THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1957 November 7th – 12th

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.

7 November. "Sput Dud."

A news dispatch from Paris stated:

"A Parisian astronomer said Wednesday night the Russians may have misfired one of their Sputniks in mid-August

"Paul Coudere of the Paris Observatory told a capacity audience that the Haute Provence Observatory in southeastern France noted a 'bizarre object' in the sky the night of August 19 going toward the Mediterranean.

" 'We now believe it was without doubt an abortive attempt at launching a satellite,' Coudere said." (xx.)

(xx.) Ashland, Oregon. *Ashland Daily Press*. 7 November 57. p.8.

7 November. Santiago, Chile. (night)

"Strange luminous body."

News from South America:

"At Santiago, Chile, 'a strange luminous body' in the sky was spotted time and again during the night by many residents. At times it hovered motionless, but soon it was moving at high speed, changing frequently of altitude—sometimes circling around the area, sometimes zig-zagging in and out of the clouds. According to one of the observers—an engineer—it was not a natural phenomenon because 'that body, when maneuvering, obviously did not obey the laws of gravity.' Such an opinion was based, of course, on the UAO's flight characteristics." (xx.)

(xx.) Translation and comments by Olavo Fontes in his manuscript "UAOs Sighted and Filmed Over Rio de Janeiro." Manuscript in author's files. (See clipping ~~on page 2~~)

Nuevamente Observan Extraño Cuerpo sobre El Cielo de Santiago

Conocido periodista, esposa de un escritor y algunos militares visualizaron inexplicable fenómeno.— Cuerpo de color nacarado y magnitud mayor que Venus cruzó el horizonte, adquiriendo, al perderse, suave tono rojizo

Junto con las noticias procedentes de diferentes partes del mundo, que señalan la observación de extraños fenómenos luminosos, apreciados incluso por astrónomos del Observatorio de Mount Stromlo, en Australia, también en nuestro país numerosas personas que merecen fe, insisten en haber visualizado cuerpos u objetos cuyo origen no puede ser explicado satisfactoriamente.

A las declaraciones del ingeniero electrónico don Fernando Bertrand, capitán (R) de la FACh, que dió cuenta de un misterioso objeto que realizaba las más curiosas evoluciones sobre el cielo de Santiago, se suman ahora los testimonios de numerosas personas, entre ellas un conocido periodista, la esposa de un escritor y algunos militares, quienes observaron anteanoche en nuestro horizonte, a las 20.30 hs. un extraño cuerpo, cuyas características corresponden a las denunciadas por observadores extranjeros. Este cuerpo, de color nacarado y magnitud mayor que Venus —conforme a lo que declaran— apareció sobre el cerro Manquehue, y se dirigió en dirección noroeste, hacia la posición de la Estación Central, y después de detenerse por algunos instantes tomó rumbo hacia la costa, donde se perdió.

Las personas que presenciaron el fenómeno, que por sus características y desplazamiento no puede coincidir con el paso de los satélites artificiales soviéticos, aseguran que el misterioso cuerpo adquirió un suave color rojizo al alejarse. Este hecho también concuerda con observaciones realizadas por diversos observadores en varios países, principalmente Estados Unidos, en el sentido de que dichos objetos o cuerpos cambian de tonalidad y de intensidad de color.

Por otra parte, hemos sabido que los centros científicos nacionales, entre ellos el Observatorio Astronómico Nacional, está recibiendo innumerables comunicaciones de parte de presuntos testigos presenciales de fenómenos similares, que piden una explicación a las autoridades científicas.

