THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1957 November 13th – December 31st

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

"Supplemental Notes" consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

13 November. Near? Invercargill, New Zealand. (about 11:20 p.m.)

"Something horrible, evil-looking and out of this world." Really?

(See clipping)

Mysterious light reported seen in remote valley

INVERCARGILL, Friday (P.A.).—Reports of a strange white light hovering about 500ft about the ground in the remote Eglinton Valley were brought to Invercargill yesterday by two men who had travelled from Milford Sound.

Mr E. R. Robinson, a patrol officer for the Automobile Association (Southland), and Mr L. Israelson, a cook at the association's Milford Hostel, reported watching the light for about eight minutes but could offer no reasonable explanation of its presence.

Both described their experience as "uncanny." Mr Israelson considered it "something horrible, evil-looking and out of this world."

Travelling by van the two men reached the area of the valley known as The Bluffs about 11.20 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr Robinson said he first saw the light across the Eglinton River and coming towards them up the valley.

Movements

After drawing Mr Israelson's attention to it, Mr Robinson stopped the van and switched off the headlights. They kept the moving light under observation for the next seven or eight minutes.

At first the light came towards them. Then it seemed to hover and move sideways and it finally receded, disappearing around a spur of the mountains, which rise sheer from the valley.

Lit up trees

Its light was bright enough to illuminate the tops of the trees on what was a dark, cloudy night and even after the object disappeared behind the spur they could see the glow from it, they said. The only noise was the rustling of the wind through the trees.

Both men are convinced it was not a meteor or a falling star.

White foam from portholes?

This case must be the same as the one dated 11 November. (See the Supplemental Notes for the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 13) Since only translated excerpts are available and not the actual book, it is not possible to check. Anyway, here is the information, such as it is:

"Eight days after the Sumatran sighting [the Sumatran sighting was on November 6th], five fishermen reported seeing a UFO about ten miles off the coast of Sarakan which is an important oil field. The object changed its shape into that of a cigar and dove directly into the sky while discharging a white foamy substance from portholes located on its rim." (xx.)

(xx.) Salatun, Col. J. *The Mystery of the Flying Saucers Revealed.* No publishing data. 1961. No page number.

14 November. Effingham, Surrey, England. (7:30 p.m.)

Large orange moon.

Our source says:

" Mrs. Margot Dorman, of Effingham, Surrey, came out of her house at 7:30 p.m. and saw a large orange moon racing across the sky. She rushed back into the house and collected a man friend to witness the occurrence. The two of them watched it disappear as a red dot in the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* January-February 1958. Vol. 4, No.1, p.9.

14 November. Mitcham, Surrey, England. (about 9:15 p.m.)

Orange-red light.

According to our source:

"On the evening of November 14 an orange-red light was seen in the sky over Mitcham, Surrey, England.

"Mr. A. B. Martin, of Brighton Road, Banstead, was motoring with his father between Rose Hill and Mitcham at approximately 9:15 p.m. He reported that the object was hovering over South Croydon, quite stationary. He said it then disappeared. However, three minutes later, it reappeared over Mitcham Common, stayed stationary again and once more disappeared. Mr. Martin, who served in the R.A.F., was certain it was not a balloon, or an aeroplane light. It was about 700 feet up. A number of other motorists stopped to look at the object." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* January-February 1958. Vol. 4, No. 1, p.9.

14 November. Epson, Surrey, England. (no time)

Red football.

A third sighting in Surrey went like this:

"Miss Mari A. Lewis, of Epsom, Surrey, subsequently also wrote to the Daily Telegraph to affirm that she too had seen the orange-red 'moon.' She described it later to the *Flying Saucer Review* as being like a [English type?] football, bigger than the moon, and moving north rapidly." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* January-February 1958. Vol. 4, No.1, p.9.

15 November. W.H. Bradley.

According to a notice in the newspaper, the Wheel and Distaff Committee of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were to have a special speaker for the November 15th meeting. He was Mr. W.H. Bradley, president of Nuclear Measurements Inc., and his topic was Unidentified Flying Objects. (xx.) Wonder what he told the ladies?

(xx.) Indianapolis, Indiana. *Star.* 14 November 57.

16 November. Missile launch announced.

A pilotless, swept-wing bomber called the Snark was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The Air Force news release stated:

"A special electronic beam in the Snark enabled alerted stations in the West Indies to pick up the missile as it passed over.

