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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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October 1st-November 2nd

1 October. Rochester, Pennsylvania. (about 7.00 p.m.)

Circled Shippingport Atomic Plant?

A former Rochester councilman, John Karcher, owned a farm in Daugherty township, outside the city of Rochester. On October 1st, about 7:00 p.m., Mr. Karcher was with a friend, Lee Plunkett. The men were outdoors with a clear view of the sky.

From the direction of the nearby town of Ohioville something strange approached at an altitude of 2,000 feet. The two men spotted it and were astonished. The thing was a big luminous torpedo they estimated was 200 feet long. The top half was green-colored and the bottom half a reddish-orange. These two colors were separated by a strip of yellow. The thing was moving slowly, perhaps as slow as 15 miles per hour. Karcher had enough time to get a pair of binoculars and to also phone some neighbors, a Mrs. Norderbugger and her daughter and son-in-law. These three neighbors managed to observe the object as it passed by on a steady course to the south, in the direction of Shippingport Atomic Plant. Karcher saw nothing worth mentioning with the binoculars and like everyone else believed the show was over when the UFO moved out of sight. To the surprise of all, the torpedo reappeared after a few minutes, retracing its course, apparently returning to its homebase, if it had one. In Mr. Karcher's opinion, the mystery ship made a U-turn over the nuclear facility, considering its speed and distances involved. This suggestion was taken seriously by the Air Force and the FBI. (1.)

1 October. Russia has them?

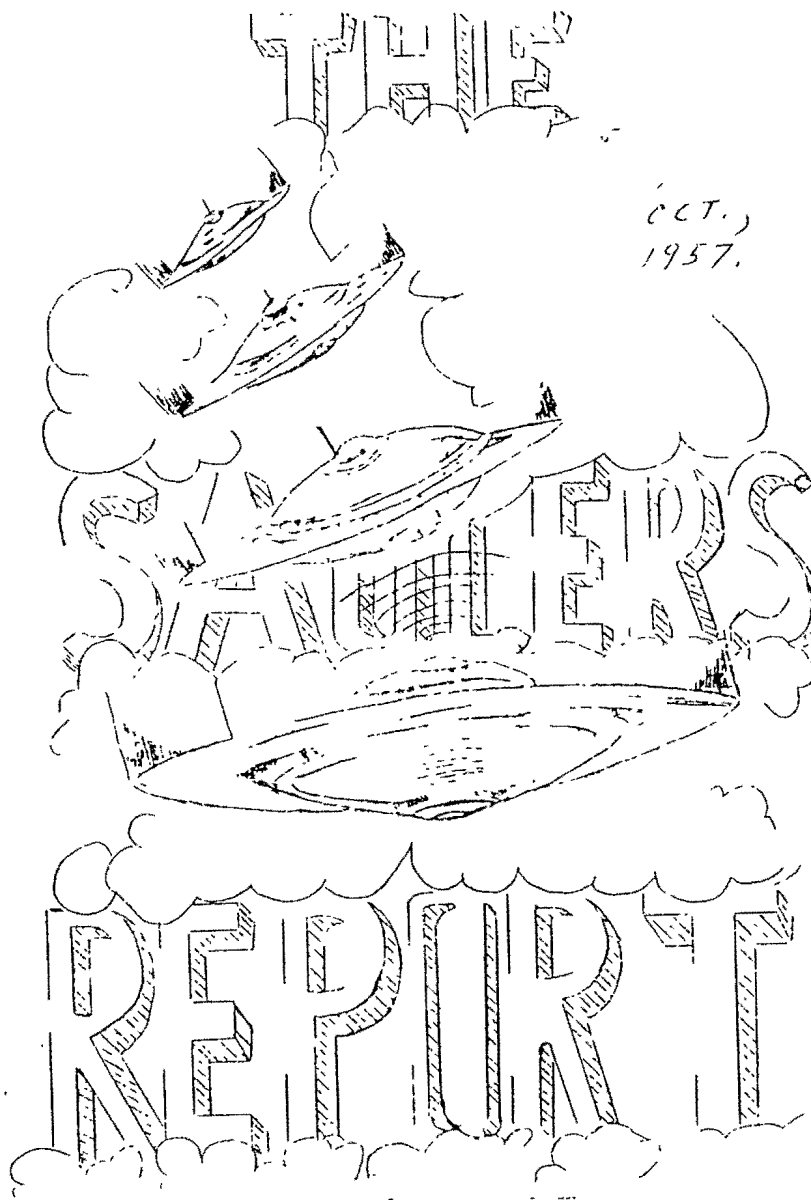
"Knowledge is Strength."

Back on August 13th Radio Moscow called flying saucers "Capitalist visions," now on October 1st another view turned up in the Russian publication: Knowledge is Strength. Professor S. Zonshtein wrote that Russia did have a disc-type craft:

"'This flying disc is an original type of plane. It can rise and descend vertically. The disc-like wing has four round apertures through which the engine sucks up air. This creates a vacuum on the upper surface of the circular wing. The air thrust when directed downward lifts the aircraft off the ground. With the aid of a gyroscopic installation, the aircraft cabin is always pointed along the trajectory of flight,' says Professor Zonshtein.

"'Another type of aircraft was described as having circular wings and using a jet combustion chamber in conjunction with engines of the turbo-jet type. The aircraft cabin is always pointed along the trajectory of flight,' says the Professor. These aircrafts are known coleopters. They supposedly resemble aerial bombs.

"The Soviets have also made great progress in solving the problems of the thermo-barrier of planes traveling at speeds in the supersonic range, according to Professor Zonshtein." (2.)



1 October. New, updated, Special Report #14 "being prepared." (See telegram to Leon Davidson)

1 October. NICAP: "Instrument of rabble rousing and agitation."

The "first report" of NICAP (apparently the first issue of the UFO Investigator) was examined and denounced by Air Force authorities. Showing no respect for the possibility the UFO problem was worth studying, an official letter attacked NICAP motives by painting the Keyhoe-led group as an "instrument of rabble rousing and agitation." It was made clear this opinion reached the highest levels, in fact the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense was officially debriefed about the "serious nature of NICAP as a cleverly organized threat." That was almost a compliment considering the lack of money and manpower NICAP could muster. (See letter) (3.)

1 October. Santa Barbara, California.

"Circular object the size of a B-29."

A Santa Barbara paper printed:

"...a red-colored UFO zoomed over Santa Barbara for 15 seconds. Three witnesses, including H.F. Hoag of Victoria, B.C., were watching a jet vapor trail from La Mesa Park when they saw an object about 100 feet in diameter crossing the sky at a high rate of speed. It made no sound and covered a 90 degree arc of the sky in about 15 seconds. The witnesses could see the jet plane over Carpinteria at the same time.

"The following day a 6 p.m. broadcast over Radio Station WATE declared that an Air Force jet interceptor had picked up a UFO on its radar scope and closed with it. When the UFO was within visual range the pilot was amazed to see a circular object the size of a B-29. A few seconds later the object scooted away at a speed estimated at over 1,800 mph. The broadcast did not reveal where the incident took place, the time, or the type of interceptor involved." (4.)

1 October. Far East jet chase.

Keyhoe wrote:

"On October 1st, the United Press carried the Far East story all over the country. Queries poured into the Pentagon about the huge UFO the Air Force jet had chased. But Healey was still being told that the Air Force had not found the answer. Unable to issue the usual denial, the Press Desk resorted to a terse 'No Comment.' (5.)

The editor of the Florida UFO bulletin S.P.A.C.E., Norbert F. Gariety, had a strong reaction. (See article clipped from bulletin) (6.)

2 October. Georgetown, Pennsylvania. (2:00 - 4:00 a.m.?)

"Afraid it would land."

A brief mention in Fate magazine states: "...between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., a woman resident of Georgetown, Pa., said she saw a low-flying revolving object which glowed in varying colors. She was afraid that it would land." (7.)

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Robert Gariety's S.P.A.C.E. bulletin

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NICAP MAKES ANOTHER DENT IN PENTAGON POLICY

Air Force Intelligence last month released to NICAP details of a jet-UFO chase by a Far East Air Force Pilot, in which the UFO accelerated to a speed of approximately 2000 mph when the jet tried to close in.

The importance of this release speaks for itself. This is the first official release of a UFO chase, released anywhere in the Air Force since 1953. We can only hope that this is a sign of coming attractions and not just an isolated instance.

The article was carried in many of the leading newspapers and S.P.A.C.E. thanks the numerous individuals who sent in the clippings. The story in short is this:

Two Far East Air Force jets were making practice radar intercepts on each other when the intercepting pilot picked up a strange radar blip. A check with ground control showed no other planes in the area, and the pilot received permission to investigate.

At ten miles distance he got a radar lock-on, at 8 miles he saw it visually and closed in to five miles, but could get no closer; the object accelerated and left his radar scope showing a speed of approximately 2000 mph.

Ten seconds after getting his first radar lock-on, the radar was suddenly jammed by a strong interference. The pilot switched frequencies and this eliminated the jamming, for about another 10 seconds the signals were clear and then the interference started again.

At the closest distance of 5 miles the jet pilot says the UFO appeared circular and golden tan in color. It was about the size of a pencil eraser against the planes wind-screen. From a check by NICAP with North American Aviation, builders of the F-86-D Sabrejet, it was calculated that for an object to appear 1/4 inch in diameter and 3/8 inch long at 27 inches the object at 5 miles would have been approximately 350 feet in diameter. (Which means that for this UFO to land in your back yard, you would need a 2 acre back yard. Of course OFFICIALLY the Air Force will still say, "We have no physical evidence, etc." And technically you know they are right. pilot had

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visual contact, and also radar contact! But they still have no physical proof, as they claim---because the pilot did not touch it, nor did he bring back a piece of it for the brass in the Pentagon to touch and handle. So the TOP BRASS can still keep a stern facial expression and say, "We have no physical evidence that such things as the popularly termed flying saucers even exist!") Tek---Tek'

Also NICAP has scored another victory, in getting a statement from Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona expressing his interest in UFO's. Two other Senators have previously expressed their interest in the matter.

Three down, and 93 to go! When enough Senators and representatives have the courage to speak out, there will eventually be a frank and open discussion of UFO's and the problem involved on Capitol Hill.

And NICAP is the key to official end of censorship on UFO's. So support NICAP---\$7.50 membership per year. If NICAP has to fold up because of lack of membership and finances, we may as well all fold up our tents and go home, and leave the solution of the UFO enigma for our grandchildren to solve. NICAP's address is 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

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2 (5?) October. Lancaster, Pa (about noon)

Another California story.

"A Lancaster woman said she saw a UFO hover over the downtown area about noon. She described it as white, disc-shaped with a tail, and said it appeared to revolve. Several other reports of unidentified flying objects were made in that area during the same week." (8.)

2 October. Near Williamsport, Pennsylvania. (about 6:30 p.m.)

Cigars standing on end.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations interviewed an engineer that worked on jet power systems:

"On 2 October 1957, while aboard TWA aircraft #159 enroute from Boston, Massachusetts to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he sighted two unidentified objects due west of the aircraft. He estimated the time to be approximately 6.30 p.m., and the aircraft's position to be approximately over Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The aircraft was flying at 20,000 feet just above a haze layer. The sun was just below the horizon so it was still fairly light, and he noticed no stars. He described the objects as looking like cigars, standing on end, glowing like a star, and having no color. The objects appeared to be stationary, and both at the same elevation, which was about at eye level or 0° elevation. He estimated the size to be approximately 1" at arms length. The object to the left appeared brighter than the other and he was able to observe it continuously for approximately twenty minutes. The fainter object to the right seemed to disappear and reappear intermittently. Both objects faded away " (9.)

3 October. Near Las Cruces, New Mexico. (about 8 00 p.m.)

Strange "machines" near the highway.

Granted that the State of New Mexico was a region of missile tests and weapons development but what happened near Las Cruces on October 3rd doesn't make sense if one tries to blame it on activities of the military or some scientific research. To put it simply, there just shouldn't be "testing," one would think, adjacent to a highway. An El Paso couple was motoring near Las Cruces when they encountered something odd:

"Mrs Monte Beranek, saw the objects with her husband about 8 p.m.

"The first object was 200 feet to the right of the road," Mrs. Beranek said. "It seemed to be the size of a washtub and sort of oblong with an uneven top and bottom, the bottom part was not quite as round as the top part. As we approached, and before we were even with it, it rose into the air. It didn't zip, nor did it go slowly. It went up with moderate speed. When it was about 200 feet, it disintegrated with a huge glare which lit up the whole countryside. Of course we were startled. We heard no noise. We felt no heat. We were almost underneath it when it disintegrated. I had to stick my head out the window and look up to see it. My husband didn't see the glare. The next one

was farther away, more than 200 feet off to the left. It went up when we were almost even with it. I didn't see this one disintegrate on account of its position, but I saw the flash. Then we saw the third one. It was at the left and farther away, toward White Sands. The same thing happened. It rose up and disintegrated.' Mrs. Beranek said she and her husband saw all three objects within a period of about 10 minutes. State Police officer Robert Gilliland of Anthony[city of], on the New Mexico-Texas border reported on the same night that he had seen fiery objects followed by an extremely bright flash. Gilliland immediately got in radio contact with a patrolling Dona Ana County deputy sheriff about 12 miles north of Gilliland's observation point. At that time, another fiery object went up. The deputy asked Gilliland if he saw a bright object which had just then ranged skyward. The state officer observed it at the same moment. While they remained in radio contact with each other, they saw several other objects. When Gilliland had gone to his home to obtain sandwiches and coffee, the objects were still visible from the house." (10.)

An Alamogordo paper had more to add: "A subsequent search of the area, consuming over 12 hours aided by a Civil Air Patrol plane, found nothing. The incident left local officials baffled." (11.) The paper explained.

"Believing an airplane had crashed, Gilliland teamed up with an unnamed Texas police officer, secured a jeep and drove onto the trackless mesa. They searched all night and until 10 a.m. the next day and found nothing." (12.)

4 October. Newport, Oregon (about 10:30 p.m.)

A Mr. Rufus R. Wood wrote a letter to the "Space Craft Digest" to say: "...two nights ago Newport(Oregon) people reported seeing about 20 flying objects make a complete turn over the city at about 10 30 p.m. A large object with fire all over it came down out of the clouds made a turn and flew up the coast." (13.)

4 October "A strategic surprise."

Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner (of the January 1953 CIA UFO panel) attended a cocktail party on October 4, 1957. As the former Secretary of the Research and Development Board (Defense), Dr. Berkner had been invited to a reception at the Russian embassy along with some top American rocket experts. Playing host to this social gathering on October 4th had been carefully planned by Moscow's Foreign Office. During the reception Dr. Berkner was passed a note from the New York Times. After a quick read, Dr. Berkner tapped on a glass for silence. The note was read aloud. Radio Moscow was transmitting some big news on the 19, 25, and 31 meter bands. Russian scientists, according to the broadcast, had launched an artificial satellite 23 inches in diameter and weighing 184 pounds. The little moon was in a north-south orbit and 560 miles above the Earth. The satellite, which Russian authorities had designated "Alpha Sputnik," was emitting radio signals.

The news flashed around the world with incredible speed. The United Press and the Associated Press picked up the story immediately, as did Radio Montreal, Radio London, Radio Switzerland, and so on. Everyone was greatly excited on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

"Nobody paid attention."

Herbert Scoville, Jr., Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency (who was also no stranger to the UFO mystery) was not caught off guard by the Communist achievement:

"...his[Scoville's] office predicted Sputnik's launch a year before it occurred and even estimated the political consequences. 'Nobody paid attention,' he said, 'it was a good example of the right kind of intelligence being ignored.'" (14.)

Actually, Scoville could not take full credit for predicting the consequences. Right after World War II the U.S. Army Air Force assigned the newly created RAND corporation to study the upgrading of the German V-2 so it could loft an artificial moon into orbit. On May 2, 1946 the RAND organization submitted for approval a 326 page engineering report. The title of the manuscript read: Preliminary Design of an Experimental World-Circling Spaceship. Aside from obvious military and scientific gains from such an effort, the RAND experts predicted:

"...the achievement of a satellite craft by the United States would inflame the imagination of mankind, and would probably produce repercussions in the world comparable to the explosion of the atomic bomb." (15.)

RAND, as it turned out, was right on the mark.

Sputnik did two things for the UFO community: 1.) The idea of space travel gained instant and profound respect. In the wake of that people were soon asking themselves: "If we can go out there, perhaps the possibility of aliens coming here is not so improbable?" 2.) Policy makers in the government and military suffered from considerable criticism. The great prestige enjoyed by the American establishment since the victory over the Axis was hit hard. Maybe authorities didn't always know best. Perhaps, to take a clue from Scoville's remarks, the evidence for UFOs was another "example of intelligence being ignored."

The Russians had carefully planned for the maximum propaganda impact of the space extravaganza. Sputnik was a silver ball that was given a high polish to reflect sunlight, and a simple radio signal was emitted that beeped on a frequency easily detected by ham operators the world over.

After the launch the Kremlin's formidable print and electronic media spared no effort to extol the robustness of the Marxist-Leninist scientific regimen. Americans were filled with dismay. They felt the supremacy of the country's technology and managerial efficiency had been called into question.

UFO buff Robert Gariety devoted a good part of his UFO bulletin to the "first" in man's conquest of space. He collected clippings over the next two weeks to illustrate the confusion in high places:

-The Secretary of Defense, Neil McElroy, expressed amazement at

the delays and complacent scheduling of America's own satellite program. (16.)

-The author of the famous best seller, God Is My Co-Pilot, Brig. General Robert Scott, became infuriated when a Navy spokesman dismissed Sputnik as just a "hunk of iron." The General roared: "It's a helluvalot more than a hunk of iron. The world is no longer controlled by land masses and the seven seas, but by Sputnik, circling up in its own orbit." (17.)

-Syndicated columnist Ralph McGill said America's prestige was at its lowest ebb in this generation." (18.)

-The Rev. Billy Graham declared: "The international situation brought on by the Russian satellite has faced the United States with a crisis equaled only by the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention and the Civil War." (19.)

-Even Pope Pious XII felt compelled to comment: "God has no intention of setting a limit to the efforts of man to conquer space. The more we explore into outer space, the nearer we come to the great idea of one family under the Mother-Father God." (20.)

NICAP Board member and news commentator Frank Edwards found fault with the Defense Department by using the Sputnik launch as an example of falsification in high places, lulling the nation into a false complacency that eventually led to a terrifying shock to many Americans. He listed a number of high level statements that later proved to be pure hokum to boost his argument. (21.)

4 October. What's up there?

The most serious result of "Sputnik shock" for the Pentagon was the turbulence caused in Congress. Someone on the Hill even called the Russian space feat a "technological Pearl Harbor." Senator Lyndon Johnson convened Congressional Hearings to determine on whose shoulders to lay the blame. Space matters were no longer way down on a legislator's agenda.

Sputnik also meant a great increase in skywatchers around the globe. Besides official Earth Satellite Observation Committee stations established by different governments and similar setups manned by various science societies, the man-in-the-street scanned the skies to catch a glimpse of the famous bright dot streaking through the heavens. At times there were "mis-sightings."

5 October. Wakayama, Japan. (6:05 p.m.)

An official of Hinomizaki Lighthouse, Wakayama, Japan, spotted what he believed to be Sputnik at 6:05 p.m. speeding southwest to northeast. The official, Mr. Iwao Morita, viewed the object with binoculars and said the thing had a metallic-like brilliance. Twenty minutes later, Mr. Masashisa Sato of the Nigata University satellite observation team sighted a speeding object at 6:25 p.m. Calculations showed that if the Wakayama and Nigata sightings were of the same object, its velocity would be over 1,000 mph ---a speed too fast for a plane and too slow for a meteor.

In any case, Dr. Masashi Mijaji, chief of Japan's satellite observers and director of the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory, announced that the two

reports were 'mis sightings' since Sputnik was not due over Japan until October 10th. (22.)

No glimmer of hope? Ruppelt and satellites.

As of October 1957 ex-BLUE BOOK chief E.J. Ruppelt still maintained an apparent "open-minded" approach to the UFO mystery, as he would for some time afterward, but when he did change, his reason concerned satellites:

"Since I left the Air Force the Age of the Satellite has arrived and we're in it. Along with this new era came the long range radars and satellite tracking cameras, and the other instruments that would have picked up any type of 'spaceship' coming into our atmosphere.

"None of this instrumentation has ever given any indication of any type of unknown vehicle entering the earth's atmosphere.

"I checked this with the Department of Defense and I checked, this through friends associated with tracking projects. In both cases the results were completely negative.

"There's not even a glimmer of hope for the UFO." (23.)

Ruppelt's claim seems very odd since BLUE BOOK records are filled with civilian "mis-sightings," a few of which we have already discussed. There sure seemed to be a lot of strange "traffic" in the atmosphere. Sources other than Ruppelt confirm the fact. One source is UFO researcher Jacques Vallee, in fact his experience is what got him started in the UFO business:

"...my first job as an astronomer left me disillusioned. I was part of a team that was tracking satellites for the French Space Committee. We found ourselves tracking objects that were not satellites, and were not anything else recognizable either. One night we got eleven data points on one of these objects on a magnetic tape and wanted to run the tape through a computer and compute an orbit and see the thing again. To this day, I can't tell you that it wasn't some piece of technology that somebody had. It could have been some very bizarre piece of human technology, but what intrigued me was that the man in charge of the project confiscated the tape and erased it. That's really what got me started, because I suddenly realized that astronomers saw things that they did not report." (24.)

And then there was the Russians:

"Radar observations of UFOs over the Soviet Union occurred in the late 1950s, according to an article in the July 14, 1991, issue of Moscow News. When the first near-earth surveillance radars became available for tracking satellites, they were also used to survey space near the earth. The radar developers found that they could detect man-made satellites and meteors without difficulty. They also found that they could detect objects that were several hundred meters in size and traveling at speeds around 20 km./sec.(12,000 m.p.h.) at altitudes around 300 kilometers(190 miles) above the earth.

"They compiled a catalog of these unexpected objects and reported to the scientist in charge of the radar development.

Evidently that scientist (Alexander Mints) was not surprised, saying that he had heard that Joseph Stalin was once interested in UFOs and asked a famous rocket scientist, Sergei Korolyov, to look into the matter." (25.)

A curious exception to Vallee's experience and what was printed in the Moscow News, were some remarks attributed to J. Allen Hynek (some remarks which played a prominent role in Edward Ruppelt's controversial revised book. Look it up. It makes one wonder). According to Ruppelt's book, Hynek stated:

"I can quite say that we have no record of ever having received from our MOONWATCH teams any reports of sightings of unidentified objects which had any characteristic different from those of an orbiting satellite, a slow meteor, of a suspected plane mistaken for a satellite." (26.)

Compare the remarks above to what Hynek wrote in his book The Edge of Reality:

"I certainly know that in the satellite tracking mission we got a number of things that appeared on the films that were never tracked down; they weren't part of the mission! A person who says that the Baker-Nunn cameras never picked up anything is just wrong because I know they did. I was in charge of the project! We just didn't bother about it. It would have been too much work to investigate some strange lights; it would have diverted men from the job they were supposed to do; this undoubtedly is true in the case of radar. Radar do pick up all sort of cockeyed things, but to the military figures they're not of interest to a particular mission, so heck with it!" (27.)

5 October. The Villas-Boas case. The beginning.

Something more significant than Spunik had its beginnings at the Villas-Boas farm in Brazil the evening of October 5th --if we can believe two young men. The farm was located in the State of Minas Gerais near the town of Sao Francisco de Salles. The Villas family had a 23-year-old son, Antonio, who worked the land with his brothers and hired help. He would be the main figure in subsequent events.

The evening of October 5th Antonio and some friends had a party at the farmhouse. The social gathering did not run late. Everyone left by 10:00 p.m. and Antonio was thinking of retiring for the night. He went to his room which he shared with his brother Joao. To let in some fresh air, Antonio went to a window, but before he opened it, he noticed that the corral in back of the house was all lit up by a strange, fluorescent-like glow which he said was like a car's headlight suspended in the air and the beam directed downward. He peered at the dark sky but could not make out the source of the glow. That was so odd Antonio urged Joao to witness the phenomenon but Joao could care less and told Antonio to go to bed.