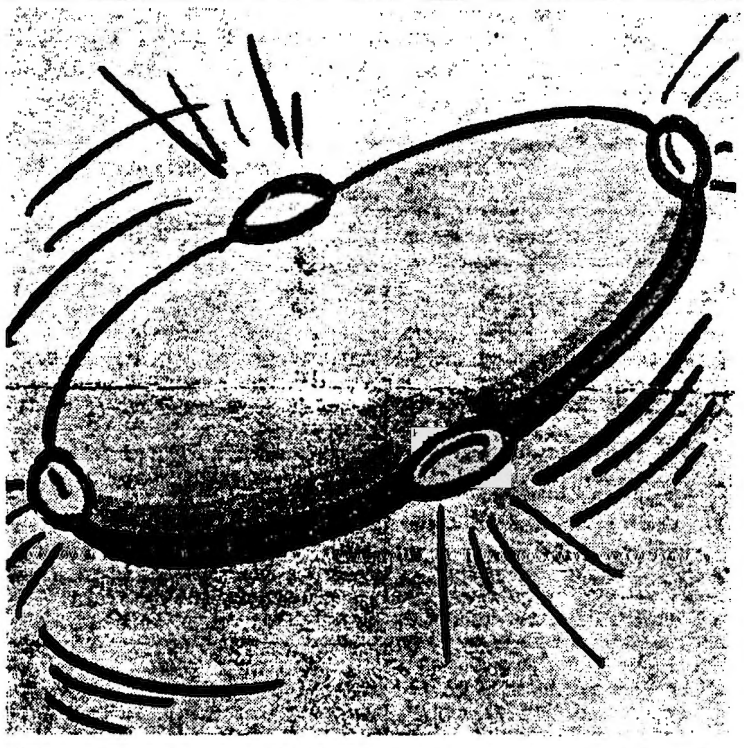
Conforme a lo que se ha podido apreciar, sería imposible relacionar estos fenómenos con el paso por los diversos Continentes de los dos Sputnik. Sin embargo, muchas personas entendidas insisten en puntualizar que no puede tratarse de fenómenos celestes naturales, y que todo indica que los fenómenos corresponden a máquinas altamente desarrolladas.

INFORMACION SOBRE LOS SATELITES

El Director del Observatorio Astronómico de la Universidad de Chile y jefe del Programa del "Moonwatch" en Chile, don Federico Rutllant, quien viene regresando de Antofagasta y Talca —en esta última ciudad visualizó nitidamente al Sputnik II— nos manifestó que próximamente recibiría la información necesaria para poder confeccionar un horario completo de su paso por el ciclo de nues-

El Mercurio
Santiago Chile
Nov 9 1957

7 November. Weatherly's "flying saucer." The picture below is a better print. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 35)



WHAT 'SAUCER' LOOKED LIKE—This is what Weatherly's "flying saucer" looked like, according to the eight junior high school students of that town, who saw the "object" Thursday night. All agree that the above sketch is correct in all details.

7 November. Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. (before sunrise)

Enormous white thing. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 61) Olavo Fontes' account has additional detail:

"At Coatzacoalcos, Mexico, at the first hours of that day [November 7th], but still before sunrise, a strange luminous object passed several times over the city at high speed. It was sighted by many people and remained in sight for one minute. Radio operator Francisco Domingues, one of the witnesses, described it as 'a white luminous thing of enormous size—it was rectangular, 150 feet long, and about 60 feet thick." (xx.)

(xx.) "The Sightings of November 7, 1957." Manuscript by Olavo Fontes. p.4. Author's files.

7 November. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)

UFO maneuvers in the sky over Rio.

"Mr. Hilton Gomes reported the sighting on a TV news broadcast called *Tele-News Bendix*, just a few hours after his strange experience. He finished his story with the following comments: 'That object was self-luminous, its motion was real and intelligently controlled. We don't know what it was, but it was not a plane, a balloon, or a natural phenomenon. It was changing its position as if obeying a definite command.'

"The movie was not shown to the public. It was said that—because of the distance and lack of light—the film taken by Ortiz Rubio was not in condition to be presented through a television projection with the necessary clarity, in spite of the fact that the film had registered the presence of the UAO as well as its changes of position in the sky. This was a bad mistake. It is clear now that *TV-Tupi's* photographic technicians never realized the true importance of that movie. They knew the film was authentic but cinema projection at normal speed showed only a round white dot moving erratically in the sky. They concluded it was not a valuable piece of evidence. They never suspected that a frame-by-frame examination of the pictures might have led to a very different conclusion. But they had no chance because the motion picture, after all, showed exactly what had been described by Ortiz and Gomes. Unfortunately they did not detect something else in the UAO's behavior described by other observers throughout the city. Their account of the sighting was, in fact, a poor one. In order to get the real picture of the events it is necessary to review the reports of other witnesses who also saw the UAO that night.

