraordinary details.

26 November. Indianapolis, Indiana. (no time)

Vivid tales of UFOs coming and going, and even zapping people, tried the patience of some. The Director of Indianapolis TV station WTTV declared on the air he was sick of Mars men talk and wanted UFO enthusiasts to put up or shut up. The TV Director, Sarkes Tarzian, offered a \$50,000 reward to the first person to: "...bring a living space creature to Indianapolis." (86.)

26 November. West of Jolliet, Illinois. (6:30 a.m.)

"A-1 report." Please resolve case. (See: Notes for UFO report...)

This particular case file adds further evidence to the idea that the Air Force had developed an acute sensitivity to the involvement of one of their own in a UFO incident. The Joint Messageform document that relates this sighting carries the following notation: "As report is official from USAF pilot, and considered in A-1 category, resolving incident is considered warranted in view of current rash of UFO sightings." (87.)

26 November. Ann Arbor, Michigan. (night)

"Spurious sputniks problem."

People everywhere were on the watch for Sputniks I & II, scrutinizing every bright dot moving through the heavens. A surprising amount of unexplained sky activity was reported. Too much it seems. What were all these "things" that did not correlate with published times and directions for the Russian satellites?

BLUE BOOK records are full of such sightings but they are not listed here because they contain so little data. Most likely these reports could be attributed to prosaic causes. The Air Force's favorite explanations for any "spurious sputniks" was "balloon," or "meteor." A report from Ann Arbor suggests more exotic objects than balloons or meteors were travelling through the atmosphere. (See letter)

26 November. Near Zoarville, Ohio. (night)

Cloud With Red Light Observed In Desert Sky 57

An unidentified object in the sky that "looked like a cloud with a red light in it" was observed from five different points in a broad desert area early today, including Palm Springs, Calif.

Villagers sighting the object around 5 a.m. were Mrs. Jack D. Heyl, 32-299 Sky Blue Water Trail; Ellen Biavaschi, 291 Saturnino Road, and Ray Webster, 115 South El Segundo.

Webster described it as a cigar-shaped object.

Police at Holtville, Indio and El Centro, as well as the Yuma, Ariz., sheriff's office reported sighting the cloud-like object near the eastern horizon.

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Thing in Sky Reported in Lake County

NEWS-Staff Special
PAINESVILLE—A "brilliant, speeding sky object" passed over the Lake County area last night, Mrs. Leita Kuhn of Madison told The News today.

"I was standing in the back yard when I saw this brilliant light and I lined it up with the eaves of the garage to see if it was moving—it was," she said. "I ran into the house to get my husband, but when we returned to the yard, it was gone. It was very far off and disappeared in the direction of Ashtabula (northeast of the Kuhn home).

This was the third "thing" in the sky to startle Lake and Geauga residents this month. On Nov. 6, Olden Moore, who lives less than 20 miles from the Kuhn place, reported seeing an "acorn-shaped object" land in a field near his house. Search of the area failed to locate the object.

Yesterday Mrs. Kuhn, 37, reported seeing a large bell-shaped object in the sky on the night of Nov. 10. She said she kept quiet about it for two weeks because neighbors laughed when she described her experience.

The object she saw Nov. 10 hovered over her garage, at an altitude of about 100 feet before moving on, Mrs. Kuhn said. "It was as big as a house," she reported, "and its bright light blinded me for a while." She says her vision has been under par ever since this experience.

Today Mrs. Kuhn is going to Lake County Memorial Hospital in Painesville for blood tests to determine if she has suffered radiation damage to her eyes. Dr. E. D. Hodgins of Madison, who examined Mrs. Kuhn, arranged the tests. He said Mrs. Kuhn appeared to have suffered shock and had a rash on her arms and legs.

Madison Woman, Quizzed on 'UFO,' Tells of Eye Burns

If you see a "flying saucer" or some other such "unidentified flying object," you will receive a visitor — and he won't be from outer space.

He'll be Kenneth E. Locke, director of the Lake County Civil Defense Corps. Although reluctant to commit himself on the existence of "flying saucers," Mr. Locke is intensely interested in investigating UFO reports.