"It arched over picket ships and finally, in a terminal strike precisely monitored by a new instrumented station at Ascension Island the Snark delivered a warhead into the tiny ocean target.

"The Air Force said the flight was the first to use the full-length 5,000-mile sea

test lane from Cape Canaveral to Ascension Island since the range was opened earlier this fall." (xx.)

(xx.) El Paso, Texas. *Times*. 15 November 57.

16 November. Air Force announcement draws fire.

Hockley County Sheriff Weir Clem complains about the official Levelland "explanation." A news story from Levelland on the 17th said:

"An Air Force announcement that a bright light seen recently at Levelland was a 'weather phenomenon' known as 'ball lightning' drew fire from Sheriff Weir Clem Firday.

" 'It was definitely something,' he told a reporter by telephone.

" 'They couldn't convince me that it was that. I have seen all of those things (weather phenomena) several times.

" 'I think my theory is better—having seen it—than that of the man who came 2,000 or 3,000 miles down here after it was all over.'

"The Air Force reported in Washington that the strange sight of Nov. 2 was 'St. Elmo's fire' caused by stormy conditions.

"The announcement also said investigation on the scene revealed only three persons, rather than dozens as originally reported had seen the light.

"That's three persons [who] saw it on the ground,' Clem corrected. 'There were, let's see, 11 that saw it in the air. I saw it in the air.'

"Clem added that the investigators came around and 'asked questions but they didn't do any talking.'

"He said other persons who saw the strange light take the same stand as his—that it was not caused by freak weather conditions.

" 'They are all reliable people and the reports came too close to being the same to have been made up,' the sheriff added.

"Clem said there had been no reports of similar sightings since the one time.

" 'I'm looking at the ground now,' he said. 'A big bomber flew over here the other day and a fellow called me out and asked me if I saw it. I said, 'Yes, but don't tell anybody.'

"Clem said he had been getting letters about the light from all over the United States and even received one from Italy, 'and they are still coming in,' he said.

" 'I still say it definitely was not what the Air Force says it was.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Levelland, Texas. *The Levelland Daily Sun-News*. 17 November 57. p.1.

16 November. Leonard H. Stringfield.

The Cincinnati *Times-Star* spotlights UFOlogist. (See clipping on pages 4-5)

What the article doesn't say, however, was how unhappy Mrs. Stringfield was with her husband's unusual hobby. She felt the time and money spent on UFOs hurt the family.

Stringfield— Sane Student Of Saucers

GLOBAL ACTIVITY at the Stringfield household includes, from left, Denise, who is spinning a plastic saucer; Colette, who points to the world at large, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Stringfield.

The flurry of public interest in strange objects, eerie lights, flying saucers and little green men offers no surprise to Leonard H. Stringfield, a calm, sane advertising executive who has studied and been puzzled by such matters for 12 of his not quite 37 years.

"We are being visited by an intelligence possibly greater than our own from some other planet, perhaps from another solar system," Stringfield says.

WHEN HE first voiced this theory several years ago, the typical reaction was one of amused skepticism; but that was before a sensation-sated world, dulling itself with tranquilizers, was able to take in stride such a phenomenon as Laika, the hitchhiking Soviet dog who became the most famous traveler since Marco Polo and whose journey dramatized more than anything else the shift of Buck Rogers from the Sunday supplements to page one.

By Lee Allen

Stringfield is no alarmist. He thinks that many of the reports of visitors from outer space are based on error. He thinks that many of the observers who make such reports are either psychotic or are perpetrating a hoax. But he also thinks that some of the reports can be explained only by interplanetary visits.

When, in the years immediately following World War II, tales of flying saucers swept the world, causing near-hysteria in some areas, there were four possible explanations:

1. Some unannounced U. S. weapon.
2. Some unannounced Soviet weapon.
3. Meteorological phenomena.
4. Space visitors.

STRINGFIELD rules out the first three propositions, and that, to his satisfaction at least, makes true the fourth.

Born in Cincinnati Dec. 17, 1920, June 13, 1947. The Stringfield home at 7017 Britton ave., Madison Place, now includes two daughters: Colette, 9, and Denise, 7.