"Thousands of citizens from all parts of the city had seen the UAO. Mr. Nelson Macieiro, for example, sighted it at about 11:00 p.m., hovering near his building in the district of Leblon (423 Paulo de Frontin Street). When last seen, the object was flying toward the northern areas of the city. Another witness, Mrs. Julia Pinheiro Santos, almost at midnight, saw the UAO when it was passing near the Corcovado mountain to dive behind the peak called Sumare (place of the TV-Rio tower), disappearing just after that maneuver. Hundreds of reports like these could be presented here, but they obviously do not contribute to a better picture of the whole sighting. Their connection with each other cannot be properly determined. There is, however, one single report of extraordinary quality—good enough to give us the real perspective of the happenings. It is transcribed below [End of Fontes' comtary]

"Report from Professor Sergio de Barros Regina:

" 'On the night of November 7, 1957, I was in my residence teaching a student, Mr. Inocencio Lopes, who was being prepared for a school examination in the near future. The time was 8:00 p.m. when I walked toward the window of the apartment—on the 5th floor of a building in Ataulfo de Paiva Street, Leblon district—to make a point with a pencil. I happened to glance up at the sky and my attention was attracted to a luminous object of a nebulous shape which appeared to be suspended in mid-air above the Sumare mountain. I had never seen a light at such a place before. I know that region very well and I was absolutely sure that the only luminous things over there were the tower of TV-Rio (on Sumare) and Christ's Statue (on top of Corcovado mountain); however, the glowing object was hovering between those two reference points—but much higher than any of them.

" 'I called my wife, who was in the room, and also the student [Lopes] who was waiting for the lesson. They arrived at the window and we continued to watch the object, which was completely motionless in space. Our curiosity produced results after some minutes, for the bright dot of light started to move in the direction of Corcovado mountain, gradually ap-

proaching the spot where our observation post was located. As it came closer we gradually recognized the outline of its geometric form.

" 'The silvery glow emitted by the object increased in luminosity as it approached the Corcovado; this light, producing reflections in the atmosphere, formed what might be compared to a brilliant halo or corona following the object's trajectory. At the same time, the fuzzy edges of the UAO's image were brought gradually into focus and its geometric shape—that of a triangle with unequal sides—was easily recognizable now. The strange "luminous triangle" continued on its horizontal trajectory in the direction of Gavea Rock/Corcovado until it reached a point above and before Christ's Statue—and there it stood still, motionless, facing the statue of our God. It remained at the same position, not moving, for more than 15 minutes and we used our time to make an accutate observation of the luminous glow and triangular shape of the object. But we saw another thing too—three times—something unbelievable and not from this world.

" 'Three times the triangular object dropped one of its halves and this "half-triangle" dived vertically toward the base of Corcovado mountain, while the other "half" —perfectly identical to that which had dropped away—remained motionless.

" 'Every time the luminous triangle divided into two triangular objects, each of them corresponding to a half of the original body, there was an intense reduction of the light emitted from both of them; this occurred just at the moment one of the pieces (or objects) separated from the other and moved away to the ground. On the other hand, when the two objects joined into the original object again—fitting perfectly into each other as if they were pieces of the same unity—the luminosity of the strange object again increased.

" 'The object was hovering very close to Christ's Statue and slightly forward, facing the statue's right hand (from the Professor's residence only the rear part of the statue can be seen), and remained for a long time. However, after the third division into two objects of identical outline—each one being a half of the original object but possessing the ability to fly as an independent body, at least for some time, as reported—the "luminous triangle" started to move away in the direction of "Sumare." It had no visible means of propulsion and didn't make any noise. Just before it disappeared, it appeared like a "luminous round light" that faded away when it passed over that peak. We got the impression it was hidden behind the mountain.