Therefore, he appeared promptly at the home of Mrs. Jack R. Kuhn, Rt. 84, Madison, when she reported Monday that she had seen a mysterious object in the sky early the morning of Nov. 10.

A body rash and some fainting in her vision were noticed a few days later, Mrs. Kuhn told the CD investigators. She said she consulted a Madison physician.

"He said that my eyes look as though they had radiation burns," Mrs. Kuhn is quoted in Mr. Locke's report, "and that I must have had a great shock for this rash on my arms and legs to draw blood."

See Light

Mr. Locke subsequently contacted several members of the Ground Observer Corps in the Madison area and received reports of a mysterious light observed within a few days of the time Mrs. Kuhn observed a UFO.

The increased number of UFO reports in this area recently prompted Mr. Locke to call in his superior, Col Leroy John, state 5th Area CD Director.

Reporting on his interview with the Madison Two woman, Mr. Locke notes, "Mrs. Kuhn informed Col. John and myself that on Nov. 10, 1957, at 1:23 a.m. she had seen a UFO."

Questions, Answers

Mr. Locke's questions and Mrs. Kuhn's answers are reported as follows:

Mr. Locke: "Why did you happen to be outdoors at that time of night?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "I had built a fire in the garage, which also houses my dogs, as it was very cold that evening."

"I had gone out to check on the fire and saw sparks coming from the chimney and stayed in the garage until the fire died down a little."

"I then came out of the garage and started for the house when I saw a huge object in the air behind my garage."

Mr. Locke: "How high in the air would you say it was?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "I should judge about 100 feet, and it was very bright. It looked like a large heat lamp in the air."

Mr. Locke: "How far were you from it?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "Not more than 100 feet."

Description

Mr. Locke: "Can you describe this object?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "It was about 35 to 40 feet across and was quite high; it was as big as a house."

Mr. Locke: "Did you see any portholes or trap doors in this object?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "About halfway up there looked as if there might be windows around it, but the light was so bright I really couldn't say for sure."

Mr. Locke: "Did anything else about it seem unusual?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "Yes. At the bottom it looked like some sort of exhaust, but it looked like a real bright light and kept getting longer and longer."

Mr. Locke: "Did you feel any heat, smell any odor or hear any noise?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "I did not feel any heat, but for some reason I did not feel cold, and all I had on was a very light sweater. My sleeves were rolled up, and it was cold outside, but I was not aware of being cold."

Hand Goes Up

"I did not notice any odor nor did I hear any noise. But while I was watching it, my hand seemed to be going up in front of my face for no reason at all and my head kept going down."

Mr. Locke: "How long did you watch this object?"

Mrs. Kuhn: "About 30 minutes. I went in the house to get someone else to see it, and when I came out it was gone."

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"IT WAS RIGHT over there," Mrs. Jack R. Kuhn, Rt. 84, Painesville, Ohio, points to the spot behind her home where she watched an "identified flying object" hover for nearly a half hour Nov. 28. She reported the object as a "bright, glowing sphere" that "looked like a flying saucer." As Mrs. Kuhn said, the mysterious craft glowed brightly, she said.

Notes for UFO report in accordance with your instructions.

Date Interview Conducted: 9 December 1957

Interviewer: Capt George H. Janczewski, WPAFB Ext 70236

Source: Civilian, employee at Van Wert Airport, Ohio, member of the Indiana Air National Guard, 163 FIS