Yielding to his brother, Antonio left the window and climbed into bed but the young Brazilian couldn't relax. He kept thinking about that darn light that "shouldn't be there." Throwing off the covers, Antonio jumped up and returned to the window. Opening the window shutters and peeking out, Antonio saw that the light was still there. And then, suddenly, the light began to move, slowly approaching the window. Alarmed, Antonio slapped the shutters

closed waking up his brother Joao. The mystery light came so close it lit up the bedroom because of the many tiny gaps in the shutters. By now even Joao was concerned. Something mysterious apparently was interested in the two young men behind the closed window. For some reason the bedroom suddenly went dark. Perhaps the source passed over the rooftop, or perhaps the light was switched off, in any case Antonio and Joao were not harmed by the experience. It would not be the last "visit" by something very strange. (28.)

Sometime in October. Niquelandia, Goias State, Brazil.

There was another incident, somewhat similar to one at the Villas-Boas farm, worth a mention although we don't have an exact date:

"At the Gabiroba farm the owners, Antonio Santinori and Sebastiao de Oliviera were talking at the door of the house with some friends when suddenly a beam of light from the air nearly blinded them. They thought the light was coming from a plane but there was no noise. One of them attempted to approach the source, a round-shaped craft, glowing very brightly, which was almost on the ground. As he did, the lights went out and the object disappeared. The beam had a green color at the center and a yellow periphery." (29.)

5 October. Perth, Australia.

Looking for Sputnik, they see something else. (See clipping)

5 October. Russia pushes the Communist saucer idea. (See clipping)

7 October. Los Angeles, California. (about 4:15 a.m.)

"Ghost Rocket?"

A man living in Los Angeles who was an amateur astronomer thought it might be a good idea to use the excuse of "looking for Sputnik" to get his girl friend to a local lovers lane. After the nightclub closed around 2:30 a.m. the fellow drove up into the hills overlooking the lights of Los Angeles.

The air was very clear that night. The witness remembers being able to see Long Beach from his position on Angles Crest Highway. According to the Los Angeles Times Russia's Sputnik was due over Southern California at 4:35 a.m. The witness and his girl were parked and watching the sky by 4:00. It was the woman that first noticed something:

"...around 4:15 a.m. she looked up and saw a moving light coming our way. Angles Crest Highway goes up to around 4,000 feet, but we were around 3,000 feet, on a viewing point off the road. I checked my watch and was surprised not only of how low it was and how bright it was and that the L.A. Times could be that far off in its calculations. She thought it was Sputnik, but I knew it was impossible. We got out of the car and stood at the ledge of the point as the light came toward us out of the south over Pasadena. Its heading was wrong for Sputnik, it was traveling from south to north probably 360° true. When it came within, as I could approximate, no more than 4 or 5 miles, we could see its shape and size. It passed at eye level to us and I can only give you my estimates as to what we saw. In the Navy I was on 2 CV Essex Class carriers, so I judged from 888 feet (the size of the ships) the height was simple, 3,000 feet, the distance was to

Many in W.A. claim they saw "saucer"

Dozens of people in Perth and country districts last night claimed to have seen the glistening Russian satellite.

Experts said sufficient information had not been released by Russia to calculate just when it would be seen in Perth.

Two W.A. University students said last night they saw the Russian satellite from St. George's College.

Michael Broome and David Muschamp said they were watching the sky when they saw what appeared to be a faint star move across the sky.

It was visible for about 30 seconds and kept moving. They saw the object shortly after dark.

The students are members of the St. George's College Astronomical Society. They said they were looking for the satellite.

They will report to the society about it.

Mr. M. A. Bracken, headmaster of the Kellerberrin State School said: "I wonder if I saw the Russian satellite today."

"At 12.55 p.m. I looked towards Perth and saw a strange object high in the sky. I fixed my binoculars on the object, which looked silvery-grey."

"Then I thought I saw two. The bottom one seemed to be a ball arrangement with something attached."

"At one stage the higher one backed out rapidly in a westerly direction and then seemed to remain stationary. The bottom one gave off a golden reflection."

"The object remained in sight only a few seconds," he said.

*"Morning Times" Perth
det. 6th 1957*

Russia Reports Flying A Saucer Successfully

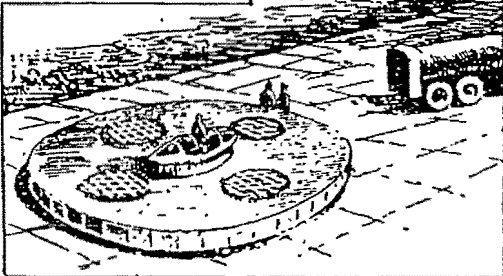
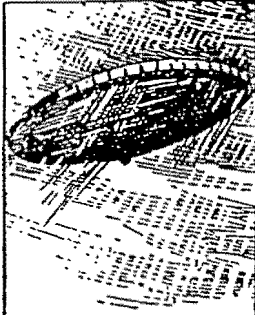
10-6-57 NYHT

MOSCOW, Oct. 5 AP—The newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya" said today that Russia has successfully test-flown a jet-propelled "flying platform" as a forerunner of vertical jet flight.

The newspaper said the new aircraft was tested recently at Tushino Airport near Moscow.

In general appearance, it resembles the United States Navy's flying platform. The Russian model, however, has an enclosed cockpit. The machine has four vertical supports, similar to table legs, with four metal gildwork extensions which apparently are for stability.

According to test pilot Yurya Garanaev, the platform "handles excellently in the air."



Herald Tribune—United Press

REDS' SKETCH OF SOVIET 'FLYING SAUCER'.—The "flying platform" which Russia proclaimed yesterday has been successfully test flown. In the middle is a Tu-104 jet air liner. The sketch originally appeared in a monthly Soviet science magazine.

"Russian saucer?" (See clipping to the left)

Observers of the Cold War pointed out that it was Russian policy to do little or no preliminary talk before an impressive accomplishment. The announcement of a space satellite, for example, took the form of a small item published inconspicuously in a newspaper of secondary importance, the Vechernaya Moskva (Moscow News).

Could items about Russian saucers in minor publications be ignored?

Foothill Blvd about 4 to 5 miles. The speed I can't say for sure but from the time she picked it up it wasn't far off the horizon and we watched it till it disappeared, I estimated 10 minutes we were in a state of shock at what we were seeing to keep an accurate account. The size was close to a thousand feet maybe 8 or 9 hundred feet. The shape was cylindrical and came to a point at the bow. At the stern was the most curious of all (sic). A glowing ball above the hull which appeared to have no connecting point. It pulsed maybe 60 times a minute. It was between light blue and white. It went to white as it pulsed. It had port lights, round and large. I didn't count them, but I estimate 15 or more. At that distance you can hardly see the windows on an airplane but these were large. We thought we heard a slight humming but we weren't sure. It sounded to me like a diesel locomotive from a distance. There was no flames, no engine I could see, no wings, no visible people, no noise to speak of. I didn't see running lights -red port -green starboard, which you would expect to see." (30.) (See drawing by witness)

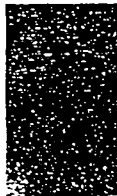
"What's This?"

Before leaving the mysterious cylinder case taking place on October 7th, it might be interesting to call attention to a photograph taken by Edwin G. Leadford about midnight at Anaheim, California, a week later. (See newspaper clipping)

Full Stocks Plus Dow

What's This?

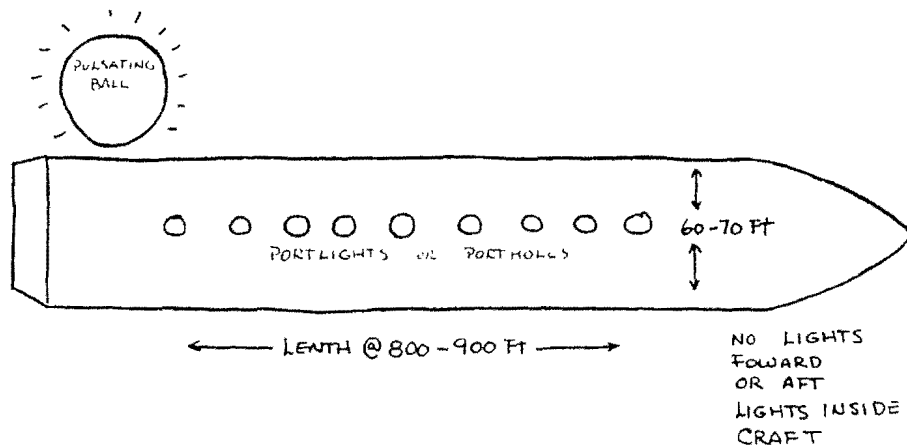
THE OBJECT SHOWN here was sighted at Anaheim, Calif. by Edwin G. Leadford from his car about midnight. He said the object appeared cigar-shaped and flickered with a reddish light. Officials at nearby Disneyland said nothing has been airborne over their park that could account for the sighting. Air Force investigators are studying Leadford's picture.



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(Just Turn The Page) Friday, November 8, 1957





LOOKED LIKE A SIGHTSEEING CRAFT
LIKE OUR OCEAN LINERS

7 October. Pharr, Texas. (8:30 p.m.)

"Mild sensation in Texas?"

Ufologist Gene Duplantier was sent this one.

"A red UFO in the sky chased by at least two jet planes caused a mild sensation in this Texas town[Pharr]. The UFO appeared in the sky at about 8 30 p.m., coming out of the north and seemed to be more over San Juan or even over Alamo than over Pharr. By 8:40 it disappeared to the south. By 8:45 long vapor trails showing the route of at least two jets were visible in the sky. One Pharr couple said they could see two jets chasing the UFO which glowed brightly and was moving ahead of the jets." (31.)

8 October. Delphos, Ohio. (about 6:30 p.m.)

"It wasn't Superman." (See clipping)

8 October. Cocoa, Florida.

"Spies from space?"

Were UFOs snooping on America's space program, or were people suffering from over active imaginations? (See clippings)

8 October. Close to Nawaca, Fiji Islands.

A "man" shines beam of light on boat. (See clipping)

8 October. Seattle, Washington.

It was bright daylight and visibility was excellent. A commercial airliner on its approach to the Seattle-Tacoma airport passed over a local NIKE site manned by the 573rd AAA unit, the MSL BN Battery, Fort Ward. Two of the Sgts. on duty saw a pair of strange objects below and to the rear of the passenger plane. The enlisted men said the objects were circular, flat-white in color, and appeared to be one-half the size of a penny at arm's length. The objects, travelling in-line, came out of the northwest and banked away to the southwest, and then after flying a short crossing course, banked away to the northwest. The UFOs were in view 25-30 seconds.

The CO of the NIKE unit, Captain Harold Hawkins, sent a telegraph message to BLUE BOOK and commented that because of the clear visibility and unquestioned reliability of his men. "The probable cause of such a sighting opens itself only to conjecture." (32)

8 October. Boston, Massachusetts. (7.00 a.m.)

"Pseudo-Sputnik."

BLUE BOOK clipped the following article from a bulletin issued by CSI New York. (See article)

9 October The Hull sighting gets publicity.

Old pilot cases, in spite the fact such reports were dated material, none the less helped the UFO cause. The Hull encounter was a good example. (See clipping)

Cocoa Explains All--

10-8-57

Eerie Lights Dance But No Saucers Fly

By JOHN MORTON
Chief of Our Brevard Bureau

COCOA—Flying saucer fans took a body blow today when Air Force explained away weird lights and flying objects spotted over the weekend.

In a statement, the missile test center said:

"Lights observed on Friday night and again on Monday night in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral at Patrick Air Force Base at an altitude of approximately 20,000 feet were identified as part of the routine instrument tests being made by aircraft from the base."

The center declined further identification of the equipment used.

One witness on Cocoa Beach described the strange display as coming from a "pink or red" device with two bright lights.

The flight pattern was erratic, distinguishing it from other aircraft in the flow of air traffic near the test center.

*Hollins (M.) Sentinel
Oct 8 1957*

'Saucer' Seen Over Florida

COCOA, Fla. (UPI)—Air Force officials said today that continuing reports of an unidentified flying object near the Cape Canaveral guided missile test center are under investigation.

The object, a whitish light, oval in shape, showed up for the second time Monday night. At least a dozen persons at a nearby roller skating rink reported seeing it.

One of the observers was Al Leonard of radio station WKKO. "I hate to say this, but it sure looked like what you might call a flying saucer," he reported.

Leonard estimated the height of the object at 5,000 feet. He said it changed directions at least twice and was visible off and on between 10 and 10 15 p.m.

The radio station received hundreds of calls from persons who sighted a similar object last Friday night between the hours of 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

A check with Patrick Air Force Base at Cocoa Beach, Leonard indicated there was no guided missile testing underway at the time which would account for the object flitting around overhead.

'Fiery Red' Object Sighted Over Delphos Tuesday

DELPHOS—It wasn't Superman and chances are it wasn't the Russian's artificial moon, but it was something that hundreds of Delphos residents saw about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Those who saw the mysterious object flashing across this city just at dusk said it was 12 inches in diameter and was a fiery red.

Traveling westward, the object gradually faded from view, but not until half of the town was excitedly watching it and wondering—Could it be?

Leslie Peltier, local amateur astronomer, is sure it couldn't have been. If it was the satellite it certainly had strayed from the orbit its been following. Peltier says it may have been an airplane painted red, a high-flying balloon or something similar.

Others who saw it thought it might be the reflection of the sinking sun against some object in the sky—possibly even a cloud.

Saucer, Satellite Or Seasickness?

Fiji has also shared in the recent spate of unusual sky phenomena according to a letter received from Qica Uluqalau, Provincial Secretary of Bua Province in Vanua Levu.

He writes: "At 3 p.m. recently two men and two women left Nabouwalu for Nawaca, which is about eight miles away, in an outboard boat.

"When close to Nawaca they were amazed to see an object descending, apparently from the sky.

"They described the object as being white in colour and circular in shape.

"One of the men, Paula, suggested that they ought to investigate as he thought that an aircraft was in difficulty and might need assistance.

"When the boat got closer they found that the object was hovering about 20 feet above the sea.

"It seemed stationary but appeared to be revolving and as they drew near they saw what looked to be the figure of a man standing outside the object.

"The 'man' saw the boat approaching and shone a very bright light on to the boat and its occupants — a light so powerful that they were completely dazzled and felt weak.

"When the boat was about five chains from the object the figure disappeared.

"Paula said the light seemed to come from a disc about the size of a saucer.

"None of the occupants of the boat heard any sound of an engine."

An interesting point is that the Fijians concerned are middle-aged and live in an isolated area far removed from news stories, comic strips etc. on the 'flying saucer' puzzle.

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No Case (Information Only)

8 October 1957
air near Boston

PILOTS SPOT A PSEUDO-SPUTNIK

(Note: A large percentage of the early "sightings" of the Russian satellite were wholly spurious. For people unaccustomed to looking at the sky, high-flying jets probably accounted for most of the mistakes; but some reports, especially those from more experienced observers, were undoubtedly saucer sightings. The following case appears to be a pretty clear-cut example.)

October 8, 1957. Veteran Pan-American pilot Joseph L. Flynn, arriving in a DC-7C from Paris, reported that he and his co-pilot saw what they at first believed was the first Sputnik. The plane passed over Boston at 7 a.m.; about five minutes later, co-pilot William Box called Capt. Flynn's attention to a "bright silver object" to the right of the plane. Their altitude was 14,000 feet; speed 310 mph; heading 235° true (southwest). The object, described as brighter and larger than Venus, appeared to the west of them, about 40° to the right of the plane, and moved on a horizontal path toward the south. It seemed to be about 15° above the horizon, and maintained approximately the same elevation as long as it was in view. At this same time the sun was rising, behind and to the left of the aircraft.

The object was in view for about five minutes as it moved to a point almost directly ahead of the plane, before disappearing. Although the witnesses were uncertain about the manner of disappearance of the object, it was presumed to have been lost from view in a layer of thin cirrus clouds. The long duration rules out any possibility of a meteor. "Sputnik" was also ruled out when they learned that the satellite passed over Boston just an hour later, at 8:05 a.m. Since the period of the satellite is 96 minutes, it was nowhere near New England at 7:05 a.m. Both pilots have expressed skepticism about flying saucers, but they admit that the object they saw appears to be unidentified.

The observation was mentioned in all N.Y.C. afternoon papers for October 8, and in all morning papers for October 9. Additional details were obtained from Mr. Box by CSI member and researcher Herman Mitchell; although Mr. Box declined to make any statements to the press, we are obliged to him for permitting us to use the information he gave us.

6--THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1957

'NOTHING REMOTELY RELATED'

Mysterious Object Amazes Saucer Skeptic

A veteran airline pilot who once denounced flying saucers as "bunk" has reported encountering a mysterious unidentified flying object near Mobile, Ala.

Capt W. J. Hull of Capital Airlines described the incident in a report published by "The UFO Investigator," magazine of the unofficial National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut av nw.

Capt Hull wrote an article for a pilots' magazine in 1953 titled "The Obituary of the Flying Saucer." His experience described in the "Investigator" took place Nov. 14, 1956. He did not suggest what he saw was a flying saucer.

Capt Hull said he was flying a Viscount at about 10,000 feet near Mobile, at 10 10 p. m. when he and his co-pilot spotted what he thought was a brilliant meteor.

He said the "meteor" was descending rapidly, but instead of burning out with the usual flash, "it abruptly halted directly in front of us."

"It was an intense blue-white light, approximately seven or eight times as bright as Venus when this planet is at its brightest magnitude," he wrote.

He said he thought the object might be a jet fighter,

turning away from the airliner and giving the pilots a view of its glowing tailpipe. But he said instead of growing smaller, the light remained in front of the Viscount.

Capt Hull wrote that the "UFO" (unidentified flying object) then began a series of violent maneuvers, "sharper than any known aircraft, sometimes changing direction

90 degrees in an instant." It finally zoomed up at an extremely sharp angle and shot out of sight, he added.

He said his own plane was above the clouds, "precluding any reflections of searchlights from below."

There's accent on local sports in *The News* sports pages.

10 October. "No flying saucer fantasy."

When a huge fiery object flashed across the Western U.S. on October 10th it had some impact on the UFO problem in an unexpected way. No UFOlogist made "spaceship claims" concerning the incident but that is not the issue. (See teletype reports of the fireball)

The Air Force fails.

Dr. H.H. Nininger, a meteorite expert that was the director of museum near Winslow, Arizona, immediately conducted surveys to determine where exactly the meteorite came down. He carefully examined news dispatches that came into the offices of the Denver Post where he happened to be at the time. He noted the published reactions of aircraft pilots, and accounts of the Air Force's efforts to recover fragments from the object that fell to earth. Nininger became agitated with the military after studying the situation and fired off a letter to Dr. Fred Whipple of the Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts (Cambridge had close ties with the Air Force). In his letter Dr. Nininger pointed out that the North American Defense Command at Colorado Springs was so worked up about the fireball that it sent out a search party yet, and here we quote

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(WITH FIREBALL)

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNMO OCT. 10--(UP)--A WESTERN AIRLINES PILOT WHO SIGHTED THE FIREBALL WHICH WAS SEEN OVER SEVERAL WESTERN STATES TODAY SAID IT WAS "NO SAUCER FANTASY."

FIRST OFFICER BILL SCHULTZ OF LOS ANGELES SAID HE IS INCLINED TO DISCREDIT THE THEORY IT MAY HAVE BEEN A METEORITE, BUT WOULDN'T DISCREDIT THE POSSIBILITY IT MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF A ROCKET.

HOWEVER, [REDACTED] SAID THE CREW, AFTER DISCUSSING THE SIGHTING FOR SEVERAL HOURS, "HAVE TO ADMIT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN NOTHING OTHER THAN A METEORITE."

ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE", HE ADDED. "THIS WAS NO FLYING SAUCER FANTASY."

HE SAID THE "BASCAL" WAS SO "REALISTIC IT BECAME A MATTER OF CONCERN TO US. IT WAS SO IMPRESSIVE WE KEPT OUR EYES ALERTED DURING THE REST OF THE NIGHT" BECAUSE WE "HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS BEHIND US".

THE CREW OF WESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT 770, EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO MINNEAPOLIS, SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT ABOUT 4:08 A. M. (MST) AS IT CROSSED THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE IN THE RAWLINS WYO. AREA.

IT WAS FIRST SEEN AS A "SMALL WHITE LIGHT" BY CAPT. JOSEPH SEDAY.

IT THEN LOOMED ACROSS THE HORIZON, DISPLAYING [REDACTED] SAID, A "VERY CONSISTENT FLAME PATTERN WHICH WAS WHITE IN COLOR AND AT LEAST 50 FEET IN LENGTH."

HE SAID IT WAS FIRST SEEN NEARLY HORIZONTAL TO THE HORIZON, AND WHEN IT REACHED THE 2 O'CLOCK POSITION IT BEGAN TO DISINTEGRATE.

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ADD WITH FIREBALL X X X TO DISINTEGRATE.

"IT REMINDED ME", [REDACTED] SAID, "OF A WING BEING SHOT OFF AN AIRCRAFT."

SCHULTZ SAID THAT "WITHIN SECONDS" AFTER THEY REPORTED SIGHTING THE OBJECT, OTHER PLANES ALSO CAME IN WITH CONFIRMATIONS.

HE SAID THE PILOT OF A NAVY TRANSPORT WAS "SURE THAT A ROCKET OR MISSILE HAD BEEN FIRED AND ENDANGERED HIS PASSENGERS".

THE NAVY PILOT SAID HE HAD TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION, HE REPORTED SEEING IT CRASH.

SCHULTZ SAID THE OBJECT WAS IN SIGHT FOR ABOUT A MINUTE.

HE SAID A "RIDICULOUS" ESTIMATE OF THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT WOULD BE 1,200 TO 1,300 MILES AN HOUR.

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1ST GENERAL LEAD FIREBALL

BY UNITED PRESS

THE NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., SAID TODAY IT BELIEVED A HUGE FIREBALL THAT HURLED ACROSS THE PRE-DAWN SKIES OF FIVE WESTERN STATES WAS A METEOR.

COMMAND OFFICIALS SAID AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATING TEAM WOULD BE FLOWN "IMMEDIATELY" TO THE NORTHEASTERN UTAH SITE WHERE THE OBJECT APPARENTLY CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER 4 A.M. MST (7 A.M. EDT).

THE COMMAND CONFIRMED REPORTS THE MYSTERIOUS FIERY OBJECT NARROWLY SIDESWIPE A NAVY PLANE IN AN AREA NEAR THE COLORADO-UTAH BORDER, BUT SAID IT COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PILOT OR WHERE THE PLANE WAS BASED. IT GAVE THE PLANE'S NUMBER AS "NAVY 1607."

COMMAND OFFICIALS JOINED SEVERAL EASTERN SCIENTISTS IN RULING OUT THE POSSIBILITY THE FIREBALL WAS PART OF THE RUSSIAN SATELLITE LAUNCHING ROCKET. OTHER MILITARY SPOKESMEN IN THIS AREA REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY IT WAS A RUN-AWAY MISSILE.

"THIS IS A PERIOD OF HEAVY METEOR ACTIVITY," SAID ONE AIR FORCE OFFICIAL AT THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. "A SHOWER KNOWN AS 'GIACOBIMIDS' WAS DUE OCT. 9 (LAST NIGHT) WITH OTHERS DUE ON THE 18TH AND 23RD OF OCTOBER."

A WESTERN AIR LINES PILOT, CAPTAIN JOE SEDAY OF LOS ANGELES, SAID HE SAW THE OBJECT WHILE FLYING OVER SOUTHWESTERN WYOMING. HE SAID A FEW MOMENTS LATER HE TALKED AIR-TO-AIR BY RADIO WITH THE PILOT OF THE UNIDENTIFIED NAVY PLANE, WHICH HAD THE REPORTED NEAR-COLLISION WITH THE OBJECT.

"WE WON'T HAVE ANY DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THE WHOLE THING UNTIL AN AIR FORCE TEAM GETS IN THERE TO SEARCH THE AREA ON THE GROUND," THE COMMAND'S PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE SAID. "I HAVE BEEN TOLD TO ANNOUNCE THAT A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE."

THE COMMAND SAID IT HAD A LIST "A MILE LONG" OF PEOPLE WHO HAD SPOTTED THE OBJECT. SOME DESCRIBED IT AS A BRIGHT RED FIREBALL. OTHERS SAID IT LOOKED LIKE A "WHITE MOON" WITH A BLUE FLAME TAIL.