" 'In spite of the fact we agreed on every detail of the eerie scene we had watched, none of us—myself, my wife and the student—could find an explanation. Did we really see something, or did I and my wife and student together have what the Air Force calls a "hallucination?" The vision of those scenes was still hurting into my head when I was forced to leave the window (against my will, but the strange phenomena was ended) to start again the lesson. At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Inocencio Lopes finished his hour but I received his brother, Antonio Lopes, for another lesson. It ended at 9:30 p.m. The vision of the luminous objects was still in my mind but I couldn't accept those scenes as real. I was trying to find an explanation and wondering about the possibility of a "mirage." We might be impressed by facts described by several persons of responsibility that included reports about strange phenomena like the one we had observed.

" 'After the last lesson ended, my wife switched on the TV-set and then we realized we had sighted strange objects in the sky: speaker Hilton Rocha was reporting a similar UAO spotted by himself and several other people from the television station.

" 'It was obviously the same object we have seen, but Mr. Rocha was watching it

from a different location. He was unable to recognize its shape, he could see only its brilliant glow. He said that the UAO moved over the city in varied directions, remaining above the area for so long a time that the cameraman sent by the television station at his request was still able to film it. In the sequence of the program, the speaker informed that poor technical conditions (distance from observer was very great, the light was not enough, etc.) during the filming had caused some fading of the object's images and the movie was not suitable for television projection.

" 'I found it very difficult to sleep that night, I was excited about the strange objects I have seen over the city. After several minutes on my pillow, nervous and sleepless, I was once more at the window to watch the sky. My hope—to see again the "luminous triangle." My wife followed me. We watched the heavens for half an hour—but nothing happened...

" 'Suddenly, across the sparkling, star-strewn sky a swift thin line of light marked the passage of a lighted object, traveling very high at tremendous speed, and headed toward the Sumare mountain. I was not impressed this time; it must be a "shooting star." Two minutes later, another bright dot passed in the same direction moving at tremendous speed. Now I was more interested: I had seen two "shooting stars" that followed the same trajectory, after a two minute's interval—an incredible coincidence. There is also something about meteors arcing—this one was going in a straight line, and traveling horizontally. It moved along a rectilinear course, keeping about the same distance from the ground until it was lost from sight. Therefore, it was not a "shooting star."' It should be another UAO.

" 'This moment I decided to call my wife. She had left the window just before the passage of the first dot of light, to feed our baby; absorbed by the observation she forgot that the baby should eat at 11:00 p.m. Only when the child began to cry was she able to remember. She had just arrived at the window when we saw—for the third time—a luminous object moving at an unbelievable speed across the night sky. This one was coming from the center of the city and headed toward the Leblon district. It was also going in a straight line and traveling horizontally—just like the others—and moving at such a fantastic velocity that we could see only the streak of light marking its passage.

" 'Convinced that we were observing strange phenomena in the sky, I phoned several relatives and friends—as I had done when the "luminous triangle" was stopped mid-air just at the side of Christ's Statue—and many of them left their residences to watch the sky, as I was doing. I remained at my post for a few hours. I saw two more of the dots of light, both traveling in a straight line at tremendous speed. Around midnight, I was startled by the explosion of a blinding-bright "flash"' of light at the height of Sumare mountain —just where the strange "delta-shaped" glowing object had vanished. The light flashed for just a second or two but its luminosity was very intense and looked like a "gigantic electronic flash" over the Sumare.

" 'I saw something able to move through the sky, glowing "things" that didn't look like a plane, that didn't act like a plane. There were no running lights on them. One of the things could split in to similar flying things that later joined again. Possibly what I sighted will be easily explained by the "experts" on the subject, not having any relation with the so-called "flying saucers." I don't know but I had never seen anything like that.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Fontes, Olavo. "UAOs Sighted and Filmed over Rio de Janeiro." Manuscript

in author's files.

The Rubio film evaluated.

Fontes reports on the movie film:

"The original film after processing was submitted by Ortiz Rubio to his superior, Mr. Mauricio Dantas, director of the photographic department of the television station. It was decided that it should be enlarged to give a better image of the 'oject.' This was made in the following manner. The original film was projected on a special screen and filmed again with another camera which was operated at the same speed of the motion picture projection. In other words, the camera was synchronized with the cinema projection and a perfect, enlarged reproduction of the central area of the original film—including the UAO—was then obtained. This second film was processed and submitted for examination.