Content of the report: Source flew an F-86 A at 44,000 ft on 26 Nov 1957. While about 15-20 miles west of Joliet, Ill., Source sighted an unidentified object in the sky. The direction of Sources flight was eastward. The object appeared at a relative bearing of 15°. Source described the object as yellowish in color, at first stationary and hazy and later appearing to move and assuming definite outlines. Source observed the object for about 10 minutes and pursued it. As he approached the object gained in size and when he put his index finger on the aircraft's windshield it appeared on top of it as no larger than a nickel. Source contacted Chicago ARTC via radio and inform them of the sighting. The message was conveyed to ADCC senior controller at 30 ADiv at WRAFS, Michigan who filed the original report. Source stated that approximately five minutes after ~~investigation~~ UFO has disappeared from his sight by fading in the distance and turning slightly left, he notice a flight of 3 B-47s going eastward. Source descended and attempted to contact the B-47s to verify his sighting but was not successful in contacting the other aircraft. He landed his aircraft at Fort Wayne, Ind., which was his ~~takeoff point~~ home base. He immediately file a report with his base commander. Questioned about the size, shape, speed and altitude of the object Source ~~could not~~ explained that he had no basis of comparison hence no idea about the characteristics or performance of the object. Except for slight turn to the left the object made no other maneuvers. Source said it seemed to have accelerated as he closed in. The object was somewhat flat, metallic in appearance.

Investigation: Interviewer talked with Mr. personally and questioned him in details. ATIC Form 164 is attached. Following the interview the following units were contacted:

Hq 20th Air Div, WRAFS, Michigan
 Hq 20th Air Div, Grandview AFB, Mo
 Hq 791st AC&W SQ, Hanna City AFS, Ill.
 Hq 319 Ftr Intcptr Sq, Bunker Hill AFB, Ind.
 Hq 782 AC&W Sq, Rockville AFS, Ind.

All of the above units reported no unusual sightings or incidents on that date and at that time. The FIS reported no aircraft in the area.

The Wright Operations Officer was contacted and said there were no WADC aircraft in the area at that time.

The officer who file the original report, Capt Best, Senior Controller, ADCC 30th ADiv said he checked the sir traffic at that time and found no unusual incidents. Chicago ARTC contacted by Capt Best on 30 Dec stated there were no other report regarding the sighting except the one from Mr. Rice.

Drawing and comment from BLUE BOOK file on the Joliet, Illinois, case

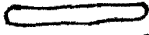
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16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NA

b. Color Molten metal

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


Moved Directly Away

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Heat a steel disc ^{not} to yellow white and suspend it so the eqid^r or length of it would be exposed to you.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>23 November 1957</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Joliet, Illinois</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>24/0105Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Radar-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>GOC</u> <u>5 Airline pilots & Radar</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>not given</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large round brilliant white object, orange when passing behind thin cloud. Object seemed to hover at times. Had straight course when moving.				11. COMMENTS Description has characteristics of a balloon seen at dusk. There was a balloon released at Moline, Illinois at about 0000Z. Probably Balloon.	

THE OBSERVATORY
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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

March 10, 1958

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
60 Garden Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Allen:

Many thanks for your letter of March 4th, and you should by now have received a copy of my letter to [REDACTED] covering the composition of the voting delegation. Of course, [REDACTED] name should appear in place of [REDACTED]

I am amused by the matter of the UFO report. It so happens that on the evening in question I was out looking for Sputnik II with a friend of mine who works for the government. We did not see the Sputnik, because it passed over earlier than the predicted time, but I was rather startled to observe a stellar-like object, which appeared in the northeast at an altitude of about 30° and moved very rapidly, in about three or four seconds, in a rather flat trajectory across the sky before it disappeared almost directly in the west. I commented that because of its speed and direction, the object could not be the Sputnik. I had also never seen a meteor with such a long path, at least considering its relatively low brightness of about the first magnitude. My friend insisted that it ought to be reported and hence I did. It probably was a meteor.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

LG:K7

"50 feet above the car." (See clipping)

26 November. Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.
(late evening)

"They saw eight."

A report from Africa published in England's
Flying Saucer Review says:

"Mr. D.J.C. Meyer and Mr. Charles Liebenberg were walking home after an evening at the pictures in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia, on November 26, last year, [1957]. Suddenly they saw, not one, but eight discs in the sky above them.

"'They were flying in a northerly direction,' said Mr. Meyer, 'and they flew in perfect formation in the form of a 'W.' They had the shape of saucers, and slid across the sky without making any noise at all. They seemed to be from about eight inches to one foot in diameter from where we saw them.'" (88.)

26 November. Hamilton, New Zealand.
(9:25 p.m.)

Series of 'hop-like' movements.

A report was made to a New Zealand UFO group, 'The Hamilton Investigation Society.'