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THE OBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CRASHED EAST OF VERNAL, UTAH, NEAR THE COLORADO BORDER.

(PICKUP 6TH PGH: THE OBJECT WAS SEEN ETC)

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CORRECTION: IN 1ST PGH, ABV READ IT XXX OF SIX WESTERN STATES (STEAD OF FIVE)

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"...my survey has revealed that the meteor had disintegrated at a point more than 150 miles from where they [the Air Force team] searched, yet two weeks after this event the Colonel and his staff were in a state of complete confusion and reached the conclusion that nothing more could be done concerning the location or nature of that object." (33.)

Nininger charged the Air Force with ineptitude in its handling of fireball tracking (which is close to saying the Air Force was not up to the job of handling UFO reports). Nininger.

"From now on, it appears to me that unless there is set up a processing office where all such reports will be entered, we are in danger of two international catastrophes. 1.) A missile as a trial shot could arrive and the military would be unaware of it until its landing could be used by the enemy to correct their aim and literally blanket our country with atomic destruction, or 2.) A meteorite could be mistaken for a missile and our retaliatory mechanism be set in motion initiating a war of complete destruction.

"There is no question about the lack of preparation in pilots to deal with this situation. I have found it almost universal. One of the chief duties of this proposed processing office would be the proper instruction of pilots, military personnel, and forest service personnel. Our fire lookouts and control towers are of utmost importance in handling the problems, providing they know what to do. I hope you will find some means of correcting this 'extremely dangerous situation.'" (34.)

The warning from Nininger would eventually reach Capt. Gregory of BLUE BOOK who was asked for advice (as if Air Force Intelligence knew what it was doing). Major General Lewis, in a letter to General Partridge, acknowledged the concerns of Nininger and implied that BLUE BOOK's "ten years of experience with the UFO program" could provide some guidance in the matter. (See letter) It was BLUE BOOK advisor J. Allen Hynek that alerted BLUE BOOK chief Capt. Gregory to the Nininger letter. Capt. Gregory admitted the problem as outlined by Nininger "is recognized" but the suggested solution put forth by the BLUE BOOK chief was pretty lame. Gregory nixed any proposed processing center and asserted that a new UFO regulation was all that was needed. (35.) (See letter)

10 October. Near Kemmerer, Wyoming. (Morning)

"Rounded nose and fins flaring out."

The news story said.

"M.L. Simpson and three other members of a drilling crew working the night shift on a rig on the Great lakes, near Kemmerer, Wyoming, reported that they had seen a flying object spouting red and blue flames, heading south at about 500 feet from the ground. They watched the object for three minutes before it disappeared. Simpson described it as a whale-like thing with a rounded nose and fins flaring out from it, and a broad tail. The flames were shooting out from the rear. On the same morning, a similar object was reported from Utah." (36.)

General Earle E. Partridge
Commander-in-Chief
North American Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

Dear General Partridge:

I am taking the liberty of informally bringing to your attention a matter which is regarded with some concern by my staff. I refer to the grave consequences that can result from pilots, radar units and other military observers mistaking natural aerial phenomena such as fireballs, bolides, or other meteorites for hostile devices. This concern is shared by scientists participating in the International Geophysical Year, as well as others in the field of meteorics.

In periods of tense international relations or impending hostilities, mistakes of this nature could conceivably set our retaliatory forces into motion prematurely.

Our ten years experience with the UFO Program has demonstrated that training, flight experience and education or status in life do not necessarily preclude such mistakes and the growing concern with satellite, guided missiles and so-called flying saucers has heightened speculation and anxiety on the part of many.

During the last twelve months, a large number of meteorites was reported throughout the country. One large brilliant fireball was observed simultaneously by numerous pilots and ground observers in six Western states, last October. The unfortunate aspect of the incident was the disclosure that a number of pilots were of the opinion that the object was a missile.

Letter to General Partridge

All this is submitted in the interest of the nation's defense system and for whatever action you may consider necessary.

Sincerely,

MILLARD LEWIS
Major General, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

2 January 1958

1. The attached correspondence, reviewed by a number of IGY scientists was passed on to the undersigned by Dr. Hyspek, with the suggestion that it be brought to the attention of the Air Force.

2. The grave consequences of military pilots, or members of the military or public, mistaking (and officially reporting) meteorites or "fireballs" striking the earth -- as Soviet missiles, during tense international situation or periods of impending hostilities (such as existed the few days before Pearl Harbor) is recognized. It was discussed at length by the undersigned with the Office of the Scientific Advisor last summer, as a prime reason for a "new" UFO regulation and the need for "UFO identification and guidance material."

3. New UFO regulation is now in the process of publication. A "UFO guidance and identification" manual is also in the process of completion by undersigned, workloads and other priorities permitting.

George T. Gregory
GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF
AFCIN-4E4

10 October. Near Ceres, Brazil. (about 8:00 p.m.)

"My God, that ball is going to hit the truck!"

Toward the end of October, the Secretary of Interior for the State of Goias received a report filed by Gabriel Barbosa de Andrade who handled legal matters in the Ceres area. There was a problem with two local men of such an unusual nature it was not clear which authority should investigate.

It seems a couple of men hauling merchandise to the town of Ceres by truck had a fantastic experience (if they could be believed). The men, 35-year-old Miguel Fernandez and his friend Guido, said that at about 6.00 p.m., as they were driving through a place known to the locals as "Quebra Coco," a brilliant violet-colored light came into view down the road. At first the light was dismissed as routine traffic, but as Fernandez and Guido drew nearer, the two men found that the light was really coming from a huge body suspended in the air over the highway. The truck passed under the object without causing any reaction, but before Fernandez and Guido could get away, the UFO suddenly flew to a point in front of the truck and then turned back to approach the Brazilians headon. The maneuver rattled Guido: "My God, that ball is going to hit the truck!" (37.) Guido lost control, the vehicle swerving off the pavement. At the same time the truck's electrical system cut out. The men now had two choices. They could run for it, or they could stay where they were and see what would happen next. Fernandez and Guido stayed in the truck and kept their eyes on the UFO which was now stationary and in full view.

Without warning a door opened on the side of the UFO and in the doorway were seven human-like creatures with long hair. The "people" were small in size even by Latin American standards. There was a glowing red patch of some sort on their chests but any other feature was difficult to see due to the darkness. The UFO was no longer giving off light and the only thing that was recognizable was a kind of red antenna on the craft. The mysterious UFO crew stared at the two Brazilians.

"Fernandez said that all the while the men were looking at him and Guido he felt as though he was in a trance, and had a strange feeling that they were talking to him and saying that they had come on a peaceful mission, although he heard no sounds." (38.)

After several minutes the door on the UFO shut and the craft rose to about 1,500 feet. The truck's headlights and engine returned to normal operating condition with the departure which indicates a connection between the presence of the object and the failure of the circuits.

The Fernandez and Guido story might well be something they dreamed up but when Dr. Fontes interviewed the men in February 1958 he felt they were telling the truth. The same goes for the hotel proprietor who first encountered the pair after their experience, as did Judge de Andrade who questioned the two men in order to file an official report. Both Fernandez and Guido confirmed details related by the other, and both men became emotional when recalling the event.

Allowing for the possibility the two Brazilians were trying to be a kind of Latin George Adamski, its curious the following was added to the yarn. According to Fernandez and Guido, just before they were able to drive away, another door opened in the UFO and a small flying disc exited, moving off in

the direction the parent object had approached. (39.)

11 October. Roulon, France. (2000 hours)

A short item from Peter Rogerson's INICAT: "Two people in a car saw 'a dark transparent ball' 50 cm diam., trailing appendages, rise from the side of the road." (40.)

11 October. A Russian "saucer?" Trying to scare America.

Yet another "red disc" rumor:

"The weekly magazine Aux Ecouts predicted today that in several weeks Russia will announce she has been building flying saucers for the past four years

"The paper said a Professor Sonstein directs the flying saucer research test center near Moscow and is assisted by German scientists who perfected the V-1 and V-2 rockets of World War II.

"Sonstein recently described in a Soviet science magazine what he called a practical version of a flying saucer." (41.)

It was an opportune time to float such rumors since the prestige of Russian science had zoomed.

12 October. Off shore Marthas Vineyard. (3:20 p.m.)

Weird thing swoops out of the sky. (See Naval Intelligence report. Note that 9 copies were sent to the CIA) (42.)

12 October. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Something swooped over Philadelphia's airport the same day. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (43.)

There are many cases like the Philadelphia one in BLUE BOOK files. There is just the file card with no follow up investigation

13 October. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

"Huge balls of orange."

Here is another Pennsylvania report.

"UFOs were again reported over Lancaster, Pa. Three residents saw objects that looked like huge balls of orange-colored fire moving at great speeds and far out in space. They remained in sight for 90 seconds. George C. Jacobs, 351 E. Chestnut Street, watched them around 7:20 p.m. through seven-power binoculars.

"'I had just stepped from the house on my way to church,' said Jacobs, 'when I saw the orange colored ball of fire moving from north to south. Soon it was joined by a similar object moving from east to northwest. The lights did not blink and were clearly outlined against the sky.'" (44.)

13 October. Near Corry, Pennsylvania.

Another Pennsylvania report. Reddish object lands?

According to Gene Duplantiers' UFO bulletin:

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INFORMATION REPORT OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

SERIAL NO 42-57	
DATE OF REPORT 14 November 1957	
EVALUATION B-3	REQUEST NO

DATE OF INFORMATION 16 Oct - 6 Nov 1957
FROM District Intelligence Officer, LND

SOURCE Various JAN 2 1958

SUBJECT
SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT 12 OCTOBER 1957, MARTHAS VINEYARD

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY):
THIS IR CONCERNS DESCRIPTIVE DATA REGARDING UFO SIGHTED IN SOUTH EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AREA ON 12 OCT 57.

Encl: (1) Copy of DIO-6ND Speedletter ser 01899 32E-6: Subject: Sighting of unidentified object 12 Oct 57, Martha's Vineyard

1. Enclosure (1) was received by this office on 16 October 1957. It's contents were promptly disseminated to local Air Force OSI representatives.

2. In an attempt to confirm the report of SUBJECT sighting, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, Mass., and owner of the vessel noted in enclosure (1) was interviewed. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ gave the following account of SUBJECT sighting: He, together with four others (noted in enclosure (1)) were fishing in a vessel located about two miles north of Martha's Vineyard at about 1525 local time on 12 October 1957, when a strange object, spherical or oval in shape with small protruding antennae was observed, seemingly diving directly towards the vessel. The object leveled off and headed in a southwesterly direction, directly into the wind, at a tremendous rate of speed. He and others in the vessel had opportunity to view this object through binoculars as it was in view for approximately two minutes. The object, so viewed, appeared to have the shape and surface contour of a milkweed pod, translucent in color, and about three feet in length (he noted that this figure could very easily be completely wrong since he had no idea of the distance of the object from the vessel). The object was emitting no vapor trail.

3. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ advised that he is a former Air Force Major, who was at one time a member of General MacArthur's staff, GHQ, Southwest Pacific; that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (the source of this

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4. Mr. George D. MAH, chief, Technical Information and Intelligence Office, ~~Air Force~~ Cambridge Research Center, Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., stated that although reports of all U.F.O.'s sighted in the New England area should be directed to his office, no such report was received from Otis Air Force Base concerning SUBJECT sighting, nor were any such reports received concerning similar sightings on 12 October 1957.

6. Records of the Operations Office, NAS, South Weymouth, Mass. reflect that between the hours of 1500 - 1700 (local time) 12 October 1957 approximately 34 planes, piloted by Reservists were in operation; approximately 20 of these aircraft were jets. The Operations officer advised that no record of the areas in which these planes had operated were kept, and that since no restrictions are placed on the areas in which these planes may operate any of these craft might have been in the Martha's Vineyard area at the time of SUBJECT sighting. He advised that maximum height at which any of these planes would have operated is 25,000 feet. He further indicated that none of these planes would have been involved in any special operations such as air-to-air gunnery exercises, and that no lighter-than-air craft based at that station were in the air on 12 October 1957.

8. Records of the Aerology Office, NAS, South Weymouth, Mass. reflect the following surface weather conditions for 12 October 1957: skies clear, visibility 15 miles or greater all day; surface winds of 10 kts. from west northwest, with maximum gusts of 28 kts.; temperature - minimum 37 degrees, maximum 59 degrees, average 47.6 degrees; relative humidity at 1300 51 per cent, at 1900 38 per cent. Records further reflect clear skies at 20,000 ft. with average 35 kt. winds from 310 degrees; temperature - 2 degrees. Good flying conditions prevailed throughout the entire 24 hour period.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 October 1957		2. LOCATION Philadelphia Airport, Penn.		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 12/1520Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Small very brilliant object dived vertically from very high altitude, levelled off & disappeared south. Speed estimated to be very great in relation to jet in area.				11. COMMENTS Very limited information, but possible jet a/c over crowded city & near large airport. No radar or other reports of anything unusual in area.	

"An auto carrying five Harborcreek men was passed overhead at 8 30 p.m. by a reddish object that landed in a field about 50 feet from the road, according to Harborcreek Township Supervisor Frank Szklenski, one of the men in the car. 'It was a small object, and seemed to be travelling from northeast to southwest,' Szklenski said. 'It was real, all five of us saw it!' Officials returned to the area the following day but found nothing." (45.)

13 October Long Island City, New York. (Shortly after midnight)

"Space 'Caterpillar' Lays Egg." (See report cut from an issue of a CSI New York UFO bulletin. The object may have been a deflated Skyhook balloon) (46.)

14 October San Bernardino, California.

"Gad zukes!" The moon turns into a cup and flies around (according to the Air Force). (See BLUE BOOK file card) (47.)

14 October San Diego, California (7 00 p.m.)

"The presence of something unauthorized."

Air Traffic controller Airman Vyre Ewing was on duty at 7.00 p.m. October 14th at the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego.

At a bearing of 210 degrees from the tower a bright, round-shaped, white light appeared in the sky. At arm's length it appeared to be the size of a dime. The light seemed to be 300 feet above Point Loma. For two minutes the light/object? remained stationary, after which it got smaller and smaller. The change in size gave the impression the thing was shrinking or moving away. In any case, the UFO faded away.

A couple of minutes later Airman Ewing noticed a similar strange light, brighter this time, and lower and more to the north. Like the other light, it remained visible for only two minutes before fading away.

After a pause, a third light in the sky made an appearance. This time the UFO even more to the north and even lower than before.

Using binoculars Airman Ewing could see that the light seemed to be a glowing body with a halo around the upper portion with a bluish-colored tint on one side. Concerned about the possible presence of unauthorized air traffic in the vicinity of the airfield, Airman Ewing radioed a request to the strange "aircraft" to identify itself. There was no answer after repeated attempts.

On the runway was a Navy plane waiting for take-off clearance. At the controls was Lt. Allen Ries. Also aboard the aircraft were three crewmen who observed subsequent events.

Airman Ewing asked Lt. Ries to investigate the puzzling light in the sky. Lt. Ries agreed and proceeded in the direction of Point Loma after lifting off from the runway. The light was clearly visible to Lt. Ries before he left the ground so he had no trouble guiding his plane toward the UFO. As Lt. Ries neared the UFO, things got interesting. In his written report he tells what happened. (See Air Force document. Certain words were circled by BLUE BOOK evaluators during their analysis of the case). (48.)

The fact that the UFO did not show up on radar does not disqualify the report from consideration. This has occurred so many times UFO researchers suspect UFOs can defeat radar.

15 October George Iodt's opinion.

No Case (Information Only)

13 October 1957
Long Island City, New York

SPACE "CATERPILLAR" LAYS EGG

October 13, 1957: Shortly after midnight on this clear Sunday morning, Mrs. Sophie Rashkoff and Mr. Armand du Puy, in Long Island City, noticed a very large white light in the west-northwest, about 25° above the horizon. It was certainly no heavenly body, for it was horizontally elongated, in length about the diameter of the moon, and resembled a "caterpillar", with a dark dot on each "segment." This "caterpillar" was shrinking and stretching, contracting and expanding, and

dancing about the sky in a small area. Its color constantly fluctuated between white, blue, green, and yellow, with flashes of red, but blue and green were the predominant colors. For a period of five minutes there was an appearance of yellow rays emanating from the left-hand end of the object. At one time, the object was seen to "shake itself", and then a red ball of considerable size--"about the size of a red stop light"--dropped out of its bottom, trailing "reddish-gray mist". This red object went dark as it fell, and disappeared. Altogether the "caterpillar" was watched for half an hour, and was still performing in the same spot when the witnesses stopped watching it. (Source: personal conversation with Mrs. Rashkoff, the mother of CSI member Benjamin Rashkoff.)

Comment: The blue-white star Vega, second only to Sirius in brilliance, was in the position indicated, and both the dancing motions and the prismatic colors are reminiscent of a twinkling star. But it seems inconceivable that the rest of the description could possibly be applied to a star by anyone; so this extraordinary observation is evidently an authentic one.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>14 October 1957</u>	2. LOCATION <u>San Bernardino, California</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>15/0710Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>2 - 3 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>ESE</u>	☒ Other <u>Moon</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shape of cup upside down, size of a quarter, silvery and gold. Moved East and out of site in clouds. Came down from clouds & moved back up into clouds.		11. COMMENTS Area was overcast. Moon full on this date & in about same position as object sighted. It is believed break in clouds let moon show through momentarily.	

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abreast of it off our right wingtip we observed it undergoing a rapid acceleration away from us and to the west. I noted relative motion between it and the lights of San Diego. As our range opened the light began to alternately vary in color and intensity. The extremes were bright red and a blue white, with no regular period of change from one to the other.

"I turned west and assumed a heading of 230 mag. with the light then dead ahead. In about four or five minutes (warm-up time) our radar operator reported a target dead ahead at seventeen miles and above us. The weather was clear ahead and above, with a discernable horizon and low clouds 30 miles west. The stars were bright and clear but small and dim compared with the light we were following. During the chase there was always evident a relative motion between this object and the background of stars.

"From Point Loma on out the object climbed steadily and I followed in a gradual ascent at 140 knots IAS closing irregularly. At 4500 feet the object leveled off 12 miles ahead, and then drifted right 10 degrees in about five seconds. I turned right to 240 mag., leveled off and increased speed to 160 knots. The range closed to 10 miles and stabilized. After following for about three minutes at 10 miles I decreased speed to 120 knots but observed no range rate on radar. I then advanced speed to 160 knots IAS and still observed no range rate.

"The object in the meantime drifted 20 degrees to the left, (220 mag.) in no more than 10 seconds, and then closed range to 8 miles in one rotation of the radar antenna (7.5 seconds) the range stabilized again at 8 miles and we began another gradual climb. At 8000 feet and about 40 miles from Point Loma the object leveled off and shortly after disappeared visually and on radar. Fifteen seconds later it reappeared visually but not on radar although the operator switched to sector scan and searched continuously.

"Visual contact was maintained to a distance of 50 miles from Point Loma at which time the object faded from sight bearing 230 mag. 50 miles from Point Loma. I had tried unsuccessfully on the way out to contact the tower and at 50 miles with contact lost decided to break off and return to base so as to not penetrate the ADIZ

"After landing I spoke by phone with the tower operator. His comments are better made in a separate statement, but he agreed the object he saw and sent me after was something other than a conventional aircraft."

"Awakening On The Great Out-There " (See column)

15 October. Bernardsville, New Jersey. (about 6 45 p.m.)

"As large as two fused headlights." (See article cut from CSI New York UFO bulletin found in Air Force BLUE BOOK files) (49.)

15 October. Covington, Indiana (midday)

"Motor-stalled."

An American farmer has his problems.

"Mrs. Robert Moudy said that around midday on October 15, nearly three weeks earlier [this report was filed with authorities on November 5th], her husband, a 42-year-old farmer, had sighted a flat, 'dish-shaped' object hovering 1500 feet over his farm at nearby Foster (on the Illinois border). An estimated 20 feet in diameter, it was described as a 'glowing, silver flying object' with a 'red flame shooting out of the middle of it ' Moudy was driving a combine in his bean field whe he noticed the object. 'It gave off a piccing, screaming noise like a screeching tire and then suddenly shot off into space at a 22-degree angle until it disappeared high in the sky in a few seconds.' The motor of the combine had inexplicably stopped as the object hovered overhead; and Moudy said that two cars were stalled at the same time on a nearby road. Moudy reported the incident to local civilian defense officials (this was before his wife's statements to the newspapers)." (50.)

16 October. Holloman Test Range, New Mexico. (1 30 p.m)

"Not a lenticular cloud?" (See case data taken from the APRO bulletin)

16 October. Mentone, Australia.

Air Marshal watches fast "purposeful" UFO.

Sir George Jones, wartime(WWII) Chief of Air Staff, and a pilot with 5,000 flying hours, watched something mysterious zip by at a speed of a sabre jet. His wife, Lady Jones, spotted it first and called her husband's attention to it. "It was like nothing else that I have seen or that I have heard about ---nothing that I could explain." (51.)

Passing south to north at about 1,000-1,200 feet in altitude, the UFO was a shadowy shape with a brilliant light on its underside. The high speed (400 mph or more), and the "purposeful way" the thing moved through the air in absolute silence, convinced the Air Marshal he was observing a "flying saucer," a possibility he had treated rather skeptically up to then. (52.)

16 October. Fiji Islands. (Betwen 8 45 and 9 00 p.m.)

(See Fiji Times newsclipping)

16 October. Villas-Boas farm, Brazil. (1 00 a.m.)

"Sex contact case "

(See letter to CSI's Alexander Mebane from Brazil's Dr. Fontes)

TUESDAY, OCT. 15, 1957

GEORGE TODT'S OPINION



Awakening On The Great Out-There

"Tis but a base, ignoble mind as being the center of God's entire universe. That mounts no higher than a bird can fly."

SHAKESPEARE—Henry V Act IV, Sc. I.

What are some of the implications of Sputnik?

They are already too numerous to list — some so startling as to defy the most rational thinking on our parts.

Since we are so close to space travel ourselves, isn't it time to begin to reorganize our thinking in certain areas?

For instance, what about life on other planets, other worlds?

Perhaps we will have a chance to find out for ourselves, at first hand, within the next decade — the Russians are even talking about next year! What if Man is able to explore space and finds intelligent life in his interplanetary travels? Would that be too astonishing?

Why should it be? Consider the earth as a precedent in our thoughts at this point. What does our own environment and development teach us?

Why, quite simply this: intelligent life has developed on this one celestial body we know very much about to a point where the science of astronautics is about to become a reality. If it has happened here on the lone location we may have been able to experience

in a physical capacity—why should it be deemed an impossibility to occur elsewhere in the universe?

So far the baffling average of intelligent life on planets is pretty good. We know a great deal of one planet — our own — and intelligent life is found there. We also know there are eight other planets in our own solar system.

There are actually billions of other worlds located throughout our known universe. Now thinking in terms of the law of averages

—who would be so reckless with the chances to deny that the laws of possibility must cry out with the assumption that what has happened here on earth most likely must have occurred elsewhere, too?

As a matter of sober fact, it would seem almost incredible to assume that the life force has manifested itself here alone — of all places in the universe! Why should this be? Are we so conceited, arrogant and proud that we can only imagine earthly Man

The chances are that this assumption will later prove to be a vast mistake. And it may already be later than we think.

For there is presently a vast amount of competent data on record which indicates that the earth may have been visited by intelligent beings from other worlds in the past. What about the so-called flying saucers which have been seen in increasing numbers in our skies since 1947 — and long before that? As a matter of fact, the saucers have been seen at various times in all parts of the world for hundreds of years.

A Roman writer described one 2,000 years ago in Latin as did a gifted Hindu in Sanskrit — and they bear a remarkable similarity in appearance to what is being seen today.

Certainly "mass hysteria" cannot continue down through the centuries. But the "closed mind" can — and does!

Consider the Air Force officials presently sitting on top of the celebrated "Project Bluebook," this study of the sightings of flying saucers. I have been told by an authority in that field that the man who runs the project doesn't believe in saucers and pigeonholes all the challenging data he receives. In short, he sits on top of it.

Is this the kind of thinking we ought to employ in America in the middle of the 20th century? Wouldn't it have been more appropriate in the Dark Ages?

Is it any wonder the Russian scientists may have overtaken and passed us in the realm of rare science and astronautics? Do you think they are insisting to each other that space vehicles such as flying saucers are "impossible," "childish" and "silly" — all products of "illusions" and "mass hysteria"?