"I have obtained a 16 mm reprint of this enlarged film. It was submitted to a frame-by-frame study on a special slide projector adapted for such a purpose. A microscopic examination of the frames was also done. Only the first 446 frames of the film were studied, plus 87 frames including the moon. The examination revealed the following:

"1) On most of the frames there appears a large, round, white object whose relative motion during a sequence of frames remains rather constant. This object is used as a reference point to trace the relative motion of many other smaller objects that jump in and out of the field of view. This particular object was the only one sighted by the observers during the filming.

"2) This 'single' object seemed to present, with the naked eye, what seemed to be fluctuations in size and brightness, which apparently were due to variations in its luminosity. This impression was not confirmed in the film. What happened was a very different thing. On many frames it appears as a single object—but there is no change in size and brightness. However, on many other frames it appears divided into two objects, smaller than the original, coupled so closely that in cinema projection at 16 frames per second (and also to the naked eye, during the sighting) they appear to be a single object, too.

"3) These two objects appear on individual frames (for instance: frame 16, 43, 46, 86) as well as on several sequences of frames (for instance: frame 37 to 39, 52 to 56, etc.). The best sequences, on the other hand, are the ones that show the whole phenomenon: a single object + division = two objects; two objects + joining = a single object; the sequence being repeated again and again on successive frames. This startling variation can be seen, for example, on the following sequences of frames: 125 to 144, 234 to 254, 338 to 356, 365 to 379, 382 to 409, 426 and to [sic] 446.

"4) These two objects which appear after the division of the single UAO are round, white objects similar to the original one, but smaller and obviously less luminous than it. Their suggests they are real objects—not a distortion of the UAO's image, attributed in part to camera 'jiggling' and in part to the object's motion. The size difference in points in the same direction. The average image diameters of the

single UAO and of its two 'sons' are always different and this difference remains rather constant.

"5) The changes described above obviously explain the apparent fluctuations in size and brightness of the 'single' UAO—as reported by the observers.

"6) The objects described above appear on the film as round dots of light silhouetted against a dark background. The dot images themselves show no structure, no details. Examination under a microscope shows the camera to be well focused as the edges of the images are sharp and clear on many of the properly exposed frames.

"7) The two objects appearing after the division of the single, larger UAO sometimes appear to circle about each other. Sometimes they appear very far from each other (on frame 226, for instance). Sometimes one of them changes in shape, appearing elliptical or elongated. This is possibly a distortion derived from a very rapid change of position, that is, due to the object's motion. This can be seen, for instance, on frames 62 to 63, 68, 82 to 84, 277, 338 to 356, etc.

"8) A few frames (frame 75, for instance), instead of these two objects, show four objects, exactly alike, coupled in pairs.

"9) Besides the objects described until now, on most of the frames there appear many white dots very [much?] smaller than the others—small luminous specks—scattered through the field. These dots [are?] often seen clustered in constellations, or formations, which are recognizable for as long as 0.50 seconds. Sometimes they also appear scattered at random around the big UAO (or UAOs). They jump in and out of the field at tremendous angular velocities. On some frames they flare up and then disappear from view in 0.02 seconds to 0.25 seconds (or less). Sometimes they appear as solitary dots and sometimes they appear as a randomly scattered 'twinkling' of dots. Their pattern of motion seems to be essentially erratic—assuming that the camera was held steady, of course. Sometimes they present short luminous trails (as on frame 202). By the relative positions of object and trail on two successive frames (410 and 411), it can be concluded that the small object is approaching the large UAO on the first of them—and moving away on the last. Sometimes several of these specks of light (ones with no trails) are moving close to the large UAO in such a manner that their relative motion during a sequence of frames seems to suggest that they came out from the big one—or are going to enter into it. Whether by coincidence or not—there is even one such object photographed just at the moment it was joining the large UAO (or coming out of it), on a lonely frame.