The report was from a Mr. L.M. Phillips of Hamilton, who, prior to his sighting, had next to no thoughts about the UFO mystery.

The story:

"It was 9:25 p.m., the sky was partly cloudy. However, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Phillips of Dey Street, Hamilton, were determined to sight the Russian sputnik. Mrs. Phillips was outside keeping watch. Suddenly, through a break in the clouds, she spotted a bright object and called out, 'Here it is.' Her husband immediately joined her and so did her neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. By now, however, Mrs. Phillips and the others realized that it was certainly not the sputnik that had been sighted.

'There in the south-west sky at about 17 degrees elevation was a bright, orange coloured, cigar-shaped object. It was quite stationary. Above and to the right of this object was the planet Venus, recognised as such by Mr. Phillips. Suddenly the object appeared to have changed form, for it now looked much like a 'dinner plate on edge,' with a domed-like protrudence on one side. This remarkable object appeared to be at no great height,

Tuscarawas Pair Say Flying Object Nearly Struck Car

NEW PHILADELPHIA — Caser Dondrea, 332 Fair ave NW, sighted a mysterious flying object south of Mineral City last night and reported it to police.

Mr. Dondrea said he was driving on Route 8 near Zoarville when he noticed a bright light in the sky and called it to the attention of Danny Locker, ninth grade student at Sandville High School, who was riding with him.

The driver said he and the youth realized the light was too low in the sky to be a star and that it was rapidly descending toward the highway. He said that it descended to about 40 or 50 feet above the car, so close that he was afraid it was going to land upon the car.

Suddenly it began to rise and appeared to go straight up into the sky, he said. Mr. Dondrea said he heard no noise and saw no outline of the object.

This morning, Harry Kirk, attendance officer at Sandy Valley High School, said he and two women also sighted a strange light in the sky southwest of Waynesburg between 8 and 9 p.m.

Mr. Dondrea notified police who talked with the ground observer. City tower at New Philadelphia but the watcher on duty there said he had seen no unusual light or object in the sky.

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say 5,000 feet, reported Mr. Phillips. After a few minutes it did the strangest thing, it moved an appreciable distance sideways in a series of 'hop-like' movements and stopped again. Further observation was prevented by heavy clouds which moved over the area. The object was not seen again. Mr. Phillips in his full report to CSI [N.Z.], stated that the object was in sight for fully 10 minutes and was a bright orange colour, fading out at the edges, but otherwise very clear and well defined." (89.)

27 November. Wednesday.

27 November. French Alps. (day time?)

Coral Lorenzen of APRO became aware of the sharp drop off of reported sightings which she felt was due to in part to Air Force statements. She also noted, however, some interesting reports were still coming in, some from Europe. The report from the Swedish Army officer on November 24th was impressive, and now on the 27th a French case made news. Coral later wrote:

"...the director of a Grenoble, France engineering firm and four of his staff... reported observing five black disk-shaped objects hovering over the French Alps for eight minutes on November 27. Then the group did a series of maneuvers after which a parachute-shaped object emerged from one of them. All of them then shot away at supersonic speed toward the Swiss border. All the witnesses were convinced that the objects were not jet aircraft, helicopters, or balloons, as their work frequently brought them into contact with them." (90.)

27 November. Hertfordshire, England.

"The tin hat."

The following account was recorded by an investigator for England's Flying Saucer Review magazine:

"Mr. John R. Heard, a full-time worker in the Boy Scout movement, was out walking with his Boxer dog at approximately 9:30 p.m. on the evening of November 27...when his attention was drawn to an object hovering beyond the houses directly in front of him.

"He described it as a dazzling white light shaped like tin hats worn by A.R.P. Wardens during the last war, with a shimmering haze around it. The size of the object was huge compared to conventional aircraft. He found it difficult to judge height, but seemed low as it hovered in the background beyond the houses. When stationary it appeared to be over the River Ivel in the direction of Holme Mill...the 'tin hat' moved off in a southwesterly direction at a fantastic speed, disappearing in a few seconds, leaving only a vapour trail." (91.)