It's so silly. In fact, that the Russians have announced that they plan to visit Mars next year. Perhaps they will. Who really knows?

But isn't it time for us to roll up our sleeves and show the Russians and the rest of the world that America thrives on competition—and by the time a Red spaceship lands on Mars it will find that an American team has already gotten there first?

So what are we waiting for? Let's go!

No Case (Information Only)

15 October 1957
Bernardsville, New Jersey

October 15, 1957: At about 6:45 p.m. EDT, half an hour after sunset, Mrs. Mildred E. Simms was driving home from Morristown, N.J. She was two miles from Bernardsville and had just turned from Route 202 into North Maple Avenue, which runs south to Basking Ridge. At that moment her attention was suddenly attracted by an extremely brilliant golden-yellow light to her left, "as large as two fused headlights." Her first impression was that an airplane with landing lights on was coming right at her. She stopped and rolled down the window; no sound could be heard. Some Black Angus cattle were grazing in the field; the light was beyond them, but she could not estimate its distance. It was well above the ground, though she was only certain of this the next morning, when she inspected the site by daylight, and noted that there was no hill or tower in that direction. Its direction was east-northeast, exactly opposite to Venus (with which, besides, Mrs. Simms is perfectly familiar; this light, she says, was incomparably larger and more conspicuous, though still smaller than the full moon.) It seemed to wobble, but this may have been illusory. After watching for five minutes, she started up and drove on southward. The light remained visible, apparently in the same place (now being left behind her.) Near Lyons, three miles to the south, she stopped and watched it again. From here it appeared in the north-northeast, smaller, but still large enough to see that it had apparently tilted: it presented a luminous crescent convex upward, with a dark rounded portion (perhaps the lower surface) below the crescent. She drove over the hill and lost sight of it.

Mrs. Simms's intelligence, and the facts that she is familiar with astronomical objects and took no previous interest in UFOs, influence us to take this report more seriously than if it had emanated from a witness not known to us. Information was obtained by Lex Mebane from Mrs. Simms's daughter (a co-worker of his) and subsequently directly from the observer.

UFO Over Holloman Test Range

1:30 P.M. - 16 October 1957 - object sighted by Miss Ella Fortune, Welfare Nurse at Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation while driving North out of Tularosa on Hwy. 54. She went over the R.R. overpass, saw object to NW. Proceeded along highway to Three Rivers, watching object for at least 10 min., then stopped, took one exposure on Kodachrome, with Kodak Pon 135, 1/50th Sec. exp. Got in car and continued to her destination.

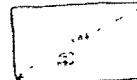
Object: Solid object with white material streaming or protruding from So. side of object. Did not move - stayed in same position during observation.

Miss Fortune said the object definitely was not a lenticular cloud - has resided in Tularosa Basin for 20 years, is familiar with such cloud formations. Her hobby is color photos - has done a lot of this work, concentrating particularly on scenery, including sky and clouds.

Mathematicians and professional analysts at Holloman could not identify it.

SIZE OF "FORTUNE" OBJECT

On reproduction in APRO Bulletin, May 1958, object is 9 mm long. Diagonal of picture is 146 mm



Object thus subtends $\frac{9}{146}$ of the camera's angle of acceptance (assuming that this reproduction represents the entire, uncropped original 35-mm picture.) Standard lens for 35-mm camera is 50-mm focal length, picture diagonal is 43 mm. θ , the angle of acceptance, is therefore twice $\tan^{-1} \frac{43}{50}$, or $\sim 16^\circ$. $\frac{9}{146} \times 16^\circ = 2.8^\circ$ for the angle subtended by the "UFO". This is a bit more than 5 times the angle subtended by the moon (0.5°), which is at a distance of 110 of its own diameters. The UFO was

Fiji Times
Oct 16, 1957

Sunday Night's Strange Sky Object Also Seen Outside Suva

A strange object seen in the sky from Suva on Sunday night was also seen by a number of members of the Underwater Spear Fishing Association of Fiji from a beach about seven miles past Korolevu

The party numbered about nine Europeans.

Mr. Ian Davidson, of Suva, a member of the party, said yesterday:

"On Sunday between 8.15 and 9 p.m. we were sitting down on the beach and suddenly noticed a bright reflection on the water.

"It was overcast at the time.

"The object appeared at an angle of about 10 degrees above the horizon.

"It was much brighter than any star that any of us had ever seen.

"It disappeared and returned twice before it finally disappeared altogether behind the clouds.

"It was more or less stationary, although some of us thought it seemed to move towards the horizon.

"There were no stars at the time.

"I thought it was much too bright to be any type of star.

"It was whitish yellow, and once when it went behind the clouds it cast a reflection above and below the cloud.

"These reflections were blue.

"We had a big discussion on it and could not agree what it was except that it was not a star."

Mr. Davidson said that the object was visible for five to seven minutes.

Mrs. Colin White, another member of the party, said that the object looked like a very watery star.

"It looked transparent at times.

"You could see its rays quite clearly on the water.

"These rays were very bright.

"I did not see it move at all.

"It was finally obscured by a cloud."

A Weather Office spokesman said that an attempt was made to focus a theodolite on the object on Sunday night, but this could not be done.

"We could see it from here with the naked eye," he said.

"It was quite bright and looked like a jellyfish."

"I think it was in the sky for two or three minutes before it disappeared."

The object was clearly visible from Victoria Parade on Sunday night.

It was then glowing a bright red and appeared to be moving up in relation to other stars.

It was first seen by children playing at Mr. K. Marlow's home at Nasese, about 8.30 p.m.

The object was still visible from Victoria Parade after 9 p.m.

November 23, 1956

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Dear Dr. Nebane:

Leonard Stringfield told you something that surely was to be expected: that many of his correspondents drifted away because he was unable to answer their letters in a reasonable time. This does not apply to my person, however, because I understand your problem. It is really very difficult to escape from the daily influx of new matters to answer letters that take time, and sometimes it is entirely impossible to get an opportunity to do these things. So, you don't need to apologize for the only letter you have written to me, several months ago. In fact, there is no necessity to answer my letters unless you have something important you feel I should know about. Right?

I am very glad to hear from you, I was particularly interested on your comment about the cases reported in my article. I already received the check for it, sent by Miss Davies, and I have seen also the printed article itself. Thanks for your interest in getting it published in 'Fantastic Universe.' My permission was not necessary and I had no other plans for it. You had asked for information about other "little-men" incidents, and this was the reason for the article. I was expecting it to be published in 'CSI Newsletter' but I believe the magazine was a very good place to put it. I confess it was an agreeable surprise.

You were impressed by the intergrading of the Adamaki-like report with the typical weird-little-being report. I agree with you that this is not a picture that falls neatly into the two categories set up previously. I have more evidence of the same kind—still more upsetting. This evidence appears to indicate that at least two races (or species) are involved on the EMC-activities. There is a size difference between the two types, that may be inconsequential. But there is also a striking diversity in their physical appearance, which may be significant. On one side, we have the dark-skinned, hairy dwarf with his 'pasty face', 'frog-like eyes', pointed ears and clawed hands, that has been sighted a number of times all over the world—he seems real. On the other side, "small-men" with a fair complexion, blond hair over the shoulders, pallid faces, slanted eyes and 'normal' hands, have been seen at least in Brazil, Paraguay, and Fiji Islands, for several times—they may be real, too. The "contact cases" with gentle Venusian boys are obviously excluded—none of the reports I am including in this second group was a "contact" in any acceptable sense of the word. According to the evidence I have, the aggressive or curious "little-man" might be considered as humanoid; the contemplative or curious "small-men", on the other hand, appear to be very much like us—human beings. This is a very disturbing fact—which I cannot explain and would like to reject—but facts are facts, theories cannot change the reality. Apparently these two races (or species) are engaged on the same, or similar tasks—apparently they never mix in the same crews, but their plans and purposes are obviously connected. It makes little difference for us—their guinea-pigs—at the end, I know; but I confessed I am fascinated by the mystery. I would like to find the answer, but I have not yet enough evidence about the "small-men" (as I call them). I have only 5 of these cases till now. That one included in my article was the first. All of these reports present common characteristics that set a definite pattern for the whole group. They are not "contact reports"—there was not any two-way communication with the people involved. The "space-beings" appearance is described as 'human', but their behavior is quite incomprehensible; in two cases they are said to 'speak', but the sounds emitted are unintelligible that one of the witnesses thinks they are not 'human-like.' All the encounters were unexpected by the people involved—they were not 'alerted' about it. No telepathy (or any other ESP power) is involved. The witnesses were terrified, baffled or annoyed, during and after the experience. They remained into the same obscurity they lived before their experience: they wrote no books, gave no lectures, started no cults.

As you see these cases include all the characteristics of the typical weird-little-being report—except for the fact that no "little-man" was involved, but small men with 'long blond hair'. At this point, you might suspect we are dealing with a distorted version of Adamaki's gentle Venusian boy—and reject these reports as hoaxes. You described yourself as capable of perceiving reasons for disbelief where "open minds" can notice nothing amiss. Also you are by now (you said) too readily inclined to believe that a strange story is a lie, this being the inevitable result of experience with the contact liars. So far as I am concerned, I have this same kind of "closed mind", that the contactists never tire of denouncing. I rejected with no hesitation all the contact claims in this country I have investigated. Let I am disturbed about those incidents of the "small-man" kind. Mostly about the incident you knew through Coral—the "sex-contact" case. I would like to try an experiment and you are the best qualified person to do it. I am going to give the facts on the case, but not the conclusions.

and interpretations that came as a result of our analysis (myself and Corall) of the whole incident. Let's see what you are able to do about it—you are free to make any comment, to try any approach, even to take the position of a hard-boiled skeptic (if you can). Later we can compare our opinions—you may discover things, logical things, which I had not considered before. I am particularly interested on your evaluation and comments about this strange tale.

The witness is a 23 years-old man, a countryman, who lives and works in a small farm at one of the most deserted places of the central region of my country. I interviewed him about his experience for many hours but, even after the most exhaustive interrogation, no evidence was uncovered suggesting a hoax—or showing him to be a pathological liar, crackpot, or mystic. The man appears to be telling the truth—or what he thinks to be the truth. His story is entirely different from any other case. There was no communication or understanding between him and the 'space-beings.' They showed no kindness or friendship toward him. He was captured by force after a tremendous fight with four of the aliens, and carried to their craft on their shoulders—still fighting desperately. He had been trapped in a deserted place when working with a tractor on a cultivated field—alone, at night (a habit here when there is too much heat). When the UFO appeared, came down silently and stopped overhead, he still was able to control his fear—but when it started to land just a few meters ahead of his machine, and the strange men appeared at the door open on the side of their strange aeroforn, then he tried to flee. But the motor of his vehicle was stalled (it was not a Diesel tractor), and the headlights collapsed. He then jumped out and started to run away—but he had lost too much time. The craft was already landed and several men were around him, and he was chased and captured; the first opponent to put hands on him was thrown in the ground by a lucky blow—but the other three attacked simultaneously before he could run again. He was carried toward the craft, still fighting and yelling for help. Incidentally—he noticed that the men reacted in a odd way ~~every time~~ he cried for help, or talked to them asking to be left free: they stopped, still holding his arms and legs, apparently to hear the sounds that came from his throat—"with respect and curiosity"; he believed they did so because they should be educated people. Inside the craft, the first thing they did was to take away all his clothes—and this started another fight.... When they got him as naked as Adam, a liquid was rubbed on his skin from the head to the feet with something like a sponge—a thick, colourless liquid, with an acrid smell. Afterwards, he was taken to a small room, put on a chair, and one of the aliens took samples of his blood, using a strange apparatus. A hollow rubber (or plastic) tube, three feet in length, was connected with a sealed ~~one~~ bottle shaped like a cup; the tip of this tube had a sucking device which was pressed against his chin. The blood was aspirated (capillary blood? O.) and filled the bottle to the middle; the hollow tube was then disconnected and replaced by another—which was applied to the other side of his chin. And the bottle was filled up. Incidentally, the witness has two small, strange, dark scars on his chin, which were left (he says) as a consequence. Then he was taken to another room and left alone for a long time (Were they analyzing his blood during this interval? Why?).

The door had been closed from the outside—all doors inside that craft, after closed, could not be detected anymore, as if they had disappeared into the walls. Our hero was tired and frustrated, and sat on the couch placed on the center of the room (very comfortable), which was the only furniture there. He was naked and scared. To make things worse, a pungent odor began to fill the place. The air became heavy and very difficult to breathe, and he got the feeling that he was going to suffocate. That "smell" seemed to interfere with his lungs, and there was a burning sensation from his nose to his chest. But he was adapted after some time, and the unpleasant sensation was gone. Then came a sudden nausea and he vomited. After this he was feeling better, and was even able to search for the origin of that strange smell. He discovered it: all-over the walls above his head there was a number of metallic projections covered with tiny holes; a grey smoke was coming through those holes and spreading in the air, dissolving slowly before his eyes. He believes that "gas" was needed for the breathing of the 'space-woman' that came later. In the other rooms of the craft, they 5 members of its crew were using—during all the time—a kind of uniform, close-fitted and linked at the wrists with thick gloves of the same colour, which included a helmet of some sort with three metallic tubes attached—tubes going from the center and sides of the head to the center and sides of the back. He never saw the faces behind those ~~strange~~ helmets, he could see only the eyes (that seemed to be blue) looking at him through thick, round glasses placed on those strange metallic (or plastic) masks, which covered the heads and necks of the strangers. In none of the other rooms he felt the "smell", the atmosphere seemed to be earth-like; but the temperature was cold, more than outside the craft.

When the door opened again and the "woman" entered the room he was confined, he got a great surprise. She was without the helmet, breathing the same air as him, i.e., earth-like atmosphere plus the smoky "gas". Besides, she was as naked as him. She came to him, her behavior being that of a "sexy" animal. She was "different" but human—and beautiful. Our man described her as follows: ".....her hair was blond, almost white, not abundant, falling to the middle of the neck, the points turning inside; the eyes were blue and large, and slanted toward the outside; the face was almost triangular in shape, with very prominent cheeks (like the Indians!) and a pointed chin; the nose was normal, but the lips were very thin and almost invis-

bles, her skin was fair, the body, arms and legs were "normal", there was a blood-red hair on her pubis...."

There was a sexual-contact between the two, which was similar to the ones he had had with earth-women. But there was a difference: she talked to me in their unknown language, but the sounds coming from her lips seemed 'animal cries'. So, inspite of her human appearance and behavior, I got the strange feeling that I was mating with an animal, all the time, because of those unusual sounds; I knew she was "talking" to me, but couldn't avoid the impression that those sounds were not human-like. She was more like an animal than a woman, I don't understand how I could be so excited....I think there was some aphrodisiac in that colourless liquid they rubbed on my skin in the other room...."

After the sexual-contact, the woman was no more interested on his person---she was very tired, breathing heavily (he was not). Yet he still wanted her and tried to continue the sexual game. She had changed, however, and avoided² for the rest of the time until he felt angry at her coldness and stopped, too---until the door opened again. One of the "men" appeared at the door and called the woman. She went out and he never saw her again. Before leaving, she turned toward him and smiled---pointed toward her abdomen, toward him, and toward a point somewhere in the southern sky, and was gone. Then the "man" appeared again with his clothes. He dressed. He noticed that all his things were in the pockets, except a lighter which had disappeared, lost perhaps in the fight outside the craft. He was taken then to the large, central room of the ship---ovoid-shaped, and with the same walls of polished, silvery metal. There was a column of the same metal at the center, going from the ceiling to the floor, this pillar was thicker at the bases than at the middle. At one side, there was a large table of unusual shape which was surrounded by 5 single seats with no backs, round-shaped, built so that they might rotate around their axes. Table and seats were made from the same silvery metal; each one had only a central leg, which was fixed on the metallic floor in the case of the table---and articulated with a moving metallic ring, in the case of the seats, which was held by three metallic stripes fixed on the floor. Three of the "men" were already seated around the table, ~~he~~ dressed in their strange grey helmets and tight-fitting uniforms of the same colour. The fourth "space-suited being" joined the group. Our hero was left alone in the middle of the room. There was no sign of the fifth member of the crew (the woman). The four "men" began to talk with each other---apparently discussing something---no more interested on the earth-man. Our man decided to use his time making a careful observation of everything around him. He tried to "hear" their "conversations", ~~he~~ to get at least the sound of words or letters---but it was hopeless. They didn't talk like human beings. They uttered "prolonged, modulated, howling sounds resembling the mournful cries of a dog. The analogy was not very good, but it was the only example he could give to describe those alien sounds---different from anything he had heard before. He knew they were "talking", but for him the sounds were all alike---animal cries---there was nothing that could be detected as words---or as letters---from a foreign language. They "talked" in a language that didn't use the normal sound material of speech (for us): the vowels and consonants.

There was an instrument on the table, not very far from the place the "men" were seated. It was a metallic square box with a glass on top of it. Looking through that glass, our hero saw a kind of dial with marks, and a needle fixed in the center. "It is a watch, or clock, of some sort," thought our man. But he was not sure. The dial showed one mark at 3, 6 and 9 o'clock---and four marks at 12 o'clock---but only those. Besides, he watched it for at least 15 minutes but the pointer didn't move during that interval---as it should be expected if that "thing" was there to mark ~~the~~ time. He decided then to pick up the object. It might be used as evidence to prove his story. If those "beings" realized his interest about it, they might possibly give the object to him as a gift. So, he picked up the object---it was heavy, weighting perhaps 4 pounds. One of the "men" saw what he was doing and moved with the speed of wind, jumping against him---like a cat. The instrument was violently taken from his hands, and the "man" angrily pushed him against the next wall. After this, the "beings" continued their "conversation" as if nothing had happened---and he was again forgotten. At the end, one of them stood up and called him with a sign. They walked toward the room he had entered the craft, four hours before. The outside door was again open, with its flexible, metallic staircase already hanging toward the ground. They went out, but didn't take that way as he expected. The creature silently pointed to a small platform built around the craft and they stepped on it, and walked around the ship. The creature stopped several times to show him details of the airship's structure. Then they came back to the staircase and the creature motioned him to leave the craft. After arriving at the ground, he turned its head: the "being" was still there, motionless. Then the "space-being" pointed to himself, to the earth and to a star in the southern sky---and was gone. The staircase was suspended and the door closed (just as, tho there had never been a door there)---and the craft took off straight up, stopped briefly some dozen feet above the ground, then moved away at tremendous speed.

There are many other details, my dear friend, but the ones described above are enough for you to see how baffling and strange is this case. The story is absolutely original, unlike any of the usual "contact-case" account. The strange shape of the UFO is another mystery. In

last, it was never described before. Let's quote from the witness report: "....The luminous object moved forward, stopping again at about 30 to 45 feet from the tractor. Then it came down very slowly, and I was able to see, for the first time, I was facing a strange craft. It was egg-shaped, like a huge elongated egg pointed at the bow and thicker at the stern. This egg was encircled by a number of small violet lights, and there was a large, red searchlight on the bow, there were also three long, horizontal, metallic spikes embedded in the front part, involved by a bright, fluorescent red glow—the same colour as the searchlight, this one had been the origin of all the light I had seen when the object was higher in the sky, that tremendous glare was seen even when the strange craft was far away. Placed on top of the egg-shaped body, on the upper side of the craft, there was a large "thing", spinning at high speed, which emitted also a bright, fluorescent, red glow. Such a light changed to a greenish colour when the airship slowed down to land—in my opinion, this change was related with the slowing down in the spinning of that rotating part. With this slower motion, it seemed to take the shape of a flattened disk of some sort (nothing could be seen before because of the motion). I am not sure, however, if this was the true shape of the rotating "thing" on top of the egg-shaped body, or if it was only an impression given by its motion—which never was stopped, even after the machine was landed. It landed on three metallic poles, which appeared from the under side when the craft was very close to the ground. The strange airship came down silently but, when it was very low, as well as when it landed, a humming sound could be heard (like that of air being sucked at high speed through millions of tiny holes). This sound was coming apparently from the huge, rotating, glowing disk placed on top of the egg-shaped body...."

This incident took place on October 16, 1957. The time was 1.00 a.m. It was not published here. Only a few people know about it, and only two interviewed the witness and have his address. They are myself and the reporter Jose Martins (from the magazine "O CPUZZIRO"). We decided to keep it secret for a time, not because the story is considered too indelicate a subject, but for another thing: if it is true, another one like it will some day appear and we are going to make a careful comparison; if they check with each other, even in the small details, we can be absolutely sure that both are true. This is the only means we have to do it. Our case not being published, no one can report a similar story unless both are true.

There is one more thing. The day after the incident, our witness became sick and his illness lasted for almost a month. His medical history was taken before his interrogation about the whole incident. I did it personally. The symptoms and signs of his illness corresponded to the clinical picture of the so-called "radiation sickness". Apparently this man was submitted to a sub-lethal dose of an ionizing radiation of some sort—possibly L-Rays or gamma-rays. I can tell you this, as a medical doctor. Unfortunately, I couldn't get absolute evidence because I saw the man about four months after his exposure, too late to use a Geiger counter....

About the size of the "space-people"—the woman was about 1,33 meters tall; the men were about 1,50 to 1,55 meters tall. These estimations are based on the size of the witness, by comparison.

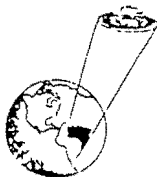
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So, you have now the details about the "sex-contact" case. There are no Venusians involved. It is no "love-story", in my opinion, but a cold-blooded "biological experiment" with a human being as guinea-pig. Of course, I don't see how this "guinea-pig" could prove that such a sex-contact was true (the female partner could, but she had to be from their race for obvious reasons, also because their interest may have been—not the experiment itself—but the product of it, if there was any). It is a wild tale, don't you think so? I rejected it in the beginning, I confess, but later I started to see things, logical things in the story, that the witness could not know about—then I saw a picture and a pattern. Coral saw it too, and was so impressed that she is absolutely convinced that the story should be taken seriously. I am still trying to convince myself that it is fictitious. Now the problem is also yours. What do you think?

book.

Yours,

Olavo Fontes

P.S. - Our good friend Phibg is well again. There is no danger of cancer as you suspected, the operation was to take out a small benign cyst that was growing again. (Laws)



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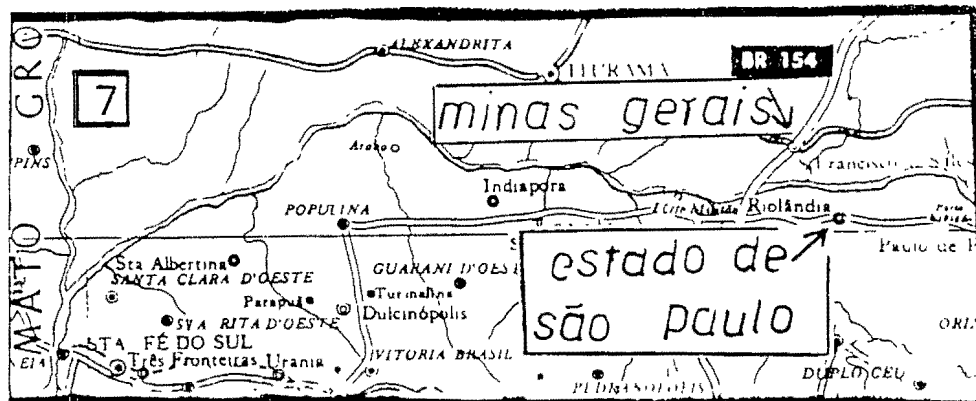
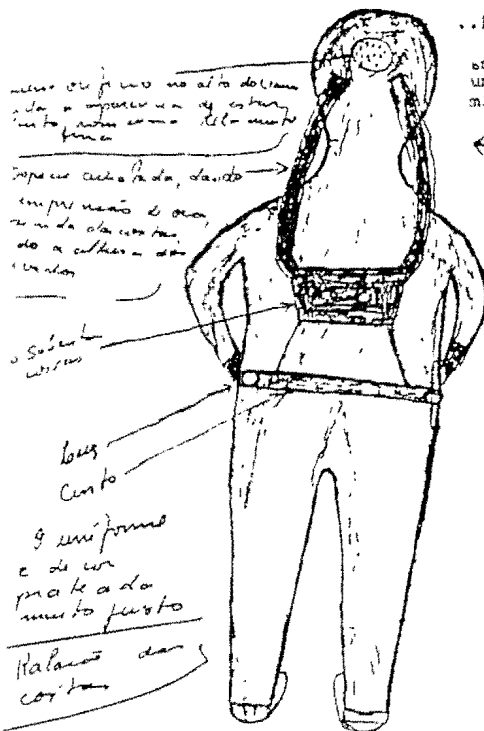


Fig. nº 7 - Mapa da região da residência de A.V.B.-fronteira de Minas com São Paulo e Mato Grosso (leia item nº 3).