"10) Besides the objects, there are frames scarred with bright, horizontal and (or) vertical white lines—straight lines—as though swiftly moving objects of high luminosity had swept across the dark field at tremendous speed. These lines are seen on many frames, sometimes only one, sometimes several of them—in the same direction, or crossing with each other.

"11) The full moon appears on 87 frames. Its image shows sharp and well defined edges on most the frames. This suggests the camera was, in fact, well focused.

"12) There are several objects running around the moon. This can be seen on many frames. Most of them seem to be of the small type, i.e., small specks of light. Taking the moon as a reference point, determinations of elevations and azimuths are possible for these objects. Their average angular velocities and accelerations may also be estimated. If it is assumed they were moving at the altitude of the Corcovado mountain

(2,100 feet high), an estimation of their real size at least might be attempted.

"13) The moon was higher than the large UAO its 'sons.' This is the only explanation for the fact that every frame in the film (excepting the ones where the moon appears) is less dark on its upper half than on the rest of it." (xx.)

(xx.) Fontes, Olavo. "Preliminary Evaluation of the *TV-TUPI* Film." Manuscript in author's files.

8 November. Edinburgh, Scotland. (5:00 p.m.)

"I swear on the Bible..." (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 54) The account below has additional details. For instance, the time of the event was 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the name of the newspaper [*Sunday Mail?*] and the date of publication did not photocopy well. The account reads:

"The truckload of 'tattie-howkers'—potato pickers to Sassenach readers—were being driven home at 5 p.m. on the Musselburgh-Edinburgh road, when, from the direction of the North Sea, in swept a vivid green light. It grew bigger and bigger and seemed to hover directly overhead.

"Women in the back of the truck began to scream with terror as the 'Thing began to hum along less than 60 feet behind. It was about 30 feet long and kept pace for some time with the lorry. The driver did not see it; nor could his passengers attract his attention.

"Villagers of Newcraighall heard the commotion inside the truck but were accustomed to the shindig raised usually by homeward-bound tattie-howkers on Saturday nights. They heard, however, something about 'flying saucers' as the truck sped trough. But other villagers did see something in the sky.

"A district nurse saw 'what looked like a car's rear light' in the sky. It had a vapour trail and was moving very fast. A miner saw 'a bright-green thing about a mile up.'

"One of the passengers said the object banked like an aeroplane. 'I saw it was silvery on top...Then it shot away at a tremendous speed over Arthur's Seat [Probably a mountain].'

"Police took statements from all the passengers, and a spokesman told the *Sunday Mail* that they would report to the Home Office.

"The witnesses interviewed were all perfectly sober,' he [a policeman?] added. 'They were seen separately: their stories matched, and senior officers were impressed by their sincerity." (xx.)

(xx.) *Daily Mail?* No date available. Photocopy in author's files.

8 November. Jackson, Mississippi. (10:00 a.m.)

"Flying ball?" (See clipping on next page)

8 November. Byron Lindsey interviewed by reporter Al Wegemer. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 6)

A clearer clipping is now available. See below.

Marion Park Pupils Sav See 'Ball' In Sky

Two excited 11-year-old Marion Park school children said Friday morning they saw something in the sky over Meridian that "might be another Whatnik."

Pam Hehderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson of 2521 26th st., and Linda Andreacchio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Andreacchio of 2456 36th Place, said while their class was at its 10 a.m. recess they saw an airplane going in one direction pass below a strange flying ball moving the opposite way at a very fast rate of speed.

Just after the plane and the unidentified object had passed each other, the children said, two more planes appeared and seemed to be chasing the Whatnik. They all disappeared into a cloud.

The Star
Meridian, MS
11-8-57

SIGHTED UFO—Byron Lindsey (right), a former employe of The Daily News editorial department and a recent graduate of the University of Texas journalism department, tells Al Wegemer of The News staff of the unidentified flying object sighted by Lindsey and his parents north of Orogrande yesterday. (Staff Photo)

Daily News – Alamogordo, NM – 11-8-57

9 November. White Oaks, New Mexico. (7:20 p.m.)

Car lights fail.