Objeto luminoso visto nos céus de São Carlos

S. CARLOS, 26 (Do correspondente — Pelo telefone) — Ontem, por volta das 22 horas, diversas pessoas avistaram, pairando nos céus de São Carlos estranho objeto, de forma arredondada. Repentinamente, emitiu fagulhas de cor violácea e, desenvolvendo velocidade extraordinária, desapareceu na direção norte-sul, em frações de segundos.

PROPOSTA ORÇAMENTARIA. — A Câmara Municipal de São Carlos reuniu-se ontem para discussão e votação da proposta orçamentária para o próximo exercício de 1958. Os trabalhos, iniciados às 20 horas, prolongaram-se até às primeiras horas da madrugada de hoje, tendo a Câmara aprovado a receita para 1958, no total de Cr\$ 47.704.000,00. A despesa fixada atinge a Cr\$ 44.884.800,00; havendo, portanto, "superávit" de Cr\$ 2.819.200,00.

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27 November. Madison, Ohio. (evening)

A reporter for a Cleveland paper contacted Mrs. Leita Kuhn on the 27th to get her reaction to public knowledge of her claimed experience. (See clipping right)

28 November. Thursday.

28 November. "What are we to believe?"

Reporter John Reece of the Alamogordo Daily News refused to meekly fall into line when the "official view" of the UFO problem was pushed by media friendly to the powers-that-be.

Reece did not pretend to be any kind of UFO buff, but he felt he had to question what was happening as a reasoning human being. He wrote:

"Newspapers and radios across the nation carry an apparently authenticated story of a sighting. Many of the stories are told as the experiences of highly reliable persons.

"Shortly after each of the stories, one or more government agencies and usually a battery of experts in varied fields offer various arguments to prove that the observer was mistaken.

"What are we to believe?" (92.)

Reece noted that a local publication of some influence, the AFMDC base newspaper Rocketeer, was parroting news releases from the Pentagon about how only 2% of 10,000 UFO reports remain unexplained.

The reporter commented: "This is not exactly comforting. The reverse of the AF proposition is this: 'There is no known explanation for some 120 sightings investigated by the AF during the last 10 years!'" (93.)

28 November. Mundrabilla Station, Australia. (about 10:45 a.m.)

"Fluorescent Tube." (See clipping on next page)

29 November. Friday.

29 November. Near Glencoe, Ontario, Canada. (5:00 p.m.)

Small ball all aglow.'

This is something that happened at the close of the month:

'Mrs. Gerald Alderman encountered a glowing ball of light near Glencoe, Ontario, Canada. Shortly after 5:00 p.m. on the 29th of that month Mrs. Alderman was driving along on Highway 80 about two miles north of Glencoe. She first observed the object

Saucer Seer Swamped by Phone Calls

By JERRY SNOOK
Lake County Correspondent

A Madison woman whose description of an encounter with a "flying saucer" was made public Tuesday said last night that her telephone had been ringing ever since.

Mrs. Leita Kuhn, S. Ridge Road, said persons had called from all over the country to ask questions and give advice.

"Most of them were just curious and wanted to know what the thing looked like," she said. "I'm thankful that none doubted my word."

Mrs. Kuhn, 37, said one man reported that he had seen a similar object and advised her to forget it for her own good.

Nights Are Nightmare

"I suppose there is something fearful about the unknown," she remarked. "A person could go completely mad by dwelling on it."

"I never believed in these things before, but now my nights are one nightmare after another."

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MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECT

SEEN IN WA SKY

Credit: Peter E. Norris (HWA)

DN: 29/11/57

for the Daily News



PEOPLE hundreds of miles apart in WA report having seen a flying object.

Four people at different parts of the Nullarbor saw the object clearly. It looked like a guided missile and was followed by a long vapour trail.

Later a vapour trail was seen by three people from Fraser Range station, 55 miles east of Norseman. It was accompanied by a roaring sound.

A short time before four people on different farms in the Belka district near Merredin sighted the vapour trail. They reported that it was preceded by loud engine noises.