..BACK VIEW

small opening in uniform covered (seemingly) by a fine screen.

.....two flat, (seemingly) hollow tubes, entering uniform at ear level, having emerged from a small protuberance on the back

girdle with
 <...light intense glaring reddish light ...>

gloves and shoes are of white colour and (seemingly) form one part with the uniform, but differ in colour (since the latter is silvery coloured).

shoes with thick soles

(sketch by A.V.B. of a crew member, received by air-mail at printing time, referring to the text on page nr.8 and the sketches (nr. 1) on page 1. Some more dates of A.V.B.: Birthdate: May, 1934; 1,69 meters tall.)

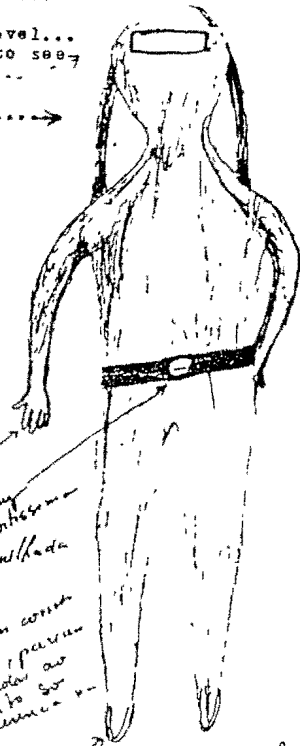
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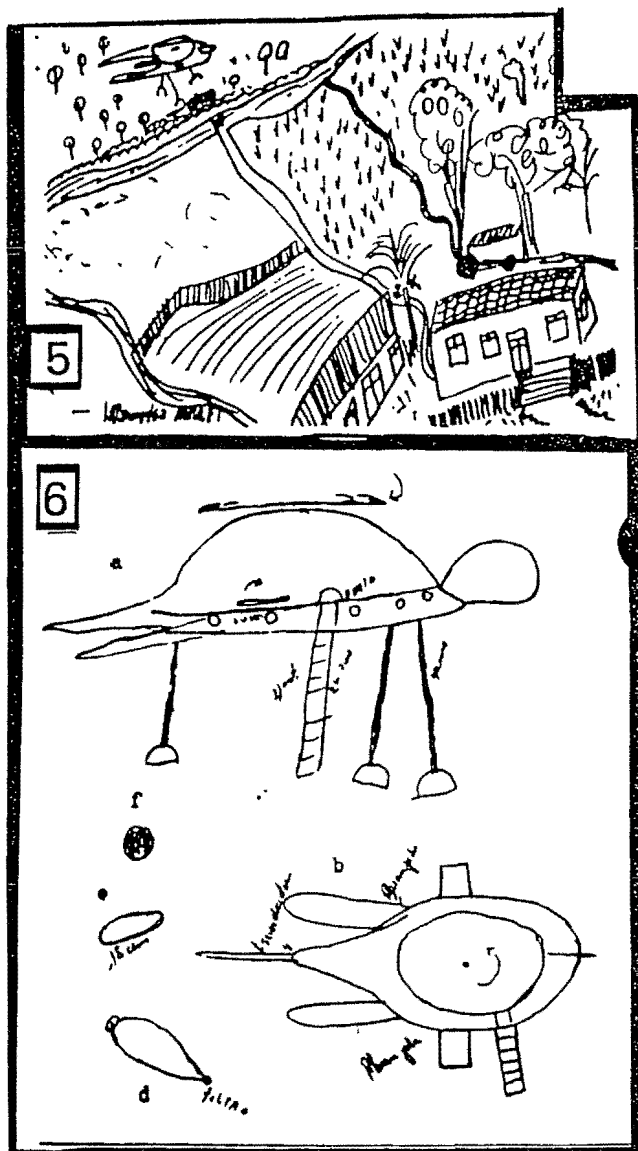


Fig. 5 - Esboço (feito pelo Dr. Mário P. Aquino) do aspecto topográfico da região do caso de A.V.B. (leia item nº 3B e 3F)

Fig. 6 - Esboços feitos por A.V.B. para a SBEDV:
 a)-DV visto de lado,
 b)-DV visto de cima;
 d)-tipo da seringa usada;
 e)-impressão, do sapato do tripulante, no chão
 f)-impressão, do tripê, no chão (leia item nº 3F).

After his ordeal, Antonio mounted his tractor to drive home but the engine wouldn't turn over. Since the alien ship was long gone, Antonio wasn't sure his "visitors" were responsible. Checking under the hood he found the battery cables disconnected. Knowing the cables had been firmly in place before his abduction, it was Antonio's belief one of the strange little men had taken precautions to prevent his escape. Clever guys, he thought.

Antonio returned to the site the following day and found numerous marks on the ground, footprints and landing gear indentations. He had nightmares about the abduction for weeks.

Antonio couldn't find the courage to tell anyone about the experience except his mother, but when he read a UFO article in the November, 1957, issue of the Argentine publication O Cruzeiro, authored by journalist Joao Martins, he knew he had found someone who would be sympathetic. Martins begged UFO witnesses to come forward and relate any information they had on the mystery. Antonio wrote Martins on November 15, 1957. Martins was interested enough to contact Brazil's foremost UFO expert, Dr. Olavo Fontes, and to ask the Rio physician to assist in an investigation.

Both Martins and Fontes pooled their money to finance a trip to Rio by the young farmer so medical examinations could be conducted and a deposition taken. Antonio agreed to the plan (he felt it was his civic duty) and arrived in Rio de Janeiro on February 22, 1958.

Fontes and Martins conducted a sophisticated, four hour, interrogation of Antonio. The young farmer resisted "traps" and avoided contradictions during extensive questioning. He was poised and spoke fluently. The 23-year-old from Brazil's outback passed the test with flying colors. Moreover, a background check proved highly favorable. Villas Boas had a reputation of being honest, serious, and hard working. He showed no interest in profiting from his claims (at the time or subsequently), and he was not the typical self-deluded contactee who wanted everyone to believe he was the recipient of some "Space Brother's wisdom."

Fontes gave Antonio a medical examination and determined the young man to be normal in body and mind. Antonio did, however, mention that right after the incident in question he did suffer from a number of ailments: insomnia, fatigue, body pains, nausea, headaches, loss of appetite, burning sensation in the eyes, watering of the eyes, yellow spots all over the body, and the fact that any minor bruising caused cutaneous lesions. It was far too late to do a blood test to make sure, but Fontes recognized the symptoms as radiation exposure. How could a simple country boy know enough to come up with a fake yarn with those details? Furthermore, Fontes located two circular areas on each side of Villas Boas' chin which suggested the cells were a bit atrophied (smoother and thinner than the skin on the rest of the face). It was at two such locations where blood samples, according to Antonio's testimony, were extracted by two tubes that caused a burning sensation. Was it hard evidence of the abduction?

The result of the investigation was impressive as far as Fontes was concerned, but even then he held back an unqualified endorsement. Fontes and Martins agreed to keep the story under wraps in the hope a similar case would surface to provide some evidence of the veracity of Antonio's assertions (It was also suggested by Gordon Greighton that Brazilian State Security wanted things kept quiet for reasons of its own). In any case, nothing was published for years. Besides the letter to Alexander Mebane of CSI (reproduced in this text), news of the Villas Boas case was brought to the attention of the American UFO

group APRO in 1958. Coral Lorenzen favored the possibility Antonio had suffered from a sexual fantasy.

In an early 1959 issue of Escobar Farias' publication was the smallest of hints to the existence of the case: "A woman, but not monstrous, had sexual intercourse inside a flying saucer." (53.)

Finally, a rumor about the "encounter" reached the editor of a Rio-based UFO bulletin, a Walter Buhler, who learned that Brazilian State Security was investigating. If the authorities were interested, perhaps there was some truth to all the talk about a Brazilian making love to a spacewoman.

Accompanied by a Dr. Prudente Aquino, Buhler set out to find Antonio, and after a 1,500 kilometer trip into the hinterland, he tracked down the man he was looking for. The youngest son of the Boas family was shy and intensely reluctant to speak about the subject. It seems Antonio had since married and his wife didn't want him dwelling on sexual adventures with another woman even if it was some supposed cosmic dallying.

After some urging, Antonio told Buhler the facts as he remembered them four years after the event (it was now July 1961). Because of the passage of time, Buhler's notes lacked some details of the Fontes/Martins 1958 deposition when the incident was still fresh in Antonio's mind, but otherwise the account as recorded was fairly complete.

Buhler realized he had a sensational item for his SBEDV Bulletin and had no qualms about telling the world. The story, as he knew it, was published in his UFO bulletin. (54.)

Gordon Creighton and the Flying Saucer Review.

A copy of Buhler's Villas Boas issue found its way to England's Flying Saucer Review. Gordon Creighton, who did translations of foreign material for the Review, had read some wild stuff over the years but this latest narrative in Portuguese took the blue ribbon. Creighton didn't quite know what to make of the story. The editor of the Review, Waveney Girvan, was a George Adamski fan and couldn't imagine the beautiful saucer people (from a perfect society) running around raping earthlings. Girvan considered the story dubious at best. The Englishmen, like Fontes and Martins, chose to sit on the case until something happened to confirm the incredible tale. From a personal standpoint, Creighton also felt the Review's readership might find the sex business distasteful or frightening. The paper work was filed away.

Toward the end of 1964 Martins felt enough similar cases had been recorded to justify the publication of the 1958 interrogation of Villas Boas. A series of articles appeared in the Buenos Aires Spanish language O Cruzeiro Internacional, a popular magazine with a huge circulation. The title of the series was La Mujer del Otro Mundo (The Woman From Another World). For his own reasons Martins used the pseudonym "Heitor Durville."

Buhler was quick to alert the Flying Saucer Review to the fact that the Villas Boas affair was no longer a big "secret." It just so happened that Girvan, who had not taken the Villas Boas story seriously, had died. Mr. Charles Bowen, the new editor of the Review, let himself be persuaded by Creighton to have the Brazilian text translated and published in English.

Relying on Buhler's information, Creighton produced a series of articles with the first installment appearing in the January 1965 issue of the Review with the title: "The Most Amazing Case of All." Finally, after years

of delay, the Villas Boas story was available to the rank and file English-speaking UFO community.

The Villas Boas case troubled Fontes. During a trip to the U.S., Fontes mentioned the case in a conversation with Coral Lorenzen of APRO. She later wrote in one of her UFO books:

"You have to consider that South American men are quite romantic. Now the Villas Boas case, in which a Brazilian farmer supposedly had sexual relations with a female UFO occupant, bothered Dr. Fontes considerably. He sat right here in our dining room and said, 'I don't want to believe it. It's too bizarre. It's also illogical.' As a married man with a lovely wife and as a Brazilian male -- a member of a culture which worships its women -- he was afraid there might be some violation of women involved. I didn't see it that way at all, to me it was a kind of detached experiment." (55.)

There is no better example of what split NICAP and APRO than the Villas Boas case. In a 1966 letter to Dr. James McDonald, a NICAP insider commented on Coral's latest UFO book:

"The sex case [Antonio] is in it, in gory detail. We have known about that story for years and Fontes gave us a full report on it during his visit to NICAP last year. APRO's hypocrisy (unless it is genuine stupidity) galls me. They have seized on every sensational tale for years, yet they are the 'superior research group.'" (56.)

Researchers interested in the Villas Boas case should also consult the book The Humanoids, edited by Charles Bowen (1969) pp.220-ff. There is a discussion of the possibility there may exist some connection between the Villas Boas case and other early UFO incidents like the Hills abduction, the Socorro landing, and the Valensale, France, sighting. Another book that might interest any researcher is Bob Pratt's UFO Danger Zone (1996). Wild stories from Brazil seem to be the rule rather than the exception. (57.)

17 October. (date approximate) Barra de Jucu, Brazil.

Object lands:

"A huge object reportedly landed near here. It was seen flying low on the Barra-Vitoria road by several people including truck drivers. It emitted a green-blue light. It eventually departed vertically." (58.)

17 October. Whakapara, New Zealand.

"Orange-colored ball." (See clipping)

19 October. Mildenhall, England.

Orange ball over R.A.F. station. (See statement from BLUE BOOK files) (59.)

19 October. New York City. (7 05 p m.)

New Zealand

1-8 OCT 1957

PRESS (TAUMARUNUI)

WHAT WAS IT?

BEAUTIFUL FLYING OBJECT.

A FASCINATING SIGHT

(Received 1 p.m.)

Oct 17

(By Telegraph—Press Association)

Whangarei, this day

One of the most colourful "unidentified flying objects" yet recorded is claimed to have been seen on Wednesday evening at Whakapara by Mrs John Berghan, a 30-year-old mother of seven children. "Just before 10 p.m. I walked outside and I saw a very bright orangey-coloured ball stationary in the sky," she said. "Six small lights shot out one after another from the orange ball. These were in different vivid colours—red, blue, white and green colour. They formed themselves into the general shape of a triangle, after which they appeared to re-enter a mother-ship. The orange-ball 'went out'. It had been as bright as a star. Two or three minutes later, it was bright again and appeared to go into the shape of a new moon, about one quarter its original size."

Mrs Berghan went on, "Then the beautiful colours came out again but returned once more to the 'star' which finally faded completely away."

Mrs Berghan said she observed this phenomenon for "a good 20 minutes". She was facing north at the time

SAUCER EXPLANATION

Kingston: I read with interest the letters in the Voice about those three shining disks that were seen over New York in the early evening hours of Oct. 19. I saw the same thing here in Kingston. We were told here that the disks were really the aurora borealis or northern lights, a common sight at this time of year. Could that be what everyone was looking at?

FRANCIS PASSER.

New York
Sunday
Nov 10-57

"SAUCERS" VERIFIED

Queens: Hookay for Voiceer Israel Demsky, who wrote that his family had spotted three spinning disks in the sky on Oct. 19. It's good to hear that someone else in New York saw these objects. We thought we had Sputnik fever.

FELLOW MOON-WATCHER

Queens: I saw those spinning disks, too. I thought it was a fireworks rocket until I saw Mr. Demsky's Voice letter. I remember the day because it was my birthday.

LILLIAN PEREZ.

Metedeconk, N. J.: Voiceer Demsky, of Brooklyn, related seeing three disks in the sky on Oct. 19 at 7:05 P. M. We saw the same objects approximately 15 minutes later in the Point Pleasant area. We estimate, therefore, that they were traveling at 280 mph; and they were, by the way, soundless.

C. STAGER Jr.

Brooklyn: Standing on the corner of Third Ave. and Bay Ridge Ave. on Oct. 19 but at 12:10 A.M. I saw three very bright disks. So you are right, Mr. Demsky, something did fall from the sky.

Mrs. ALICE MILLER

Mildenhall, England

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S T A T E M E N T

21 October 1957

At 1710 on the 19th of Oct. an unidentified object was sighted by A/2C Pringle and A/2C Warsewich. The above named airman were on duty in the control tower at the time. The object was at an unknown altitude and distance from the station. When first sighted the object appeared to be approximately 5 degrees above the horizon. When last observed it had dropped to approximately 3 degrees above the horizon. When first sighted the object was south west of Mildenhall R.A.F. Station. The object appeared to be stationary. At 1809 when the object was obscured from the tower's vision it had moved to the west approximately 15-18 degrees. At 1755 the weather observer working in the tower was notified. The weather observer said he could not identify the object, but it definitely was not a star or other celestial body. At 1803 Lakenheath R.A.F. was advised of the U.F.O. and said they had no aircraft in the area. At 1801 Westerbeeck A.T.C. was advised, they also said they had no aircraft in the area. The U.F.O. was obscured from the tower's vision at 1809 by clouds.

During the sightings of the object it appeared to be circular and a light yellow in color at first, then changing to a definite orange before being obscured by clouds.

At 1925 Lakenheath R.A.F. advised MI that they could see an object to the SE of MI. R.A.F. said the object was changing colors from yellow to orange and was stationary. Lakenheath checked on balloons in the area plus aircraft and reported neither in the area. MI received a wind aloft report from Insly and Crawly, both stations had the winds from the west at all altitudes. At 1930 Lakenheath advised MI they had 3 targets on their radar. Two of the targets were at approx. 11 miles. Altitude unknown. The two targets were also stationary. The 3rd target was moving slowly toward the station. Also the targets were visible from Lakenheath. MI was advised and also picked up the targets which coordinated with Lakenheath. At 2135 the tower advised Flight Service of the U.F.O.

At 2040 Scholthorpe WX station picked up the unidentified targets on their radar. The positions coincided with those Lakenheath Control and Mildenhall GCA had reported. Scholthorpe WX station tracked one of the targets from NW of MI to 9 miles SE of MI, then it started to go west. At 2220 Scholthorpe had a stationary target 8 miles SE of MI at this time they reported turning off their radar.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Harold Pringle
RAFOLD 1 PPL 1213, AF19554310
A/2C, 1970-2 AMES DEB CH 17
Control Tower Operator

William Warsewich
RAFOLD 1 PPL 1213, AF19554310
A/2C, 1970-2 AMES DEB CH 17
Weather Observer

Three discs over the Big Apple?

A resident of New York wrote a letter to the New York Daily News.

"On Saturday, October 19, at about 7.05 p.m., my family and I saw a strange sight in the sky. Three spinning disks were up there, following one another. It was a clear and starry night. Yet when I asked other people whether they had seen anything, they looked at me in surprise. The only time New Yorkers look up, it seems, is when they feel a drop of rain." (60.)

The witness was wrong about New Yorkers. A number of other people were alert and willing to come forward. (See clipping from the New York Sunday News.)

20 October. New York City. (12 45 p.m.)

The next day even a member of the staff of the Daily News saw something (See statement made to the CSI New York UFO organization)

20 October. Brooklyn, New York. (8.42 p.m.)

Later in the day still another person viewed a UFO.

"On the night of October 20, 1957, Sunday, I was up on the roof of 849-42nd Street, Brooklyn looking up at the constellation Pegasus and calculating the variable star Beta Pegasus. This was at 8:40 in the evening. There was a slight haze in the atmosphere and the stars were twinkling madly. The sky was very clear otherwise. It was very cold and damp somewhat.

"My mind was also alert for the Orion Shower, a meteor shower from the constellation Orion that at that time of night is still not visible above the horizon, when suddenly at 8:42 or so p.m. I noticed a peculiar apparition silently coming into and crossing Pegasus. At first I thought it was a meteor but after a few seconds of studying it I suddenly realized it was not. It was a dim orange oval shape that seemed to be coming from the northwest and in the middle of the constellation Pegasus sharply changed its course for the south and soon disappeared about 35 to 40 degrees above the horizon. It lasted about 6 or 7 seconds in the sky before it disappeared. (61.)

20 October. Russian saucers?

Castro's take over of Cuba was still two years in the future but that did not keep the Havana magazine Bohemia from spreading pro-Russian saucer rumors. Its hardly surprising the story came from the publication's Berlin correspondent, a city of spies and disinformation agents. (See article)

21 October. Gaydon, England. (9.18 p.m.)

UFO over V-bomber base. (See clipping)

21 October. Alliance, Ohio. (8:10 p.m.)

"Reddish-orange streak cigar."

The GOC post just east of the Shunk Avenue-Chestnut Street intersection in Alliance, Ohio, the night of October 21st, was manned by a highly experi-

Related at CSI office on June 26, 1959 by the observer.

New York City
October 20, 1957

At 12:45 P. M., Arthur B. Buckley, a staff photographer for the Daily News, was on his lunch hour. He walked around to E. 40th street to watch them putting up steel for the new News garage. The sky was cloudless with the Sun in the south. Was looking NE through the steel.

He noticed, through the girders, a bright flash. Looking, he spotted a black dot, "about the size of a pinhead at arm's length." The object was moving in a "crazy pattern," moving & stopping. This led him to believe that it was no plane or bird. Then (it was more to the E now) it began to come rapidly toward him, moving S. It changed color as it approached rapidly, & became reddish-orange, increasing very fast in size to about 10 times its original size. The object seemed luminous and was teardrop-shaped, but did not have a sharp outline. It was a bright orange as it passed in front & still accelerating. Then it slowed down again, losing brilliance as it went off to the SE and came to a stop, again a dark object. The object was larger now than it was at first. It tilted up to a 45 degree angle as it stopped (at this point it displayed a cupola similar to a Mexican hat).

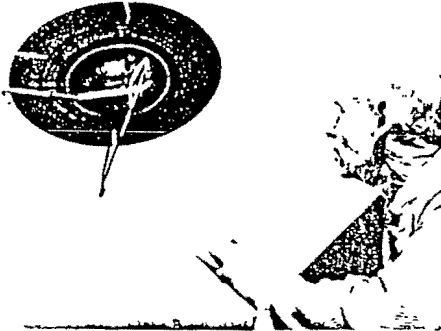
This final appearance was "quite distinct." A truckdriver was also watching it. Buckley said, "It looks to me like a saucer." The truckdriver replied, "Oh, is that what it is?" No more was said.

The object suddenly flicked off toward the Sun so fast that it was lost to sight instantly. The day was ideal for a picture, but he had no camera. He has seen others, but never so clear as this. He told others at The News, but they simply laughed.

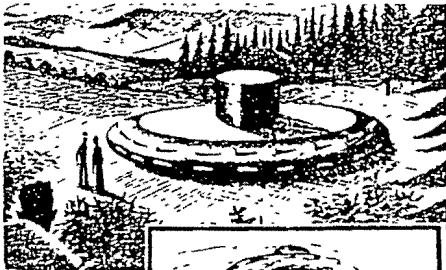
Comment by ADM: Witness is unlikely to invent story, but it is true that he was familiar with UFO literature. However, if initial zigzag maneuvering is accepted, this can be nothing than a UFO.

Note: On the previous day, October 19, 3 disc-shaped objects were spotted by numerous persons in New York City and at Metedeconck, New Jersey, and possibly at Kingston, New York (where a dubious explanation was attempted).

¿SON de los RUSOS los PLATILLOS VOLADORES?



El inventor Dr. Key muestra un modelo de platillo volador diseñado por él. El disco rota como un helicóptero, las palcas del borde se abren luego por la fuerza centrífuga impulsado por un motor de retro-propulsión el aparato puede transportar a una persona.



Estos dibujos fueron hechos por un artista de acuerdo con la descripción del testigo Herr Link.



ARMADOS con una sensacional declaración jurada por un testigo presencial los oficiales del servicio de inteligencia en el Ejército Occidental investigan la más oscura historia de platillos voladores jamás reportada.

Las pruebas de que un fantástico artefacto como un calentador de cama de cincuenta pies sin mango y con una torre de mando de diez pies —despegó con una tripulación de dos personas en el claro de un bosque en la zona soviética, está siendo objeto de estudio en las más altas esferas. Se espera que conteste la gran pregunta: ¿son los platillos voladores un nuevo invento ruso secreto?

El hombre que por vez primera

VOLADORES?

He aquí lo que contó un testigo presencial que con su relato impresionó al servicio de inteligencia militar.

por **ANTONY TERRY**

(Corresponsal en Berlín de periódicos ingleses)

"NO ME SORPRENDERIA VER PRONTO VOLANDO UNO DE ESOS DISCOS..."

En su edición de la segunda semana de este mes la revista de París **AUX ECOUTES** publica una información que confirma lo dicho en este artículo.

—Dentro de pocas semanas —vaticina Aux Ecoutes— los rusos anunciarán que están construyendo platillos voladores.

La información se basa en datos tomados de revistas soviéticas. Un profesor alemán de apellido Sonstein dirige las pruebas experimentales con los platillos cerca de Múscu dijo Aux Ecoutes. Le asisten hombres de ciencia alemanes que trabajan en el perfeccionamiento de los cohetes V-1 y V-2.

Recientemente el profesor Sonstein describió en una revista científica soviética una versión práctica del platillo volador y afirmó:

—Yo me sorprendería ver pronto volando uno de esos discos hechos por los rusos.