According to our source:

"Three women and a teen-age college student, returning to Alamogordo from a hunting camp at 7:20 p.m., observed a large, brilliant rapidly-moving light which approached their car and apparently caused the lighting system to fail. The incident took place near the last foothill coming from White Oaks onto U.S. Highway 54. The lights went out on the approach, and all occupants left the car to get a better look, then the light sped off." (xx.)

(xx.) *The APRO Bulletin.* November 1957. p.8.

10 November. "War of the Worlds Panic."

NICAP director Donald Keyhoe maintained people were not as gullible as they were in 1938 when Orson Wells produce panic with a Martian invasion radio show. On the basis of that assertion, Keyhoe insisted the U.S. Air Force had no reason not to "tell all."
Here is a news dispatch from Canada:

"Orson Wells and the Russian satellite proved too much for some radio listeners 10 November in Kelowna. Radio station *CKOV* in the Canadian town devoted a brief news cast to the day's reports on Russia's Sputnik, now spinning around the earth.

"Then, without an introduction or advance warning, the station put on a recording of Welle's famous 'War of the Worlds' Broadcast of 1938. Twenty years ago thousands of radio listeners in the U.S. were frightened by the make-believe report that men from Mars had invaded the earth. 60 phone calls came in within a few minutes to the station in Kelowna, from anxious folk who thought Sputnik had landed hostile Russians in North America." (xx.)

(xx.) Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. 10? November 57. (AP)

10 November. Bulawayo, Rhodesia. (about 8:00 p.m.)

"As if going down a set of steps."

A press report states:

"Two farmers, Mr. Denis Markides and Mr. A. Sophocleous, were driving along the Old Essexvale Road into Bulawayo at about 8 p.m. on Sunday when a strange 'brightly flashing' ball of light approached them about two miles from the Hotel Rio. They stopped their car and got out to see if it was Sputnik, Muttnik or a flying saucer. 'It came slowly toward us like a brilliant flaring star hovering in the air,' Mr. Markides said. 'After watching it for five or six seconds it disappeared—vanished.'

"They drove on until near Moffat Avenue when they saw it again. It was traveling in

a south-westerly direction, dropping at intervals, 'as if going down a set of steps,' said Mr. Markides." (xx.)

(xx.) (No city named) *Rhodesian Herald.* 12 November 57.

10 November. Lythrodhonda, Crprus. (about noon)

"Wine casks?"

A very brief item from Cyprus said: "A report from Nicosia stated that villagers at Lythrodhonda, Central Cyprus, say they saw two objects flying 'at great speed about noon on Sunday.' The objects looked like large wine casks." (xx.)

(xx.) (No city named) *Rhodesian Herald.* 12 November 57.

10 November. Ten miles west of Emporia, Kansas. (night) (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7th – 12th*, page 76) This story in the Wichita paper has additional details:

"Scores of Kansans Monday were pondering what it was they observed hovering in the sky over the area Sunday night. But there's one thing certain—they saw an object that was not an aircraft.

"John R. Warnhoff, 5129 Mt. Vernon, manufacturer's broker, who was driving from Kansas City to Wichita, probably came up with the most accurate report.

"Warnhoff first observed the unidentified flying object in the sky when he was about 10 miles west of Emporia.

"The broker, who has been ribbing his wife about her belief in flying saucers stories, said he at first thought he might be seeing reflections thru his car windshield.

"The Wichitan said he pulled his car to a stop alongside of the Kansas Turnpike and climbed out to observe the object from the ground. It was there.

"Warnhoff described the object as a 'molten mass of something.' It was as bright as I an arc light. But there were no flames, jet blasts or anything of the sort.

"In fact, the object seemed to float, according to Warnhoff, who estimated the speed of the object at about 100 miles per hour.

"There was no sound coming from the object, which compared in size to a Super-G Constellation aircraft flying at 3,000 feet.

"A similar unidentified object was sighted by a quartet of Wichitans, who were returning from a hunting trip in the Hutchinson area.

"The group included John Skelton, 1241 S. Edgemoor; Glen Skelton, 3657 N. Amidon; Jim Smith of 3222 E. 2nd, and Phillip Mellor, 2606 N. Clarence.