Messages received from Nullarbor stations by Kalgoorlie's Flying Doctor radio base operator Charles Prideaux tally: The object was 30 feet long, cigar-shaped, wingless and was followed by a vapour trail.

Just before 10.45 a.m. (Perth time) yesterday, Mundrabilla stationhand Jim Henderson, who was working at a windmill, heard a loud report like an explosion.

Then he saw clouds of dust and smoke rising into the sky. He said they were similar to those of a willy-willy.

"Soon after, he saw an object with a pointed, shiny nose. It was clearly visible."

At 10.45 a.m. Mrs. Hoar and her husband at Mundrabilla station saw the object. They thought it was a guided missile.

Fast

It came in from Eucla made a circuit of the Madura area, then turned and went east over Mundrabilla station towards Fowler's Bay.

When it was heading towards the bay, part of the object was seen to fall off. It was travelling very fast. The part followed the main section for more than 400 yards, then fell to earth.

The main object kept on and appeared to go down in the direction of Fowler's Bay to land.

There was a blue vapour trail and the object was travelling smoothly, probably between 7000 to 10,000 feet above the earth.

Roaring

Station owner Mick Tojter and his wife and Lawson Gull heard a roaring sound and rushed out of their house about noon yesterday.

At a height of about 10,000 to 15,000 feet they saw a vapour trail about two or three miles long, travelling too fast to be that made by an aircraft.

After moving for some time at a high speed towards Norseman, the vapour trail suddenly tilted downwards and continued on to the earth.

Before noon yesterday at Belka, near Merredin, farmer R. T. Muscard and his wife heard what they thought was a rocket motor.

Then they saw a circle of vapour over their property.

Vapour trail moved slowly over their farm and appeared to hang vertically for about 20 minutes; then whatever made the trail moved off towards the east at high speed.

Two other Belka people reported having seen the vapour trail. One was Mrs. M. W. Whitehead, who immediately phoned farmer friends A. W. and Mrs. Miller.

Then Ray Miller saw the trail for 15 minutes.

Perth W.A.
Daily News
November 29, 1957

THAT WAS NO JET

STATION folk on Mundrabilla station (near Eucla on the W.A.-S.A. border) are adamant Nov. 28

The flying object which appeared mysteriously over their property on Thursday morning definitely was NOT a Canberra bomber, they say.

Said Kalgoorlie Flying Doctor radio operator Charles Prideaux today: "I told the Mundrabilla people of an aviation authorities' statement that there was a jet exercising in the area at the time."

"They said they are used to Canberras flying over their property—they see them quite a lot—but this was no Canberra."

Fluorescent Tube
"It looked like a long fluorescent tube with a nose cap."

Reports reached Perth yesterday from three Nullarbor centres. Descriptions tallied: A 30ft. cigar-shaped object with no wings and a shiny noscap.

The Mundrabilla report described how part of the object seemed to detach itself, follow the main body for about 400 yards, then fall to earth.

as a considerable height in the sky. Then it dropped rapidly to near ground level. It was 'a round ball about six to eight inches in diameter and aglow with a fiercely bright white light,' Mrs. Alderman told the London (Ontario) Free Press. The UFO was spinning 'as it moved in an orbit 20 or 30 feet across' and trailing a tail of light two or three feet long.

'The object came within 75 feet of her car and hovered about a foot above the road in front of it. After pausing a few minutes the object angled upward and swiftly left the scene.' (94.)

29? November. Copenhagen, Denmark.

29? November. Rochefort, France.

The two European cities mentioned above appeared in a French language newspaper that was published November 29th. No translation is available. (95.)

29 November. Kahlotus, Washington.
(5:30 p.m.)

As one begins to read the press account concerning rancher Roy Bell, one thinks that the story is just about Venus or some bright star. It quickly becomes apparent Mr. Bell is not being fooled by a heavenly body. (See clipping on the next page)

30 November. Saturday.

The last day of the month is a good time to reflect on the events of the previous weeks.

The north-south and south-north shifts of sightings seems to have been verified. At the beginning of the flap reports came in from Canada. The shift south ended deep in the southern states. Reports from South America ended with numerous sightings in Brazil. In fact W. Buhler of Rio said that Brazil experienced 44 sightings in the month of November (During the next 12 months Brazil would record only 105). (96.)