¿Cual fue esta notable historia fue el ex mayor Oskar Link, un hombre de pelo gris y cuarenta y ocho años de edad, residente en Glemershausen, cerca de Múscu, había escapado de la zona rusa con su mujer y seis hijos.

Ahora se puede revelar que, en presencia de funcionarios del Ejército Occidental y junto con su pareja de once años, Gabriel, hizo la siguiente declaración jurada: «Vimos a lo alto un objeto...»

Huía hacia el este en mi moto ciclada con Gabriel en el asiento de atrás cuando se nos presentó una goma blanca de la aldea de Hassenbach.

Entonces empujamos la moto

ciclada hacia Hassenbach. El objeto venía para algo que había a unos ciento cincuenta pies. En la media luz lo tomé por un cervatillo. Deje mi moto recostada contra un árbol mientras me acercaba al cervato con cautela. Ya me hallaba a unas sesenta yardas del mismo.

Entonces me di cuenta de que mi primera impresión había sido incorrecta. Lo que habíamos notado eran dos figuras al parecer humanas que ahora se hallaban a cien sesenta yardas de mí.

—Parecían estar vestidas con una especie de substancia metálica resplandeciente y se inclinaban examinando algo que había en el suelo.

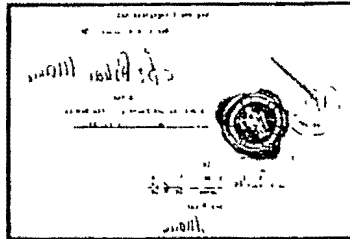
—Yo me arrastré sigilosamente hasta llegar a unos treinta pies de ellos. Alzando por encima de un pequeño caballete de tierra, observé un gran objeto que juzgué tendría de cuarenta a cincuenta pies de diámetro, aunque era difícil de verlo con exactitud. Parecía un enorme calentador de cama ovalado.

Había dos hileras de agujeros a los lados como de un pie de diámetro. Cada hilera distaba de la otra como pie y medio.

Del objeto metálico se proyectaba hacia arriba una 'torre de mando' negra y cilíndrica como de diez pies de altura.

Link proseguía: Entonces me alarmé por haberme llamado mi hijo que se quedara algo más atrás. El sonido de sus voces debió haber llegado a los oídos de las dos fi-

(Continúa en la Pág. 101)



Parte de la declaración jurada hecha por Herr Link.

The Townsville Daily Bulletin

Australia

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1957.

Flying Object Puzzle Above R.A.F. Station

LONDON, October 27 (A.A.P.).—The Air Ministry is investigating the sighting last week of an unidentified flying object over the airfield at Gaydon (Warwickshire), one of the R.A.F.'s top V-Bomber stations.

The "Sunday Express" reported this to-day. The newspaper said the object was picked up by ground radar and seen by a night fighter pilot.

It was the first time that an unidentified flying object had been detected from the air and from the ground.

The newspaper said last night there was no explanation.

The Air Ministry was awaiting the report of a senior intelligence officer who had visited Gaydon and other stations concerned.

Just Missed OCT. 21

The facts of the case, said the "Sunday Express," were that at 9.18 p.m. (G.M.T.) last Monday, Flying Officer D. W. Sweeney, a pilot of considerable experience, was flying a meteor jet at 28,000 feet when he almost collided with the object.

He said it was moving slowly and showing six lights. He calculated it was directly over Gaydon.

After violent evasive action, Flying Officer Sweeney had reported that he approached the object from the starboard side, but the lights had gone out and it disappeared, said

the "Sunday Express."

The object was not large and its outline was blurred, he reported.

On Radar

A radar report from the R.A.F. station at Langtoft, confirmed that the object was at 28,000ft. over Gaydon.

A check had shown that Sweeney's Meteor was the only aircraft in the area at the time.

The "Sunday Express" writer said it was possible for a Russian aircraft to fly undetected over Britain during the nightly radar stand down, provided that there were no night exercises in progress.

Although they may not have cameras to photograph airfields at night, delicate radar sets could be used to map airfields accurately and even show the number of aircraft on the ground, the writer said.

enced volunteer named Kermit B. Ward. Mr. Ward became puzzled at 8:10 p.m. when something unusual took place. To the southeast a "thing" became visible which was suspended in the sky. Mr. Ward described it as a mysterious "vertical reddish-orange streak cigar." There was no way to determine altitude but from the GOC post the thing was 35-40 degrees elevation.

Mr. Ward was not imagining things because others in town viewed the object, as did some state troopers at the town of East Palestine which is 30 miles from Alliance.

In Mr. Ward's opinion, the phenomenon was a solid object, sharply outlined except for the ends of the "cigar" which were "fuzzy." The indistinct nature of the "cigar's" ends apparently was not due to any haze in the air since the atmosphere over the city of Alliance was clear. No detail could be discerned with binoculars.

An "Aircraft Flash" report was phoned to the Canton Filter Center. The UFO remained stationary and otherwise did nothing exciting but the Filter Center asked Mr. Ward to maintain a constant watch.

For about an hour Mr. Ward kept his eyes on the object but there was no change except for a fading in and out. Whether this was due to some atmospheric refraction or high altitude haze could not be determined by Ward.

Possibly the phenomenon was amendable to some conventional explanation to this point but then the thing faded out and reappeared in a different part of the sky! This time it was in the southwest where it continued its fading-brightening performance.

After about 20 minutes the object disappeared only to reappear in a third position in the heavens, to the northeast, where it behaved in the same peculiar manner.

There was no fourth shift. When it faded at 10:30 p.m., it never reappeared.

There was no movement from place to place reported. The UFO just "popped up" in a particular position. (62.)

21 October. Neptune, New Jersey. (7:59 p.m.)

Now that people were looking up more, they were reporting many "fast-moving Sputnik counterparts." The following is one of many.

The witness evidently knew something about astronomy:

"Enclosed is a sketch of the sky on the date and time indicated. Can you explain the object I saw. My wife also saw it. It was a naked-eye object, an identical, blinking, fast-moving counterpart of Sputnik.

"I first picked up the rocket approximately in the center of the Square of Pegasus at approximately 7:29 p.m. as scheduled. It was visible to the unaided eye, but I also tracked it with 8X-35mm binoculars having a field of 115 yards.

"I picked up the satellite at approximately 7:59 as scheduled, in Cassiopeia, and tracked it to the point below Serpens indicated. At this point a blinking, swiftly moving object appeared likely to collide with Sputnik and we watched it spell-bound. What apparently were two jets flying fast and high appeared out of the southwest in the wake of the object which itself was soundless. By the time the planes reached the zenith, the object had disappeared in the N.E. and I could not hear the jet engines overhead until the planes, each bearing greenish-

blue lights, were midway to the eastern horizon." (63.) (See sketch)

22 October. South Downs, England. (4:40 p.m.)

"What in heaven's name is that thing hanging out there?"

According to a Miss Lash:

"I visit an old uncle once a week and it was on the afternoon of October 22, at 4.40 p.m. while I was cutting chrysanthemums in his garden, that I happened to notice a curious 'cloud' in the sky. The sky itself was quite clear except for a thick bank of haze on the horizon--off the French coast. I was located at the time on one of the residential slopes of the South Downs with a splendid view over the town and the sea. The sun had set and the sky was pinky-gold with the afterglow. There was no wind.

"The object was cigar-shaped, apparently of thick pinky-grey cloud, and it hung absolutely motionless, the southern end tilted slightly upwards. From where I was it seemed about 4 inches in length, but was obviously many, many miles away over the Channel to the southwest, and at a great height. Its actual size must have been huge. I noted it idly for about 15 minutes, during which time its position did not change at all, and as I was quite unable to decide whether it was a natural cloud or not, I decided in the affirmative, and dismissed the matter from my mind.

"However, following tea with my uncle, he asked me to switch on the lights at 5:35 p.m. and went himself to draw the curtains over the French windows which lead on to a terrace facing south. To my astonishment I heard him exclaim: 'What in heaven's name is that thing hanging out there?' I joined him at the window and saw, in exactly the place of the 'cloud' I had viewed in daylight, a great sparkling object hanging among the stars. I knew that Jupiter and Venus were both close to the sun on that day, but this was far too large to be either a star or planet. My uncle became very excited and ran to find his binoculars, and together we stood on the terrace and had a splendid view of what I was now suspecting to be a UFO.

"My uncle announced: 'Well! whatever it is, it is certainly not a natural heavenly body. It looks like an enormous chandelier.' Through the glasses, however, it looked to me like the 'cloud' with a double row of lighted portholes rising to a triple row in the centre. It was sparkling red, blue and gold. My uncle advised me to get back home quickly and get my telescope fixed on the object. Meantime, he was due down in Worthing at his club, and said he would make inquiries, and also have a look at the object from the sea-front. I got back to my own home at 6:10 p.m. but the object had then disappeared.

"Last night was the first contact I had with my uncle since the incident and of course we discussed it. He told me he did not

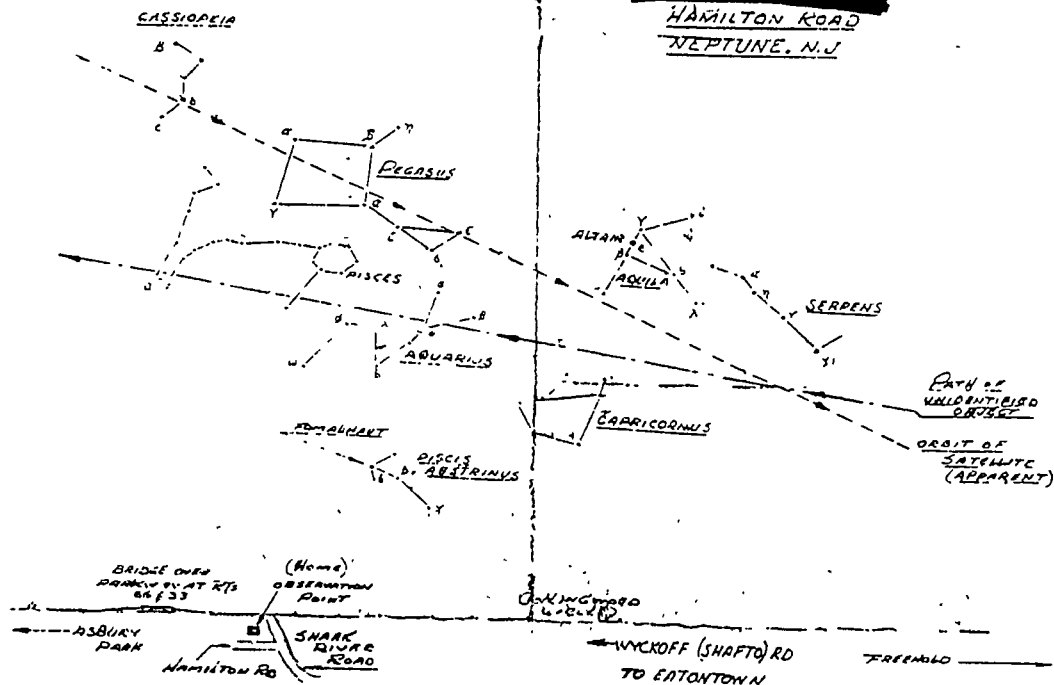
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 7:58 AM. ROCKET SIGHTED
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meet anyone else that had seen the object and he had been unable to see it from the town owing, he thought, to the glare of the sea-front flood-lighting." (64.)

22 October. Leeuwarden, Holland. (7:25-8:15 p.m.)

Meanwhile, across the English Channel:

"On the roof of his house Mr. S. Jansma at Leeuwarden(Friesland) saw from 7:25 till 8:15 p.m. many strange objects flying noiselessly in the skies from west to east. It could not have been aeroplanes or flocks of wild geese, as Mr. Jansma is familiar with the noise these make." (65.)

22 October. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (7:30 p.m.)

From Pittsburgh on the 22nd came a multiple object sighting like those often reported during major UFO flaps:

"Sighting was made at approximately 7:30 Tuesday, October 22, 1957. Observer and nine-year-old son were returning from neighborhood store, when son noticed first of 3 moving lights, which were then observed by both parties. Lights appeared shapeless from point of observation. They were at an estimated distance of 200 yards, and were seen for approximately 10 seconds, as they passed between houses they were in a loose trail formation and moving slowly.

"Second group was seen from a point about 50 yards from the first sighting. Three similar lights were seen. Two were hovering motionless and the 3rd approached at a slow speed, and joined the other two two forming a vertical triangle formation. At which time all three objects then moved together, holding the same formation. Observer was now in his back yard, and quickly got binoculars from the house. Objects were watched until out of sight. No form was distinguishable other than a light." (66.)

22 October. Haviland, Kansas. (0150Z)

Ground control vectored flight "Backstage 6" to the area at 6:20 p.m. and searched the sky for 15 minutes without seeing anything. (See BLUE BOOK file card. (67.)

22 October. Praia Grande, Brazil.

According to the local press:

"...five respectable and reliable people of Sao Paulo Capital (they asked for anonymity), saw a UFO on the ground near the beach with strong searchlights illuminating the vicinity. They drove the car toward that object, but it wiped out its lights and climbed slantly in the direction of the sea at a fantastic speed." (68.)

23 October. Near Pampa, Texas. (8:15 p.m. EST)

Self-luminous elliptical body. (See special report to NICAP) (69.)

23 October. Corpus Christi, Texas

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 October 1957		2. LOCATION Haviland, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/0150Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual Binoculars ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong object, size of half dollar, pure white to reddish, three objects one on top of other with third trailing behind. No exhaust. No sound. Half moon shape with dome on top. Attracted by strong light of object. No maneuvers.				11. COMMENTS Possible balloon. Sighting possible astro except that motion rptd as north. Insufficient data for evaluation.	

ATTC FORM 339 (REV 26 SEP 57)

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Airbourne Object

TO : National Investigations Comm. on Aerial Phenomena

Report No: 1

Pampa

During the evening of 23 October 1957, at about 2015 Central Standard Time, I was flying a Beechcraft Bonanza from Kansas City, Missouri to Albuquerque, New Mexico. With me was a passenger, who also held a commercial pilot license, and his name was Harold Briggs.

At the time of this observation, I was flying in an area of about 10 miles northwest of Pampa, Texas, on a heading of 210 degrees True and at an altitude of 12,000 feet Above Sea Level.

Actually, I had been cruising at 14,500, but was in the process of descending to 10,500, which was my last altitude clearance prior to descending to a landing at Amarillo for the purpose of eating dinner.

While descending, I first observed what I thought to be an exceptionally bright star on a bearing of approximately 30 degrees to the left of my heading and slightly above my altitude at that point.. After watching it for a moment or two, I became aware that it was moving and coming in my direction and at a rather fast rate. I called Mr. Briggs' attention to it and we watched its approach together. I estimated that it was approximately 40 to 50 miles away from my position at that moment. It seemed like it was down over Estelline or Silverton, Texas. In that general neighborhood anyway.

The weather, at that time was clear and cloudless in the major portion of the sky area. Stars were plainly visible in all quadrants except for a storm frontal area some 30 to 40 miles west and north of my position at that time. I was flying in a slight turbulence while descending and was bucking into a steady 28 knot wind from 230 degrees, which was reported for that area up to about 15,000 feet. I saw some lightning activity way off on the southeast horizon, but could not see any particular cloud pattern due to the long distance and the darkness. There was no moon visible at that time.

At first, the object seemed no larger than a pea, held at arms length, but as it rapidly approached us, it became much larger. It changed from a round shape to that of an ellipse shape, but it was difficult to make out its exact shape until it reached a point in front and above my position. It was then about 5 to 8 miles in front of us and by projecting my eyes downward, I fixed the nearness by roadway lights. At that point, I could make out a faintly solid elliptical shape with an apparent rounded, upper portion. It was "lit up" so brilliantly in a bluish, greenish, white brilliance that it was really hard to discern just the exact shape it did have. That, plus the fact that it was moving very rapidly across, diagonally and above me, made

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it quite difficult to see its true configuration. Also, I was trying to hold on course while descending, so I was dividing my attention between my instruments and the observation.

It did seem, however, to be very brilliantly lit, similar to an extra intense "cold light" fluorescent light might give off. I'm not sure if there was any other color about it, but it seemed, in a fleeting glance, just prior to its sudden maneuvering, to have had a yellow, white brilliance on the very top of it. That impression I got just prior to its change in path of travel.

Just as it was directly in front of us, and approximately 3 to 4 thousand feet above, it suddenly went into a very rapid, vertical ascent of some 8 to 10 thousand feet and then, just as suddenly, it levelled off and continued on its horizontal path. I observed no pitching attitude of the object when it so rapidly changed its horizontal path to a climbing path and then back to the horizontal again. The maneuvers were accomplished in an apparent level position and that amazed me. In fact, both Briggs and I discussed that fact for a moment or two trying to figure out what kind of an airfoil or airframe could possibly withstand such an abrupt maneuver without banking or pitching as a part of the maneuver.

After it had levelled off at its higher altitude, it continued on its original north-westerly course and we watched it until it disappeared into the upper portion of the storm clouds some 30 to 40 miles north-west of my position. Since I was flying a low-wing aircraft, following its flight path through the windows was easy and unrestricted.

The whole time of the sighting had been perhaps 6 minutes or slightly more. Mr. Briggs and I discussed its apparent speed and we both came to the conclusion that it must have been in the neighborhood of 600 miles per hour, maybe a little more than that. We figured it by the distance that we estimated that we had seen it travel as against the time involved.

It had seemed to both of us that, even though it had appeared mainly as a brightly lit source of light, it had also had the appearance of a solid ellipse and a curvature above the ellipse. The ellipse could have actually been a circle which we saw at an angle, therefore not seeing it perfectly round.

We also determined that when we first saw it, it must have been moving at an altitude of around 14 or 15 thousand feet and then finally took off at an altitude of about 25 thousand feet A.S.L.

Its flight path was constant except for the short interval that it ascended. We saw no smoke or vapor trail and its brightness remained constant. Neither did it change color or shape.

We could not tell if there was any sound coming from it for the simple reason that our own aircraft was making enough noise that we couldn't have heard it anyway.

The object seemed to be self-luminous and we could see no

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reflecting surfaces nor any transparency about it....nothing to indicate any windows or ports or the like.

We tried to "guestimate" the size of the object, when it was at its closest point to us and we both agreed that it was about 40 to 50 feet in its longest elliptical dimension. If we had actually been watching a complete circle, it would have had to been the same diameter.

I do not recall seeing any conventional red, green or white lights such as would be the normal navigational lights of a conventional airframe flying around that area at that time of night.

Whatever it was, it appeared to be travelling under some kind of intelligent control, but I could see no apparent reason why it made such a rapid change in altitude unless, whatever was controlling it, saw our plane and did that to get away from us. That however, it just conjecture.

A few moments after the disappearance of the object, I contacted both Dalhart and Amarillo radios to see if either station had observed it, but both reported negative. Dalhart was just beginning to get rain and their visibility was being limited.

My conclusions:

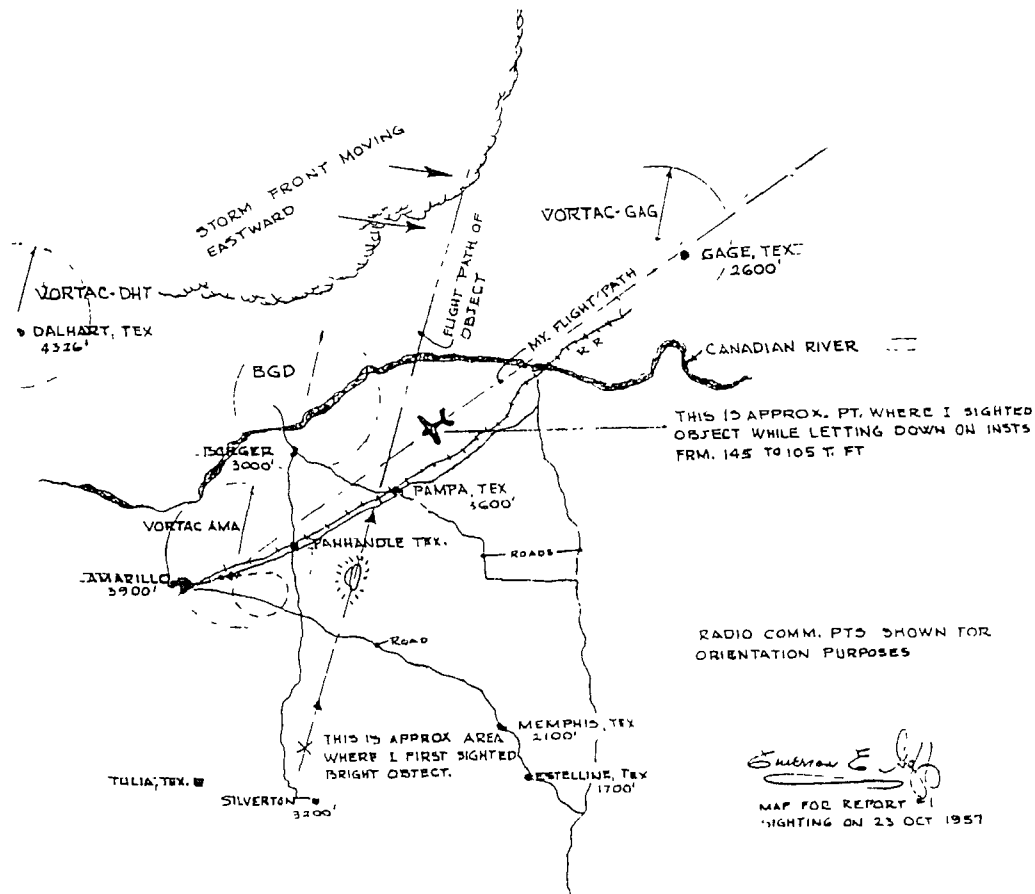
1. I have no idea what we saw, but I do know that no known aircraft could possibly have withstood such a sudden, rapid change in flight path.
2. Likewise, no known aircraft would have been able to accomplish such a sudden pull-up maneuver without first having changed its pitch attitude.
3. The object had no visible navigation or running lights of any kind as required by flight regulations.
4. It could not have been an object in the "falling star," meteoroid classification because of its path of almost total horizontal, upward and horizontal continuous travel. Even the estimated size of it would rule out such a classification.
5. It could not have been the result of any kind of weather inversion or occlusion because of its path through clear, cloudless air until it went into the clouds.
6. It could not have been any kind of known powered rocket, mainly because of its visible shape, unusual brilliance and its flight path.
7. I must conclude that the object was of an unknown, airborne phenomena, of immense brilliance, travelling at a very rapid speed and apparently under some kind of remote or inboard intelligent control.
8. Mr. Harold B riggs, 2301 University Blvd., Albuquerque, New Mexico was the passenger and observer of the object with

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me. Mr. Briggs, unfortunately, was killed just outside Yuma, Arizona in a car accident when his car was struck by a tractor-truck^{that} slid on wet pavement and hit his car with such impact that he was thrown out and was killed instantly when his car landed on top of him. The accident occurred in early 1960.

So, whereas Mr. Briggs could have attested to having witnessed the phenomena with me, it must now be considered an unconfirmed sighting. Although I made notes of this sighting after completing the flight to Albuquerque, I have not bothered to write down the details until this day.

Emerson E. Hoff
Emerson E. Hoff
30 August 1966



"Meteors" in V-formation. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (70.)

23 October. Paducah, Texas. (8:30 a.m.)

Stationary cigar.

The witness in this case was long-time physician Dr. J.S. Stanley:

"He said he saw the object about 8:30 a.m. five miles west of Paducah. Dr. Stanley said the object was cigar-shaped, gray in color, with cross members near each end. He said it was about a mile south of the highway, about 1,000 feet high. Dr. Stanley said he watched it several minutes, and it appeared to be stationary." (71.)

23 October. Central Florida.

Senator Smathers is concerned.

As a UFO case it was small potatoes but not the aftermath. It seems a large shiny object hovered high(70,000 feet) over central Florida, the region of Lake Wales and Polk city(mistakenly called Polk "county" in some reports) The UFO was probably a skyhook balloon, as was a UFO spotted later over the city of Jacksonville, but that does not end our story.

The "Sputnik crisis" evidently made the public less patient with the military. Complaints were made and Senator George A. Smathers (D-Fla.) was quick to act. (See teletype message below) He phoned General Jones on October 25th and demanded a report on the incident.