IN THE EARLY years of his marriage Leonard puttered around his greenhouse, carefully tending his philodendron, anthurium and fern, and dabbled in oil painting, astronomy and paleontology. But with flying saucers being sighted more and more frequently, he began to study the subject intensely.

He began to write to persons who had sighted UFOs and tried to analyze their reports. In the past four years alone he has received over 35,000 letters that are now packed in crates in his basement.

In the course of writing to one of his early correspondents, Bill Culmer of Robinson, Ill., he determined to form a research organization and publish a factual bulletin. On March 10, 1954, he thus formed Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects (CRIFO), and began planning a monthly publication.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD Frank Ed-

What's ahead for saucer chasers? Stringfield has ceased publication of ORBIT, the magazine that announced the findings of CRIFO, but he has recently published just about everything he has learned to date in a book that bears the cryptic title "inside SAUCER POST . . . 3-O BLUE." The "3-O Blue" part of the title refers to the code name assigned to him when his house became a UFO reporting post for the Air Defense Command.

THE BOOK is not an exploitation of secret military data, but a factual account of sightings that have come to CRIFO's attention.

The most fantastic local sighting covered is the weird story of R. H., a local citizen of substance who wishes to preserve his anonymity. Here is Stringfield's account of R. H.'s experience:

"ABOUT 4 A. M. on a March night in 1955, while driving through Branch Hill on his way to Loveland, R. H. saw in the beams of his headlight what appeared to be three men kneeling at the right side of the road. His first impression was that 'somebody was said R. H., reminding him of a frog's face mostly because of the mouth which spanned, in a thin line, across a smooth grey face. While R. H. thought the eyes 'without brows' seemed normal and the nose was indistinct, the pate of the head had a painted-on-like-hair effect like a plastic doll. He added, 'It was corrugated or like rolls of fat running horizontally over a bald head.'

"According to R. H., the middle biped, and the one closest to him, was the first seen, with his arms upraised. 'They were raised a foot or so above the head,' he said, 'and holding a dark chain or stick, which emitted blue-white sparks jumping from one hand to the other.' As R. H. approached, he said this biped then lowered its arms with the chain 'as if to tie it around its ankles.' R. H. said he wanted to get closer, but by the time he had reached the front fender of his car the 'little men' made a slight 'unnatural' move toward him, 'as if motioning me not to come any closer.' For about three minutes R. H. said he stood still, just watching—too amazed to be afraid."

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He was one of the first Americans to enter Japan, and at Atsugi, an airfield outside of Tokyo, he published the first newspaper produced by U. S. occupation forces. He reached Japan even before the surrender, and it was on that flight that his interest in unidentified flying objects began.

WHILE FLYING from Ie Shima, near Okinawa, to Iwo Jima on Aug. 28, 1945, the C-46 in which he and eight other members of the Fifth Air Force were riding, dipped, sputtered oil and lost altitude. Stringfield looked out one of the portholes and saw three blobs of brilliant white light, each about the size of a dime, traveling through drifts of cloud at about the speed of the plane. As the objects zoomed away, the plane pulled up and landed safely at Iwo. The incident was forgotten in the general excitement that accompanied the end of the war, but Stringfield has always believed that the plane's erratic course was due to a mysterious force generated by the UFOs.

After the war he came back to this part of the country, operated for a year an inn outside Vevay, Ind., entered the advertising business with the S. C Baer Co. (now Baer, Kemble & Spicer, Inc.), then joined the Wilson Advertising Agency as a copywriter. For the past eight years he has been advertising manager of DuBois Co., Inc., manufacturers of chemical cleaning compounds.

One night at a party Leonard intercepted a flying object named Dell Romero, lovely girl of French extraction from Lake Charles, La. Although she had an executive position here, she was about to go to New York to become a model. Leonard changed her mind and they were married here on

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SHORTLY AFTERWARD Frank Edwards, then network newscaster who had championed saucers since 1950, advised his audience of Stringfield's activities, and Leonard found himself snowed under by an avalanche of 6,000 letters of inquiry. His wife, two little girls, and a friend, Herb Clark, all pitched in to process the mail, and he felt with immediate keenness the fact that his life had changed overnight.

One summer afternoon in 1954 Stringfield was visited by a polite, dapper man who asked a series of extremely pointed questions, an indication that the Air Force had become interested in his activities. Later Stringfield received a letter from Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, then in charge of intelligence, that stated, in part, "The Air Force greatly appreciates the interest you and your organization have taken in the Unidentified Flying Object program. A continuation of this assistance is indeed welcome."