Columnist Howard Preston of the Cleveland News had some thoughts about the excitement in the Geauga County area. (See Clipping)

In Lubbock, Texas, people were still amazed at the "saucer invasion" and how it had made their part of country world famous. The UFOs had come and gone, and only a sign someone had posted on a utility pole near West 34th St. and Franklin Ave. remained as a reminder something did happen: "CAUTION FLYING SAUCERS LANDING ON HIGHWAYS." As motorists drove passed they did a doubletake. The Lubbock paper commented:

« J'AI VU UN ENGIN MYSTERIEUX AVEC DEUX HOMMES A BORD »

*déclare un commerçant
danois*

Copenhague. — « Un étrange engin volant à une grande vitesse a traversé ma route au-dessus des champs. Alors qu'il se trouvait environ à 150 mètres de moi, j'ai nettement distingué deux êtres, assis l'un derrière l'autre, et qui ressemblaient à des humains » ; a déclaré au journal conservateur B.T. un commerçant de Geston (Jutland). Selon ce témoin, l'engin avait la forme d'une pyramide, très lumineuse et transparente.

OBJET LUMINEUX DANS LE CIEL DE ROCHEFORT

La Rochelle. — A Rochefort-sur-Mer (Charente-Maritime), place Colbert, à la sortie de la ville, plusieurs personnes ont vu traversant l'air d'est en-ouest à une très grande hauteur, un engin lumineux de forme allongée, qui laissait derrière lui une traînée très longue d'un blanc aveuglant.

Young Rancher, Wife Worried

Bright Light Hovers Over Kahlotus Farm Almost Every Night

KAHLOTUS—An intensely bright light that has been hovering over his farm 5 miles south of Kahlotus during the past week is causing Roy Bell to wonder if "flying saucers" aren't actually real.

The object, which returns every evening between 5:30-6:30 o'clock, was first observed by Bell and his wife Friday night as they approached their ranch while returning from Kahlotus.

Bell said it looked like a giant headlight sitting directly over a hill not far from his home. As the Bells stopped to look at it, the big light came right at them, descending to about 600 feet—so close that Bell said it illuminated the ground around their car.

At that point, Bell said "self-preservation became stronger than

curiosity" and he drove down the lane to his house in a hurry. "My wife said 'let's get out of here' and I didn't argue with her," the rancher recalled.

Looking back, the puzzled couple said they saw the object ascend again to about 1,500 feet over the hilltop after making its apparent swoop at their car.

"We thought we may have imagined it all," said Bell—"Until it reappeared again Sunday night, again Monday night and also Tuesday evening." He said it moves around and appears under the clouds when the sky is overcast. "It's about six times brighter than any star," he added.

"If I'm seeing things," Bell said, "Then my wife and my hired man is seeing them too." He said he and Wayne Campbell, who works for Bell, both

spotted the object Sunday night sitting directly over a small hill.

Bell and Campbell jumped in their car and drove toward the light, which disappeared behind the hill. He said the object was nowhere in sight when he and Campbell rounded the hill to their car.

The young rancher said he's never taken flying saucer stories very seriously before, and doesn't claim the one he's been seeing is one either. He's sure it isn't a beacon light beam, because there has always been one of those near his ranch and it isn't that.

"If it isn't a flying saucer, what is it?" Bell would like to know. He believes there must be a simple explanation and he'd welcome any such explanation anyone in the Tri-Cities can give him. Bell's phone number is Kahlotus 183.

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HOWARD PRESTON:

The Wonderful World

A MAN OF INQUIRIOUS MIND, I recently saw a flying saucer the other night. He was on Route 88, near Route 528. This object, which he describes as a red ball, appeared at 7:15 from the South and traveled slowly toward the Northwest, where it disappeared. It seemed to be about 500 feet above the ground although the altitude is debatable.

"But it was a flying object,"

the man told me. "Don't use my name because people will think I'm crazy. It was in plain sight for exactly three minutes. It never stopped and there was no noise or engine. I couldn't distinguish a vapor trail or exhaust. At 7:15 it was gone."