WA49A

WASHINGTON, NOV. 18.--(UP)--THE AIR FORCE SAID TODAY THAT "FLYING SAUCERS" REPORTED OVER JACKSONVILLE AND POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, LATE LAST MONTH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TENTATIVELY AS A SINGLE LARGE WEATHER BALLOON DRIFTING OVER THE STATE.

THIS EXPLANATION, A SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED, IS "NOT FINAL" BUT "ALL EVIDENCE SO FAR AVAILABLE" INDICATES THAT NO "STRANGE OBJECTS" WERE INVOLVED IN THE REPORTS.

SEN. GEORGE A. SMATHERS (D-FLA.) HAD ASKED THE AIR FORCE FOR AN EXPLANATION OF A REPORT OF A SO-CALLED "FLYING SAUCER" OVER POLK COUNTY ON OCT. 23. A SIMILAR REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY THE AIR FORCE FROM JACKSONVILLE A FEW DAYS LATER.

SILVER-COLORED BALLOONS ARE REGULARLY USED TO CARRY METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS ALOFT TO GATHER WEATHER INFORMATION.

(MH) JE135P

The Florida paperwork was delivered by special messenger later that very day directly to Major L.J. Tacker of BLUE BOOK. By October 28th Tacker had prepared an answer. This reply was padded with a standard press release sent out to anyone, and little else. Tacker excused that by saying that findings by BLUE BOOK, if any, would be forwarded to the Senator's office as soon as it is received by Air Force Headquarters. (See letter)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 October 1957		2. LOCATION Corpus Christi, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0235Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three		9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, size of a car, yellow, three in "V" formation, luminous trail, traveling in a straight line.				11. COMMENTS Description conforms to bolide observation after breaking up. Case evaluated as meteor sighting.	

ATTC FORM 129 (REV 26 SEP 57)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

28 October 1957

Dear Captain Elwood:

Senator [REDACTED] office called Brigadier General C. D. Jones, Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison with reference to a large gondola-shaped Unidentified Flying Object which hovered over Pope County, Florida at approximately 80,000 feet at 1400 hours on Wednesday, 23 October 1957.

Senator [REDACTED] was concerned because local residents called the Miami Filter Center, the ISOs at Pinecastle and MacDill Air Force Bases and the Security Officer at Patrick Air Force Base with negative results. Allegedly all of these individuals indicated that they had no idea what the object was and made no effort to investigate.

The people are disturbed about this attitude on the part of the Air Force and feel that the Air Force's responsibility was not fulfilled. This sighting should have been reported to your headquarters immediately in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

Will you please check your records to see if this sighting was reported to your headquarters from any other source. If an identification or evaluation of this sighting is possible, please send the results to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Captain Wallace W. Elwood, USAF
Assistant Adjutant
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Tacker hand carried his proposed draft to the M&O Branch for approval before General Jones' signature. The last two paragraphs deal with the public complaints:

"The Air Force does not consider the unidentified aerial objects question a dead issue and will continue to use the services of qualified scientists and technicians in the investigation and analysis of each reported case with only one end in view, to establish the truth.

"A copy of our letter to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, has been forwarded to each of the Commanders of the Air Force activities involved in Florida, in order to preclude the possibility of any indifference with respect to this subject." (72.)

Perhaps little of apparent consequences resulted from the Florida case but it did put the Air Force on the defensive for once. NICAP wanted Congress to get involved and Sputnik may have helped the process along.

23 October. NIKE installation 15 miles from Loring AFB, Maine.

"As big as an aircraft carrier."

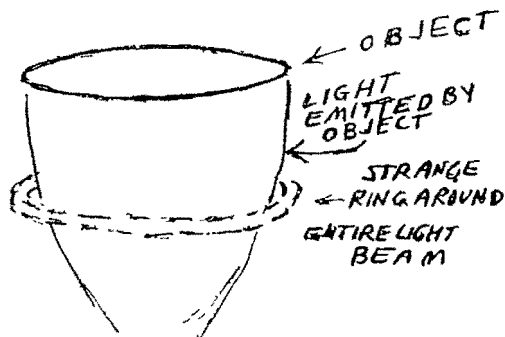
In contrast to the Air Force's treatment of UFOs, the U.S. Army awarded a letter of commendation for making a good UFO report. (See article) The story also makes the interesting statement that strange radio signals were being picked up.

24 October. Near St. Francis, Louisiana. (1:00 a.m.)

"We chased something in our car." (See clipping)

24 October. Gold Beach, Oregon. (9:00 p.m.)

A truck driver viewed a strange object moving slowing and emitting a bright orange light. It swayed back and forth during its forward flight. At one time it hovered briefly. (See drawing below by witness) (73.)



No Such Thing as Saucers. Tell It to a Sayville GI!

The U. S. Air Force has gone to great pains in recent weeks to quash public reports of unidentified flying objects, branding the many flying saucer sightings as hysteria resulting from Russian success in launching space satellites.

The U. S. Army on the other hand has since given a commendation to a young Sayville soldier who while on duty with a Nike unit in Maine recently saw and gave a comprehensive report on a UFO he described as large and moving fast.

Twenty-year-old PFC Louis Verspour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Verspour of Sayville, saw the peculiar object on October 2nd while on duty at a Nike installation 15 miles from Fort. Air Force Base in Maine.

His description of the UFO has not been made public but Verspour reported in detail the sighting to his superiors and received a letter of commendation from Lt. Col. William J. Kuhn, commander of the 548th AV. Missile Battalion. Col. Kuhn credited him with having obtained a comprehensive description of it and its activities.

The information furnished by the Sayville soldier who is highly trained in sky watching was forwarded to the headquarters of the North American Air Defense Command for evaluation and to the headquarters of the Army Air Defense Command at Fort Totten, N. Y.

Young Verspour said the ob-

ject was "as big as an aircraft carrier" and he and three other radar operators tracked it moving in excess of 2,500 miles an hour. Subsequent investigation showed that a similarly described object was observed shortly thereafter by a Coast Guard cutter off the Florida coast.

It was about the same time that observation stations tracking the Russian satellites reported hearing strange radio

signals from outer space. There was some speculation that the Soviets may have fired a rocket at the moon but this proved to be untrue.

PFC Verspour's description of the large flying object is said to have filled with sightings made recently in Texas where motorists reported seeing a large, egg-shaped object that hovered a short distance above the ground and moved off at a tremendous speed.



SIGHTING of unidentified flying object from Nike base in Maine has won commendation for PFC Louis Verspour of Sayville. (Story on page 14)

SAYVILLE, N. Y.
Suffolk Co. News
Cir. W 3650

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Alexandria Girl, Town Talk
 Alexandria - Pineville, La.
 Nov. 6, 1957

CAR-PACE

'Mystery Object' Seen Week Ago, Say 2 Alexandria Girls

Alexandria and this area have entered in the "mysterious object" picture.

In fact, according to a 19-year old typist for the Magnolia Petroleum Co. in Alexandria, she and a girl friend saw an object "just like they described in the papers" over a week before reports started flowing in from western Texas and New Mexico about persons having seen a huge oval object in that area.

Pert red-headed Audrey Bryant's eyes lit up almost like the object she described as she told of having seen the strange oval while she and Jill Eldred, 19, a secretary at the State Colony and Training School, were returning from St. Francisville on Thursday night, Oct. 24, after a visit with Jill's sister.

"I was scared to mention it to the newspapers for fear they would think I was crazy or something," Audrey said today. "All the people in the office here thought I had gone out of my mind when I told them."

In Audrey's own words, here is the account.

"Jill and I were coming back from St. Francisville Thursday night. It was real late, nearly one o'clock in the morning, I guess. I was driving the car, a 1935 Ford, and Jill was trying to sleep on the seat beside me."

"I saw a small red light ahead in the distance that looked like the tail light of a truck or something."

"We were approaching the Magnolia spillway and I woke Jill and told her to look at it."

"We agreed that it must be a truck's tail light, but it was really bigger than that. When we got to the spillway the thing I had mistaken for a truck was the approach to the bridge. But the light was still there further down the highway."

'80 Miles an Hour'

"We tried to catch up with the thing and went as fast as 80 miles an hour. By then we thought it wasn't a truck although we kept telling each other it probably was."

"After we left the spillway bridge there was a small road off the highway to the right and we sped up to get there. The thing looked like it had turned off on this road, but when we got there it wasn't on the road. When we looked ahead on the highway there it was in front of us."

"It was real big — about the size of that wall," she said pointing to an area about 15 feet square. I would estimate that it was about two city blocks in front of us, although I'm not very good at estimating distances."

You can imagine how scared we were. Jill kept saying, "Are you sure we're seeing all this?" And then she'd start crying. When she'd stop then I'd start."

"The thing moved off the highway when we got pretty close. Sometimes it looked like it was right in front of us and sometimes way off like a little light. It was just like they said in the newspaper — 'in the distance, in the air, but never too far away.'"

"It was huge at times and then would shrink up right before our eyes."

"After we passed through Simmesport the thing kept appearing. My knees were really knocking. We stopped at a house near the highway and naturally at this hour of the night there was nobody up."

'Aw, Go On!'

"I called until some man answered and I told him what we'd seen. He told me to go on, that it was probably a truck in the road with bright lights."

"I have a Magnolia credit card so when we got to Mansura we tried to find a Mobil station. We were almost out of gas and you can imagine what we would have done if we had run out of gas out on the highway with that thing around."

"We found a station but it was closed so I went to the house next door and asked the man who came to the door if he were the operator of the station."

"He said he wasn't and that the owner lived on the other side of town."

"We went on to an Esso station and at a nearby cafe located the man who ran it. We asked him if he would open the pump and he said he would."

"I told him the story about the object and asked him where I could get in touch with the police. We were going to ask them to escort us to Alexandria."

"However, he told us that there were no state police around so we said we'd better try to get home. While he was putting the gas in we saw him at the back of the car taking down our license number. We thought he would call the police, thinking we were crazy, but he didn't."

"The next part of the story," Audrey explained, did not appear in any of the accounts she has read about the object in the past few days. "Maybe someone else saw it and didn't want to tell it, just as Jill and I felt," she pointed out.

"She continued, "We left Mansura and didn't see the thing for about 15 miles. We thought this was probably the end of it."

"Then we saw two little lights in the distance ahead of us. We tried to assure ourselves that it was just tail lights. Then started getting bigger and blinking off and on."

'Like 1 Red Light'

"It rose in the air on the left side of the road and still appeared as two red lights. Then it turned into one big light like a headlight and we said it was the headlight of an approaching car."

"So we said we'd wait and see if we passed a car but we never did. We tried our hardest to make sense out of this thing but we couldn't. This was the last time we saw the light."

Asked about whether her car stalled or the lights go out, as had been reported in west Texas she said, "No, our lights didn't go out but they did get dim one time. The motor never did conk out or even seem that anything was wrong."

Showing that she and Jill have more courage than some, Audrey said they went back to St. Francisville three days later and came back home about 8 p.m. "We wanted to see if it would appear again," she said.

"However, there was too much traffic on the highway at that time of night and we didn't see it. The first time there was no traffic at all."

"We even took another girl friend with us to prove to her that such an object existed," she added.

"I think the thing is from another planet or from Russia," she concluded. "And I think there's more than one."

What did Mom and Dad Bryant think about it?

"Well, we woke them up when we got home and told them the story. Dad said suspiciously, 'It's just a warning for you and Jill to stay off the highways at that time of night.'"

The people who work with Audrey verify that this is the story she told them over a week ago.

Audrey lives with her parents at 405 First Street. Pineville. Jill also lives in Pineville at 110 Russell Court.

24 October. The Ubatuba fragment tests go forward.

A second Hilger Spectrograph analysis by the Brazilian Mineral Production Laboratory by Elson Teixeira (who had done 50,000 such tests during his career) was conducted on the Ubatuba fragments using special controls to obtain the best possible results to see if the purity of the samples was absolute. Atmospheric contaminants were carefully eliminated and the electrodes on the Hilger unit cleaned with great care.

The results were the same as the first test conducted by Dr. Barbosa back on September 30th. The next step was to determine the presence of any non-metallic material. (74)

25 October. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (26/00363)

About a dozen UFOs pass over Milwaukee in an inverted V-formation in 4 seconds. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (75.)

26 October. The Air Force seeks help

Apparently Special Report #14 was not felt to be enough to take the pressure off the Air Force, so the men in blue approached Dr. H.P. Robertson who chaired the 1953 CIA UFO panel. The Air Force requested a release of the classified conclusions reached by the men of great scientific prestige. The conclusions, which were negative, apparently were wanted because they would take the wind out of sails of critics like Donald Keyhoe.

Since the panel had been convened by the CIA, Dr. Robertson contacted Philip G. Strong of the CIA's Scientific Intelligence Division. In turn, the CIA sought the advice from each panel member, a process that took weeks. Led by Berkner, the panel members opposed any mention of CIA involvement, as well as any hint UFO reports had saturated the Air Defense Command's early-warning network. Only a sanitized version of the Panel's meetings was finally authorized. In fact, to this day, there is no assurance everything that transpired has been made public. Philip Strong acted on Dr. Robertson's request on October 26, 1957, with the Air Force receiving the sanitized paperwork on December 20, 1957, long after the big Fall UFO wave, so the request was of no immediate help to the military. (76.)

Late October. South Lee, Massachusetts. (Between 2 and 3 a.m.)

"Things" that go bump in the night.

The Reverend Albert Baller of Greenfield, Massachusetts, was considered a respected colleague by officials of CSI New York, so when he submitted an highly unusual UFO report they gave great weight to it. If there was something lacking in the account, it was the responsibility of the witnesses, a Mr. and Mrs. Potter of South Lee, Massachusetts. The potters were interviewed on WBRK on November 6th. The Reverend Baller followed up on the lead and personally questioned the couple. In a letter to CSI, Reverend Baller said:

"Between 2 and 3 a.m. the Potters were awakened by a noise like a jet about to land - 'but not really like a jet, either.' Looking out of their bedroom window, they saw the back yard illuminated by light that came around the corner of the house from a source that was then invisible. The lighted area 'went bright and dim, bright and dim,' and they could see three dark

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 October 1957		2. LOCATION Milwaukee, Wisconsin		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1336 GMT 26/0036Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes X ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 8 - 14		9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Eight to fourteen disc like objects size of a pea at arm's length. Dim orange-yellow steady color. No sound. Straight path. Vanished.				11. COMMENTS Color, flight path & length of sighting indicate a meteor.	

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figures moving around, that 'kept bumping into things and making a lot of racket.' The 'jet' noise had been replaced by a high-pitched whining sound; 'it made my head ache all the time,' Mrs. Potter said. 'After a while' Mr. Potter shouted at the 'things' to go away, and they ran behind a shed. About then, the source of the light moved around the corner of the house. It was 'a kind of floating thing, about two feet from the ground and about six feet from the ground at the top.' It was 'sort of without[sic] any sharp or clear shape, but gave out light in front of it and under it; it was dark behind it.' The figures 'moved away,' and the object moved off 'up the hill,' then into the sky. In the morning the Potters found the high grass in the next field matted down, objects near the shed kicked over, and a shovel broken." (77.)

26(approximately) October. Marion, Indiana. (11:00)

"Under strict orders?"

CSI New York member H.L. Williams was informed:

"At 11:00 p.m., out of a clear sky, an object with an estimated diameter of 30-35 feet, showing an orange rim on the leading edge and green flame on the trailing edge, swooped over the center of Marion. The sky was clear; the object came in low from the east-northeast, swooped down, and disappeared, going at a very low altitude, to the south. Among those who saw it were two men who had known each other since high school; one was then in the SAC (Strategic Air Command). Although both men had just seen the UFO, the SAC man refused to say a word about what they had just seen, stating that he was under strict orders not to discuss UFO activities with anyone." (78.)

Last week Oct 57
sky - clear
 30-35 ft diameter
estimated size
 ORANGE RIM
 GREEN FLAME
 11:00 P.M.
 APPROX LAST SAT ON OCT. (26)
 SWOOPED OVER CENTER OF MARION, IND
 NO ESTIMATE ON SIZE, BUT WAS
 LARGE

27 October. Tulsa, Oklahoma. (a little after 7.00 p.m.)

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life." (See below)

THE RAMBLER

By Roger V. Devore

AS FOR THIS ONE, ALL WE KNOW ABOUT it is what O W Allison tells us. He's a retired bus driver, lives at 209 S Toledo, and we have no reason to doubt his word. No reason, that is, except our own incredulity.

"Did you," he opened up the conversation, 'have any reports of strange objects in the sky Sunday night? A satellite or something?'"

"No," we said. "I haven't heard of anything like that. Why?"

"My two boys and I, and also some friends that I called, saw something. And I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

When we pressed him for details, he related that his youngest son, Jimmy, 11, was outside a little after 7 Sunday night. Suddenly the boy came galloping in to report a strange, unidentified object in the sky.

"I didn't pay any attention," Allison said. "But, a little later my 15-year-old boy, Bill, sauntered outside and in a moment he, too, was yelling that, sure enough, there was something up there."

"I went out. And, like I said, I've never seen anything like it in my life. It was in the southwestern sky from my house. And it was traveling fast."

"What'd it look like?" Well, if you take a rubber ball and squeeze in on opposite sides a little bit, it's something like that thing. Like a pumpkin, sort of. But instead of its edges being round, they were sharper.

"On top of it was a sort of antenna, with a fork—a V—and it was throwing off a greenish-brown light from its center. Yes, a greenish-brown light, that's the only way I can describe it. And in the center of the thing a light was sort of going on and off—like opening and closing a door."

Allison said he raced into his house and phoned several friends. Some of them later reported seeing the object. But he had no luck in getting confirmation from the airport or radio stations.

"I don't know what it was," he sighed. "All I know was that we saw it. Plain as day. And I'd sure like to know if anyone else saw it."

TULSA, OKLAHOMA TRIBUNE
Tuesday - OCTOBER 29, 1957

27 October. Preston, Ontario, Canada.

"I could hardly believe my eyes." (See clipping below)

The Evening Reporter, Galt, Wed., Nov. 6, 1957

Local Family Sees Strange Object Like Ball Of Fire

A week ago Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. George Himes, son, Norman, 21, and Miss Donna Hunter were motoring east on Eagle street, Preston. The time was 5 o'clock. They were proceeding homeward to Galt after a pleasant afternoon's drive.

As the car approached the Drive-In Theatre, Norm suddenly exclaimed, "Look, dad — what's that?" Norm was pointing to the Eastern horizon.

WHAT WAS IT

"Well I'll be —" George commenced, but caught himself in time "Pull in," he ordered. Norm did and for two to three minutes all four watched a

weird, circular object flashing across the heavens. The party were sitting immediately in front of a popular barbecue.

But, let George tell it in his own words.

"I could hardly believe my eyes," he said today. "Far in the distance, we saw a pinkish ball of fire streak across the heavens. It was about the size of a soccer ball. It was visible for, possibly, two to three minutes.

Then it rocketed into a cloud bank and vanished. It was traveling in a southerly direction. We all realized it wasn't a plane because it was moving far faster than any plane could, and, furthermore, was perfectly round."

KEEP IT SECRET

Hurriedly the little group decided to say nothing about it lest they be accused of "seeing things."

But, this week, after reading accounts of similar sightings in various parts of Canada and the United States, George decided to release his family's little secret.

Thanks to Sputnik and Mattrik scooters are becoming fewer and fewer.

Meanwhile, Galt radio and T.V. enthusiasts are receiving strange, unexplainable signals on their sets. Where are they coming from and from whom?

Who knows? One guess is as good as another, as Mr. Himes freely admitted. "We have no idea what it was," he said. "All we know is that we saw it."

Spot Saucer, State Trio Say

CHARLEVOIX, Oct. 30 — Undersheriff Richard Zink of Petoskey claimed he saw a mysterious, lighted object zig-zagging through the sky early last night over Lake Michigan, which may have been a flying saucer.

He declared flatly: "If it wasn't, I don't know what it was."

Ballinger, Robert West and Richard Kritcher of Petoskey, were together and watched the object for five or six minutes during which it changed colors from dark red to orange and yellow and abruptly changed directions several times.

They said a halo appeared around the edges of the bright object before it zipped out of sight.

29 October. Petoskey, Michigan. (6.30 p.m.)

"If it wasn't, I don't know what it was." (See clipping above)

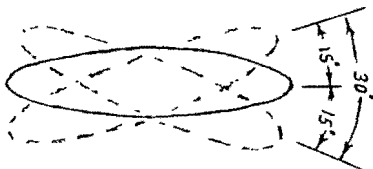
29 October. Selma?, Alabama.

An Air Force Captain, apparently at his home in Selma, Alabama, observed a huge glowing oval-shaped body that wobbled and pulsated. (See letter to NICAP)

29 October. Brooklyn, New York (6.50 p.m.)

At approximately 2230 hours on 29 October, 1957, I was attempting to listen to a portable radio while going to sleep. There was an unusual amount of static, making reception impossible. I had just put the radio down when another person called my attention to an object outside which he said he had been watching for about 5 minutes. About 25 degrees above the horizon was an ellipsoid which appeared to be 150 feet through its major horizontal plane and 30 feet thick. It was at approximately 5,000 feet of altitude and near 2 miles away. The object was a glowing orangish red around the perimeter of the profile but gradually blended to a yellow in the center. The effect was much like a color wheel blending, from red on the perimeter, through orange, to yellow at the center.

As I watched the object, it began to wobble; slowly at first then more rapidly. The movement was about an axis through the center of the object as we viewed it and parallel to the earth's surface.



This lasted for about 10 seconds then it began to pulsate. The interval of the pulses was $1\frac{1}{2}$ —2 seconds. During the pulses the intensity of the orange color became greater and the entire object became this same color. After pulsating for 20-30 seconds

the object began to move slowly away from the original position. When its bearing had changed about 10 degrees it began to wobble again and the lateral movement stopped. The object, now stationary, stopped wobbling and began to pulsate again. This pattern was repeated 4 or 5 times with the object moving, wobbling, stopping, pulsating, then moving again.

During the course of the observation the object moved so that the building blocked our view and we moved to another room to watch it. From this new room we watched it for about 8 minutes. After watching it for a total of more than 20 minutes, during which time it had moved through 45 degrees of arc, it began to move away, accelerating, until it was indistinguishable from the stars.

Some observations concerning the sighting:

1) A florescent lamp flickered badly while the object was near but had been working properly earlier in the evening and functioned properly after the object had left the area. Regular lights were unaffected. (The fact that other lighting systems were not effected seems quite odd to me and makes me wonder if the florescent failure was not just coincidental.)

2) There was an unusual amount of static on all radios that were checked (five or six) while the object was near which cleared up after the object left.

3) There is an elevated high power transmission line crossing the countryside at the approximate position of the object's first sighting. (The first person to see it stated that he watched it hang motionless at this spot for about 5 minutes.)

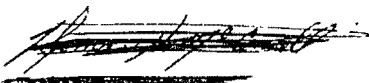
4) It was a clear night with little or no cloud cover. The wind was very light, in our faces as we watched the object. The object moved from our right to our left, at a 90 degree angle to any wind present.

5) The object was observed by at least 5 people.

6) Object was observed through binoculars, through windowpane, and with the unaided eye.

I am a captain in the United States Air Force with a pilot rating and 500 hours of combat. The object sighted on 29 October, 1957 was unlike anything I had seen before or have seen since. It did not conform to the visual or flight characteristics of any aerial craft known to me. It is my believe that it was a controlled vehicle developed by a technology unknown to us.

Verification of this sighting will be furnished upon request. Addresses of witnesses will be supplied to legitimate research organizations upon request.


~~Thomas F. Wessinger~~
Capt

USAF

At 6 30 p.m. October 29th Mrs. Gamboni and her two young children spotted an odd orange-colored light that flicked on and off. It came out of the north, slowed until almost to a stop directly overhead, circled, and then sped south. Mrs. Gamboni had to get supper on the table so she went to the kitchen, leaving her two sons to keep watch. Within five minutes the boys alerted her to the appearance to a dull orange light that sailed overhead. Mrs. Gamboni returned to the roof, arriving in time to witness the appearance of a whole group of lights/objects. A V-formation of odd discs, each one the size of a half-dollar, three on a side and one at the point, glided silently overhead with terrific speed, passing out of sight in seconds. A call to Floyd Bennett Field determined that no air traffic was in the area at the time. (79.)

30 October. Galveston, Texas.

Hanging over the Gulf of Mexico.

Our source states.