In September 1955, the Air Defense Command informed Stringfield that his home telephone had been cleared to report UFOs, through coded channels, directly to the Filter Center in Columbus, O.

BUT THE AIR FORCE in its pronouncements has taken a dim view of saucers and even prepared a form letter sent to the growing army of observers who claimed sightings in which it was stated "there is a total lack of evidence that they (flying saucers) are interplanetary vehicles."

This is an attitude that has satisfied some persons, but Stringfield says, "The Air Force is sitting on a Pandora's box of information."

Physicists, astronomers and other scientists are badly split on the subject of saucers. Some view all reports as nonsense and give short shrift to those who make the sightings. Others believe in them as devoutly as does Stringfield. But most merely keep an open mind on the subject, or at least do not disbelieve. And it is noteworthy that the number of those who dismiss the reports seems to be declining.

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THIS IS HOW an artist depicts the creatures seen by "R. H.," a prominent local citizen, early one morning at Branch Hill.

ankles.' R. H. said he wanted to get closer, but by the time he had reached the front fender of his car the 'little men' made a slight 'unnatural' move toward him, 'as if motioning me not to come any closer.' For about three minutes R. H. said he stood still, just watching—too amazed to be afraid."

STRINGFIELD assumes that CRIFO will be valuable until such time as the mystery of UFOs is once and for all pierced. So he is continuing the work, keeping an open mind, and laboriously replying to all who advise him of sightings.

He is a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a national organization that includes admirals and generals on its staff, and he has recently been elected president of the UFO Society, a local organization that he hopes eventually will have a research director, technical co-ordinator and public relations co-ordinator, in addition to statisticians, evaluators, librarians and editors.

Early in his investigations Stringfield abandoned the idea that UFOs were a weapon of the U. S. or the U. S. S. R. or a meterological phenomenon.

MANY OF THE objects sighted were metallic and had windows, and a meteorological phenomenon would not account for them.

Saucer reports have come in from all over the world, and it is obvious that if the U. S. were testing a weapon, it would not do so in the air above hostile countries. Neither would the Soviet Union in all probability, because if there were one dud, the whole scheme would be exposed.

Perhaps the most interesting statement yet made about saucers by anyone in authority was that of Adm. Delmar Fahrney, who attracted front-page attention all over the country on Jan. 16, 1957, when he said:

"THERE ARE objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. No agency in this country or in Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radar and visual observers indicate these flying objects are able to achieve. There are signs that an intelligence directs these objects, because of the way they fly; the way they change position in formations would indicate that their motion is navigated and controlled."

21 November. Cherokee, Alabama. (night)

Hovered over the highway.

A news story tells us:

"High School principal Homer Blankeship and his wife reported seeing a flying saucer Thursday night, its lights 'flashing on and off.'

"Blankeship said the object, about 100 feet wide and tapered at the bottom, hovered over the highway moving up and down. He said, 'it definitely was an object with enough speed to scare my wife and me half to death.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Staten Island, New York. *Advance*. 22 November 57.

More details on the Blankenship case:

"The object glowed; pulsated; hovered, moved straight forward and straight backwards; straight up and straight down.

"The Blankenships watched for about 10 minutes while it went through these maneuers, all the time it was blinking off and on.

"The last thing it did was to shoot straight up then make a descent straight downward. It was not blinking during the last two manieuvers.

"Mr. Blankenship's story is not news in point of timeliness. He went to the Lions Club, where he was asked to speak. It was on his mind and he told the story. From that moment it has been on everyone's lips.

"But for the purposes of our story it is news.

"For one thing people are taking the event seriously, which is unusual. Out of a collection of hundreds of sightings, very few observers have escaped without doubt and scoffing in the public mind.

" 'I was a skeptic myself,' he said. 'If anyone had asked me an hour before it happened, I would have said that no such object as I saw existed.'

"When the object was first observed he told his wife jokingly that 'it is a flying saucer.'

"Then he got a better look, suddenly brought the car a standstill and put his head out the window.

" 'I am familiar with reflections, mirages, and other natural phenomena; I was not looking through glass; there were no other cars on the road at the time; I know that it was not a plane or any type aircraft I have seen or heard of.'