"The group signed the object, and after observing it briefly determined it was not a plane.

"Glen Skelton said the object moved in a general southwest...[rest of article missing]." (xx.)

(xx.) Wichita, Kansas. *The Wichita Beacon.* 11 November 57. p.1.

Headline about the Kansas UFO flap. (See below)

Kansas' Greatest Newspaper — Largest Paid Circulation in Kansas

THE WICHITA BEACON

FINAL HOME EDITION

WICHITA, KANSAS, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1957 18 PAGES

Mysterious Object in Sky Startles Scores of Kansans

Wichitan Tells Of Weird Craft Over Turnpike

11 November. England's Dr. Richard (Space travel is bilge) Woolley.

A press story from England, now that Sputnik was front page news, tells us:

"Is the man who some months ago said space travel was 'utter bilge' hedging? Dr. Richard Woolley, the astronomer Royal, on his way to Moscow today, was asked if he still stood by his statement.

" 'It depends on what you mean by utter bilge,' he said. And then he added: 'I think it is a frightful waste of public money.'

"Dr. Woolley's trip to Moscow meant an early start from Herstmonceax. He left at 6:00 a.m.

"And in the cold light of the morning Dr. Woolley would not commit himself on travel to the moon either.

" 'I am not an expert on rockets,' he said. 'It is not a matter for astronomers at all [Something like that never kept astronomers from commenting on UFO reports. As Dr. Woolley demonstrated himself, back in January 1956 when he bashed space travel, he also announced he "didn't believe in flying saucer either."] (xx.)

(xx.) London?, England. *Evening News* 11 November 57.

11 November. Pantai Tarakan, Indonesia. (no time)

Fishermen see "something."

According to our source: "Five fishermen saw an object, which was an off-white color, 16 kilometers from Pantai Tarakan. It was saucer-shaped and produced whitish smoke." (xx.)

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

1961. No page number.

Last minute addition:

2/3? November. Amarillo, Texas, area. (late in the evening)

In Ann Druffel's book about Dr. James McDonald's fight for UFO science, there is a reference to possible November "Levelland object" activity not previously recorded. We do know that not every witness reported their experience, and it is a fact that and a complete search of regional newspaper files has yet to be carried out, so more such data may eventually surface. Here is Ann Druffel's information based on testimony from a Dr. Paul Damon:

"A few other colleagues besides Ben Herman were accepting of McDonald's UFO studies because they themselves had seen anomalous objects in the sky or had 'second-hand experience' which convinced them that there might be something to the UFO question. Dr. Paul Damon was one of these.

" 'Now, I did have a vicarious experience,' Damon relates. 'I was in Frank Senftle's office at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Washington when they were on the same grounds as the National Bureau of Standards. He received a telephone call while I was there.'

"The person who called Senftle was a geologist who had arrived late in Houston, Texas. He had been driving south on his way to Houston when, late in the evening, a bright, brilliant object came low across the highway.

" 'As I remember [this occurred] in the Amarillo district,' relates Damon. 'His car wouldn't function. There was something wrong with the electrical system, and he noticed other cars had been having similar problems. He went out and looked under the hood and took the cap off the battery, and the water-sulfuric acid boiled out.'

"Damon had heard only one side of the telephone call, but Senftle filled him in. The man who'd called so excitedly was a credible, hard-headed professional with whom Senftle had worked closely.

" 'Then when I went back to my hotel,' continues Damon, 'there was a group of paper boys who were yelling, "Extra! Extra!" about this event and about a number of cars having difficulty. They were selling newspapers with headlines about it.'

"He could not remember the date of the occurrence, but it sounds very much like the classic car-stopping cases which occurred in and around Levelland, Texas, on the late evening of the 2th and early morning of the 3rd of November, 1957. The identity of the geologist who called Senftle to report his encounter is not known, and so the details of his experience are not complete. Damon does not remember if he ever told McDonald what he learned at the USGS office. He and McDonald had many things in common, but Damon had no active interest in UFOs at the time." (xx.)

(xx.) Druffel, Ann. *Firestorm*. Wild Flower Press: Columbus, NC, 2003. pp.129-130.

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