"Galveston residents watched in awe as a UFO flew across the sky, changing colores from yellow to lavender and hanging for five minutes over the Gulf of Mexico. Radio station KILE disc jockey Steve Canyon said he and two other men at the station watched the object for about an hour. The station switchboard received from 50 to 60 calls, he said, from persons who also saw the object. Canyon said it came from the southwest and moved at a 'terrific rate of speed' directly over the city. He said it appeared as large as a billiard ball." (80.)

30 October. Casper, Wyoming

Highway terror

According to a Casper newspaper and a NICAP report from two young people in their late teens had an amazing encounter. It seems Shirley Moyer and Hugh Pulju were joy riding in their new car(a 1957 model)on a county road ten miles north of the city of Casper at 9:00 p.m. October 30th. While they were speeding along, an object blocking the road came into view. Some 250 feet away when first sighted, the shiny object appearing as "big as a house," a huge bulkwith "two pointed peaks on it." Halfway up its side it glowed like aluminum. (81.)

As the distance between the car and the UFO grew shorter, the young couple could see that the object was a saucer-shaped thing hovering about one and a half feet above the asphalt. The UFO was an estimated 15 feet in thickness and some 50 feet long, a big oval sharply outlined by the car's headlights. (82.) The surface of the UFO had a dull aluminum-like finish that shone brightly when the car's headlight hit it. In some respects the UFO was self-luminous, giving off a faint eerie glow.

Encountering something beyond their ken in a remote, uninhabited area of sagebrush and sand dunes was an emotional experience. Miss Moyer told the press. "I've been scared before, but that thing had me petrified." (83.) Hugh spun the steering wheel to make a fast U-turn. He almost didn't make it because the car's engine began to act up, cutting out and operating in a sluggish manner when it did turn over. A few moments later, when the two young people managed an escape, the car's engine gave them no trouble. (84.)

30 October Near Williams, Arizona.

Zig-zagged over the highway

An item found in Saucer News tells us

"On the evening of October 30th, J.C. Keys, a resident of Williams, Arizona, was driving his truck along Route 66, near Williams, when he made a most unusual saucer sighting. The object, according to Keys, was globe-shaped, and was 30 feet in diameter with a rigid antenna about 80 feet long extending from it. It was about 150 feet ahead of him, 100 feet above the highway, and traveling at an estimated 300 miles per hour. The most peculiar thing was that the object flew over the highway from north to south, and then suddenly stopped and reversed itself repeating this strange flight pattern several times. The UFO was in view for 2 minutes in all, and made no sound " (85)

30 October Carbonado, Washington.

TV, radio, and house lights go out.

A story in Flying Saucer Digest states.

"Sixteen-year-old twin brothers reported seeing a 'big and blue' flying object that made a strange noise at 5:45 p.m. The object knocked out TV and radio broadcasting reception and caused the house lights to dim and pulsate. 'As the noise got louder the TV got dimmer,' said David Helcome, who backed up brother Donald, 'Then the TV, radio and house lights went out.' The brothers said they saw the object pass over their home and then disappear behind a hill several thousand feet away. His parents and other brothers heard the noise and, saw the light, too, David said." (86.)

30 October. Off Vancouver Island, west coast of Canada. (no time)

The Nanaimo fishing boat Jo-Joe's last reported position was off Vancouver Island. The vessel, or what was believed to be the remains of the craft, was sighted a number of days later under some mysterious circumstances.

30 October. McCall, North Carolina.

Hovering over a pond.

A press report said

"Gene Granger of Mc Call said his brother-in-law, Bowden Tyler, Tyler's nephew, Buddy Jacobs, saw a dark object hovering over Red Bluff Pond, where they were fishing last Wednesday night [October 30th].

"The men ran to Granger's home and said the object appeared to be about the size of an automobile, was about 70 feet up and had an engine that sounded like a diesel." (87.)

31 October. Longchaumoise, France. (0005 hours)

Hovered close to the ground.

According to the INTCAT catalogue.

"A businessman and his wife saw a large lighted object with openings, which hovered close to ground level and took off with a great increase in brightness, silently at very high speed." (88.)

31 October. Lumberton, North Carolina. (8:00 p.m.)

Auto stalled.

A South Carolina newspaper said a Mrs. Barbara Jean Stokes of Lumberton, her husband, and some neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Sinclair, observed a huge, red-glowing object hovering above a road at 8:00 p.m. October 31st. One account says the object was "200 feet long," while another says the object was hovering "200 feet in the air." Its not clear which is true. When first spotted the UFO was stationary but within seconds after being sighted the UFO did something that caused the witnesses to flee. Mrs. Stokes was quoted as saying the object: "...raised straight up, then flamed..." (89.) The UFO then shot straight up out of sight. When the object "flamed" [jet-like exhaust?], Mrs. Stokes tells us her car stalled. (90.)

End of October. Oka, Quebec, Canada. (10:30 p.m.)

Strangest of all.

As told to Canadian UFO investigator Gilles Cote

"Jeanne Chene, 25, was going home alone in Oka, Quebec, when suddenly, near the Shell Service Station she saw a fuzzy disc like the reflection from a powerful searchlight on a white wall. She was surprised to see that this reflection of light was standing in mid-air, there was no beam of light from which it could be projected, no obstacle to simulate a screen, and there was no sound coming from it.

"The disc could be at least 4 feet in diameter, rotating fast, had a vertical motion up and down varying from six to twelve feet from the ground. Jeanne was riding her bicycle and decided to head for home as she became very frightened. It followed her at close range (5 to 6 feet) all the way to the next street keeping sideways over the ditch as on that side of the road there were no houses, and passing under the trees, it kept exactly the same speed as the bicyclist, while keeping its up and down motion.

"At the intersection of the next block, Jeanne stopped, hoping it would keep going, but it stopped and remained steady, as if fixed to the tree behind.

"At this point Jeanne decided to turn around, hoping to lose it, but in vain, and as she neared another street she found a woman. She asked her if she could see the light. She said yes, and also became frightened. As they were watching, a group of young people came by and observed the bright disc which was now in front of the top edge of the roof of the house across the street.

"It was then that the light changed its shape from circular to an elongated ribbon oscillating in waves and then left at a tremendous speed towards the lake where it went out of sight. Total number of witnesses was 20 and length of sighting was 15 minutes. (91.)

End of October. Senate Office Building Room 350. (2:00 p.m.)

NICAP director Donald Keyhoe met with Mr. Healy, Chief Investigator of the Government Operations Committee. Chaired by Senator McClellan, it was this committee that could really put the heat on the Air Force. Healy informed Keyhoe that the Air Force was denying NICAP's claims but it was not supplying details to prove their explanations. It was the same old story. Special Report #14 was suppose to be the last word on the subject, but the fact that Healy zeroed in on the lack of elaboration showed that he was more than a school kid writing the Pentagon on behalf of a homework assignment.

Actually, it wouldn't do to discuss Special Report #14 during a Congressional hearing, because that might mean looking passed the conclusions and scrutinizing the data and thereby having to explain some embarrassing statistics like those numbers that showed the best observers were reporting most of the unknowns! The situation called for the Air Force's "ace in the hole," the January 1953 UFO panel recommendations. Healy told Keyhoe the release of the documents was being arranged by the Central Intelligence Agency. Word that the panel deliberations were to be declassified did not concern Keyhoe so much, perhaps due to ignorance of the what occurred, but the mention of the CIA's role excited the NICAP director. Keyhoe felt it proved the CIA was in charge of UFO investigations instead of the Air Force. Healy steered the conversation away from the CIA, probably realizing he had made a slip of tongue.

Keyhoe went on to relate the troubles he had had with the Air Force in his attempts to gain access to military files. Healy felt NICAP's complaints might have some merit. (92.)

1 November. Paris, France.

"Cable from Mars to France." (See clipping)

1 November. South Africa. (9:15 - afternoon)

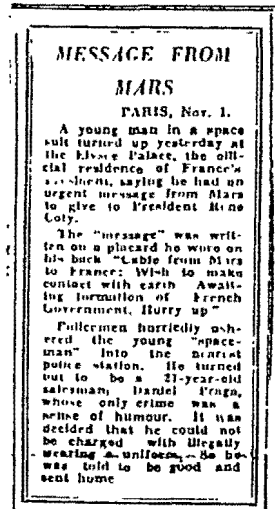
Sabre jet fighters of the South African Air Force were put on alert when unexplained objects were reported over Pretoria and Johannesburg. Some details follow:

"More than 50 workers at the Luipaardsvlei mine office watched one of the objects hanging motionless in the air at a great height from 9:15 a.m. until afternoon. A jet was sent to search for the objects. When it had climbed to its maximum height of more than 45,000 feet observers on the ground said one of the objects was then several thousand feet higher than the plane. Among those who saw it was Major G. Ogilvie-Watson, O.C. of an A.C.F. squadron at Pretoria. The two objects eventually moved off at high speed." (93.)

Another source stated: "Intelligence men assume that the objects were some form of physical phenomena." (94.)

1 November. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Morning)

"I watched spellbound."



UFO activity began to pick up in Texas and New Mexico. The morning of November 1st a Mrs. Elwell had just gotten out of bed and was enjoying the view out of her kitchen window. Her home on the outskirts of Albuquerque was situated on West Mesa which made the Sandia Mountains clearly visible. While drinking some coffee she noticed something else besides the sunrise. Just above the Sandias was a comet-like object with a tail, a thing that pulsed and radiated white hot heat waves.

During the first minutes of her vigil the thing remained stationary. After about three minutes or so the UFO began to rise slowly (no information was supplied about when or how the UFO was last observed). (95.)

1 November. Ballinger, Texas. (2:00 a.m.)

An "egg?"

An investigator named James Lee of Abilene, Texas, taped interviews of various UFO witnesses during this period. One was an oil driller who served as a Baptist minister on Sundays. We don't know much, but it seems the part time pastor and his oil crew were working an oil rig that was located near the city of Ballinger early (2:00 a.m.) Friday when they all spotted an "egg." (96.)

1 November. Huntington, West Virginia. (2230Z)

It was on top of the house.

The witness was employed as a Supervisor, Traffic Department, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. She also had been a science major in High School. Why would she tell a wild story? (See Spot Intelligence Report and observer's drawing) (97.)

2 November. Youngstown, Ohio. (Early morning)

"Tardy Halloween Spook?"

Mary McCullough and Sandy Miller were waitresses at a Youngstown, Ohio, restaurant and worked the night shift. Early Saturday morning the two women were driving home after work on Vestal Road near Four Mile Cemetery when a fiery-looking "something" appeared some distance ahead. Mrs. McCullough's initial impression was that she was looking at a lighted window but that idea was quickly abandoned when it became apparent the light source was moving.

One of the women said the thing appeared to be a "large object," while the other gal got the impression the thing was "smaller than a man and egg-shaped." The glowing thing moved away as the women's car turned on to Crum Road.

Suddenly, thing came into view zipping along through the cemetery just a few feet in the air and coming to rest on the surface of Raccoon Road. The ladies turned off Crum and on to Raccoon, and when the car approached the object, the thing left the road and flew over into an open field next to the residence of a Mr. Micael Staffery. The UFO didn't stay long, quickly flying away. It was not seen again. A reporter for a local newspaper, hearing of the report, asked "Was it a tardy Halloween spook?" (98)

2 November. Southern Dominican Republic. (1:00 a.m.)

Strange bodies in "Y" formation.

A press report states.

"Four strange objects of unknown origin looking like what is called 'flying saucers' were sighted at the first hour [1.00 a.m.?] of

Hq, DO3, File 3DO 24-198, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at 1677 14th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

[redacted] related that on 1 November 1957, she had first heard a crash, then a sound like a jet engine and then a "beeping" noise. She went outside her home and upon looking up towards her roof, she saw an object that appeared like two (2) hemispheres joined off center. She described the object as metallic in appearance and about the size of an automobile. She advised that the bottom half of the object appeared to be supplying the power and added that it appeared to revolve or vibrate. She added that there appeared to be a small red light (about the size of a parking light) at the axis of the lower hemisphere which was a steady light. She stated that about two (2) seconds after she had entered her rear yard and saw the object "on top of her house", the object started to ascend straight up and was out of sight in about one (1) minute. She described the object as circular from the bottom as it went upwards and added that she could not see the upper hemisphere since there was no light on this part. She stated that as the object started to move upward there was a downdraft of air which caused her housecoat to billow out and blew leaves and twigs around the yard.

[redacted] advised that she was getting ready for bed when she first heard the crashing sound which also awakened her daughter. She stated that a venetian blind in her attic had been discovered to have fallen and she believed this may have accounted for the crashing sound. She stated they have been blown down by the wind previously. She stated there was a lot of wind connected with the object, however, the weather was calm. She estimated that her first sighting of the object was about 15 degrees above the horizon line (her home is a story and a half bungalow, approximately 20 feet high at the peak). She stated she asked her neighbors if they had heard any unusual sounds and they related to her that they heard a commotion outside but did not investigate. She knew of no other witnesses to this occurrence.

[redacted] advised she had only witnessed this object with unaided eyes. No examination was made of the roof nor was any other physical evidence available. She drew a rough diagram of the object which was refined and further detailed in her presence by S/A RICHARDSON. A detailed drawing is attached as an inclosure to this report.

Time of sighting was estimated as approximately 1730-1735. Light conditions were described as night.

Location of Observer was determined as approximately 38° 25' - North, and 82° 45' - West.

[redacted] identified herself as stated above and claimed no military or other observer experience. She advised that the reason she had not previously reported this incident was for fear of ridicule. She requested that she be protected from all forms of notoriety as a result of reporting this incident.

WEATHER:

c. Source described the weather as Clear and Calm, and she advised visibility was good.

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Lt. Col.
Bernard J. Duffy

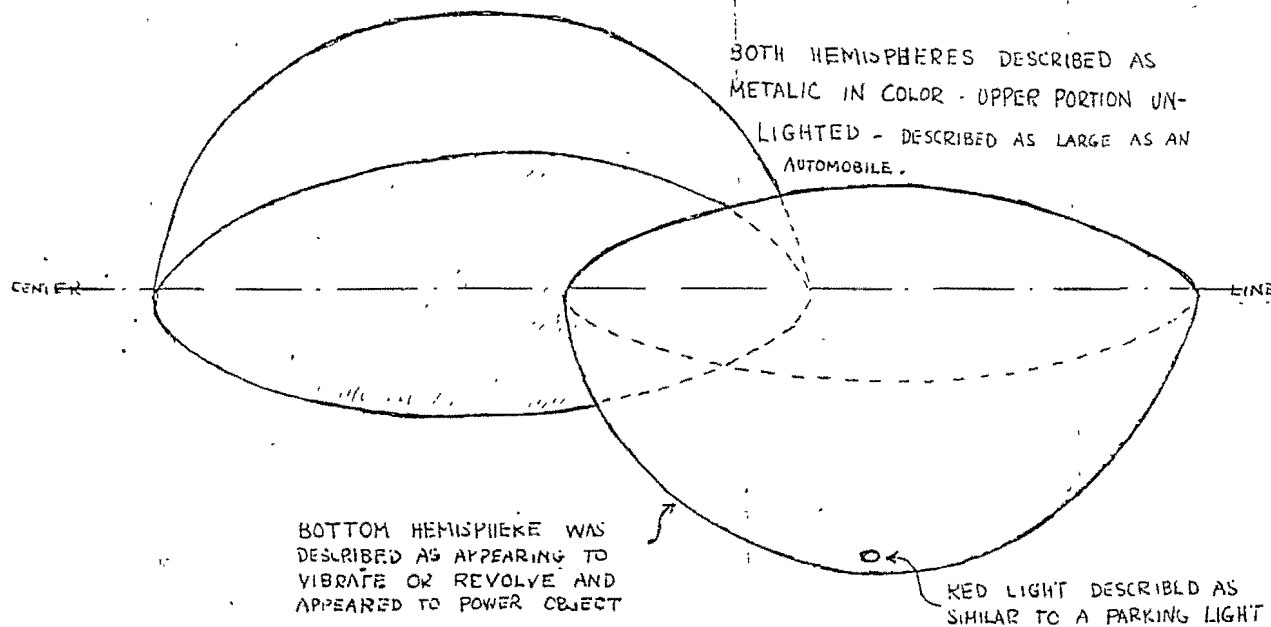


DIAGRAM OF OBJECT SIGHTED 11730 Z NOV 57 HUNTINGTON W.VA.
 NOT TO SCALE - DIAGRAM DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE
 THE INTERVIEW OF THE WITNESS

Saturday over southern Dominican Republic.

"Several employees of a coffee factory identified by El Caribe in its Sunday edition, said that the objects were 'round with some sort of brilliant rotating dome and that they flew a tight 'Y' formation at a low altitude. Due to their low altitude, they said, they were able to observe the bodies in detail. The saucers seemed to be two meters in diameter, but thanks to the domes each craft could have a normal sized man as a pilot. The strange things hovered for a few minutes over the huge coffee-dries building and could have been easily photographed had a camera been available at the time. Then the things sped prodigiously and quickly disappeared from sight without any noise." (99.)

2 November. Brenham, Texas. (5.50 p.m.)

Strange, bright object. (See clipping)

2 November. Logansport, Louisiana. (7.00 p.m.)

"Stopped traffic."

Airman Basic Childress and an Airman 2/C Howard stationed at Barksdale AFB had a UFO story to tell:

"...they were driving near Logansport about 7:00 p.m. when they saw a bright object about the color of the setting sun, rise up over a hill some distance away. Childress and Green said the round-shaped object stopped as it got up over the hill, lingered a few seconds, then disappeared down. They said the car in front of them almost went off the road, then stopped. The airmen stopped briefly then continued." (100.)

2 November. Shreveport, Louisiana. (7:00 p.m.)

"Settled to the ground."

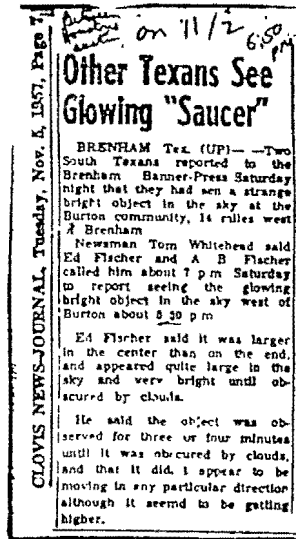
A Louisiana couple's story.

"That same night, a Shreveport, La. man and his wife spotted a glowing object 15 miles south of Shreveport, just north of Logansport. Mrs. Alford said the Object, a brilliant yellow, settled near the ground at a distance she thought was about 300 yards. As the object settled it faded out or rose behind the trees. It didn't have any particular shape she said. The appearance was accompanied by no flash, no sound or odor, and there was no heat generated from the object." (101.)

2 November. Ft. Worth, Texas. (about 8:00 p.m.)

Kid sees flying egg.

Ralph Mylus was playing in his yard 8 p.m. November 8th. The 11-year-old boy had made a parachute and was tossing it into the air. His eyes were



fixed on his toy as it rose upward, and then he did a "double take." Ralph caught sight of an egg-shaped object as it made a transit of the sky from the southwest to the northeast, moving "not quite as fast as a jet plane." Excited, Ralph ran indoors to tell his parents. (102.)

2 November. Between Seminole and Seagraves, Texas. (8 30 p.m.)

A resident of Hobbs, New Mexico, called the sheriff November 5th to relate a strange experience that occurred 8:30 p.m. the previous Saturday. The man refused to give his name "because people might think he was out of his mind." The Hobbs newspaper carried the story.

According to the witness, he was driving on State Road 51 about 8:30 p.m. Saturday when something happened at a point between the towns of Seagraves and Seminole. The witness told Deputy Sheriff V.S. Flanniken:

"I was driving down the highway when I saw a bunch of lights ahead of me in the road. As I drove up, my car engine died and my lights went off. Then while I watched, the lights in the road ahead suddenly rose up into the sky and whizzed away. They soon disappeared." (103.)

Seven-league stride toward the conquest of space.

Late Saturday night listening posts around the world picked up beeps from a second satellite launched by Russian scientists, Sputnik II, a much larger device that carried a dog as a passenger. It was another Communist space sensation, but it would have to share the front page the next day with a small city of 10,000 in west Texas named Levelland.

2 November. Levelland, Texas. (10:30 p.m.)

"Lights of my truck went out and the motor died."

At about 10:50 p.m. November 2, 1957, night radio dispatcher A.J. Fowler heard the phone ring at police headquarters. He picked up the receiver and found himself talking to a 30-year-old farm hand Pedro Siado (or "Saucedo" depending on the newspaper account consulted.). Mr. Siado was very excited but he managed to relate to officer Fowler his version of what happened.

According to Siado something mystifying was encountered while he was driving west on Route 116 near the hamlet of Pettit. With Siado at the time was his friend Joe Salaz. Siado told officer Fowler:

"We first saw a flash of light in the field to our right and we didn't think much about it. Then it rose up out of the field and started toward us, picking up speed. When it got nearer, the lights of my truck went out and the motor died. I jumped out and hit the deck as the thing passed directly over the truck [at an estimated 200 feet] with a great sound and a rush of wind. I felt a lot of heat. Then I got up and watched it go out of sight toward Levelland." (104.)

Siado said the thing was "200 feet long," "torpedo-shaped," and something "like a rocket."

After the thing departed, Siado got back into the truck where poor Joe had remained seated. Siado had yelled to Joe to jump clear but the fellow either froze with fear or was too dazed to think. The headlights had come back on by themselves, and the truck's engine started without any hesitation when Siado turned the key in the ignition.

Both men were so frightened by the experience their first thought was to call the police. They drove west to the little community of Whiteface where they stopped at a feedmill and asked to use the phone. While they were making their call, a man at the mill said: "...someone else had just told him about it." (105.)

Officer Fowler sent a patrol car out to the "Siado encounter site" on Route 116. A quick search of the area turned up no sign of anything unusual.

At approximately 11.00 p.m., ten minutes or so after Siado called, officer Fowler contacted nearby Reese AFB and inquired about a possible aircraft in distress. The base Provost Marshal's Office said they had no knowledge of any problem. Authorities at Reese kept in touch with the situation by civil police radio channels. (106)

2 November. Amarillo, Texas. (11:20 p.m.)

"Was something in the air?"

At Amarillo, about 100 miles to the north of Levelland, two Civil Aeronautics control tower workers observed a blue-colored, gaseous, object zipping through the heavens. The object sped across the southern sky leaving an amber trail. A press report stated:

"Calvin Harris and Sandy McKean were on duty in the control tower Saturday night [November 2th] when the blue object appeared south of the airfield. The object which was three degrees above the horizon looked like a dissipating meteorite. McKean said, 'We frequently see things which the layman calls falling stars, but we never saw anything this spectacular before.'" (107.)

2 November. On the road to Amarillo. (late evening?)

The same as Siado.

A couple arriving in Amarillo Saturday night, after a drive north from the direction of Levelland, flagged down Amarillo policeman J.R. Poole and reported an occurrence similar to Siado's, but the lawman, not aware of the doings down south, brushed off the story. He never even bothered to write down names of the man and woman, a routine thing in his line of work. (108.)

Back at the Levelland station house policeman Bill White, puzzled by the Siado telephone call, asked officer Fowler: "What do you think?" Fowler replied: "Oh, he's drunk --doesn't know what he's talking about." (109.)

At that moment two other terrified motorists in the darkness beyond the city lights of Levelland were frantically seeking a phone so they could call Fowler.

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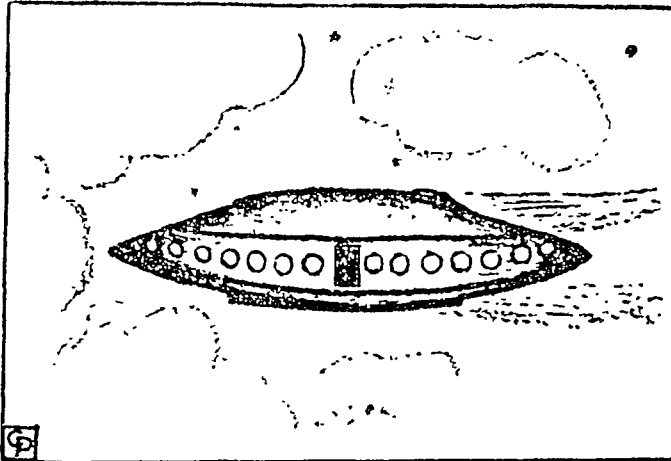
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