" 'The flickering on and off was regular, something like a heartbeat. 'I got the impression that this had something to do with its mode of travel.'

" 'We seemed to be approaching and it backed off from...[us? Not clear]...'

" 'It certainly moved with the speed of light [sic] on its ascents and descents. But it could hover in the air without moving at all.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Florence, Alabama. *Times*. 24 November 57.

21 November. Australian Military.

UFOs reports do not relate to anything abnormal. (See document on page 8)

21 November. Brainerd, Minnesota. (night)

Boys report mystery light over Gull Lake:

"Four Brainerd high scvhool boys today reported they saw a mysterious light over Gull Lake last night, which may have been a 'flying saucer.'

"The four, Leonard Erickson, Len Erickson, Duane Doty and Randy Akre, all of Nisswa, watched the light for about a half hour.

"They said it seemed to be about the size of a car and about 3,000 to 4,000 feet up. It would move and then stop and go up and down in the sky, they reported.

"They were watching from the northeast side of Gull Lake and the ---ish light was southwest---[clipping not clear]." (xx.)

(xx.) Brainerd, Minnesota. *Dispatch.* 22 November 57.

22 November. Okato, New Zealand. (8:45 p.m.)

Bright orange-red object.

A press report states:

"Strange phenomena have again been making their appearance in Taranaki skies. An Okato farmer saw one shortly before 8:45 p.m. yesterday.

"Standing outside his home and looking in the direction of Mount Egmont, a farmer at Perth Road, Okato, suddenly spotted a bright orange-red object about 9,000 feet up. It came out of the clouds over Okato, heading towards Opunake.

"Visible for about four or five seconds, the object disappeared into the clouds. Traving slowly it was often partly obscured while he watched it.

"The image appeared to be about the size of an orange and the farmer was convinced last night that, because of its size and color, it was not an aircraft." (xx.)

(xx.) New Plymouth, New Zealand. *Taranaki Daily News.* 23 November 57.

23 November. Logansport, Indiana. (7:30 p.m.)

Car lights kept blinking.

According to our source:

"Several local people who have been skeptical about previous flying saucer reports throughout the United States are beginning to believe there may be some basis for them after all.

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21 NOV 1957

Secretary,
Department of the Army,
Victoria Barracks,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

MINISTERIAL : UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

With reference to your A31/1/102(G4) dated 15th November, 1957, this Department has received 11 official reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in the last twelve months.

2. Each report has been investigated to the best of our ability, but, in most cases, the information received has been very sketchy. Our investigations showed that of the 11 reports 2 were meteorological balloons and 5 were very probably aircraft. Insufficient evidence was available to decide the nature of the remainder. However, on the basis of wide investigations carried out in the United States, it is probable that the unexplained reports did not relate to anything abnormal.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, that we have insufficient data available at this Department to be in a position to make a comprehensive study of the subject, and we have no information of any importance which is worth releasing to the public.

4. Regarding Mr. Baudish's discussions with members of the R.A.A.F. concerning unidentified flying objects, only one report has ever been received from a R.A.A.F. member, and the phenomena he reported was almost certainly an aircraft. In addition, to the best of our knowledge, none of the observations during the last twelve months took place anywhere near military exercise areas or during air force exercises.

for (A. B. McFarlane)
SECRETARY

D.J.G.
A.I. Plans
21 Nov. 57.

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"Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grusenmeyer, 3032 North Pennsylvania Avenue, were enroute to the Logansport Country club Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Mr. Grusenmeyer told his wife that he couldn't understand what made his car lights keep blinking.

"Just then Mrs. Grusenmeyer noticed a strange object in the sky moving slowly to the west ahead of them. She said it was a clear night but the object appeared in the form of a veiled light. It had no particular shape, she reported.

"Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jack...[son?] also reported that they had seen the object." (xx.)

(xx.) Logansport, Indiana. *Pharos Tribune*. 27 November 57.

23 November. Defense against missiles?

A dispatch out of Chicago stated:

"An astronomer has quashed the idea that the Air Force's artificial meteors [metal pellets launched from a rocket in New Mexico] were reported as flying saucers. Another scientist—who was in on the experiment—claims the bullet-sized pellets have been pulled toward the sun. And a physicist said the October 16th meteor firing was part of an experiment on defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles." (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. 23 November 57 (UP)

Late 1957. Update on Capt. E.J. Smith.