This strange appearance was verified by other people including an airplane spotter. The latter, a woman, has seen four or five odd things. She pointed headquarters but hasn't heard if the objects were investigated. Two children saw this particular red saucer, too. They were too excited to sleep that night.

SAUCERS, or whatever they are, no longer are unique to the Cuyahoga County area. Your guess is as good as mine. Are the objects from another planet or another country? Are they spacecraft or odd cloud formations? Are they reflections? I know that a friend of mine, an experienced Air Force mechanic, saw one and one night

on the road from Kent to Cleveland. He stopped his car and watched it. He is familiar with aircraft and the process of spotting and identifying flying objects. This was something he never saw before—or since.

What I consider to be an unusual, and perhaps hopeful, sign is that few people appear to be jittery about these objects. They are excited and interested, not scared to death.

But within the last month I have heard half a dozen stout-hearted people explain they no longer can watch a football game calmly after a football is hit to it, or the other



"The authentic-appearing sign is neatly painted with paint which appears to be slightly reflective ---like a bonafide highway sign.

"But officials believe it's the work of practical jokers. And they question the use of the word 'practical.'

"The sign draws befuddled gapes from motorists. Some get out of their cars and examine it. But there's no mistake, the message is clearly painted in black on a yellow base." (97.)

NICAP, APRO, CSI, and every other UFO group was given a big boost by the sensational November flap. The many new UFO cases like the Leveland landings were powerful additions to arguments advocating the reality of UFOs.

For Captain Gregory at BLUE BOOK the knowledge that this foes were now much stronger only made him worry more about two cases that were still to be explained to the military's satisfaction. One involved an Air Force jet pilot and the other had the secretary of an Air Force unit as the prime witness.

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Left Him Numb

Big Isle Man Says Light From Sky Stalled His Car

HAKALAU, Hawaii, Nov. 29—A fantastic tale of a flash of light that killed his car engine and lights was told by a Big Island man today.

Regino Lacuesta, 49, of Ninole said he was driving home about 8.30 last night on the Hawaii Belt

AIR FORCE TRACED RECENT 'SIGHTINGS' TO IMAGINATION

The Air Force—which investigated a rash of "mysterious object" reports, following Russia's launching of its satellites—reported two weeks ago that it failed to find a flying saucer in the lot.

Most of the reported experiences were explainable, according to Air Force investigators, as misinterpreted natural phenomena, such as weather conditions.

One, in which a man claimed to have talked with the occupants of a landed space ship, was described as a "hoax."

Road, about half a mile north of the Hakalau Sugar Mill, when his car's engine began missing.

Suddenly, he said, he saw a bright flash of light about 20 feet above the highway in front of him; and the car's engine died and its headlights went out.

The car, still moving forward, began slowing, he said, although he didn't touch the brakes, and finally stopped at the place where the light occurred.

Lacuesta said he felt "dumb" and couldn't move for several minutes.

Then the car, which had stopped on a level stretch, started off again—although it was still in high gear, and Lacuesta hadn't touched

the starter—and its lights went back on.

Telling his story to the Reverend Mauricio M. Valera, Lacuesta said he did not look back to see what might have caused the light, but went straight home.

Mr. Valera, personnel superintendent for Hakalau Sugar Company, said Lacuesta is an honest, reliable, non-drinking man, who has charge of hand-harvesting operations at the plantation.

Lacuesta's car is a 1955 station wagon in good condition, Mr. Valera said.

There are telephone lines but no power lines where the incident occurred, he added.

A check with a resident of the area indicated the sky was clear at that time last night.

Lacuesta had been on his way home after visiting his wife, who is employed at Hilo Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Lacuesta said her husband telephoned her as soon as he reached home.

"He was kind of scared," she said, but had no idea what had caused his unsettling experience.

A last minute addition:
Stalled car in Hawaii.

Note that Hawaii is at the same latitude as Mexico City which helps the southern shift theory.

SIGHTING #: 018

DATE: November 28, 1957

TIME: 16:30 (06:30) **CEI**

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