Reprinted from *Newsweek* magazine:

"Greenwich, Connecticut – Capt. E.J. Smith, an airlines pilot who sighted nine UFOs 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 'somethings' 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 buddies and in prolonged investigation by government agencies.

"At the time he thought the UFOs 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 UFOs recently, but haven't reported them wanting to avoid the ribbing he took." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Digest*. Ed.: D.W. Oppermann. Olympic Enterprises, Saginaw, Michigan. January 1958. p.27. (Also: *Newsweek* (?))

24 November. Canutillo, Texas. (about 4:00 p.m.)

"Finally it went up—'Zoom!'—and out of sight."

The clipping below has a few more small details than the one version already used. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 13th - 30th*, page 70)

El Paso, Texas.
El Paso Times.
24 November 57.

Ground Observer Chief Sights Flying Saucer

Maybe someday a saturation point will be reached. Everybody in these United States will have seen a flying saucer.

The latest person to see a "saucer" is a qualified observer. In fact, the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was sighted by the post supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps at Canutillo, Texas, Mrs. G. A. Baker.

Mrs. Baker honestly wishes she hadn't seen it. Because, seeing the thing, she had to report it.

"And I just know a lot of people are going to laugh."

"And it wasn't a weather balloon, either."

Mrs. Baker was "on duty" when she saw the UFO. Officials at the El Paso Filter Center were impressed by her report, she noted. She was asked lots of questions.

Mrs. Baker sighted the object in the sky south of her home about 4 p.m. Friday. She described it as being "metallic, like silver" and brightly shining.

ALMOST STILL

The object at first seemed to stand almost still. Then it "flew west rapidly" for a distance, stopped, and flew just as rapidly back east. Finally, it went up—"Zoom"!—and out of sight.

It was visible from Mrs. Baker's post in Canutillo altogether for about three minutes.

Other persons besides Mrs. Baker saw the "saucer." Mrs. Baker's two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Miller and Mrs. Wilfred McLeod, were visiting her and also witnesed the object's antics.

Mrs. Baker said she has been spotting aircraft for the Ground Observer Corps for about two years and never before had seen anything resembling the "saucer." It was not—"repeat not"— an airplane, she stressed.

24 November. Congressman Walter Rogers of Pampa, Texas:

An odd story out of Washington D.C. on the 24th mentioned remarks by Rep. Walter Rogers of Texas. It seems Congressman Rogers wanted to warn his constituents not report seeing flying saucers until they "consider the rules of their community." In his weekly newsletter, Rogers cited the recent incident in Nebraska where a man claimed to have to met and talked with pilots of a spaceship. It had been Rogers' impression that such claims needed, at the very least, to be backed by highly consistent testimony by the witness, however, he had been informed by an advisor that such an assumption was out of date. In some jurisdictions, according to the new rules, if you tell the story the same way every time, you could get into trouble. Psychiatrists would consider the story-teller possessed of a fixation and thus subjected to being confined in a mental institution. (xx.)

(xx.) Dallas, Texas. *News.* 24 November 57.

Late? 1957. Near the Burgan Oifield, Kuwait. (11:30 p.m.)

"World's largest oil jetty investigated?"

The England publication *Flying Saucer Review* had an investigator in the Persian Gulf. He filed a story with the editor in 1957. Unfortunately no exact date was provided:

"A flying saucer was spotted at a height of about 8,000 feet hovering over the oil jetty at Kuwait. This report has been received from Mr. Colin Armstrong, *Fly-Saucer Review's* Area Investigator in the Persian Gulf.

"There were two witnesses. First, Mr. George Diamond, an engineer with the Kuwait Oil Company. He was returning home from work at 11:30 p.m. in his car. He was driving along the road from the Burgan Oilfield to Ahmadi, the Company residential area. The night sky was very clear and no clouds.

"Mr. Diamond then saw what he described as a flying saucer stationary in the eastern sky at around 8,000 feet and hovering over the oil jetty five miles away. The top half of the object being a sharp and clear outline, reminded him of a 'mush-room' without the stalk. The lower half was blurred. The sky being dominated by the brilliance of the saucer the whole time. Mr. Diamond was obliged to change di-rection at a traffic island and some minutes passed before he was able to glance again. The object had disappeared.

"The other person concerned is Mrs. Betty Diamond, who was waiting in their garden for the arrival from work of her husband. It was about 11:30 p.m. when Mrs. Diamond stepped outside to await his arrival. She was admiring the night sky, but was attracted instantly to a brilliant object high above the jetty. The object being stationary enabled Mrs. Diamond to get a good view.

"After about five minutes in his position, the saucer began to move slowly in-land, giving the impression that an attempt to land was about to be tried. It continued slowly moving inland and closer to the observer.

"Looking up at an angle of 60 degrees, Mrs. Diamond then saw a sheet of light, three or four times the length of the object, shoot out from underneath and seemingly propel the object away to the east and out of sight at a very fast speed indeed. The total duration of this observation was about 15 to 20 minutes. Mrs. Diamond des-cribed the top half of the object as being quite clear and shaped like the upper half of a heart. The color was exceptionally bright.

"The two persons concerned were six miles apart when they first spotted the ob-ject." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* Vol. 4, No.1. January-February 1958. p.7.

Late 1957 or early 1958. Radar site at Waukesha, Wisconsin. (Over a period of three days)

This a second hand account:

"My father told me about a UFO incident he had seen on radar back in last part of 1957 (or it might have been the early part of 1958) which lasted three days.

"He said while working on a radar project in Wisconsin they picked up an ob-

ject at their site at Waukesha, Wisconsin, which was approximately due south. They picked it up on the X-Band frequency radar which is about 10 GHZ.

"They contacted another radar unit at Big Bend, Wisconsin, and they picked it up on their radar.

"Another radar site at Lannion and Momonee Falls, Wisconsin, also picked up the object.

"Another radar site approximately eight miles east of Waukesau also picked up the strange unidentified object [Note: These radars couldn't be ADC sites. They're too close together, but if the fellow was working on some special "project," that may explain things. Perhaps the project had to do the with high-altitude Sky Hook balloons. "Lannion" must be the small town of Lannon, which is just a few miles from Menomonee Falls. Since two towns are mentioned, I assume the site in question was located between them. Waukesha is due west of Milwaukee about 15 miles. The small town of Big Bend is about 15 miles southwest of Milwaukee. The site said to be "eight miles east of Waukesha" would put it close the outskirts of Milwaukee. It could be the "project" people wanted it to the east but away from the urban buildup area. In any case, Lannon/Menomonee-Waukesau-Big Bend lie in a straight north-south line about ten miles apart. The site east of Waukesau would form part of a cross bar if an additional site was similarly situated to the west. To summarize, the radar site locations, as designated, appear to be logical to an extent and not randomly selected—L.E. Gross]

"The object was at an angle of 60 degrees elevation from the Waukesau site [He earlier said the target was to the south which would put it over the Big Bend area, a countryside of small communities and nothing of much interest (To my knowledge) —L.E.Gross]

"My father said the object never moved from that spot for three days.

"They did contact the USAF about their UFO fix and the USAF sent some planes out to investigate. Unfortunately, fighter jets at the time could only go to about 50,000 feet. The pilots could not find anything.

"The UFO could only be picked up on the X-Band frequency and not the L-Band.

"It [The UFO] stayed in that exact same spot for three days. He said on the fourth day when everyone came to work and they turned on the radar, the object was gone." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. J. Allen Hynek Center For UFO Studies, 2457 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60659. From: Alan David Laska, P.O. Box 832113 Richardson, Texas. Date: 29 May 95. Photocopy in author's files. (A few minor corrections were made to the letter)

12 December. Near Drummond Centre, Ontario, Canada. (about 4:45 a.m.)

The amp-meter flipped back and forth.

The Canadian press published:

"Bill Paul of Perth, driver for the Ottawa Citizen reported that his sons Archie and Billy reported the sighting of a mysterious flying object in this area.

" 'I never paid much attention to these stories of flying saucers and such things,'

he said. 'But today I really saw one. And both the boys were with me.'

"Mr. Paul said he was proceeding toward Ottawa at about 4:45 a.m. and was about a mile this side of Drummond Centre when one of the boys pointed out the object...

" 'I stopped the car and got out. You could see the object plainly. It gave a light like a star only it was brighter. It appeared to be up about 2,000 feet. For about five minutes it was stationary in the air. Then it moved off at about the speed of a transport plane.

" 'It made no sound. It was white in color, like the bright flame from molten metal. From time to time little spurts of orange flame came out of what I took to be the back of the object. I never saw anything like it before.

" 'It was round, and it looked to be as big as a good sized bus. I couldn't make out any details other than its round shape because of the glare of the bright light from the object.

" 'After it started to move off I started my car and the amp-meter in the car flipped back and forth from discharge to charge for about a quarter of a mile. Then it settled down and stayed the same as usual." (xx.)

(xx.) Perth, Ontario, Canada. *Courier*. 12 December 57.

14 December 57. Sidney, Ohio. (2:30 a.m.)

"I'm sure some people will doubt me."

A press account states:

"A 'flying saucer was spotted by F. R. Struble of Tawawa-Maplewood road at 2:30 a.m. today as he looked from the south window of his home.

" 'I'm sure some people will doubt me, said Struble, 'but I actually saw it.'

"His description was 'it was orange, shaped like an upside down saucer and about the size of an airplane. It made a noise like an airplane but not like a jet. It was flying about 2,000 to 3,000 feet up.'

" 'Could you have mistaken it for an airplane?' a reporter asked Mr. Struble.

" 'No,' was his reply. 'It didn't have lights like a plane. The entire 'saucer' was lighted with an orange light.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Sidney, Ohio. *Daily News*. 14 December 57.

19 December. Fort Pierce, Florida. (about 7: 15 p.m.)

"It wasn't far away—not more than 500 feet."

A story told by four youths:

"...a queer behaving light was seen in the sky near Fort Pierce by four local youths.

"One of them, 17-year-old James Vining of 1809 South 29th Street, said the 'ball of fire' cut its didoes around 7:15 or 7:30. The Jupiter [rocket] was test launched from the missile test center at 7:06 and the rocket's flaming engines could have accounted for the lights.

"But Vining, a sophomore at Dan McCarty High School, said the light didn't travel in a straight line or behave much like a rocket.

"Watching from near the intersection of Airport Road and Keen Road, Vining said the light seemed to come off the ground, rise 100 feet, then go out and come back on. 'Then it came almost to where we were and curved up and out of sight,' Vining said. 'When we saw it again it was close to town and looked like a long streak of fire.'

"Vining said he, Allison Herring, Carol Holden and another girl watched the wacky light for about three minutes. 'I've never seen anything like it before,' he remarked.

"There were no other sightings listed on police, sheriff or Coast Guard records." (xx.)

(xx.) Fort Pierce, Florida. *News-Tribune*. 20 December 57.

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

Silver discs?

The New Zealand press stated:

"What were the small silver discs that flew from north to south yesterday afternoon?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(xx.) Whangarei, New Zealand. *Northern Advocate*. 31 December 57.

29 December. Kaikohe, New Zealand. (afternoon)

Another disc sighting.

Here is the second sighting that afternoon:

"The two silver discs seen in the sky by Waiharara and Kaitaia residents on Sunday

afternoon were also seen by 11-year-old Robert Mossit, from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Mossit, Caneron Street, Kaikohe.

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

"A moment later a further similar object, moving from Ardmore Teachers' Training College, and together they watched one of the discs pass the other almost directly overhead.

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

(xx.) Whangari, New Zealand. *Northern Advocate*. 31 December 57.

The *UFOloger.*

Dan Washburn, a 14-year-old student at St. Albans School for Boys in Washington D.C., teamed up with school chum Jim Villard to produce a monthly UFO bulletin called the *UFOloger*. The announced purpose of the saucerzine was to publish UFO sightings, review UFO literature authored by "informed sources," and to pass on "facts the Air Force has not reported." Reporter Wendell Bradley of the Washington D.C. *"Post & Times-Herald"* [Name of newspaper not clear in photocopy] interviewed the boys and learned:

"The November issue carried a recorded telephone interview with Sheriff Weir Clem of Levelland, Texas, where a saucer was reported November 3rd. During the interview Dan tapped a glass with a spoon every few seconds to simulate the 'beep' required by FCC regulations while Jim asked the questions [I'd like to hear that tape —L.E. Gross]." (xx.)

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Post & Times-Hearld?* 6 November 57

Dan and Jim were clever kids. Asked if their parents believed in flying saucers, Dan spoke up and said his dad did. His father was Abbott Washburn, deputy director of the United States Information Agency! (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

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